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ago-when Dixie was talked about and written about a great deal. In those days it often came to pass that the great men of the Church spent their winters there. Brigham Young loved the sunny, sandy land of Dixie. And so did that other great heart and big brain-Erastus Snow.

What wonderful times those were! The long caravan would start out from Salt Lake City, President Young in his Concord buggy in the lead, with Orson Arnold as driver; behind came President Geo, A. Smith, and after, trailed buggy after buggy, women and chil-dren always put in the most comfort-able places, while the whole party were in their holiday mood and on their best

The meetings along the route crowded to suffecation; the Sunday school children lining the village streets with bloom of youth and beauty of banners and flowers; the prancing horsemen coming out to meet the party and escort them into the town; the brass band blowing its hardest and loudest while the nearback stand with the people stood with loving eyes, watching the approach of Zion's lead-

ers. All this was in the long ago. The towns between Salt Lake and Dixle are stient now-almost forgotten. Other interests, other duties have absorbed the passing hours. But memory's ear is open, and the echo of those long tone happy days rings its chime forever in the loyal heart. Brigham Young, George A. Smith and

Erastus Snow have gone! But many of those who knew and loved them well are still in Dixie, and in the towns leading there. The black ridges and leading there. The black ridges and lie white and red tabled hills are there; and Pine Valley mountain still looms, somber and grand, over all the confusion of sand and lava rock which the Pioneers dubbed as Dixie.

The road bumps and jabs and knocks and tumbles you, pretty much as of yore; and although the twist has been taken out of the Dameron Valley pass, there is still enough twist left to un-couple the vetebras of any one not to the Dixie road born. There is some dust left also, although our party took etough away, so some of them thought, to make a tidy bit of real estate in any Suart northern town smart northern town.

Looking away down into that lake of red and black as seen from the top of Dameron Valley, some one, strange to the country, said:

"I can't see a spot of green anywhere; what do you raise in this country any how, and how do you raise it?"

Cu'ck as thought came the answer: "President Young told us once that for our chief crop in this country, we would raise Latter-day Saints; and we find they flourish pretty well on struggie and privation.

Of course that's true, too; but as our happy party drove into the north end of the tiny vale which holds St. George in its center, we were surprised to see so many evidences of prosperity and improvement. There are no signs of real poverty anywhere. Thrift and hope have kept up fences, whitewashed houses, and made this lonely desert

to blossom as a veritable rose. For some years back, we were told. affairs in Dixle were at a very low ebb; but evidently the upward turn of the wheel has begun for her faithful

the wheel has begun to and as and deserving people. The Stake conference was on, and as soon as the dust of travel was remov-ed we hastened down to the taberhacle. Ah, that familiar wading through the sand! We had not noticed it years ago,

There was a time-twenty-five years | but now it came back, not only as an annoying present fact, but also as a

distant memory of the past. There are not many more stores, on the two store streets; but there are two new doctors' offices, and two very new soloons. The old Co-op. is still there, but

Wooley, Lund & Judd are only a mem-The beautiful old red sandstone tab-

ernacle, one of the costliest and most beautiful ones in the State, is as fresh looking outside as if newly erected. It is now embowered in trees; and the best drinking water in St. George is dipped out of the huge barrel which stands under the eastern trees, in the front yard.

How natural everything looked irside; only one change; the choir has been brought from the eastern gallary to a place back of the enlarged pul-pits. But overhead still watches the All-seeing Eye with the familiar hand-

All-seeing Eye with the raminar hand-clasp beneath. We looked, with memory's eyes, for the forms of President Young. Presi-dent Smith, Apostle Snow, President, Jacob Gates, Brother Milo Andrus and John D. T. McAllister. All gone from their familiar seats. Brother D. D. Mc-Arthur was there, upright as of yore, but with sightless eyes. Brother James but with sightless eyes. Brother James G. Bleak was there, precise and refined as ever, yet bent a little with the weight of public care. President David H. Cannon was there, but his raven hair and beard were white with many win-

ters. And who are these, presidents and High Councilors? Tell us their names, for how can we know them? Edward H. Snow, president of the Stake, son of Apostle Erastus Snow. Ah! That's right. We like that, and so do the peo-ple. That's as it should be. And next of Aposte Interest at, and so do the peo-ple. That's as it should be. And next, Brother Thomas Cottam. Son of Thomas Cottam, the good old chair maker? Well, that's good, too. He was a good man with an excellent wife. We like that, also. And next? Brother George Whitehead. Son of our Adolph-us Whitehead and his wife Mary God-dard Whitehead? Well well. And that's just right, too. And these are your Stake presidency. Dixle ought to thrive with such leaders. And that's Bishop James Andrus, son of eloquent



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made up his mind to be a Bishop he

will do it as thorughly as any man liv-ing. People won't be allowed to go to sleep while he has the reins. David Morris, big-hearted and hustler that he is, we know him well. And two new faces? Twins? So. The Brothers Miles, active in Sunday school and Mutual Improvement work. Good. Then do tell us who these High Councilors are. What? "Alex" Morris, "Mix" Mac-Arthur, Brigham Jarvis. Dear, dear, how the boys have changed. Do their mothers know them?

We should not. God bless them all. How fitting that all these should rise up and bear off the burden of the King-We miss Willard, Erastus W. timecia. Erastus B., Moroni, Libbie, Tone, Flarie, Die and Dub, Sam and Susie. But we know where they are; some gone onward, others working out a peaceful salvation elsewhere, and some rising surely in life's progress to the infinite. Linda and Carmilia, Oscar

and Charlie are left. How tender recol-lections flood the heart as we sit beneath the familiar roof! Hark, the choir, sweet and old fash-ioned as of old. They have not forgot-ten the restriction made by that familmusician, John McFarlane old 'We want no Yankee screamers in our But Brother McFarlane is gone choir. now, and only a few of the older sing-ers are left-Brother Orton, just the

same heavy bass as ever. Services over, it is a delight to gather under the trees and greet the dear old friends. There's Charlie Walker! "Mesquit and soaproot, prickley pears and briars, St. George is sure to be a place that every one admires." Quaint old singer in Israel! How sweet will be your songs when your harp is tuned in

And all the other friends, both old and And all the other Friends, both old and new. Here's George Jarvis, with two of the best Dixle girls ever grown on cactus! And here's Sister Woodbury, none more valiant nor gifted than she! But there's no Aunt Hannah Perkins, Anna Ivins, Lizzie Calkins, nor Minerva Snow! Resting are they! Yet here is Sister Crosby looking twenty years younger. And Aunt Libbie, Sister Lucy B. Young and Aunt Emble, instead are all alive and active in other fields. It is not Sunday, and we will walk about the streets and see all we may. Many new and tasteful houses have here built since we ware here full been built since we were here, full twenty years ago. And one thing that marked St. George then, marks it now; the houses are all substantial and good.

No temporary shells, nor dilapidated makeshifts. They are built of abode, as a rule, and look clean and cosy in their restful grays. Let us walk down to the Temple. We can see its white dome from almost any

of the streets. How beautiful it is in its white sim-How beautiful it is in its white sim-plicity! No other temple exceeds it in the atmosphere of brooding peace which overshadows its towers and minarets. And see! Here is change and progress! The barren, sandy block on which it once stood, is now a bower of floral loveliness. How like a temple of pearl it rises from its sparkling bed of emergid and colored iswels. Nothing of emerald and colored jewels. Nothing could be more beautiful.

With solemn steps we pace the grav-eled walks, and at the door a new face to make us; there is no John O. Angus to make us welcome with his gruff heartiness. He is now a doorkeeper in the House of his God. But in the office, President David H. Cannon greets us warmly and makes

us welcome to the sacred precincts. Then Brother Bleak comes forward and adds his gentle word of eternal fellow-ship: and we go from room to room ship: and we go from room to room with memories crowding like doves about the warm door of our hearts. We see the pulpit with the tiny marks upon it reminiscent of the dedication in Jan., 1877. The chair on which Presi-dent Young was carried at that time. the desk at which he wrote and many

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE AT ST. GEORGE.

is still at his post.

the sweet communion we have tasted

If you ask the people what is the reason for the spirit and active life

which greets you everywhere, some will

which greets you everywhere, some will tell you, "It's because the men and wo-men who came here were of the strong-est and best which Zion could pro-duce." It was some of the cream of Salt Lake City, and the Church, which was taken off to settle up St. George. That expains for us the very unusual air of metropolitanism, which marks this small city of 1,600 inhabitants. President Young made no mistake when he settled up a country which

when he settled up a country which none but Saints would ever subdue.

Others, the younger and more super-

ficial, will tell you that it is the mines which give an air of life and activity to the town. It may be the mines which have opened the saloons, and if

If is so, heaven ordain that both mines and saloons will soon be closed.

But it isn't the mines which has built the magnificent school house which

the magnificent school house which graces the northwest corner of the public square. It is the hard-earned dollars of the people, who began this work in April, 1897. What, St. George people poor, or asleep, with such a beautiful modern school house just ready for occupancy! Impossible! Cut stone it is, and that, too, of a hard, durable, red sandstone. No finer school house stands in the West. Simple, yet very symetrical, it is within and without a model of modern school art.

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In April, 1897, the people of St. George were called together and voted a 2 per cent tax for that year—the limit of the law—to be used for the erection of a new modern up-to-date school building. The site chosen was the northwest corner of the public square. The city council granted the site and work immediately began. Cash another sacred memento. We miss Bro. J. D. T. McAllister's handsome face, but he, too, is busy in other fields. Frank Farnsworth is writing at an-other desk now, but Clarence Jackson From room to room, and through the halls we go, in deeply reminiscent mood. Life, birth, death, what have site and work immediately began. Cash was very scarce; 2½ mills only of the 2 percent was payable in cash, the balthey not wrought for us since we first passed under these sacred portals. ance in labor and produce at cash rates. By the end of the year nearly \$7,000 had Changed, so changed are we, and ours! But like the life eternal, this magnifi-cent edifice is unchanged and immovbeen spent in putting in the foundation. The excavation had to be tamped and as the ground is impregnated with mineral, the foundation was laid with We turn away at last, our hands full of the blossoms plucked for us by the president's thoughtful hand from the black volcanic rock, and that was all

cut, too. The next year another tax was voted glowing beds about us, and we retrace our steps in to the small city, our hearts calmed and our spirits rested by of 2 per cent. The superstructure was built of pink sandstone, harder and more durable than had been used in the Temple or tabernacle. It was cut in "pitched ashler" style by Jas. G. Bleak,

Jr., of Salt Lake, and a corps of Dixie boys to whom he taught the art. The building was erected and super-

ised by local mechanics upon plans prepared by Jas. Monson of Richmond, Cache county, Utah, Each succeeding year, for five years, although money was scarce, the people voted a special school tax, until 9% per cent tax had n voted. This year of 1901 in addition to the 914 per cent tax \$6,000 bonds were voted and the building was completed. The contract for the completion was awarded to Grace Bros. of Neph or \$8,000.

The building has been named the "Woodward" school in honor of George Woodward, one of the pioneers to Woodward, one of the pioneers to Utah and St. George's philanthropist. He has devoted his all to the public good. In addition to over four thou-sand dollars, which he has given for Church purposes, he has donated \$3.-600 to this school building and served three years on the school board during ts course of erection without remuneration. St. George delights to honor George Woodward. A. B. Christiansen, graduate of the B. Y. A., and of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the principal of the school, John T. Woodbury, Charles H. Miles, Jos, Walker, Maude R. Snow, Lena Nelson, Artie Jensen, May Keate, Miss Isom and Jennie MacFar-

The building has a fine steam heating plant, the glft of George Woodward. We were invited, with the rest of the people, to its dedicatory services. And we admired all its neat and beautiful appointments, its oiled floors, modern lesks, spacious hall, and high, light lass rooms.

What is its history, we asked; and

was tographer.

tographer. The house has twelve rooms, with ample room for 720 pupils if necessary. The school population of today is about 600. The cost of the whole is, approxi-mately, \$33,000, and it is nearly all mode for to his little son, who was traveling

What could be more noble than the example set for all Israel by this child-less good old mani Instead of hoarding up his means, or leaving it for relatives to quarrel over, he has been for years quietly putting it where is would

years quietly putting it where is would do the most possible good. And they live, he and his wives, as simply and frugally as they did when they were acquiring their means: the modesty of this great and yet comparatively un-known character is only equaled by his nobility and integrity. We did not

The insides of babes-in-arms and little children are very delicate and tender. Mothers must not be rockless in the use of physics. There is only one gentle, perfect,

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ve were told:

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volce was heard saving:

George immediately set up a howl. Al-ter a time the father remarked: "Come, be culet: if I whistle your hat will come back again." Then he whistled and replaced the hat on the boy's head. "There, it's back again, you see." Afterward, while pana was talking to mamma, a small, shrill yolo was heard saying:

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the refractory youngster, pape hid it behind his back. "There, now the hat has gone!" he cried, pretending to be angry. And George immediately set up a howl. Af-

wonder that St. George honored George

As the closing event of the prized visit, the Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. gave a delightful social at their hall.

It was an occasion long to be remem

bered. The young and the old, the merry and the sad, were gathered here to listen to the excellent program pre-pared. Brother David H. Morris, presi-dent of the Y. M., and Sister Rosina Jarvis, president of the Y. L. M. I. A., presided with both dignity and grace.

Perhaps I might add that David had the disnity and Rose the grace. How-ever that was, there was a delightful

absence of stiffness and formality, nor was there anything coarse or rude to

And after the singing and speaking,

here was an invitation to every one

o partake of the fruit which groaned in

riotous profusion on the long table. No world's fair, not even California could excel that display. Grapes of every known variety: penches like spail

sounshs: nears, great yellow globes they

vere: figs in nectared sweetness. An-oles, plums, tomatoes and melons!

Dear, dear, what melonal Some of

Muddy, ninety miles distant, to grace this banquet, And didn't the people

eat? No nos could till which enlayed them most the enests or the hosts. All were protracted in their attention, and

impartial in their choice. And vet there were baskets and baskets full

Papa Didn't Whistle.

be blown off if you lean so far out of

the window!" exclaimed a fond father

with him in a vailway carriage. Quick-iv snatching the hat from the head of

"George, George, mind: your hat will

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offend the refined and cultured.

Woodward.

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