

UTAH'S MONUMENT.

The young and rising generation of Utah ought to unite and build a monument that will ever stand as a memorial of this generation—one that the world will gaze upon in admiration, and that will be acceptable to the Creator. But before we lay the foundation of such an important structure, let us see if we can profit by the experience of those who have gone before.

Let us go back to the days when Greece was honored by the world on account of the wisdom of her sons, when through her philosophers and wise men she became the guiding star of the world. But where is Greece today? She has fallen so low that we now hardly know of her existence.

Following Greece is Rome. There was a time when it was considered a great honor to be even a common citizen of Rome or a subject of that government, when by the wisdom of her sons she reached that pinnacle on which she wrote her name in pages of the world's history so high that the sentiment; of her statesmen and orators are still quoted both in the pulpit and press, and they are still looked up to with admiration by the orators of today. Yet where is Rome today? Like Greece, she has fallen, and all we have to admire in them now is their past.

Then coming down along the stream of time, we see nations rise and fall, until we reach modern times and see another nation which is taking rapid strides in the direction of fame. At one time she was noted for her statesmen and warriors; now the world has to bow the knee in acknowledgment of the superior genius of her sons, and the progress she is making in modern inventions. But I fear her race is about run. Why? Let us find the cause of the fall of those who have passed on before. We find that as they became great in the eyes of the world, as they advanced in the wisdom of man, they also advanced in wickedness and departed from virtue, until the worm of corruption entered into their bodies, gnawed their vitals and poisoned their life's blood. This was the cause of their down fall. We know, then, that the same cause will produce the same effect.

Now look around in this beautiful land of ours. Take up a newspaper and count the divorce cases, murders and suicides, to say nothing of other crimes, and remember that that is just a small part of every day occurrences. Then let me ask if wickedness and corruption are not keeping pace with wisdom, genius and intelligence? Look around and you find that dishonesty walks the streets of our cities without shame, and licentiousness revels in its wantonness. This is poisoning the life's blood of our nation, and unless something is done destruction is sure.

In building our monument do not let us commit the same error as those nations and peoples of the past, but let us lay a firm foundation of faith in the Supreme Being, and a knowledge of and obedience to His will, so that we can stand before the world and say, as did the Apostle Paul, that we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, in preserving us from the downfall

that has accrued to others. When we have laid a foundation, adding knowledge here a little and there a little, let us not forget the important part, as it was given by the Apostle Peter, to add to our faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance, to temperance godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and so on, until we get our monument so high that the whole world can see it; that it will make Greece blush for her philosophers and Rome for her statesmen and orators, and the world for her sons of today. Yet, after all this, crowning our work with the capstone of charity.

Why may not Utah's soil
Rear sons as great as Britain's isle,
Exceed what Greece and Rome have done,
Or any land beneath the sun?

S. A. WELLS.

VAN SICKLE, Hunt county, Texas,
Sept. 29, 1894.

MEETING HOUSE FINISHED.

MASSY SETTLEMENT,
Choctaw Nation Indian
Territory, Sept. 24th, 1894.

President Andrew Kimball:

Dear Brother—As you desired in your last letter, that we notify you upon the completion of our Massy house of worship, it is with the greatest pleasure that we now pen you the information that the same is completed and now stands out in bold relief, a credit to the Indian mission, and a monument which causes the hearts of the Latter-day Saints to swell with pride.

When work was first commenced by us upon this building the means by which to bring about its completion did indeed seem unattainable, but the fruits of faith and works are made manifest in the completion of our second house of worship in this the Indian Territory.

Every one who passes along the highway looks admiringly as well as in wonder, upon our little meeting house. Nor are they left in doubt as to what denomination it represents, for the first thing that greets the eye is the inscription standing out in bold relief "Latter-day Saints' meeting house, erected Sept. 22nd, 1894."

On Sunday, the 23rd inst., we held Sunday school in our meeting house for the first time. After Sunday school, meeting was held. Presiding Elder Isaac H. Jensen was the first speaker and addressed the congregation upon the Gospel of the Latter-day Saints and the eternal blessings to be enjoyed by them.

Elder Richard G. Winter then bore his testimony to the divinity of the latter-day work, having witnessed many proofs of the same.

Elder H. E. Campbell next spoke upon the blessings to be gained for every exertion put forth for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Elder E. L. Saunders ended the speaking by expressing himself as feeling well toward the Gospel in which he is engaged as a missionary.

A good spirit existed throughout the whole meeting and all departed to their homes in peace.

Next Saturday and Sunday being our conference, we expect to fulfil your desires in dedicating one more house to the Lord, and thereby add to

the Indian Territory mission a step towards the furtherance of the cause of truth.

Trusting this will find you, together with your wife and family, in the enjoyment of health, peace and prosperity, and ever praying the blessings of the Lord to attend you all, we remain, very respectfully, your brethren in the Gospel of Christ,

ISAAC A. JENSEN.

HERMAN E. CAMPBELL.

By H. E. C.

To the foregoing letter Elder Andrew Kimball appends the following:

All the Elders laboring in the mission since my visit last winter have aided with cash contribution towards this house, aggregating \$70.05, and \$207 in labor; total \$277.05. Some cash and labor have been donated by the Saints. Local Elder E. Nolley and the traveling Elders under the direction of Elders Isaac Jensen have done all the work.

NOTES.

While engaged in cleaning out a well for L. W. White on Saturday, at Morgan, Colo., it caved in, burying Fred Ghur forty feet under ground.

Mayor Hurt, of Casper, Wyo., has received a telegram from Chicago stating that the sale of the \$40,000 water-bonds had been made. It is expected that the city officials will be able to begin work on the plant at an early date.

The potato acreage of Yakima county, Wash., is estimated at 6,000 acres, and will average 200 bushels, or six tons, to the acre, making 1,200,000 bushels. At \$15 per ton, or \$90 per acre, there is, in round numbers, \$540,000 for the crop.

Matti Laakari was killed in the Carbon, Wyo., coal mine last Friday. He was in the mine preparing coal to be loaded the next day, and had fired a shot and thought that all the coal had come down. He went up where the shot was fired and a large lump of coal fell from above and killed him instantly.

A young man named Shields, who was playing right field in the game between the Gilt Edge club and the State Printing Office club, in Sacramento, was knocked senseless by a ball thrown by the pitcher, which struck him on the head. Blood gushed from his ears, mouth and nose, and it was a long time before he regained consciousness.

The Paris (Idaho) Post says of the case of Charles Wolford, of Montpelier, who was arrested for outraging his sister: Monday was the time set for hearing before Judge Hix, but the mother is reported to have spirited the woman away into Wyoming, so that the examination had to be postponed until Saturday, Wolford being placed under \$2,000 bonds, which he has been unable to furnish. There is a strong feeling against Wolford, and threats of lynching were so freely indulged in that Deputy Sheriff Grimmer on Wednesday evening took extra precautions to guard the prisoner against mob violence.