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MAINE MARTYR MEMORIAL DAY.

For the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, July 10th, 1898.

To the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops of the Church:

Dear Brethren:—It is the view of the fact that the management of the Maine Monument Fund has declined and intentional slight on the part of the national committee towards the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by omitting, on the 5th day of May, to call upon the Church to join the other churches of the land on holding memorial services on the 5th day of May, in honor of the heroes who lost their lives in the Maine disaster; and now asks as Church in management to appoint a suitable day on which the churches of the Church may hold Memorial services and take up collections for the Maine Monument Fund, we have decided to designate Sunday, the 24th of July, as the day on which such services shall be held.

It is our desire that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints should be identified with all such patriotic movements as the erection of this monument to the nation's honored dead, that our fellow citizens may know that our sympathies, both in its joys and in its sorrows, are with our country. We therefore ask the Presidents of Stakes and the Bishops of the wards throughout the Church to make all necessary arrangements for holding special Memorial services at the time designated, and at the conclusion thereof to take up a collection from the people to assist in the erection of a monument to the Maine martyrs.

All moneys collected should be promptly forwarded by the Bishops to Elders Heber J. Grant and B. H. Roberts, who have been appointed a committee to take charge of this matter. Address them at 20—26 south, East Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Your Brethren,
WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH.

Bids after the destruction of the United States warship Maine in Havana harbor, on the night of February 15th, the National Maine Monument committee will organize a bureau for the object that whenever it is desired to commemorate the memory of the men whose lives were lost in the disruption of the Maine, Ex-Vice President Levi P. Morton was chairman of the committee, Geo. J. Gould was treasurer and Paul Latzke manager of the bank. The committee included such names as Gen. Stewart A. Miles, commander of the United States army, Cardinal Gibbons, Thos. F. Bayard, Archbishop Corrigan, W. C. Whitney, Tomas secretary of the navy, the governors of sixteen states and the mayors of seventy-four of the principal cities of the country.

Early in May the above committee on Memorial Day issued the following circular letter to the churches of the country, asking that on Sunday, the eighth day of May, special memorial services in the Maine Memorial be held and that the collections of that day be dedicated to the erection of a monument to mark their final resting-place.

"TO BISHOPS:

"Reverend and Dear Sir:

"The undersigned, acting under the National Maine Memorial committee, authority, desire to call to your attention the fact that the Sunday nearest the 15th of February, the date of the destruction of the United States battleship Maine in Havana harbor, was the occasion of the loss of 266 of our brave men, and that the Sunday nearest the 5th of May, the date of the battle of Manila, in which our fleet under Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet, was the occasion of the loss of 16 more of our brave men.

"The men who sailed with Dewey upon the Bay of Manila were not all Christians, but they were all patriots, and it was for them that our Christian churches of the United States, on the Sunday nearest the 15th of February, had taken up a collection for their benefit and our relief.

"The dangers in their lives were certainly as considerable as any of our soldiers and sailors have encountered, which fact has caused us to think that our people would be willing to contribute to a memorial to their memory.

"It is our wish and purpose to erect a memorial to each of the 266 who lost their lives in the Maine disaster, and to the memory of the 16 who died in the battle of Manila Bay, and we have thought that the Sunday nearest the 5th of May, the date of the battle of Manila Bay, would be a fitting time for the churches of the United States to take up a collection for the purpose of erecting a memorial to each of the 282 who lost their lives in the service of their country.

"We have thought that the Sunday nearest the 15th of February, the date of the destruction of the Maine, would be a fitting time for the churches of the United States to take up a collection for the purpose of erecting a memorial to each of the 266