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The twenty-seventh of June, is a day that will be ever memorable in the annals of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was on this day, twenty-seven years ago, that Joseph and Hyrum Smith, the Prophet and the Patriarch of that Church, fell victims to the unceasing and diabolical rage of their enemies. How rapidly has time flown! Twenty-seven years! It seems scarcely possible that so many years have elapsed since that inhuman tragedy was enacted. It is only by permitting the mind to dwell on the events which have transpired since that day that one can fully realize how swiftly time has rolled since the Latter-day Saints abandoned their homes in the State of Illinois. The changes which have been accomplished during this period are of the most wonderful character, and yet to the Latter-day Saints they have not been unexpected. Those who resided at Nauvoo on the twenty-eighth of June, 1844, will probably never forget the dreadful gloom that fell upon the people on the morning of that day. But though their anguish was indescribable—there was no abandonment of hope. They knew that whatever might be the fate of individuals, whether prophets or apostles lived or died, the work of God would progress and fulfill the destiny which had been assigned it. Thus far they have not been disappointed; neither will they be in the future. It is an old and oft-quoted saying that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. Could the enemies of Joseph Smith, before killing him, have beheld the effects which have followed his martyrdom, they might have hesitated about carrying out their bloody purpose. But they supposed that, in killing him, they would kill the system of which, in the hands of God, he was the founder. It has not required the past twenty-seven years to convince the world that this was a dreadful mistake. This mistake of theirs is one that has been often repented, and yet, strange to say, men fail to profit by the lesson. The arguments of sure may, under some circumstances, be readily used; but in these days, and in the case of the Latter-day Saints, it has signally failed to accomplish the designed end.

Armed mobs, when assembled in superior force, may wield irresistible power. They succeeded in plundering, driving, annoying and in many instances murdering Latter-day Saints; but what did they gain? Let the history of the past twenty-seven years answer. The victims of persecution occupied a city and a portion of a county or two; and their fame was confined to a limited circle; now they spread over a Territory, and they are known throughout the habitable world. Every step that has been taken to retard has had but the effect to accelerate. When will the world learn that in persecuting and killing men, they cannot kill the truth or prevent the spread of its principles?

In striking contrast with the correspondence of the New York Evening Post, to which we made allusion not many days ago, is the lengthy report of a conversation which a correspondent of the New York Tribune had with President Young, while on a visit to this city recently, and which he has reported at some length in a letter to that paper. Knowing of no precedent which would compel President Young, to call upon him, or to prevent him from calling upon President Young, he set out for the Presidential mansion. After describing it and its surroundings, he enters the reception room, and gives a word-portrait of President Young in the following language:

"The room is cheerful, and the man who sits therein and receives his friends more so. One must be very joyful and self-deprecating to be thrown off his balance in entering the presence of the Mormon highpriest. Brigham is a kindly appearing, patriarchal man of 70, but does not seem to be more than 60. He has a large, well-proportioned frame, well-kenned and full-headed. His hair is all grey, of good size, and surrounded by a full growth of well-kept, dark whiskers. His complexion is fair, and neatly trimmed; his hair is full, and neatly trimmed; his complexion ruddy and clear; his eyes, which are gray, have a mild, intelligent look; his lower jaw projects slightly, giving the mouth an expression of firmness, but nothing of coquetry or severity. In fact, there is nothing in his appearance or manners that would indicate a man of strong passions or unscrupulous appetites. His whole bearing is that of a modest, amiable, condescending gentleman from the rural districts. It is a great wonder to me that his people, who love him so much, and trust him so thoroughly, don't call him 'Uncle Brigham.' There is no worse epithet in the language."

He receives his friends with great cordiality and courtesy; but is, nevertheless, self-possessed and guarded in conversation, permitting others to do the greater share, while he respectfully listens and occasionally responds.

Our space will not admit of our giving this correspondence in full; but a few extracts will give a clear idea of its general tenor, and will be pursued with interest by our readers. For Dr. Newman's sake, we are particularly pleased with that portion of the letter which refers to him. He has endeavored to make capital out of his visit to this city, and to convey the impression to the public that his controversy was a great success. Numbers, who have no means of knowing better, may think that it was; but here, at least, who read the New York Tribune will learn from this correspondence to the contrary.

Editorial column omitted.

They were to do, and I said to them, "Go, if you think best. Leave your farms and gardens where you are sure of a good living and ultimate wealth, and risk all for the possible chance of the mine; but let me make a prediction. I have it, it is a prophecy, but a little foretold. For every year of one who stays at home, I predict that in one or five years, my one shall be able to buy out your four. And now if you really want my advice and will follow it, I'll give it. Stay on your lands, quietly and healthily; them, and make homes for yourselves and families. The mine will stay in the mines until this is done; and then, if you have leisure and inclination, go right out and strike treasures. Then, should you fail, you will have your homes and the means of a livelihood and nothing has been jeopardized; and if you succeed, success will not make you crazy. They followed my advice, and you see the effect of it."

"Correspondent.—I must confess that I have been greatly disappointed in one particular since my arrival here. I had been led to believe, from current reports and from what seemed to be truthful statements in print, that a stranger would be very careful of his language and movements here; that his words would be scrutinized and his一举一动 would be noted and found gossiped. It has been ascertained, however, that the real circumstances lack them and sharp enough furnish from their native basis. If one wants to know us, he must come and see us for himself. If he wants to live in perpetual ignorance of us, let him read what is written about us."

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