

three or four months, with the ability to use certain necessary means, the building will be completed. What a joyful time we have arrived at! Yet here is a little matter of means that needs to be attended to, to complete the temple and to pay some liabilities that have been incurred, necessarily, in its erection. The Superintendent has endeavored to progress with this work and keep out of debt; but one thing and another has come along so much faster than means have come into his hands that he has got a little behind. That, however, is a very small matter. If the Presidents of Quorums would arise and say to the Elders, "Let us wake up and pay a dollar a head for the finishing off of the temple," in three months not only will the temple be finished, but every dollar of debt will be paid; and the temple could be ready to be dedicated next quarterly conference if the First Presidency were so minded. It is but a trifling matter, yet it is a matter of sufficient importance to delay the dedication of the temple until it is entirely paid for, so that we can offer an acceptable offering unto the Lord. We trust and pray that God may be pleased to make manifest a gracious acceptance of this offering, and that the blessings of heaven may rest down upon His people.

I rejoice greatly in the glorious latter day work that has been commenced, and that is being extended on every hand. The Gospel is being spread among the nations of the earth, among the islands of the sea, and among the Lamanites, the remnants of the house of Ephraim, here upon this land. Ephraim and Manasseh, a multitude of nations in the midst of the earth, are reaching out after the house of the Lord and are seeking counsel at the lips of the servants of God. The glad tidings have not only gone to the Sandwich Islands, but also to New Zealand. The aborigines of that country have taken hold, and we learn that something over one hundred of that fraction of their race have engaged in the work of the Lord. And not only so, but the inhabitants of the eastern countries are being wrought upon by the hand of God and Judah is being turned toward Jerusalem. The reports are that many thousands of Jews have been gathered to the land of Judea and regions round about, within the last twelve months. Well, the Lord is at work in all these matters, and we ought to realize that we are but an item, as it were, in the great work that is being carried on.

There is a great deal that I sometimes feel I would like to say, but at this time I do not feel to occupy your time any longer.

I pray that an earnest spirit of improvement and purification among parents, among children, among households, among members of wards and stakes, may take possession of the presiding authorities of the laboring priesthood, and that they may put away iniquity and all manner of unrighteousness, and become more and more acceptable in the sight of the Lord. Then we shall be more and more ready to do anything that the Lord would have us do in the interests of His Kingdom. We must remember that the strength of the Lord's people does not consist in their numbers; for times have been, and may be again, when they that are with us may be too many. It will be found—if you search carefully among us as a people—that you are carrying a great many people and their sins, and if you don't shake them off they will lead you down, you will be partakers of their sins, and you will have to answer for them. It is necessary that the Bishops—more especially those who have not had experience—learn correct principles of government—how to build up their wards in righteousness and in the power of God. And this feeling and influence should be carried into every habitation of the Saints; because where there is righteousness and faith there is the favor and blessing of God; and when the sick are among you and you have this faith, you can call down the blessings of God upon them, and if you don't, and remain careless, then you will find that you have not the power to take hold of and receive those blessings. We want so to live day by day that whatever affliction may overtake us we may be prepared for the worst as well as for the best.

May the Lord help us to draw near unto Him, nearer than we have ever done before; that we may be able to go into His presence and realize the association of angels, and that we may realize all those blessings which

He has in His hands ready to bestow upon us as fast as we will put ourselves in a position to receive them; this is my prayer and desire and labor in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is stated that the first railroad spike driven in New York State was on the Mohawk & Hudson Railroad, in 1831. In that year seventeen miles of railroad were built, and the energy displayed in building that much was considered remarkable. Now there are 6,622 miles in that State. The number of persons who were killed on the various roads last year was 471, only sixteen being passengers or one passenger out of every 4,168,223 carried. Fifty-nine roads in the State had no death roll. The principal casualties were on the New York, Lake Erie and Western, and the Central and Hudson River roads. They are operated carefully, and every accident is inquired into rigidly.

Another new creed has made its appearance in the east. It is "the Doctrine of the Oahape," which has been revealed to a few Faithists. The doctrine contemplates the improvement of the moral faculties of mankind, which is to be effected by the formation of close, selected communities and a strict vegetable diet. From these communities and by his bill of fare, the world is to become populated with a highly moral class of beings. It is stated that a movement is already started for the organization of a colony in one of the Southern States. A higher order of morality would not be amiss in this country, but it is doubtful if these disciples of vegetarianism will produce it.

The peculiar appearance of the sky at and shortly after sunset is not confined to this region but is nearly general throughout the country. It was so brilliant at Providence, R. I., a few evenings since that it caused rumors and fears of fire, and at New Haven, Conn., Poughkeepsie and New York, alarms were actually given and the departments called out. At Norwich and New London, Conn., people were greatly alarmed and searched diligently by telegraph and telephone. Brookton, Mass., was sure that the great Ames shovel works at North Easton, were burning up, and sent inquiries. Various similar experiences are reported. The phenomenon was considered quite remarkable.

An exchange gives this word of comfort to the poor: "The greatest incentive to activity is, after all, the want of bread and butter. Your rich man, be he ever so talented may go on forever intending to do something, but your poor man—yes, or your poor woman—does it because needs must. Therefore, you will find that those who are celebrated in professions or as mechanics are usually people who were not contented with their pecuniary condition at the beginning of life but poor people who desired to make themselves rich, and therefore turned their talents to account. Money is, doubtless, a root of evil when one has too much of it and spends it badly, but in order to possess it men frequently benefit mankind by giving them the work of their hands and brains, which never would have been completed if they had been rich and lazy. Your poor man—not the rich one—is the worker in this world's hive."

The Sacramento Record-Union says: "It is not often that we find anything in the course of Congressman Rosecrans to approve. As a rule he talks too much and talks nonsense. But his military experience has served him to advantage in a proposition he puts forth that has sense in it, and which is feasible for his political party. He first proposes to organize the party for the next Presidential campaign into bands of tens, twenties, fifties, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands and so on. Over each section is to be placed a chief, whose office it will be to see that his men do not desert, that they do duty, and are in line when wanted." It does look as if General Rosecrans wanted to inject a little of his military method into the political fight. The Union says this is precisely how the "Mormons" are organized, but in that it is cut. If the "Mormons" were even to intimate in their operations the bringing to bear of so much coercive pressure as indicated in the Rosecrans theory, what a

great ado would be made about it. It depends on who does things now-a-days.

An exchange says in relation to an industry in which Utah has begun to cut a figure: "It is very encouraging to find that the production of sorghum the present year has met with much success, and that specimens of the sugar sent to some of the leading sugar brokers in New York, without their knowledge whence it came, and from what it was originated, has been pronounced excellent, was worth 7 5-8 cents per pound, and was readily refined. The only question at issue, and it has been the obstruction from the introduction of sorghum sugar-making in the United States, is the cost of production. It is understood, however, that this has been overcome and that the profit realized is of an extent to remunerate the growers and manufacturers handsomely. If such be really the fact, what an opening there will be for the establishment of an industry which, while it will give employment to hundreds of thousands of operators, will retain in our own country hundreds of millions of dollars that we now remit to foreign countries to pay for this indispensable article of domestic consumption." The same benefits in a limited degree would be derived in this Territory, providing this branch of manufacture is carried forward from the excellent starting point initiated by Mr. A. Stayner, of Farmington, Davis County.

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WITNESS, the Hon. E. Smith, Judge, and the seal of the Probate Court, of Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah, this 17th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

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