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PARIS, JUNE 18, 1869.

We started yesterday morning, accompanied by President C. C. Rich and a number of brethren on horseback, for Soda Springs. We reached there about 11 a.m., remained a few hours to give the animals time to rest, and then started back. We arrived at Montpelier a short time before sun-down, having, during the day, traveled seventy miles. The water of the springs made some of those who drank it, sick.

This morning, we had a very interesting meeting at Montpelier. The speakers were Elders Wilford Woodruff, Ezra T. Benson, Geo. Q. Cannon, B. Young, jr., and President Brigham Young. As this is the first visit this place has ever had from the President and his company, subjects which might have been trite in other settlements that are more frequently visited, possessed a freshness and interest that were charming to both speakers and hearers. One point was enforced very plainly and emphatically, that any person selling liquor here should, if the practice were persisted in after to-day, be cut off from the Church. The sale of liquor must cease, or the standing and fellowship of the person selling it be forfeited. This is a decision that every right feeling man and woman in the community will endorse.

After the meeting, we drove to the ferry, crossed, and came on to this place, passing through the little town of Ovid, a place which I forgot to mention, we

passed through on our way down,—which is a thrifty little place, and principally settled by Scandinavians. They had erected an arch of evergreens for us to pass under, and all the population was out to welcome us.

LIBERTY, June 20th, 1869.

Yesterday—Saturday—meetings were held in the Bowery at Paris, which had been prepared for the occasion. The morning was occupied by President D. H. Wells and Elder B. Young, Jun. The afternoon by Elders W. Woodruff, John W. Young and E. T. Benson. After the meeting a School of the Prophets was convened, and this morning, previous to the public meeting, the members again met, and the School was fully organized. Twelve elders were also selected and set apart as a High Council for this Stake of Zion, and Elder David P. Kimball was chosen to preside over the Stake, which includes for the present all the settlements in this valley.

The public meeting in the morning was addressed by Elders George Q. Cannon and Wm. H. Hooper, and in the afternoon by Presidents Brigham Young and Daniel H. Wells. The President informed the meeting of the selection of Elder David P. Kimball to preside over the Stake, under the direction of Elder Charles C. Rich, and in his remarks, alluded in a very feeling manner to Elder Kimball's father, the late President Heber C. Kimball, and the long, intimate and brotherly intercourse which he had with him, extending over about forty-five years. No person who had known President Kimball, his steadfastness and inflexible integrity could listen to the touching tribute which was paid to his memory this afternoon by President Young without his sympathy being moved. Their love for each other had been as the love of David and Jonathan, "passing the love of women."

The vote to sustain Elder David P. Kimball in his new position was unanimous. All feel that the selection is a judicious one, and to Bro. Charles C. Rich, upon whose shoulders the entire responsibility of presiding in this valley has heretofore rested, the appointment is most welcome, as his duties have been very onerous. He will have the aid of a young, active man of good judgment.

Very plain and pointed instructions have been given at these meetings upon the "Word of Wisdom," co-operation and improvements in building, fencing, planting orchards and shade trees, and the construction of a road from St. Charles, in this valley, to Logan, Cache Valley. This road is to be built up St. Charles canyon and across a divide into Logan canyon, and when completed it will have, it is stated, an easy grade and the distance from St. Charles to Logan will not be more than thirty miles. This will be a great saving of travel, and will bring the people of this valley within one and a half or two days' travel of the railroad.

These instructions, it is hoped, will give a great impulse to improvements of every kind throughout this valley, and produce a marked change in the appearance of the settlements by the time the President and his company again visit them.

Liberty, where we now are, is distant from Paris about seven miles. As soon as the meeting dismissed at Paris this afternoon, we bade our friends farewell, stepped into the carriages, which were waiting for us at the Bowery, and drove here. This is a small but thrifty settlement, situated on a beautiful stream called North Creek. The facilities for the few families which are here are excellent, and though they inform me the snows are deep in the winter, there seems to be no serious obstacle in the way of their accumulating wealth. The elements which are usually viewed as constituting wealth are here in sufficient abundance to make it a comparatively easy matter for an industrious, skillful man to surround himself with all the comforts of life. Elder E. N. Austin presides here.

LOGAN, June 22, '69.

The drive from Liberty to Franklin, Cache valley, on Monday, was a tiresome one for animals and men; the distance is variously estimated at from

forty to forty-five miles. The ascent of the cañon, and the ascent and descent of the mountain which has to be crossed in passing out of Bear Lake valley by this route, made the journey more fatiguing than a much greater distance on a level road would have done. Our trip from Montpelier to Soda Springs and back—a distance of seventy miles—was made in one day without the animals being as tired as they were yesterday in traveling from Liberty to Franklin. In leaving Liberty we were accompanied to the head of the cañon by Brothers Joseph C. Rich, E. N. Austin, Solomon Hale and Hugh McClellan, and on the summit of the mountain were met by a detachment of cavalry under the command of Col. Wm. Lewis, of Richmond. Their assistance in descending the mountain we found of great service, as none of our vehicles were provided with breaks, and they had to be extemporized for the occasion. Another company of cavalry, from Franklin, met us after we descended the mountain. Our reception at Franklin was immense. I had no idea that the town contained such a population as was drawn up on each side of the main street as we passed in. The scene was one of great interest, the music of the really fine band, the waving of the banners and the enthusiasm of the people, young and old, who had put on their holiday attire to welcome the President and his company, made an impression on those present which will not soon be forgotten. These expressions of good-will and gladness were not the homage of a despotically governed people to the tyrant of whom they stood in fear, or the tribute which the people of a monarchy render to their sovereign to gain his favor; but they were the spontaneous and heartfelt manifestations of genuine love which a free people extended to a man, whom they felt, in the hands of God, to be their greatest benefactor. There was no mistaking the sentiments which prompted them. It was only necessary to look at their faces once to become satisfied that they were animated by such feelings as it might be supposed children would have for a loving and tender parent from whom they had long been separated. "Mormonism," as the world usually call our system, may be hated and despised; but that does not detract in the least from the enjoyment of those who truly possess its spirit. They love one another and their leaders with an intensity of affection that abundantly compensates for any difficulty they may have to contend with from their enemies.

We held meeting at Franklin and remained there that night. The speakers were, President D. H. Wells, Hon. W. H. Hooper and President B. Young. To-day, in passing through Richmond, Smithfield, Hyde Park and into Logan, the scenes of last evening have been repeated, each settlement seeming to vie with its neighbor in making a fine display; and where all have done so well it is difficult to assign a preference to any one place. There has been no time lost to-day; we held a meeting at Richmond, at which Elders W. Woodruff, G. Q. Cannon, B. Young, Jun., and President B. Young spoke; another at Smithfield, where President D. H. Wells, Elder George Q. Cannon and President B. Young addressed the congregation; and still another at Hyde Park, where Elders B. Young, Jun., John W. Young, Wilford Woodruff and President B. Young made remarks. We have received the usual very hospitable welcome at this place, and to-morrow morning the two days' meetings will commence. [Minutes of which see in another portion of to day and to-morrow's paper.]

OGDEN, June 25, 1869.

After the meeting on Thursday afternoon we drove to Wellsville and held meeting, at which President D. H. Wells and Elders W. Woodruff and Geo. Q. Cannon spoke to the people. The most of the company were lulled to sleep that night by the sweet strains of the string band which went to the houses where they lodged to serenade them. We left Wellsville this morning at 6 o'clock, and passed through Copenhagen, and reached Brigham City so much earlier than was ex-

pected, that we arrived at both places before they had time to make the demonstrations of welcome. At Brigham City, however, these were reserved for the President when he went to the meeting, and they were very fine. The meeting was addressed by Hon. W. H. Hooper, Elder B. Young, jr., and Presidents D. H. Wells and Brigham Young. We reached this place about 5 p.m., and it is our intention to leave here for home at 4 a.m. to-morrow, and will breakfast at Bishop Layton's, Kaysville, and probably be in the city by noon.

When we shall have reached the city, the distance traveled by President Young and his company on this trip will not be far from four hundred and thirty miles. They have held twenty-one meetings—exclusive of one meeting with the School of the Prophets at Ogden, and two meetings with the School at Paris, and a meeting with the children of the Sunday School at Logan—and have delivered sixty-one discourses. The settlements in a direct line, from the northern to the southern limits of the Territory, have all been visited by President Young and his fellow missionaries since last April Conference. To do this, upwards of eleven hundred miles have been traveled, sixty-three public meetings have been held and one hundred and eighty-three discourses have been delivered,—no small amount of labor when the difficulties of traveling are taken into consideration. The First Presidency and the other elders have exerted themselves to teach and counsel the people; they have been diligent; it now remains with the people to show whether these visits and meetings have been profitable to them. If they have been, then it may be reasonably expected that a great change for the better will be apparent in many respects in the settlements when they are again visited by the President.

Original Poetry.

[For the Deseret News.]

THE TRAVELER'S TRIBUTE.

Through the gorges grand and gloomy
O'er the deserts wide and drear,
Pushing on so swift and madly
Comes the weary traveler here—
Comes to find a dreamy quiet
'Neath the leafy locust shade—
Comes to listen to sweet music
By the murmuring waters made.

Comes to rest both soul and body,
Weak with travel and with toil—
Comes to find a second Eden,
Not distract with dark turmoil—
Comes to see the bloom of labor
Flushing bright on every cheek—
Comes to learn a touching lesson,
Wherein actions only speak!

Comes to learn the worth of labor
When with patience 'tis allied;
Comes to see the strength of union,
When with wisdom 'tis applied—
Comes to gaze around and wonder
How great cities may arise,
From such deserts dry and sterile
As around us meet our eyes!

"NED BUNTLINE."

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