

Poetry.

[Selected.]

YOUR MISSION.

If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet:
You can stand among the sailors
Anchored yet within the bay,
You can lend a hand to help them
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey
Upon the mountain steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
While the multitude go by;
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly move along,
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver
Ever ready to command,
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever open hand,
You can visit the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep:
You can be a true disciple,
Sitting at the Savior's feet.

If you cannot in the conflict
Prove yourself a soldier true,
If, where fire and smoke are thickest,
There's no work for you to do;
When the battle-field is silent,
You can go with careful tread,
You can bear away the wounded,
You can cover up the dead.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting,
For some greater work to do!
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do and dare;
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere.

Correspondence.

CONTINUATION OF PRESIDENT
YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

Sept. 9.

After a military review, the company rolled out of Fillmore, drove to Corn Creek settlement, and remained there overnight. We received our first mail from the City here.

BEAVER CITY.

Sept. 10.

Early this morning we were upon the way for Beaver City, arriving about 5 p. m. Ten miles out we were met by a well mounted and equipped escort; and nearer the city we were met by Bishop John R. Murdock, who was accompanied by many citizens on horseback, and a band of musicians drawn by two span of horses. All the citizens of Beaver seemed to be alive to the occasion, for we continued to meet citizens in wagons and on horseback, and little boys were strung along the road for miles, all anxious to meet and bid the President and his company welcome. On nearing the Public Square we were pleased to see, for the first time in Beaver, a fine liberty pole not less than 80 feet high, with the Stars and Stripes at its extremity, fluttering and crackling merrily in the breeze. A little west of this we visited with gladness the commencement of a substantial meeting-house 32 by 55 feet, with a basement story designed for school purposes, educational lectures, parties, quorum meetings etc. The rock work has already been laid up to the first floor; the upper story is to be finished with brick. On the east and on the west, as we drove to the Public square the eye met almost in every direction new buildings, chiefly composed of burned brick, and new barns, some in the course of erection and others completed. A very fine barn is being built in Bishop Murdock's yard, and the poles of former years are giving way to a good substantial board fence. Loads of good brick and lumber were lying around the house, indicating future additions, and more extensive improvements. The place where Bishop Murdock now lives, and which he now owns, is where bro. Farnsworth formerly lived. The spirit of improvement which has long slumbered in Beaver is rising from the dust of slothful indifference if we may judge from the evidences which may be seen on every hand.

Sept. 11th.

MEETINGS.

At 10 a. m., we met the people of Beaver in a good bowery to worship the Lord.

The meeting was opened by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon.

Elder W. Woodruff exhorted the

Saints to continued diligence in building up the Kingdom of God; taught that the Priesthood has the right to dictate in things temporal as well as things spiritual. Complimented the people of Beaver on their improvements and encouraged them to continue improving in everything.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon treated on the great importance of the redemption of our bodies and spirits; and reasoned at some length on the continued wisdom manifested in the counsels of the servants of God appointed to lead His people. Those counsels may at times be hard to understand, for in our ignorance we cannot comprehend the thoughts and ways of God, but the continued wisdom manifested in them, and the blessings that have constantly followed obedience to them, leaves no room for further doubt in the sufficiency of the Priesthood of God to guide us in the future.

Elder C. C. Rich spoke upon our making a heaven of the earth on which we dwell, beautifying and adorning it, and preparing it for the coming of the Son of man, overcoming evil, putting away wrongs of every kind and living according to the commandments of God continually in all things.

Elder Lorenzo Snow adverted in happy terms to the good results following the visits of the President and company to the various settlements, and complimented the citizens of Beaver on the manifestations of welcome with which they had greeted his arrival. He gave some counsel in relation to fruit growing, and exhorted the people to live their religion.

Afternoon.

Bishop John W. Hess opened the meeting.

Bishop E. D. Woolley addressed the people, bearing testimony to the preaching of this morning's meeting.

Elder E. T. Benson spoke of the spirit of improvement manifested in Beaver, and exhorted the people to continue in it, not waiting until they felt able to accomplish something great, but doing a little as they can and progressing from little to greater works of improvement.

Elder Geo. A. Smith discoursed a short time on planting out fruit; after which

President Young spoke about half an hour.

Meeting dismissed by Elder G. A. Smith.

PAROWAN.

Between seven and eight o'clock this morning the company rolled out of Beaver, and after a somewhat dusty drive arrived in Parowan at 4 p. m. About seven miles out from Parowan we were met by a splendidly mounted, well-armed escort, accompanied by a brass band of twelve capital instruments. These instruments were imported by Br. D. O. Calder, from New York last year, and they were played upon in a manner very creditable for the time they have been in the hands of the band. Col. Wm. H. Dame commanding the escort and president of this stake, Judge Silas Smith, and Jesse N. Smith, also met the President to bid him and his company welcome to the hospitalities of the county. On entering the city we were greeted by the ready bows of school children dressed in their best. Further on were fourteen young ladies dressed in white, with a scarlet sash hung from the left shoulder and tied in a bow on the right side. They bore a banner with the words "Parowan Harmonic Society." This was a very neat, chaste and happy representation of the divine science of harmony. I understand they do not sing by the "Tonic Sol Fa" system of notation, which we would recommend as being worthy of their adoption. On being fairly introduced into the heart of the city we found Daniel Page, acting Bishop, busily engaged in distributing the company to their quarters, which was done in an orderly and prompt manner, and I have no doubt to the satisfaction of all.

The grain crops in this vicinity have fared badly this year, having been attacked by a destructive insect, and then by a killing frost. Parowan apparently is unchanged, and the new meeting house becoming old in its newness, or, in its unfinished state, stands as we saw it last year; on the south of it, however, we discover a new bowery which I will describe again. I had forgotten to say that the members of the band above-mentioned were dressed in uniform of home-made stuff, of a light blue color, and presented a comfortable and gay appearance.

Here we met Elder Amasa M. Lyman.

At half-past five we attended meeting at the old log meeting house. Bishop E. D. Woolley opened the meeting.

Elder Ezra T. Benson addressed the

meeting on obedience to the principles of the gospel in everyday life, being kind and gentle, avoiding wrong-doing and living according to the light revealed through the counsels of the holy Priesthood.

Elder Lorenzo Snow spoke on the progress of the Saints, spiritually and temporally, and advised the people to plant out fruit trees more generally and abundantly that they and their children may enjoy the fruit of them.

Meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow by Elder George Q. Cannon.

Br. W. R. Butt reported that he met Elders F. D. Richards and A. M. Musser at 3 o'clock on the 11th, four miles north of Pangwitch, on the Sevier, they were doing well and expected to join the company at Tokerville on Thursday next.

THE BOWERY.

Sept. 13.

At 10 a. m. we met under a bowery 54x77. This bowery differs from any which we have seen in the Territory. The height in the centre is about 15 feet, sloping to the sides. The roof is sustained by two rows of clean scantling. To these are bolted the stretchers or rafters of the roof, which appear to be about six feet apart. Across these are stretched, at two feet apart, strips of lumber, and over all is placed a thin layer of brush, scarcely sufficient to make enough shade. The west and south sides are put up with scantling and boards, to which the roof is bolted fast. A spacious stand is situate on the south and decorated with flowers, green boughs, pictures, maps, etc. This structure is not yet finished. The whole is fenced around with a neat picket fence, and is an airy, shady and lightsome place for summer meetings. Hardy grapes planted at each post all around, and trained over the roof, would add much to the appearance of this bowery, and be at once pleasant and profitable.

THE MEETINGS.

Pres. B. Young spoke for some time.

Elder George Q. Cannon treated on the information imparted to the people on their varied duties by the President and those traveling with him on these trips, and of the knowledge thus received and the increase of union consequent thereupon. We are receiving lessons in blessings, and the more our experience increases we are the more capable of enjoying and appreciating the blessings of heaven. By living so as to enjoy the Holy Ghost, and exercising great faith in God, we can accomplish all that the Lord requires us to do to be the recipients of all the blessings He has promised to us.

Elder W. Woodruff touched upon the bondage of evil and the liberty guaranteed in the gospel. He spoke of the force and power of habit, and exhorted the Saints to so accustom themselves to doing right that by being habituated in it they would not be able to feel contented while any duty remained unperformed which might be required of them. He encouraged them to abide the counsel of the President in attending to their temporal duties as readily as they would if called to go on missions.

Meeting was adjourned for one hour by Elder George A. Smith.

Afternoon.

Singing by the Parowan Harmonic Society, who occupied a well put up stand on the west side of the bowery. Their singing is a credit to their leader, Br. Thomas Durham, and they bid fair to be second to none in the Territory. Bishop Lunt, from Cedar City, who came into Parowan last evening, with twelve wagons containing the Cedar choir and citizens, and a mounted escort to meet the company, returned to Cedar after this morning's meeting, to prepare to receive the President and his company this evening.

Meeting opened by Elder G. D. Watt. Elder George A. Smith spoke a few minutes on the necessity of Saints doing all that they are counseled to do, and being ready for every emergency.

Elder C. C. Rich alluded to the erroneous traditions which had been entertained by many of the Saints in the past in relation to the Kingdom of God, and reasoned on the nature of the work to be done in building up that kingdom, showing that it embraces every duty spiritual and temporal required of man by the Lord. The speaker pointed to the blessings we enjoy in this region, once so desolate and forbidding, and the labor that had been employed with the blessing of God in making these valleys bring forth in abundance for the sustenance of life. The Lord has thus far fulfilled His promises made to His people, and will do so in the future if we are faithful. He requires us to keep His commandments, preparing ourselves in every way to maintain our in-

tegrity to the truth and defend the principles of righteousness.

Elder D. J. Ross spoke on military drill.

Pres. B. Young moved that the committee to build the meeting-house in Parowan be released, and that a committee of one be appointed. This motion was carried, and Pres. W. H. Dame was appointed said committee to finish the house. Pres. Young then required the brethren of Parowan to respond to the calls that may be made upon them by Br. Dame, put on the roof this Fall, and finish the house so as to meet in it next winter. He then blessed the people in the name of the Lord, and dismissed the meeting.

[For some reason, the letter containing an account of the trip from Parowan to Tokerville has not come to hand up to the hour of our going to press. Ed. News.]

Tokerville, Sept. 14th, 1865.

The grape yield in Tokerville this year has not been more than half a crop, and the vines are now being preyed upon by an insect which turns the leaves yellow. The peach crop was destroyed by a cold dry wind in the Spring; other crops have done well, and with a few exceptions the southern settlements have raised bread enough to do them until another harvest. We do not observe any further improvements in Tokerville. I understand that lumber is hard to be obtained, which is a great drawback upon the growth of the settlement. More vineyards have been planted, and the people seem alive in planting out fruit trees of every kind. They have traded off their grapes to the nearest settlements on the northern side of the rim of the great basin, at the rate of twelve pounds of grapes for a bushel of wheat. The cotton crop is reported to be very good this season, and more cotton will be picked than in other years.

Sept., 15.

We were on the road for St. George at 7 a. m., and arrived in Washington at noon. We passed over some of the finest dugways in the valleys of the mountains, leading the traveler over extensive ledges of volcanic rock. These roads have cost the citizens of these settlements an immense amount of labor and means, and give to the world another evidence of the indomitable perseverance, unflagging energy and untiring industry of this people. Washington City remains unchanged; no improvements since last year, except the planting out of more grape vines and fruit trees. The fruit crops in Washington have also been cut off this year by the dry cold winds of last Spring.

MEETING AT WASHINGTON.

After attending to our animals, and taking a little refreshment ourselves, we attended meeting under a good bowery, which was suggestive of the one we described in Parowan, and which the people of Washington intend to cover with grapevines of some hardy variety. The only difference is in the sides; this is embraced by a close wicker-work, with a fence around it, which is indeed very neat and substantial.

Pres. Young spoke a few minutes, after which

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon addressed the meeting on the government of God, showing that it controls in eternity, and that through His Priesthood he dictates His children on the earth.

Elder Ezra T. Benson referred to the desert region around which was being settled, made habitable, and through faith and industry was bringing forth produce to minister to the wants of the people. He encouraged them not to be disheartened because their fruit crop had been measurably a failure this year, pointing out that such crops occasionally failed in the best fruit growing countries; and exhorted them while laboring diligently to secure bread for the sustenance of the natural body to seek above all things to possess the bread of life.

Elder G. A. Smith briefly alluded to the work which we have to perform, the redemption of Zion, which simply means the redemption of this earth, and blessed the people, after which he dismissed the meeting.

ON TO ST. GEORGE.

The carriages were all ready and we at once continued our journey to St. George, traveling over an exceedingly rough country of red sand, in many places impregnated with saline deposits. We passed over a dugway cut in the side of a little mountain of black boulders of volcanic rock, of immense size, which seem to have been thrown there from the mouth of a neighboring volcano. It is marvelous the amount of labor these