

Reunion of Kirtland
Pioneers at Social Hall



KIRTLAND TEMPLE.

BEAUTIFUL for situation is the appellation which may well be applied to the rolling expanse of green country, upon which is located the charming village of Kirtland, which, in 1831, was a village of plain and sturdy farmers and tradespeople, all of them descendants of the old New England stock, and most of them from Massachusetts. This section of the upper Ohio was already the scene of strong religious revivals. It was here that the Whitneys, the Partridges, the Johnsons and others lived who had been brought together by the stirring and impressive eloquence of Sidney Rigden. It was here, too, that the way was made plain and smooth for the feet of the prophet, who had just begun his wonderful career as Revelator and Teacher. Invited by that good friend, Elder Newel K. Whitney, to make the spacious Whitney home his abiding place, the prophet came to Kirtland and made it his headquarters.

The children of these latter days have the evidences all about them of the mighty works of their own fathers and mothers in this new blossoming land of Utah, but there are as great, as impressive, and as stupendous deeds of pioneering, of subduing obstacles and of converting a wilderness into a fruitful field, in the early history of this Church as have occurred in later annals. For, in those early

times, the prophet-pioneer had no friend to guide him and no path marked out by other feet. His was the first and, at that time, the only voice and hand which were raised to enlighten and from frontier to frontier.

Lovely Kirtland! City where a thousand citizens were welcomed in a month, and where costly homes, business houses, banks and mills sprang up like magic of an Arabian dream. It was here that the excellent home of Luke Johnson sheltered the youthful Martha Johnson, and where the silver-haired soprano of Elizabeth Ann Whitney first charmed the ears of the youthful prophet and won for her the friendship of eternal duration. It was here that strange conditions stalked side by side, as in ever the case with heavenly visitations where darkness seemed like an impenetrable veil over weak and ambitious minds, while the strong and the pure were suffused with the golden light of eternal day. Turbulent and violent demonstrations and disorders marked the meteoric passage of time in this village. Here the temple was built which is even now acknowledged by tourists and artists to be the finest example of early colonial architecture in the state of Ohio. Here the Lord Himself appeared, and here indeed, the greatest apostasy ever witnessed in the Church broke out among the people of God.

The temple still stands, as does the house where the first wife of the Patriarch Hyrum Smith, who was the mother of the present patriarch of the Church, died and whence she was buried. Here also stands the well preserved home of Sidney Rigden, and the fine old structure occupied by Luke Johnson, but the village itself has gone back to its original sleepy condition. The rows now browse on the grassy streets and the well-curb has disappeared into the hidden pool below. The graves alone, lying all about the temple, testify that this place was once a city whose streets sounded with the traffic of trade and the rush of business. Kirtland of today is the Kirtland of 1830, excepting as the silent and almost unused temple crowning the highest summit, and the unbroken graves in the ward around the white walls bear evidence to the traveler or historian that there was once life upon these Ohio hills.

In this temple, we are told, were

held the funeral services of Brigham Young's first wife, Miriam Wark Young, whose funeral services were presided over by President Joseph Smith, who prophesied, among other things, that her body would not lie long in the tomb, but would soon be resurrected. Here, too, the services were held for William Young's father, Joseph Young Sr., were noted, and he was among those blessed by the prophet for faithful work on the temple. To this place came Brigham Young, father and brothers, Wilford Woodruff, with the Snows, the Pratts, the Alches, and other famous heads of Mormon families.

Kirtland was the first gathering place of Zion, and it is well that the sons and daughters of these earliest pioneers, should meet and recall by story and song those impressive and joyful events. Let each descendant bring his tribute of memory and gift to enrich the collection of facts and relics to be made part of the gathering in the Social Hall on the evening of March 13. For the purpose of assisting in perpetuating the remembrance of historical facts connected with the Church, it has been decided to invite the descendants of those who participated in those events to meet occasionally in the Social Hall, State street, for social converse and entertainment.

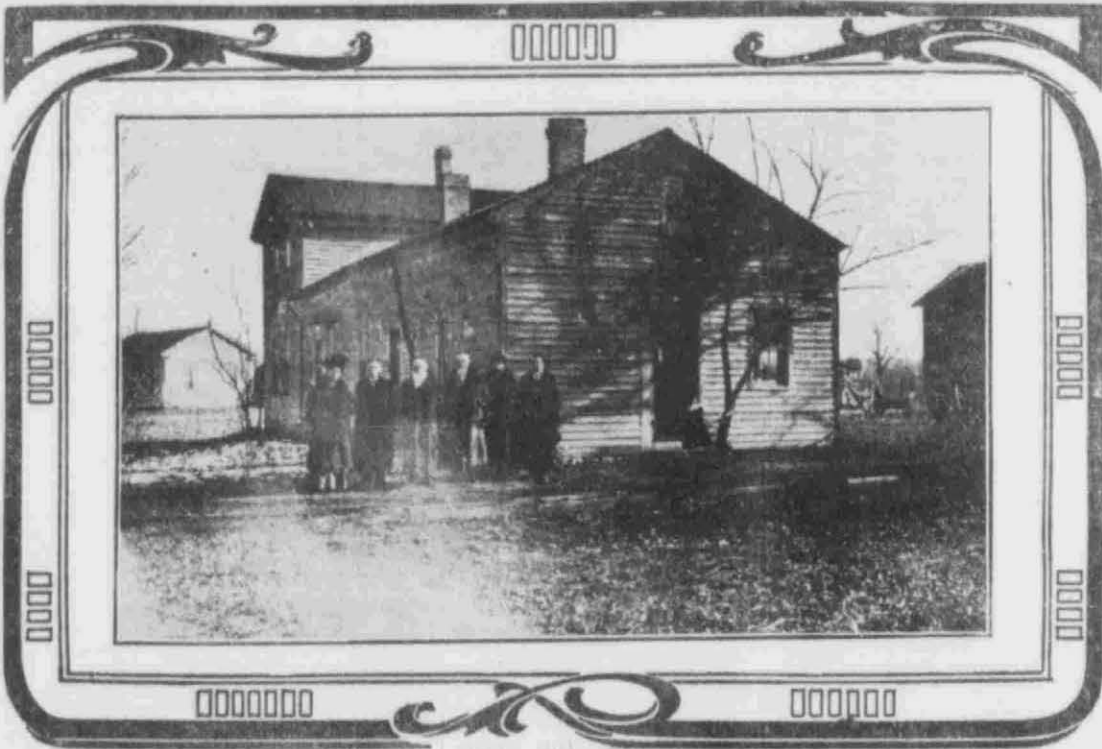
The first of these historic balls, which are to be given by the social section of the Genealogical society, will take place next Thursday evening, March 11, in honor of the Kirtland pioneers and their sons and daughters.

The committee requests the pioneers of Kirtland, their sons and daughters, and also those who became members of the Church in the years 1830 and 1831, to kindly send their names and addresses, and any historical information they may possess to Annie Lynch, historical office, Salt Lake City.

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KIRTLAND HOME OF PATRIARCH HYRUM SMITH.

Blot on American History.

Story of the Sufferings of the Latter-day Saints One of Greatest Wrongs Perpetrated in this Republic.

To the editor of the Waterford (Wisconsin) Post the "News" is indebted for a copy of the following oration delivered by Mr. Francis Bennett at the Milwaukee normal school, winning second place in the recent oratorical contest in that institution of learning. Editor Malone of the Post considers it a strong defense of the principle of religious liberty so grossly violated in the treatment of the Latter-day Saints in their past history. Following is the address in full:

THE NEW WORLD REGIRA.

The dawn of a new truth has always been marked by the persecution of the reformer. From the time when the Christ child, emblem of the great truth, was hurried into Egypt lest He fall a victim to the wrath of Herod; from the time when the pilgrims sought this

land that they might preserve the faith, which was dearer than home, dearer than life itself; from the beginning of time up to our own twentieth century, man's inhumanity to man has evidenced itself particularly in the treatment of the bringer of new truths. It is almost unbelievable that in the present age of intelligence and religious tolerance a people should undergo persecution and even death because they followed the dictates of conscience. Yet, this is precisely what happened in this very country within the memory of our fathers. Outrages were perpetrated in the early thirties which will ever stand as a living denial of the doctrine of religious freedom in America.

I am about to speak to you of a sect which on account of adherence to a tradition they earnestly believed, were destined to become one of the most persecuted of peoples. I am speaking not as an advocate of any religious dogma, but as a defender of the doctrine of

religious liberty. I am speaking not as an advocate of any religious sect, but as an admirer of the industry and unity which have been maintained by a sect during a long siege of persecution.

FOUNDING OF NEW FAITH.

About the year 1820, the people of Manchester, New York, became aroused over the fact that a young man, living in the vicinity claimed to be divinely inspired. This young man defended his claims by displaying a book with leaves of gold. This book he declared had been sent from heaven to guide him in the founding of a new religion. At first the founder's own family were his only followers, but the sect gradually increased in numbers.

For a short time Kirtland, Ohio, was made the headquarters of the new religion. Almost from the beginning, however, the leaders of the sect seem to have contemplated settling in the thinly populated regions of the far west, where land was less expensive. Therefore, after a short residence at Kirtland, they determined to found a new Jerusalem in Missouri. The journey was more hazardous than they had been led to expect. They moved in the dead of winter. The last three hundred miles led them over a wild and desolate prairie, trackless and without habitation. For whole days,

they had no fire and no food, except raw bacon and frozen bread. Frequently they waded through snow waist deep. Nevertheless, they struggled heroically onward, feeling that they were engaged in the service of truth. At last they reached their destination. Here they fondly hoped to find a home and a refuge.

DESPOILED OF THEIR HOMES.

Their hopes were soon shattered, for their gentle neighbors had taken a dislike to their religious beliefs. Unprincipled men saw an opportunity to secure cheaply land that had been honestly paid for and made valuable through the thrift and industry of their neighbors. Charges without foundation were brought against the new settlers. A lawless, heartless mob, under the implied sanction of civil authority, during the bleak days of November, 1838, drove this unfortunate

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band towards the Mississippi. The old, the sick, and the dying were exposed to hunger and every privation. The leaders sought aid from the governor, but they received none. They told their tragic story to the president, but he calmly replied, "Gentlemen, your cause is just, but I can do nothing for you. If I expose your cause, I shall lose the vote of Missouri." Assaulted on every hand, they crossed the river to Illinois, where they were kindly received.

"NAUVOO, THE BEAUTIFUL."

Although stripped of almost all of their worldly possessions when they were turned into the wilderness, they soon repaired their losses. They purchased land and built comfortable homes. In the swamp in which they settled, they founded a city which they called "Nauvoo," the beautiful, and, indeed, the name soon seemed not inappropriate. Can you realize how many trials and hardships were attendant on the building of a city in this wilderness? Surely the work of these poverty-stricken people in a brief period was one of the greatest material enterprises of a great industrial age.

LEADER ASSASSINATED.

In spite of the fact that this city was entirely the fruit of their own labors, they were not permitted to enjoy prosperity. Again, mob feeling awayed the actions of the people. The leader of the sect was thrown into jail at Carthage. At night fell a hand of outlaws broke into the cell. When the prisoner tried to escape, he was shot down in cold blood. The country is aroused today over the dastardly deeds of the night riders in our southern states. Summary justice has been meted out to the offenders. Here is a parallel case, but the perpetrators were not even captured. After this outrage had been committed, mob forces marched into the city. Again the state authorities refused to lend assistance. Again the persecuted despaired and decided to leave the city. Still angry passion was not satisfied. Yelling like savages, these blood-thirsty wretches plundered everything in their path, even to unspiking and scattering on the ground the food that the afflicted had gathered for the journey. This indignity and enterprising people who had built in a worthless swamp a flourishing city, were once more obliged to camp in the wilderness.

WHAT WERE THEIR CRIMES?

And what were the crimes for which they had suffered? Poverty, superstition, and unpopular doctrines; these were the crimes for which 14,000 inhabitants were driven from their homes in the dead of winter. In the middle ages? No! In a country which

200 years before had offered a refuge from religious persecution. In a country whose constitution guarantees to all freedom of religious belief.

Let us follow these exiles as they take up their dreary pilgrimage over the wild deserts of the west. The hardships endured on this journey can never be fully described. In order to reach their destination, these pilgrims had to travel a distance of 3,400 miles across an uninhabited, uncultivated and unexplored strip of country. They were exposed to every kind of privation, to heat and to cold, to hunger and to thirst, to sickness and to death. A shallow grave, scooped out hurriedly in the desert sand forced a fitting resting place for many a faithful follower.

PATRIOTISM UNQUENCHED.

Nevertheless, such treatment was not sufficient to quench the spirit of patriotism in this despised people. Hardly had they begun this tedious journey, when war broke out with Mexico. The president applied to the band of strangers for volunteers. Bear in mind the government applied to men who had several times been driven from their homes, if not at the request of the state, yet with the sanction of the state authorities and who were now suffering destitution and hardship as a direct consequence of these acts. Still patriotism overcame resentment and 600 men were provided.

When the little band, which had been greatly reduced by disease and death and by their act of patriotism which impelled them to give their strongest men to their country's cause, when the little band reached the height of Mt. Pisgah, and viewed the valley which was to be their future home, they saw before them a worthless tract of alkali desert hemmed in by mountain ranges covered to their very base with snow, a region given up wholly to savages and wild beasts. In spite of the surrounding dangers, the weary pilgrims were filled with delight. Here at last was a refuge and a home. Here, they would be safe from the persecution and the cruelties that had heretofore been their lot.

Success crowned their labor and their history from this time on is a record of continuous prosperity. The wild mountain streams were pressed into service. The alkali plains were turned into fields of grain. Co-operative industries were established in which the poor had an equal share with the rich. This wronged people bore no hatred toward their persecutors or toward the government that had refused them aid. At the very outbreak of the Civil war, their leader informed the president by telegraph that Utah would uphold the Constitution and the laws. Later, they offered a body of picked scouts to guard the government mail route from at-

tacks by hostile Indians and Lincoln gladly accepted. Again in our recent war with Spain, the sons of Utah were conspicuous among the brave riders. And still they are persecuted. They are the one religious sect that has suffered in our own days every persecution at the hands of Christian people. Buddhists and the followers of Confucius were tolerated in their own land but these people, worshipping the God we worship were treated in a manner savoring of barbarism.

ONE OF REPUBLIC'S GREATEST WRONGS.

We may not agree with the religious beliefs of this people. In fact, we may disagree with them utterly. Still we must admit that the creed has virtues as well as faults. "Not how much chaff there is in you, but whether there is any wheat," says Carlyle. For the sake of the few grains of wheat, they should have received some consideration. Remember, I do not speak in extenuation of their faults, I merely wish to see this people given justice and fair play. I say that in this point in our history the principles of American government were grossly violated and that the story of the sufferings of the "Latter-day Saints" of Utah will go down into history as one of the greatest wrongs ever perpetrated against the citizens of this republic.

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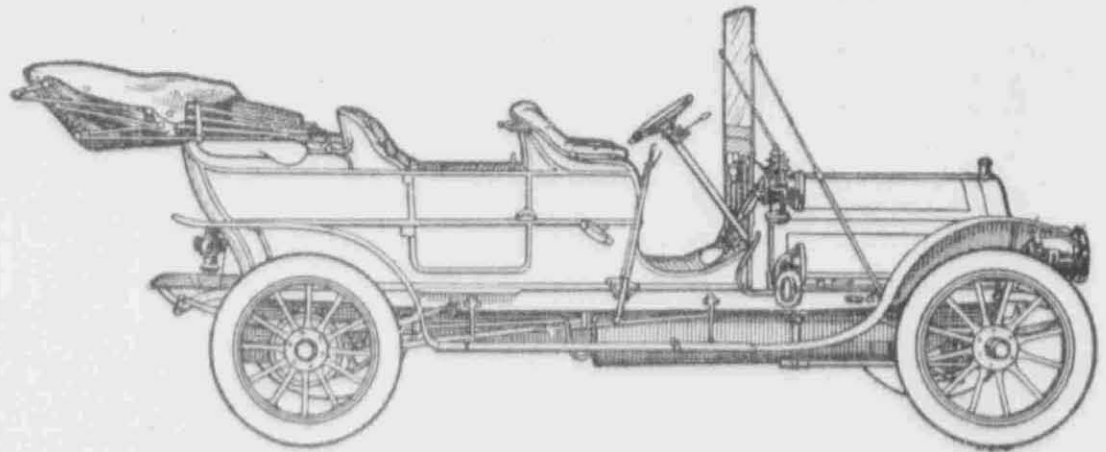
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