

OBITUARY NOTES.

JOHN L. SMITH.

St. George, Utah, Feb. 24, 1898.—John L. Smith departed this life on Monday, Feb. 21, 1898. He was the son of John and Clarissa Smith, and was born at Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 17th of November, 1828. His father and family moved to Kirtland, Ohio, in the year 1833. When he was 8 years old he was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1838 he moved with the Saints to Missouri and afterwards to Far West. On the 12th of November, 1844, he was ordained an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and on the 17th of the same month was ordained a Seventy and was placed in the Twelfth quorum of Seventy, he being 16 years old on that day.

He was with the Saints in all their trials in Nauvoo. He was a cousin to and a firm defender of the Prophet and Patriarch Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and although only a youth, shouldered his gun on many occasions and would have laid down his life in their defense. He arrived in Salt Lake City on the 25th of September, 1847. In 1851 he was called to Parowan and arrived there on the 25th of October of the same year.

At the April conference, 1855, he was called on a mission to Europe, and when the brethren who were to accompany him on his mission were ready to start he was very sick and yet so determined to fill his mission that he directed that the brethren put cords across the top of the wagon box and put a bed on them on which to lay him; and this being done he was assisted in the wagon and in this way started on his mission. He soon gained strength and filled his mission with honor to the cause of God, and returned home on the 21st of June, 1858. In Aug., 1860, he was called on a second mission to Europe and returned in Oct., 1864.

On the 10th of December, 1873, he was ordained a patriarch under the hands of President Brigham Young and George A. Smith at Reaver. He was own brother to the latter. When the St. George Temple was being built he was sent among the different Stakes and wards of Zion to solicit aid for its erection, and was very successful in that work; and when the Temple was dedicated he was one among the first that were called and set apart to labor therein, and continued to do so until March 28, 1897, when he was taken down with the sickness from which he never recovered.

He took part in many of the Indian wars of Utah. It was his delight to assist in every way in his power to roll on the work of God upon the earth, and many have heard him bear a faithful testimony to the divinity of this great latter-day work. Although possessed of but few earthly goods he leaves a rich legacy of a well written history and of a faithful, devoted life to the cause of Christ upon the earth, which should be carefully preserved and read by his posterity in generations yet unborn. His record shows that he has given 1,105 patriarchial blessings. He has personally and at his instance performed the labor in the House of the Lord, for 2,002 persons of the Lyman family who will welcome him on the other side.

Thus we have in the person of John L. Smith, one of the saviors who should stand on Mount Zion. He also did considerable work for the Smith and Cleveland families. He leaves a family consisting of a wife and six living children, twenty-seven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and a host of friends who call him blessed.

Funeral services were held in the St. George Tabernacle at 3 p. m. Feb. 21,

Bishop Andrus presiding. Singing. Prayer by Elder George Woodhard. Singing. Elder James G. Bleak was the first speaker. He said that the family and friends had cause to rejoice over the release from suffering that had come to Brother Smith, and bore testimony to his worth and faithfulness. Elder Henry W. Bigler, the second speaker, had been acquainted with the deceased ever since they were boys together in Adam-Ondi-Ahman, and testified that throughout his whole life, he had been faithful to this calling.

Elder David H. Cannon, president of the St. George Temple, spoke of the life and labors of the deceased, testifying of his faithfulness, and Patriarch Richard Bently followed in a similar strain. Bishop Andrus said that forty years ago he returned from a foreign mission in company with the deceased. They traveled with ox teams under circumstances that tried men and proved them in various ways, but Brother Smith was always ready to do his duty. The speaker declared his belief that all was well with the departed. The choir sang, and Elder Daniel D. McArthur offered up the benediction. WILLIAM ATKIN.

HANNAH CHAPMAN RAYMOND.

Died at Soda Springs, Idaho, Feb. 15th, 1898, of paralysis, Hannah Chapman Raymond. Deceased was born at Crowle, England, March 2, 1813, and would have been eighty-five years old had she lived two weeks longer. She joined the Church in England and emigrated to Utah in 1856, coming across the Plains in the first train of handcarts and belonging to Brother Ellsworth's company; she was known at that time as Sister Goodworth, and traveled a widow with four children, only one of whom survives her, viz. Mrs. Ann Ashby, wife of Benj. Ashby, of Wood's Cross, Utah, who was an invalid at that time. Deceased was left a widow four times during her life, and has suffered great loss in her family, being the mother of thirteen children, of which only four are living, viz. Mrs. Frances Clarke, Crowle, England; Mrs. Ann Ashby, Wood's Cross Utah; Mr. Wm. Chester and Mrs. Alice Campbell, Soda Springs, Idaho. Deceased has enjoyed particularly good health for ten years until her last sickness, and has kept her own house, doing most of her work until her eyesight began to fail and some of her grandchildren lived with her until about two years ago, when she removed to the house of her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, where she died.

She experienced a circumstance which was, no doubt, miraculous, in connection with the dedication of the Temple at Salt Lake. It was a cherished wish of her's that she might live to see the completion of that building, and as the time drew near, her eyesight began to get so poor that she was unable to see with the aid of glasses. She attended the services, however, and when she arrived at the Temple her eyesight was so far restored that she distinctly saw all objects around her, and after she returned to her daughter's home at Wood's Cross she was able to read a newspaper and thread a needle without the aid of glasses. This blessing lasted only for a short time, but her wish of seeing the Temple was gratified.

She was president of the Relief Society of Soda Springs ward for fifteen years, when she was honorably released on account of her old age, in June, 1896. She leaves many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one little great-great-grandchild, the daughter of Cyrus and Emma Page of Bountiful, Utah, besides a great number of friends both in and out of the Church to mourn her loss, for she was a friend to all.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

PHILLPOTT.—Edmund George Phillpott, of the 21st ward died March 5th at his residence on J street at 10 a. m., of heart failure.

WRIGHT.—In Salt Lake City, Utah, March 3rd, 1898, of old age and general debility. Robert Wright; born December 30, 1812, in Northamptonshire, England.

BRIDGE.—In this city, March 5, 1898, of consumption, Nellie Buist, wife of Robert Bridge Jr., and daughter of William and Helen Buist; born February 3rd, 1872, in Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland.

PRATT.—At the residence of Bishop Driggs, Forest Dale, at 10:20 a. m. March 5, 1898, Mary Wood Pratt. Sister Pratt was the widow of Parley P. Pratt and the mother of Helman Pratt, M. W. Pratt, Mrs. A. G. Driggs and Mary P. Young.

JACKLIN.—At her home in Mill Creek ward, Mary Eleanor Jacklin, the wife of Enos N. Jacklin, died March 2nd, 1898. She leaves twin babies, which were born eleven days prior to her death, and two other children. The deceased was the daughter of Ephraim H. and Mary Ann Williams.

ALMOND.—At his residence, 243 West, Second South street, John Burrell Almond, aged 74 years, 8 months and 15 days. He was born at Cornwall, Dorsetshire, England, May 20, 1824, and emigrated to Utah in the year 1851, with Orson Pratt's company. He leaves a wife, three daughters and one son to mourn his death.

SNOWLING.—At Gisleham, Suffolk, England, February 8, 1898, Hannah Youngman, the beloved wife of William Snowling. Deceased was born at Audby, Norfolk, December 5, 1845, joined the Church in 1893. She was a faithful Saint, devoted wife and an affectionate mother. Her husband and five children survive her. The oldest daughter resides in Salt Lake City.

COLEMAN.—Amy Coleman, wife of William Coleman, Sr., and daughter of Benjamin Gibson, born March 20, 1838, in Litchfield, Medina county, Ohio, died Feb. 15th, 1898, at Smithfield, Utah, the cause of her death being from the effects of a fall from a horse running away, December 14, 1897. She was proved herself to be a true mother and a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was the mother of nine children and had also thirty-six grandchildren.

PICKETT.—In Tooele City, Utah, February 21st, 1898, of general debility and old age, Harriet Pickett, aged 80 years and 8 months. She was born in Long Lane, Berks county, England, and joined the Church in 1847; emigrated with her husband and family in 1862, and lived the life of a Latter-day Saint, being true and faithful in all the walks of life. Her husband and five children preceded her to the spirit world. She leaves three children, John Pickett of Providence, Cache County; Moroni Pickett of Marlon, Idaho, and Rhoda Marshall, Tooele City.

STAY.—March 6th, 1898, at her late residence, 728 south Wellington Avenue, in this city, of old age and general debility, Sarah Pearce Stay.

Deceased was born in Kingswood, Wilts, England, May 6th, 1823; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints about the year 1841; was married to Joseph Stay July 7th, 1846; emigrated in 1858; remained in St. Louis 18 years; arrived in Salt Lake City, October 30, 1876. She was the mother of 8 children: 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Five of her children and her aged husband are still living. She died as she had lived a faithful Latter-day Saint, and in the assurance of a glorious resurrection.

GIBSON.—Benjamin Gibson, born May 9th, 1805, in Patrington, Yorkshire, England, died November 26th, 1897, at the home of his daughter, Amy Coleman, at Smithfield, Utah. He emigrated to America in 1829, settling in Litchfield, Medina county, Ohio; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints January 8, 1842, by John Gilend, and removed to Nauvoo in 1842. He crossed the Plains in 1852 and settled in Union Fort, on Little Cottonwood, and in 1859 he moved to Cache Valley, where he has resided ever since. He held the office of a High Priest, and has remained firm and steadfast in the Gospel. He was the father of four children and had twenty-seven grandchildren and sixty great-grandchildren.

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