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CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The time in which Jesus was born and the circumstances accompanying that event ought to be remembered and to both Jews and Gentiles that He really was the true Messiah.

Wonderful indeed—and, oh, how difficult to learn—are presented to mankind in the manner in which Christ enters the world He came to save. Viewed with a merely human eye, He appears to be only a frail being, resting on a straw, in an uncomfortable oriental chair.

With His advent, a new era dawned on the earth. A religion inimitable to beauty and full of love was placed before our view. In contrast with other systems, His was free from tyranny.

Does not this suggest the idea of those who in this age turn to scorn from the servants of the Almighty, as did the world once from Jesus, are much mistaken and have not learned the first lesson which every Christian ought to bring home to them?

THE POWER OF THE QUEEN.

The question is often asked whether or not Queen Victoria has the veto power, like our President. This is a matter worth knowing, and the fact that her Majesty has exercised no such power has a tendency of itself to cause our people and a good many of her own subjects to understand that under the British constitution she has no such prerogative.

It should be understood that, while Queen Victoria is a ruler in the conventional sense, she does not rule so much as does our President, who can exercise more power unbalanced in respect to the subject named and the appointment and removal of officers of the government in our form than the British monarch has during the whole of her reign.

The reader can readily understand how it is that Victoria or any other head of the British government may have an extremely unimpaired will. She holds a position in relation to her people similar to that of the child in the garden, who told him in pleasant tones: "My little dear, you can have anything you want; but you must not want anything you can't have."

A JURY "CALLED DOWN."

That was a pretty hard case which the jury recently reported as having occurred in Chicago, wherein a jury returned to the discharge of a case which would allow them certain "consoles comfort" while on duty.

Judge Brennan properly and respectfully refused to honor this modest request, and the jurors immediately filed in order and returned a verdict fixing the amount of damages at one cent.

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down a green jacket in a dressing wig. No wonder his friends became weary, and we have got to read a world of adverse criticism of his action.

THE LATE W. H. SHERRMAN.

It is due to the memory of William H. Sherman that a brief statement be given in regard to his connection with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with which he first became identified in the early fifties, in California.

Brother Sherman was a man of striking personal appearance. His figure was extremely slender, with a slight inclination to stoop as he walked. His face had an intellectual aspect. The forehead was unusually high and a triple narrow across its upper part that at the base, the eyes were deep set, with a constant appearance of thoughtfulness.

William H. Sherman was generous by nature. It was common when messengers of truth were brought to his attention for him to go at once to the rescue and relieve distress. Instances almost without number of this kind occurred. Not only were his sympathies easily awakened, but his sentiment of friendship was one of the most ardent character, and he was ever inventing methods through which to give it expression to persons whom he had formed an attachment.

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Saturday Walk

By an Ex-Editor.

One of the peculiarities of our climate is that there are very few cases of sickness where the patients linger for any length of time on a sickbed. In the most of instances either the recovery or the death of the sick person is almost the first news heard by their friends at a little distance from them.

This is no doubt due in part at least, to the stimulating action of our atmosphere. It has often been remarked by visitors from near the ocean level that in breathing our air they felt a sense of exhilaration which they described as somewhat akin to that imparted by partaking of champagne.

It is for this reason, perhaps, that stimulants in this country have such an injurious effect on all who use them. In other parts of the United States outside of the mountain region, stimulants are not so common, and though the effect of such a habit may be painfully apparent, yet for years they will not entirely break down.

In point of health it was a most fortunate change for the Latter-day Saints when they left the Mississippi valley and came to these mountains. Nauvoo was a beautiful region, admirably situated, yet it was unhealthy. The sickness which occurred every autumn was very general. Of course, if we had been permitted to remain there in peace, the causes which made malaria so common would doubtless have gradually been removed.

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eliminates the want of suitable habitations, and that their action upon the people, it required the brightest and most vigorous of constitutions, to live through these scenes. When the companies of 1842 and 1843 reached here, therefore, the members were the strongest and most healthy of all who had started on that great journey.

Judging by the number of doctors there are in this country, one would scarcely think that it is very healthy now. But their presence is not a sure sign of it being a sickly region, although disease may be more likely to exhibit itself. Little ailments, that in the early settlement of this country would scarcely have been noticed, now assume a serious character in the eyes of families.

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Speaking of doctors, it is a good sign for so many of our young men to be turning their attention to the study of medicine. Nauvoo gave us a taste for the cultivation of the soil, but this it appears is not fostered as it should be. Agriculture lies at the foundation of all true progress of a nation, and that which is true of a nation is true of a community.

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