A HISTORIC VILLAGE.

Old Home of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball.

VISIT TO MENDON, MONROE CO., N. Y.

In Memory of the Mormon Leaders Cherished in the Neighborhood Where They Formerly Lived.

In Saturday's NEWS was an announcement of the return home of Mr. B. F. Cummings Jr., of this city, from an extended tour to the east, and he has furnished the following account of a visit made by him to the village of Mendon, Monroe county, New York, which has now made famous by the achievements of two men born in Mendon or its vicinity, and who, at least in a sense, owed their illustrious career within Improvements. Though Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball were not native of that village, they were living in it when they entered upon that ministry which resulted in giving them a world wide fame.

The village contains a population of about 500, and is a quiet, good and thriving place. It is about twelve miles south of the city of Rochester, and is not reached directly by a railroad, the nearest depot being about four miles distant. The land adjacent is fertile character. Living in the village on a farm about a mile from its center, is Mr. Hiram P. Kimball, a son of Heber C. Kimball, who was a brother of Heber C. Kimball. Mr. Cummings called upon him and was received with the utmost kindness and hospitality. Mr. Kimball is a farmer in comfortable circumstances, is 59 years of age, is of active, energetic and industrious habits, and is and esteemed in his neighborhood. A somewhat regular user of wines, and an occasional or evening in a Presbyterian church, though his parents were Baptists, is words fully he was raised. He is wife is a woman of quiet, unassuming ways, but a dignified appearance indicates her to be a woman of cultured sensibility of character. They have three children, only one of whom, a young lady, was at home.

Mr. Kimball spoke with affectionate reverence of his "Uncle Heber," and conceived that the latter was always held in high regard by his brother Solomon F., formerly the family, though radically in their religious views. Mr. Kimball also spoke very kindly and respectfully of several of the Kimball, sons of Heber C. Kimball, who had visited Mendon in past years, when abroad on missions. His conversation it looked that, in former years, he had participated more or less in a feeling of opposition, towards the religion of his illustrious uncle, but that, in recent years at least, the ties of blood were not weakened on his part by even existing.

Mr. Cummings arrived at Mr. Kimball's on Friday evening, July 19, and on the following day the latter took him in a buggy to see certain points of interest. One of these is a small burying ground, situated near a road from which Tomlinson's corner, about a mile from the center of the village. In the days when Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball lived in Mendon, a man named Tomlinson kept a tavern at this cross roads, and from him the locality was named. On reaching the cross roads the buggy was driven southward along one of them, and past a row of five or six small, frame houses, a few rods apart. They were all of a looking structure. Of one the walls and roof had fallen in, so as to make it totally uninhabitable. In another, the windows were broken and its dilapidated appearance reminded that it was tenantless. The others were all occupied, in one of the little old houses in this row Heber C. Kimball lived, but not anyone was not certain which it was.

Near the end of this row of houses is the little grave yard spoken of. It comprises only a few rods square of ground, fenced off from a potato field, in an obscure spot, and is in a neglected condition, being overgrown with weeds and brambles. In this small "dingy acre" repose the remains of several persons who will be held in lasting remembrance, because of their relationship to the leaders of Saturday Israel raised above, if not on other reason. One of these persons is Solomon Feltman Kimball, father of Heber C. Kimball, at whose grave is a stone bearing the following inscription. This epitaph, and those which follow, are so close imitations of the original as can be conveniently reproduced in newspaper type:

Sacred to the memory of Solomon F. Kimball, who departed this life July 8, 1823, in the 69th year of his age.

By the side of this grave is that of Anna, wife of Solomon F., and mother of Heber C. Kimball, and the following epitaph is given in the inscription:

Sacred to the memory of Anna, Consort of Solomon F. Kimball, who departed this life, Feb. 24, 1812, aged 58.

A pleasant companion and affectionate mother, she lived in the fear of God.

Near these two graves is that of Charles S., a brother of Heber C. Kimball, and on a stone at its head, the following is engraved:

CHARLES S. KIMBALL

Died Jan 19 1812 Aged 26 Years.

Friends weep not for me as I lie in the grave, I shall rise in glory, and be with my Saviour.

By the side of these graves is another stone at the west, on which the following is engraved:

Judith P. Kimball

Consort of Charles S. Kimball and daughter of Amos Morrison.

Died Sept. 1st, A.D. 1821, aged 25 years.

Friends weep not for me as I lie in the grave, I shall rise in glory, and be with my Saviour.

This verse was observed, and alluded to now been back which the mother left in the care of her bereaved husband. Double inscriptions, which is at least in part due to the comfort who lie in one stone, there is only a single one. This have lived only ten years, as indicated by the following inscription on its gravestone:

In memory of Charles S. Kimball, Son of Heber C. Kimball, who departed this life July 8, 1831, in the 10th year of his age.

Charles S. and Judith P. Kimball leaved a little temple this now, which is a little sad enough to be noted. Its epitaph is as follows:

In memory of Charles S. Kimball, Son of Heber C. Kimball, who departed this life Feb. 20, 1832, aged 1 year, 3 months and 20 days.

Friends weep not for me as I lie in the grave, I shall rise in glory, and be with my Saviour.

Alongside of this little stone, the first cemetery of Tomlinson's cross roads, is another, the last in the place, which, though it is not so old, is in a good state of preservation. Though Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball were not native of that village, they were living in it when they entered upon that ministry which resulted in giving them a world wide fame.

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