

Latter-day Saints, school buildings, etc., which of themselves are a vivid description of the history of progress in this land during the past half century.

The reading matter includes a comprehensive sketch of Pioneer history from the time the Rocky Mountain region was first indicated by the Prophet Joseph Smith to be the resting place of the Latter-day Saints down to the day when President Brigham Young selected the location of the first city in the Salt Lake Valley; a narrative of the city's growth, historical and descriptive sketches of Weber county, Utah county, Juab county, Southern Utah, and the State generally; brief history of the Mormon Battalion; mining, manufactures, and other industries; schools, railroads, journalism, etc.; minerals and mineral waters; a concise statement of the religious beliefs of the Latter-day Saints; and much other interesting matter presented in readable form, valuable for present information and future reference.

The number is especially suitable for sending to friends abroad, its statement of facts concerning the Latter-day Saints and the valleys where they dwell being a concise and straightforward narrative, in plain and simple language, of events that have occurred, of conditions that exist, and of views that are held by the Saints; also of the work that has been and is being done by the people of Utah irrespective of distinctions of creed or race.

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THE MONUMENT UNVEILED.

The ceremonies of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Pioneer advent into the Great Salt Lake Valley have been inaugurated by the unveiling of the statue of President Brigham Young, leader of the Pioneers, amid songs of joy, words of praise, cheer of triumph, the booming of cannon, and other evidences of rejoicing and exultation at the magnificent results which have followed the coming to this region of the Mormon exiles who, half a century ago, were so misunderstood and maligned that they were looked upon as unworthy associates of a Christian civilization to which they were a boon of priceless value, to which had not learned to appreciate the gem that lay within its reach.

Today another spectacle presents itself, which, though perhaps not yet all that may be hoped for and is anticipated as sure to come, yet is harbingers of the brightness of the future that is drawing near. The sorrow and hardships of the past are now a memory, recalled not in bitterness but in gratitude for the present, that the sweets of the latter may be appreciated as too precious to be permitted to pass away. The broader enlightenment, the more perfect understanding, the greater harmony of the present, stand an unerring guilemark to the still better future when the Latter-day Saints' message of love and goodwill to man, entrusted to them by the divine Master in whose cause they made the

sacrifice that brought them through the desert to the mountain of the Lord's house, will be a delightful, tangible reality instead of merely a fond hope.

By the divine Providence, fifty years ago President Brigham Young trod the spot where now stands the Pioneer monument, and founded the city and State by the announcement of the decision, which rested with him among men, of where the Pioneers should make their home. By that same Providence, half a century later President Wilford Woodruff, who entered the valley in the same wagon with President Young, a man who has succeeded to the same apostolic power and presidency in the Church of Jesus Christ on earth, was the honored one among the honored Pioneers, at the unveiling of the Pioneer monument, and in the name of the blessed Jesus, whose Apostleship has been conferred upon him, invoked the blessing of the Almighty upon the people in their present condition and for the future. May the inhabitants of these valleys so direct their footsteps that this blessing shall rest upon them, that grace, virtue and prosperity shall dwell with them evermore; and may the unveiled Pioneer monument be a reminder to them of the great work wrought out by that noble band, under the blessing and guidance of Jehovah, in establishing them in their happy homes in the vales of the mountains.

THE OLD JOURNEY.

As the city of Salt Lake now presents a festive appearance, probably more elaborate and tasteful than ever before in her history; as the streets are filled with thousands and ring with music and the glad shouts of the gathered throngs, it is impossible not to remember that little band of Pioneers that first entered this valley for the purpose of settling here. They were a valiant host. A great and marvelous work was theirs.

Somewhere in holy writ there is a record of ancient heroes mentioned as examples of faith worthy of imitation throughout all ages. Those worthies accomplished wonders and endured unto death because they looked forward to the reward. Surely to that host of witnesses are those Pioneers to be added. They, too, voluntarily chose exile, poverty, hardships, "wandering in deserts and mountains," looking forward to the fulfillment of the promises they had received.

Great was their faith when, but poorly equipped, they started for the unknown regions, and possibly greater still, when after the long journey they concluded to remain here, notwithstanding all discouraging reports of the region, borne out by appearances, and notwithstanding inducements to proceed to a seemingly more friendly country. But have not events since then more than justified the decision to stay where it was believed Providence had prepared a place for the exiles from civilization? Is not Utah today a testimony to the truth of the principles for which the Pioneers undertook their now famous journey?

It is most appropriate to remember,

too, at this time, that the very first concern of the Pioneers was to "consecrate" this land. On the first Sabbath ever spent here, the air reverberated with hosannas and the valley rang with the exultant themes of the Hebrew Prophets. It was realized that a refuge had been found among the everlasting hills, in the chambers of the mountains. Among the first speeches delivered by President Young, whose monument now adorns one of our principal streets, was one in which he emphasized that all things should be in order here and that righteousness should be practiced in the land. Let those words of the greatest of Pioneers forever be remembered by the inhabitants of Utah. For upon the observance of them depends the future of the State and of the people.

ACCOUNTS OF THE JUBILEE.

A notable means of attracting the attention of the civilized world to Utah and the Latter-day Saints is seen in the newspaper accounts now being published by all leading journals, generally furnished by special correspondents from this city. In some particulars these accounts are inaccurate, as may be expected from writers not familiar with local history, but in the main they manifest a disposition to be fair and truthful, and attain good success in this regard. The condition suggests much of a change from what once existed, for which the people here are grateful; for if there is anything desirable to Utah's inhabitants, in their relation to other people, it is to have the latter understand the true situation and aims of the residents of this State and vicinity.

As an illustration of the sentiment that prevades non-Mormon newspaper correspondents on the subject of Utah's semi-centenary, the San Francisco Chronicle furnishes an example. Its Sunday issue contained a long article on the celebration, in which the journey of the Pioneers and the work Utah's people received special consideration. Among the comments on the former is the following:

Probably no march in history was accompanied by so many disheartening incidents and such suffering as the pilgrimage of the Mormons from Nauvoo, Ill., through 2,000 miles of trackless wilderness in search of the promised land. Persecuted, their houses and temple destroyed by fire, their leader, Joseph Smith, murdered, they determined to seek a new home.

Then comes a sketch of the journey, the settlement here, and a graphic picture of what in reality was a vision, in its general aspects, given to President Young when on the Plains over fifty years ago, wherein he saw a tent settling down in the desert valley of the Great Lake, as an indication where, he was to stop with the people, and wherein the vision unfolded till he beheld the vales of the Rocky Mountains teeming with people, with thriving cities, towns and villages, and with a number of Temples erected by the Latter-day Saints, among them the majestic edifice in Salt Lake City. The Chronicle writer says:

The success and prosperity of the