

THE MESSIAH IS NEARLY REBUILT.

MASS WHO BURNED TEMPLE CHURCH FOUND IRRESPONSIBLE.

The new Hedrickite Mormon church, which is being erected on the site of the church recently burned, is rapidly approaching completion.

W. D. C. Pattison, the man "mighty and strong," the self-reputed modern Messiah of the Mormon faith, son of a Methodist minister, school teacher, inventor, prophet, who came all the way from Boston to impress upon the followers of his religious doctrines that he was inspired by burning the famous old Hedrickite Mormon church at Independence, was tried in the criminal court yesterday on the charge of arson. He was adjudged irresponsible, and will be sent to an asylum.

It was a strange trial; strange in the fact that the defendant did not deny the charge brought against him; strange in the testimony that was deduced from the witnesses, and before all strange because of the peculiar, almost uncanny, character of the man who was brought before the court to answer for a crime. It was not the ordinary criminal crowd which gathered to listen to the testimony, for few of the well known faces were there. In their stead were the hoary visages of the followers of Brigham Young, their long, white beards and quiet demeanor giving a peculiarly patriarchal appearance to the gathering.

Pattison is a Canadian. His father was a Methodist minister, and he had all the advantages which a good education offers. His general knowledge is great, and his command of the English language is most proficient. His knowledge of bibliography extends to the cults and religions, and he discusses the secrets of the Koran with as much lucidity as those of the Mormon church. After being a school teacher, an unsuccessful inventor, and a telegraph operator, he began to study religion, and among them all, he chose that of the Mormons. He told of his inspiration on the stand yesterday.

He went to my room and prayed three days and three nights, he said. "I realized that I must know myself, and I prayed God that He would reveal Himself to me. God heard my prayer."

Deathlike silence reigned in the courtroom and hung with a heavy gloom. Judge Wofford was evidently impressed with the strange evidence given with the voice and in the language of a man of letters.

"All at once a feeling of awe came over me. The face of Jesus assumed transcendent brilliancy, and I could no longer look upon Him as a man, but as a being who had come to show me that He was the real God. Then He took me by the hand and said:

"You are one mighty and strong." "You are one mighty and strong," he said. "I realized that I must know myself, and I prayed God that He would reveal Himself to me. God heard my prayer."

At this point Pattison's mind, which seemed to be as clear as a bell, began to wander, and he quoted chapter after chapter of Mormon writings that seemed to bring justification of his act, when Judge Wofford was obliged to call him back to the stand.

"Why did you find it necessary to burn the church?" inquired the court. "I do not wish you to take my word for it. It is necessary, for it is commanded in the Revelations and also by divine command."

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This is one more of the suits that have been so plentiful in the history of the federal courts in this county. The bonds of the old Tebo & Neesho Railroad Company are being tried to force the counties to pay for the same.

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