

member of the High Council of Salt Lake Stake, being released from this position on account of losing my hearing, and on the 18th day of March, 1890, I was ordained a Patriarch under the hands of Presidents Willford Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon—who was mouth—and Jos. F. Smith.

I have had the privilege of receiving blessings, through the Priesthood, for myself and relatives, both living and dead, in all the Temples the Latter-day Saints have built.

JOSEPH HORNE.

The family of Brother Horne consists of two wives, 25 children, 102 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. A notable feature is that in his immediate family there have been born eight pairs of twins. His wives, 7 sons and 7 daughters are yet living.

### IN EARLY DAYS.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 28, 1897.

Having interest in Pioneer reminiscences which are having widespread notice at the present time, I solicit a short space in your columns, with the hope of showing some incidents that evidence the great kindness of God to this people in the times when man's power, however great, would have done but little to shield them from utter failure in colonizing this land, foreseen and avoided as a barrenness too great for civilized people, until we Mormons faced it.

Firstly—No snow laid in Salt Lake valley forty-eight hours in the winter of '47 and '48. I ploughed land every month of that winter and sowed seed each month but one. Surely the climate has evidenced by each succeeding winter, and by testimony of Bridger and others, and tempered to the "lambs" so cruelly "aborn" in Illinois. If it had not been so what would have become of our unloaded beasts of burden having traveled over a thousand miles of trackless desert and mountains—no grain, no hay, no shelter, no nearer civilization than eight hundred miles? If it had not been so tempered I think there would not be any Semi-Centennial Jubilee in 1897.

Again in our broken, impoverished, persecuted condition, with every state in the Union refusing us a home in all our broad Eastern land, with a host of "had been" influential men pulling one or many ways, with Brannan's actual emigration of a body of the Saints to California, with the Vancouver project, with Strang up the Mississippi, with Bishop Millar, Emmet and others pulling all ways diverse from the fulfillment of the prophecy I heard Joseph Smith make in the public street in Nauvoo years before 1846, that "this people should become a mighty host in the Rocky Mountains,"—add to this avalanches of condemnation that ostracised this place as impossible to civilization, and I inquire, shall we question but what God brought us here and that the Twelve were the recipients of the promise that "God reveals His secrets to His servants the Prophets," and were true and loyal to Him and His counsels amid all the dips, rises and to heres and to there that shrieked their claims among the ranks of Israel? And if we know, that the great purpose has ful-

filled Israel's prophecy that "the house of the Lord should be built in the tops of the mountains and the nations of the earth should flow unto it," shall we not in our great efforts for material display keep alive the holy altars of remembrance and appreciation that all that we are here our Heavenly Father has made for us?

Shall we not remember that in our first years here, when confronted by crickets, locusts, and late and early frosts, our only possible safety was in God? That this was so impressed on our understandings that when our seeding was finished we used to go on to the highest point of our field, dedicate land, seed and labor, and with uncovered heads ask our Heavenly Father to give us a harvest? That was my way and the way of many others, and we thought it a good way then to obtain material aid to found a Christian commonwealth.

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### BOXELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah, April 27, 1897.—The quarterly conference of the Boxelder Stake of Zion, was held in the Tabernacle, Brigham City, Sunday and Monday, the 25th and 26th inst. There were present of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, President Lorenzo Snow and Elder George Teasdale, of the Presidents of Seventies, Elder Seymour B. Young. Also the presidency of the Boxelder Stake and large congregations at all the meetings.

After the usual opening exercises, President Clawson reported the condition of the Stake. Congratulated the Latter-day Saints of this Stake on the success that had crowned their efforts in the re-building of our tabernacle. Appreciated very much the privilege of meeting with the Saints in quarterly conference after having been thus deprived for fifteen months.

Elder Teasdale was very much delighted with the beautiful tabernacle the Saints of this Stake now have. Congratulated them on succeeding in rebuilding this beautiful edifice so soon after its destruction. Contrasted the views of the atheist and infidel on matters pertaining to religion with those held by the Latter-day Saints. Urged the Saints to so live that their earthly tabernacles will be fit dwelling places for the spirit of God.

Elder Charles Kelly impressed upon the Bishops the necessity of seeing that no unworthy person be given a recommend to the House of the Lord. Referred briefly to the needs of home manufactures among the people of our State.

At the afternoon meeting Elder Lorenzo Snow touched briefly on the necessity of husbands and wives showing proper respect for each other, that their children might by example learn to show proper respect for their parents and the Priesthood of God. If the Latter-day Saints will do this we will soon be a united people.

Elder Seymour B. Young, in a very forcible manner, implored the Saints to live virtuous lives. The Latter-day Saints must be exemplary to the world in their business and political relations as well as in the practice of their religion.

Second day, at the morning meeting

President Lorenzo Snow delivered an instructive discourse, in which he spoke of the necessity of the Latter-day Saints attending to the work that should be performed in our temples; the necessity of our young people being married in the house of the Lord; and thereafter so conduct themselves that they can enjoy the blessings promised in those holy places. Spoke of the eternal progression of man. Reference was also made to his labors with the people of this Stake in the United Order.

Elder Adolphus Madsen, on account of having been called to devote his time as a laborer in the Salt Lake Temple, and not being able to devote his time to the interests of the Stake as he felt he ought to, tendered his resignation as first counsellor to the president of the Stake. President Clawson testified to the integrity of Brother Madsen, and of the pleasant associations and unanimity of feeling that had existed in the presidency of this Stake, after which the resignation of Elder Madsen was accepted.

At the afternoon meeting the general and Stake authorities were presented to the conference and unanimously sustained. Elder Wm. L. Watkins was sustained as second counsellor to the president of the Stake, thereby filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Madsen.

Elder Teasdale delivered a powerful discourse, the principal theme spoke upon being the divinity of the Gospel as restored through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Referred also to the persecutions of the Saints in the early rise of the Church.

During the conference Bishops Goodfellow and Carl Jensen, and Elders Wm. L. Watkins, James Pett and John D. Burt spoke of their long associations with Elder Lorenzo Snow; testified to his noble character and sterling integrity and unselfish motives in laboring for the welfare of the Saints of this Stake.

The Spirit of God, was poured out upon the speakers in a wonderful degree. This conference will long be remembered by those in attendance as a time of great rejoicing among the Saints of this Stake.

Great credit is due Brother Lee and his choir for the beautiful singing furnished on this occasion.

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Stake Clerk.

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrivals.—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool on April 14, 1897: For the British mission—E. B. Parrish, John F. Porter, David W. Horsley, Henry C. Brown, Centerville; Robert Anderson, Winslow Farr, Logan; Jonu D. Bowers, James T. Poulton, Salt Lake; Louis Fayter, Mill Creek. For the Swiss and German mission—James A. Hunter, Alfred A. Thomas, Salt Lake. For the Scandinavian mission—George M. Smoot, Martin Williamson, Lake View. For the Netherlands mission—Frank W. Thatcher, Logan; Herman B. Denkers, Klaus Alkema, Ogder; Brigham C. Holbrook, Eountul; William W. Francis, Morgan City; R. N. Hill, Smithfield.

RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS.—President Charles Peterson of the