

IN MEMORY OF JOHN LOTHROP MOTLEY.

Sleep, Motley, with the great of ancient days,
Who wrote for all the years that yet shall be;
Sleep with Herodotus, whose name and praise
Have reached the isles of earth's remotest sea.
Sleep, while, defiant of the slow decays
Of Time, thy glorious writings speak for thee;
And in the snow-white hearts of millions raise
The generous zeal for Right and Liberty.
And should the days o'ertake us when, at last,
The silence that ere yet a human pen
Had traced the tenderest record of the past
Hushed the primal languages of men—
Upon our English tongue its spell had cast,
Thy memory shall perish only then.
WILLIAM COLLEEN BRYANT.
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REPORTED BY GEO. F. GIBBS.

I believe the building of the Temple at Mt. George, and the spirit and influence exerted among the people resulting therefrom, the spirit that attends the people who labor therein, and those who officiate for their dead, as well as the living, is having a very beneficial effect upon the people generally; but more especially the people of the southern country who enjoy more fully its benefits. There is a greater devotion in their hearts to the work of the ministry and the building up of the kingdom of God; and their hearts are being weaned from the things of this world. This is manifested by the increase of tithes and offerings, their readiness to engage in missions, to devote their time to Temple labor, and extending their labors in various directions among the Lamanites.

I believe that the work already commenced upon the Temples in Logan and Manti, together with the one in this city, will have a similar effect and influence upon the hearts and feelings of the Latter-day Saints. And the more we do in this direction to accomplish that which is required of us, both on behalf of ourselves and the dead, the nearer the hearts of the people will be drawn unto the Lord, and unto his servants and to each other, connecting together their affections and labors.

We are called to become the saviors of men. First work for ourselves in accordance with the plan which God has introduced for our own salvation through faith and obedience to the Gospel of the Son of God. Next to be fellow-laborers with him in helping to bring to pass the redemption of our fellow-creatures. Our mission is first to the living; to preach the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, to gather Israel, to establish the Zion of God, to organize the Priesthood, to build Temples to the name of the Lord, wherein all ordinances may be revealed and administered for the redemption of the dead, and the exaltation of the living. And thus fulfill what the prophets have said concerning one of the events of the last days, namely, that "Saviors should come up upon Mount Zion to judge the House of Esau; but the kingdom shall be the Lord's." This laconic prophecy of one of the ancient prophets is full of meaning. Do what we may, and all we possibly can, the kingdom is the Lord's, and we are his servants and hand-maidens; all laboring for the great cause, the redemption of the human family. Although Jesus is the great "High Priest and Apostle of our profession," the Redeemer and Mediator for man, he has not attempted to do all the work himself, but to commence it, to lay the foundation, to offer his life as the good shepherd that gives his life for the sheep. He called to his assistance first the Twelve Apostles, then the Seventies, instructing them in their several duties, and then sent them out to call others to their assistance, and preach the Gospel to all the world. After he left them he ministered

to the Nephites upon the American continent, and did likewise. And from time to time he has commanded his servants to continue his work upon the earth; and has now, for the last time, commenced to prune his vineyard, to gather his elect and confirm the priesthood upon his people and the ordinances thereof, for the salvation of his numerous family, both living and dead, and so requires our aid, our co-operation. If we will save ourselves and attain to the exaltation in store for us, we must be willing to help also our fellows that need our assistance. First, as I have intimated, in travelling through the earth preaching the Gospel to the living, and next helping to gather the Lord's poor and providing for them in Zion; next in building Temples to the Lord and officiating therein in its ordinances. In all this we may be fellow-laborers with Christ Jesus, and with the ancient and modern apostles in the great work of salvation. And the more we examine the teachings of the Saviour, and those of the ancient prophets and Apostles, the more we shall be convinced that this work of salvation is a vicarious one. That is to say, while we have works to do for ourselves, there are many other labors which we are called upon to do for others; for we are mutually dependent one upon another; and God has so organized his work in the earth that we shall be dependent.

God has created this earth, and placed its inhabitants thereon, and involved them in a common design. If we succeed through the merits of the Saviour in overcoming evil and driving the devil from off its face, redeeming it from sin, the consequences of the Fall, we shall have the privilege of enjoying it when it is renewed, sanctified and made holy. If we fail in this we lose all. We have no promise of taking and possessing some other world prepared for some other people; or of entering into the labors of any other people. But this earth is prepared especially for us, first for our temporal habitation, and ultimately for our eternal abode. The fathers, from the beginning of the world until the present time, have been and still are laboring in connection with us. The fathers holding the priesthood were inspired of the Lord, and understood these things; they are laboring in connection with us, and are looking after us, being mutually interested in the work of our hands.

The Lord has sent the prophet Elijah according to promise, with the power of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; that the children may begin to look after and to do the necessary works for the fathers; while the fathers, on the other hand, who receive the gospel in the spirit world, are influencing the heavens in our behalf, that we may be strengthened to accomplish this work and prevail over the enemy, and do for them what they are unable to do for themselves.

It was with the comprehensive view of this great work, and the connection of the fathers with the children, from the beginning of the world down to the end thereof, that the Apostle Paul spoke upon this subject, relating to the fathers who died in the faith, and what they accomplished while living. He sums up their mighty works of faith, closing with this remark: "God having provided some better things for us, that they without us shall not be made perfect." And we are now able to supplement the words of Paul, by saying, God having provided some better things for us, the Latter-day Saints, that they, the fathers, cannot be made perfect without us nor we without them; for the priesthood and the new and everlasting covenant wherewith we are bound together, is like a chain connecting the children to the fathers from the beginning of the world to the end thereof. And if any links have been broken through that sin which is unto death, which finds no forgiveness in this world, or the world to come, such links must be dropped out, and the next one welded in and the chain made complete. And these sealings or adoptions, whether of the living or the dead, must continue from this time forward, and also go back repairing the chain from the beginning; that if there is a link broken anywhere, there may be a new weld; and the chain of the priesthood be completed. And this is the work of that New and everlasting Gospel which is the same covenant that was from

the beginning, but is revealed anew unto us. There must not only be a welding of the chain of priesthood, but a welding together of all dispensations, and keys, and powers and authorities that have come from God unto men, from the beginning of the world unto the end thereof. And not only must this be done in form, according to the law, but it must be in spirit and in truth. There must be a complete fellowship, a love, a union of spirit and of interest, both temporal and spiritual, on the earth and in heaven. And as the Apostle Paul has said concerning the dispensation of thefulness of times, that in it "He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." We cannot attain to these blessings and be double minded; we cannot carry the world in one hand and the kingdom of God in the other; we cannot indulge in pride, folly, and the vanities of this life, and secure these blessings that pertain to the holy priesthood. We have got to labor for one or the other: our hearts, our hands, our talents and all our efforts must be hallowed to the Lord our God, with a view of accomplishing this work, or we shall certainly fail in attaining to all these glories that are prepared for us and our fathers. This is the warfare for us to fight, to overcome the world; in other words, to make the world and all things therein our servants, and not our masters, they should be used for the accomplishment of these grand objects that God has presented before us. The only object and desire of our hearts in handling the things of this life, should be to glorify God in the accomplishment of the work that is laid upon us to perform. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Whoever have set their hearts upon riches of the world, and the honor of men, must cleanse their hearts from these things, or they will fail.

We meet in Conference to promote union and fellowship. We assemble to fast and pray before the Lord, to unite our hearts and faith together, that we may be one and crowd out the enemy from our midst. Our teachings, our prayers, our fellowship meetings, our associations of every description, of both male and female, should tend to this end; to union, to fellowship, to love, to good will. To accomplish this there must be the utmost frankness of speech; and we should learn to govern well our tongues, making it to speak discreet words, and not to be eternally fault-finding.

When we meet in our Ward meetings, or in our Stake or General Conferences, we there give an expression signifying before the heavens as well as men on the earth, our willingness to receive, uphold and sustain, by our faith and prayers, those who minister among us, to be counselors, leaders and judges in Israel. And when we do this the Lord has a right, and his servants also, to expect that every one who acts in these solemn assemblies will act honestly with themselves and with their God, in all sincerity and truth, and that their covenants will be made in all solemnity and in the fear of God, and the same lived up to faithfully. And should there be any good reason for withholding any man's fellowship, faith and good will from another, that such a man will be frank, honest and upright with himself and his God; and should such a one be laboring under a mistake, through misrepresentation or false reports, or anything he does not understand, which we are all liable to, I repeat he should take an honorable course that good feeling, fellowship and union might prevail.

We know that the ungodly cannot appreciate the Saints; we know that they never did appreciate the prophets of God that were raised up and sent to them, having the word of the Lord for them; and we know that those who do not live in the light of Christ, humbling themselves before Him, and walking so as to enjoy the inspiring influences of the Holy Ghost, they never can judge correctly of the words and teachings and the going forth of the people of God, nor his servants in their midst; for their eyes are blinded and they judge according to their carnal minds, and not according to the Holy Ghost. While others love lies and delight in sowing them broadcast, and hate the truth and those who teach it, because their deeds are evil, and they are of their father the devil,

and his works they will do. We do not expect to be subject in anywise to such spirits, for the Lord does not require it at the hands of any of his servants or people. But we do expect that the Latter-day Saints shall judge angels, if they are faithful; and the Lord has left it for themselves to choose whether they will sustain and uphold those who are appointed as Bishops, Presidents of Stakes, Apostles who minister in their midst; and whether they have so walked before the people and before the Lord, honoring their callings and sustaining themselves in the faith and fellowship of the Saints, or whether they have not.

And the Lord has said by the mouth of the prophet Joseph that the great body of the Latter-day Saints, who are preaching the Gospel, laboring to build Temples, etc., and who keep the commandments of God, living their holy religion, and whose hearts and habitations are the sanctuaries of the Holy Spirit, that they will weigh and judge all people; and Jesus said to the Nephite Apostle, when telling them they should be judges of that people, "You shall judge them according to that judgment which I shall give you, which shall be just." This is a key for every man called to judge or preside; his judgment must be just or it cannot be sanctioned in the heavens. Because of the weaknesses and infirmities of humanity, and our liability to err in judgment, the Lord has very wisely provided for appeals from the Bishops' Court to that of the High Council, and thence to the General Assembly of all the Quorums at the Conferences of the Stake to which such Councils belong; and if their decisions be overruled, it must be by the united voice of all the Quorums. Thus the Lord has provided a way that justice might be meted out in this our time of weakness and mortality; but it is our privilege to live so that the Holy Ghost can abide continually within us, and we discern even as the Lord, and judge only in righteousness.

May the Lord help us to live so as to be worthy of these blessings and to enjoy them, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Local and Other Matters

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, NOV. 27.

Successful.—The performances at the 7th Ward concert, were excellent and the audience was large. The only fault anybody finds with the entertainment is that it was almost too much for the money.

The Senate.—It will be seen by our dispatches that the Senate has been in session since noon yesterday. Several motions were made to adjourn this morning, for breakfast, but were lost.

Convalescent.—President Angus M. Cannon, who has been confined to his room for nearly a week, on account of illness, has, we are pleased to be able to state, so far recovered as to be around again today.

Correction.—It has been heretofore published that the Presidency of this Stake would meet with and organize the priesthood of Mill Creek and East Mill Creek Wards on Sunday Dec. 2nd. This was an error. The meeting will take place on Dec. 9.

District Court.—Tuesday, Nov. 27th.

Thomas Mitchell vs. A. P. Banton et al; default of A. P. Banton judgment as prayed for.

John McDonald vs. Flagstaff S. M. Co.; hearing on injunction continued till tomorrow.

Austin Eilers et al vs. John McDonald, same order.

Country Wards.—Next Sunday, December 2nd, home missionaries will visit and preach in the following wards:

Sugar House, Farmers', Mill Creek, East Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, South Cottonwood, Union, Granite, Draper, South Jordan, Herriman, West Jordan, North Jordan, Brighton.

The Visitors.—Mr. James Gamble, General Supt. of the Pacific Division of the Western Union Telegraph Co., arrived from the west this morning, to meet President Orton's party. The party took a trip on a special train over the Utah Western to-day, returning in time to start for the west by the regular afternoon train.

Musical.—Ninety thousand copies have already been sold of Will L. Thompson's famous song "Gathering Shells from the Sea Shore." It is thought that "Dwelling with the Tide," this author's last composition, will even eclipse "Gathering Shells" in popularity. Any music dealer will mail either of these beautiful pieces to your address on receipt of 40 cents. Published at M. Gray's Music Store, 103, Kearny St., San Francisco.

Amateur Rifle Match.—On Thursday afternoon, the 29th inst., the Amateurs purpose having their regular monthly medal match, commencing at 8 a.m.

On the afternoon of the same day they will have a match, at which the following prizes will be shot for:

First prize—An elegant clock shelf, presented by Mr. Emil Egl.
Second Prize—A fine camp stool.
Third and Fourth prizes—Two beautiful ornamental brackets.
The shooting will take place on the Amateur Rifle Range.

New Tabernacle.—The timbers for the gallery of the New Tabernacle are all in position along the north side of the building. The south wall will be sufficiently advanced by to-morrow to admit of the timbers being placed in that side also. The gallery will slope in two directions, declining gently towards the centre, and from the east end to the west, where the stand will be located. The method of arrangement will bring the stand in full view of the congregation in all parts of the house, and we believe the acoustics of the building will be excellent.

Needed material having arrived, the masons resumed work on the structure again yesterday.

Returned Missionary.—We were pleased to receive a call last evening from Elder O. H. Riggs, who left to go on a mission to England, on the 9th of last July. On reaching England he received an appointment to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester Conference. He visited the several branches and preached to the people, but suffered somewhat from an affection of the throat, superinduced by the dampness of the climate.

He was released to return home when convenient for him to do so, and before leaving he went to London, laboring for some time among the branches of that Conference, thence to Paris, returning again to London, where he remained until he started for home. He arrived in New York with the last company of this season's emigration, and spent a few weeks visiting relatives in New Jersey, and in Pennsylvania. He was kindly received, and treated everywhere. His health has considerably improved on the way home.

The North.—We learn the following from the Ogden Junction: Alex. Beaushaw, resident of the north part of Cache was recently committed to jail, by Justice Nobles, of Smithfield, on a charge of committing a brutal and gross assault on a little girl.

On Saturday a wagon accidentally overturned on the highway between Ogden and Hooper, throwing Mr. Robert Todd and a young son of Mr. M. B. Wheeler out, they going under the vehicle, and the team breaking loose and running away. Both parties received serious but not dangerous injuries. They had a narrow escape. The accident occurred in the dark.

Messrs. Keeny and Zeigler, of Ogden, have been shipping Thanksgiving turkeys to Evanston.

Steps are being taken toward commencing the construction of the "Central Canal," to take out the waters of the Weber to irrigate the large tract of land situated between Ogden and Kayville, generally denominated the Sand Ridge. The estimated cost of the ditch is \$25,000. That's right, "redeem the waste places."

The Telegraph Companies.—Arrangements have been entered into for the Western Union, Atlantic and Pacific, and Desert Telegraph Companies to have their offices in this city in the same building, commencing on the 1st of December.

On Sunday evening Hon. Wm. Orton, President; General Anson Stager, Vice-President and General Superintendent of the Western Union Company arrived in the city, and left for the west to-day. C. A. Tinker, Esq., General Superintendent, and J. J. Dickey,