

It is intended to have it combine in some degree the characteristics of a newspaper and magazine with a leaning in favor of the latter, the aim being to make a record of current history in the news which may be published that will be interesting alike for present perusal and future reference rather than to pander to the popular taste for that which is sensational, or has but a passing interest. The back volumes of the NEWS contain the best record of the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in existence, but that record is buried in the midst of a mass of extraneous matter which renders it difficult of extraction. In the DESERET WEEKLY it is proposed to publish items of current and past history, essays and treatises on doctrinal and other subjects, biographical sketches, reminiscences of experience, poetry, miscellany, answers to correspondents, and other matter, interesting alike to present and future generations and so provided with tables of contents to each number and a complete index to each volume that any particular article may be readily found.

The hope is indulged in that many patrons of the EVENING NEWS and SEWING WEEKLY NEWS may also subscribe for the DESERET WEEKLY, notwithstanding the latter may be partly made up from articles from the former, in view of the advantages pointed out and others they will doubtless discover.

The price of the weekly NEWS—\$2.50 per year—will be continued for the present publication, but inasmuch as a whole year's magazines would make too bulky a volume if bound together, the year will be divided into two volumes, and if subscribed for singly the price will be \$1.50 each.

The numbers as issued weekly, or the complete volume when bound, will constitute a most appropriate present, and the propriety of making use of the same in this manner is suggested to those who can afford to so invest, with the assurance that worthy objects of their bounty in this line may be readily found in this community or among poor Saints or traveling Elders abroad, who are hungering after the printed word. Nor could a better medium be found to enlighten strangers throughout the world in regard to the principles of the Gospel and the circumstances transpiring in the midst of the people of God, and if freely made use of in this manner it would serve as a powerful aid in the

missionary work in which the Saints are engaged.

In conclusion, it is hoped that the patronage extended to the DESERET WEEKLY will be such as to encourage its publishers and enable it to accomplish all the good for which it has been designed.

#### HOLIDAY CHANGES.

In days ago, ere Edmund's-Tucker law,  
Dark curtains o'er fair Utah seemed to draw.  
How sweet and joyous came our Christmas cheer,  
How gladly welcomed we each bright New Year.

Is't but my fancy that to-day seems dull,  
That o'er all things hath crept a solemn lull?  
Smiles are profuse, as in the by-gone years,  
Yet 'neath so many, linger pent-up tears.

In graveyards everywhere, are mounds new made;  
How many forms beloved therein are laid!  
Young men and maidens, parents, infants sweet,  
Where is the heart untouched, which still doth beat?

Nor is this all: Friends into prison thrown,  
Some mobbed and whipped, and one's sad fate unknown!

Can Zion merry-make and laugh to-day?  
Is't not more fitting that we fast and pray?

Young folks and little ones must joyous be;  
We would not check, but aid their artless glee;  
But oft remind them, 'mid their festive cheer,  
Whence come their blessings, Whom they should revere.

Who hath not felt the mighty force and weight  
Of changes vast in Eighteen-eighty-eight?  
What Eighteen-eighty-nine's events will be,  
We feel some impress of, but cannot see.

Good-bye, Old Year! and New Year welcome quite!  
Whate'er thou bringest, we must know, is right;  
Though earth should reel 'neath Truth's avenging rod,  
Still will we serve and praise the Lord our God.

And there will come a time, a glorious day,  
When sin and sorrow will be done away;  
When with true bliss we'll celebrate the Birth,  
Which causeth Peace to reign o'er all the earth.  
LULA.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

##### DEATH-BED SCENE.

I TRUST you will give me space in your valuable paper for the following items from this part of the country in regard to a peculiar death scene in the family of Brother A. S. Farnsworth. Six months previous to the death of his daughter a personage in the form of a woman appeared to her, and conversed with her for some time. She dreaded to die, thinking her mission was not ended.

From her youth up she had been an obedient and affectionate girl, observed the Word of Wisdom, and in every way had striven to be a good Latter-day Saint. She was Assistant Secretary to the Primary Association, did most of the writing, and greatly assisted the little ones to sing. Her mother was President of the Association. The poor girl ling-

ered for eight weeks and then passed peacefully away.

During the last four weeks of her sickness she earnestly called for the Elders to administer to her, hoping that she might recover. The messenger that appeared the second time said to her, "May, you are coming very soon." She told her mother what she had heard, said her time had come and that she felt very happy, and would not want to return only "on ma's account." She asked this messenger, "Do you answer our prayers?" "Yes, May," he said. "Will I get well?" she inquired; but he answered not a word. As soon as she told this to her parents their faith failed them in administering any longer and felt ready to give her up, and acknowledge the hand of the Lord. During the four weeks she was conversing with messengers she saw her future Home but could not describe it. She felt happy in the thought of "going Home," as she termed it—it was such a beautiful place. She told her father to make her coffin fully large, and was prayerful day and night during her sickness.

She was born in Richfield, Sevier Co., Utah, on the 7th November, 1874, and died November 10th, 1888. Typhoid-fever, at first, changed to inflammation of the bowels.

Her death occurred just six months from the day she first saw the messenger. Her witness of so many things from the unseen world is remarkable for one so young. The deceased girl was the daughter of A. S. and Mary Farnsworth. Her faith was strong until the messenger told her her time had come, when she expressed an earnest desire to go to the Home beyond.

Ever praying that faith may increase among the Saints,

Your brother in the Gospel,  
S. S. H.  
Mancos Ward, Colo., San Juan Stake.

##### A DREAM OR VISION.

SOME time in November last, after having done considerable work in the Temple for my dead, I went to bed as usual, and lay meditating upon Temple work. I heard the clock strike twelve, when my mind was led away, seemingly a long distance, to the foot of a very high mountain; but by what means I got there I do not know. I looked up the mountain as far as my eye could reach, and beheld, as if in another world, a multitude of people. A man came past me and went right in amongst the multitude, who were all very joyful.