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HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

JUNE, 1843.

I gave the following recommend to Elder Brigham Young:—

"To all Saints and honorable men of the earth, greeting:

Dear brethren and friends:—I, Joseph Smith, a servant of the Lord, and Trustee in Trust for the Temple of the Lord at Nauvoo, do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, Brigham Young, an Elder and one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, has deposited with me his bond and security, to my full satisfaction, according to the resolution of the conference, held in this city, on the 6th day of April last.

He, therefore, is recommended to all Saints and honorable people, as a legal agent to collect funds for the purpose of building the Nauvoo House and Temple of the Lord, confident that he will honor this high trust, as well as ardently fulfil his commission as a messenger of peace and salvation, as one of the Lord's noble men, I can fervently say, may the Lord clear his way before him, and bless him, and bless those that obey his teachings wherever there are ears to hear, and hearts to feel.

He is, in the language of the Hebrews, HAW-ANG YEESH RAW-ALE, the friend of Israel, and worthy to be received and entertained as a man of God; yea, he has, as had the ancient apostles, O LOGOS O KALOS, the good word, even the good word that leadeth unto eternal life. Laus Deus. Praise God.

Wherefore, brethren and friends, while you have the assurance of the integrity, fidelity, and ability of this servant of the living God, and trusting that your hearts and energies will be enlivened, and deeply engaged in the building of those houses directed by revelation for the salvation of all Saints; and that you will not rest where you are, until all things are prepared before you, and you are gathered home with this rest of Israel to meet your God. I feel strong in the belief, and have a growing expectation, that you will not withhold any means in your power that can be used to accomplish this glorious work.

Finally, as one that greatly desires the salvation of man, let me remind you all to strive with a goodly zeal, for virtue, holiness, and the commandments of the Lord. Be good, be wise, be just, be liberal, and above all be charitable, always abounding in all good works; and may health, peace, and the love of God our Father, and the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord be and abide with you all, is the sincere prayer of your devoted brother and friend in the everlasting gospel.

JOSEPH SMITH.

City of Nauvoo, June 1, 1843.

Also similar letters to Elders H. C. Kimball, O. Pratt, O. Hyde, W. Woodruff and Geo. A. Smith.

Signed a conveyance of Eric Rhodes' bond to Joseph Smith, to William Clayton.

Gave a letter of instructions to George J. Adams, who is to accompany Elder Orson Hyde on his mission to Russia.

Elders Addison Pratt, B. F. Grouard, Knowlton F. Hanks and Noah Rogers started on their mission for the Society Islands at 2 p.m. on the steamer "Sarah Ann" for St. Louis.

The quorum of the Twelve Apostles met in council in my office to make arrangements to start on their mission, to collect funds for the Temple and Nauvoo House.

Friday, 2.—Closed the contract, whereby I gave two notes for \$1375, and became half owner of the steamboat "Maid of Iowa." Continued in the office with Captain Dan Jones most of the morning, which was very rainy.

In the afternoon rode out in the city to invite several friends to take an excursion on "the little Maid" to-morrow, and had a long conversation with a Presbyterian minister.

Outrages were committed in Wales on public property under an organized band, called "Rebecca and her daughters."

Saturday, 3.—This morning, I with my family, and a large company of brethren and sisters, started for Quincy, on a pleasure voyage, on the steamboat "Maid of Iowa," had a fine band of music in attendance, and arrived there about 1 p.m.

The accounts of the Lawrence Estate were presented to the Probate Judge, to which he made objections, when a new account was made out by Clayton, which we made oath to, when the accounts were accepted by the Probate Judge.

At 5 p.m., started on our return, but tied up at Keokuk, at 1 a.m., on account of a severe storm, until daylight, when we started home, and were glad to arrive in Nauvoo at 7 a.m. of the 4th.

Sunday, 4.—At 10 a.m., in conversation with

Conferences.	Presidents.	Members.	High Priests.	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	No. of Branches.
Manchester	Charles Miller	1481	38	75	54	17	20	
Liverpool	Thomas Ward	558	31	30	14	10	4	
Preston	William Snales	655	1	18	18	2	15	
London	William Major							
" West End		58	3	9	3			
" East " Clerkenwell		156	3	9	2	2		
" Newbury		22	1	2				
" Woolwich		30	1					
Macclesfield	James Galley	250	11	28	15	9	6	
Birmingham	Cooper Royle	509	32	32	18	10	16	
Staffordshire		377	38	59	14	10	12	
Edinburgh	Henry McEwan	302	10	10	8	2	4	
Garway	Charles Taysum	176	4	5	7	2	5	
Glasgow	Peter McCue	721	24	32	28	16	14	
Froome's Hill		784	1	21	47	21	9	36
Carlisle	John Parker	154	8	19	8	3	4	
Sheffield	James Carrigan	128	4	9	3	3		
Bradford	Robert Parker	240	8	15	11	6	7	
Bedford	Thomas Margetts	242	14	20	8	4	10	
Ireland, Hillsborough		55	3	2	2	1		
Lincolnshire, Louth		14	1	2	1			
Wigan		5						
Nottingham		5						
Worcestershire	Smith							
" Earls Common		61	3	4	1			
" Penvin		19	1	2	1			
" Brooms Grove		36	1	3				
Total		7038	2	278	432	237	106	163

The sacrament was administered in the afternoon.

Monday, 5.—The following persons devoted themselves to the work of the ministry, viz.: Osmond Shaw, Thomas Shaw, Samuel Downes, Elders William Speakman and George Eyres.

The following persons were then ordained elders, viz.: R. Cowen, T. Pratt, Samuel Downes, John Williams, Peter McCue, Joseph Walker and Levi Rigg.

Priests: J. Flint, Joseph Smith, J. Nightingale, J. Lee, Thomas Jackson, Samuel Wells, Charles Turner, Christopher Riding, George Robinson.

Teachers: George Hewitt, Thomas Jennings.

Elder Barradale was appointed to preside over Cheltenham branch, Elder Rudd over the Nottingham Circuit; Elder Pritchard to labor in Derbyshire; Elder Speakman, with Elder Parker, in the Bradford Conference; Osmond Shaw, Addingham, Yorkshire; Elder George Eyres in Lincolnshire and Hull; in connection with Elder Henry Cordon, and Elder Samuel Downes, in Derbyshire, with Elder Hibbert.

Tuesday, 6.—I rode out to the Prairie Farm. Earthquake in Java destroying Nias, and burying its inhabitants in the ruins.

The total national debt of Europe is estimated at \$10,499,710,000. A century ago the European treasury was comparatively unincumbered.

Wednesday, 7.—Concluded a settlement with J. W. Coolidge; gave him a deed for city lot.

Visited Elias Higbee, who was very sick.

John Workman and a company of thirty Saints, mostly his own family, arrived from Tennessee.

Thursday, 8.—This morning, about day-break, Elder Elias Higbee died at his residence near the Temple. He was son of Isaac and Sophia Higbee, born 23rd October, 1795, in Galloway, Gloucester county, New Jersey. In 1803 removed with his parents to Clermont county, Ohio.

At the age of 22 he married Sarah Ward, and removed to Cincinnati; he received the gospel in the spring of 1832, and in the summer of the same year went to Jackson county, Missouri, where he was baptized, and returned to Cincinnati, and was ordained an elder under the hands of his brother, Isaac Higbee, 26th February, 1833; arrived in Jackson county with his family in March, and was driven by the mob to Clay county in the fall of 1833; ordained a high priest under the hands of Amasa Lyman, by order of the High Council in Clay county; 26th March, 1835, started on a mission, preaching the gospel through the States of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio; arriving at Kirtland, he labored on the Temple until it was finished, and received his endowment therein. In the spring of 1836, returned to his family in Missouri; removed them to Caldwell county, where he was appointed County Judge.

Mr. De Wolf, a clergyman of the Episcopal order, who was much of a gentleman.

A Conference was held in the New Corn Exchange, Manchester, and by adjournment in the large room at Hayward's Hotel, Bridge street, the assembly was large, although the weather was unfavorable.

Elder Thomas Ward was president, and William Walker, clerk. President Ward and Elders Clark and Fielding preached, giving excellent teachings on the plan of salvation, and the Lord's Supper. There were present six high priests, fifty eight elders, sixty four priests, forty teachers, ten deacons.

The representation of the churches being next called for, the following statements were made:—

thorizes me without hesitation to write you fully upon a subject that the people of this part of our State feel themselves vitally interested.

At the last term of the circuit court of Daviess county, an indictment was found by the grand jury of said county against Joseph Smith for treason against this State, the necessary papers are now on their way to Gov. Reynolds, who, on the receipt thereof, I have no doubt, will make a requisition upon you for the apprehension and delivery of said Smith to the bearer, Mr. Joseph Reynolds, who goes as a special agent to attend to this business, and I am in hopes that so soon as the proper papers come to hand, you will take that course that will secure this impostor, and have him delivered over to Mr. Reynolds.

Dr. Bennett further writes me that he has made an arrangement with Harmon T. Wilson, of Hancock county, (Carthage, seat of justice) in whose hands he wishes the writ that shall be issued by you to be put. From the tenor of his letters I am induced to believe that he has made the same suggestions to you; the only wish of the people of this State is, that this man, Joseph Smith, may be brought to that justice which the magnitude of his crime merits.

Respectfully, your obedient servant;
SAM. C. OWENS

[Commander in chief of the Mob in Jackson County.]

A steamship of Iron, called "The Great Britain," was built at Bristol, England, at a cost of £90,000. She has six masts, and is 320 feet in length on deck, and is said to be the largest vessel that has been built since the days of Noah.

CARBON.—Carbon is the most important of the elementary substances. It constitutes the principal ingredient of charcoal. In its pure state, it is diamond. It is extensively diffused through the mineral kingdom, and forms a principal part of animals and vegetables. The charcoal of wood, and the fat of animals represent this element in the vegetable and animal kingdoms. In the form of charcoal, its power of absorption is immense; it will absorb, and detain in its pores, twice its own bulk of watery vapor—a hundred times its own bulk of ammonia in the form of gas—fifty-five times its own bulk of sulphuretted hydrogen—nine times its bulk of oxygen—and twice its bulk of hydrogen. It is this absorbing power, that makes it valuable as a manure, as it absorbs and detains the gases and watery vapors for vegetation. When charcoal, wood, or other carbonic substance is burned, the carbon is disengaged from the other substances, and uniting one part carbon with two parts oxygen, forms carbonic acid gas, a most deadly poison. One part of this gas mixed with four parts of common air, if breathed by animals, will produce instantaneous death. But while thus deadly to animals, it is a source of life to vegetables the fibrous or woody part, being formed of carbon. Plants use the carbon, and return the oxygen for animals to breathe.—[Ex.]

CONCERNING A WITNESS.—A witness was under examination, and it became necessary to know what another witness had said to him on the subject matter in dispute. The question was therefore propounded—"What did Mary say to you?" Thereupon the opposite counsel rose very much excited, and stated his objection in a speech of about an hour long, to which the other replied in another one of almost the same length. Then the Judges consulted together in a very learned and pompous manner, one of them stated the reason for considering it a very proper question, which must be answered. The greatest excitement was manifested by the audience, and solemn silence was observed as the counsel repeated the question, "What did Mary say?" to which the witness quietly replied, "she didn't say a word."—[Zanesville Aurora.]

LITIGATION.—It is a melancholy fact, that the profession of the law should be deemed an essential vocation in a Christian community. It is a poor comment upon the character of human nature, that the intervention of Courts of Law should be resorted to in the settlement of individual difficulties. The man who cannot collect his debts, defend his rights, or maintain his character without going to law, has reason to become disgusted with civilization, if not with himself. It is an indisputable fact, that in political economy all the money spent in litigation, which goes to support an army of lawyers, and a battalion of Judges, to say nothing of the minor functionaries of the Courts, is worse than a dead loss to the community.—[N. Y. Mirror.]

SWEDISH STABLE TREATMENT TO HORSES.—In Sweden the floors of the stables are planked, and the planks perforated with holes, so that wet will not lodge on them—the bare boards being the only bedding allowed. To this strange method the Swedes attribute the soundness of their horses' feet, as it is quite uncommon to meet with a lame or foundered horse in Sweden which has been so stabled.—[Ex.]

Fashionable society has generally but two faults—first, in being hollow-headed; and second, hollow-hearted.

Whatever you would have your children become, strive to exhibit in your own lives and conversation.