

CORRESPONDENCE.

Written for this Paper.

DEATH OF ELDER M. H. JAMES.

Death has made another demand upon us for one of our most faithful, energetic and efficient fellow laborers in the work of human redemption—that of Elder Miles Hudson Jones, and I am requested to furnish the following items concerning his life and labors for the information of his numerous friends who read the DESERET NEWS at home and abroad.

Deceased was the son of Merlin Jones and Roxana Ives Jones. He was born January 27, 1835, at Harnden, New Haven county, Connecticut. His parents were well known in this community, and were much respected for their consistency and uprightness as citizens and as Latter-day Saints. They joined the Church at an early day.

Miles H. Jones, on September 30, 1848, left his native state and, with his parents, came west to Council Bluffs, Ia., where they lived four years.

In September, 1849, deceased was baptized into the Church by Daniel Carter. On June 9, 1852, they left Council Bluffs and started on their journey for Utah. They arrived at Salt Lake City September 15th of the same year. They came north and settled in Ogden, which they made their home during the remainder of their natural lives.

Miles J. Jones made Mormonism a study. He earnestly sought for and obtained from the Lord a testimony of the truth. He was a diligent seeker of the revelations of the Lord both ancient and modern. He acquired useful information also on many subjects from every legitimate source at his command. He labored assiduously to qualify himself for any position he would be called to fill in the Church of God. He considered himself a "missionary man" and was always ready to respond to the calls of the servants of the Lord to perform any duty required of him.

In 1863 he went as assistant captain to Omaha, Neb., to pilot a company of emigrants from that point to Utah. Among them were a number of Saints who sailed from London, England, and which composed the Mormon brass band. On their arrival in this Territory they located in Ogden. That mission he filled faithfully and to the entire satisfaction of the authorities of the Church.

On January 27, 1864, he married Ann Elizabeth, daughter of David Rollins and Mary Ann Charrette Rollins, who bore him four sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. The ceremony was performed at the residence of his parents. The new brass band was present and enhanced the happiness of the occasion by the rich strains of their instruments. This union was uninterrupted until November 27, 1877, when death deprived Brother Jones of his wife. He was left a widower with five children.

On December 29, 1881, Elder Jones married Rachel, daughter of John Morton and Ann Jones Morton.

The fruits of this union were five

sons and three daughters; one of each of these are dead.

Elder Jones was formerly a member of the city council of Ogden city. He has also been a member of the High Council of the Weber Stake. He was a Home Missionary and first Counselor to Lorin Farr, President of the High Priests' quorum of this Stake. The three last named positions he held at the time of his death.

On the 24th of last July he was taken sick with shocking pains in the stomach and in the back together with paralysis of the lower limbs. All that could be done to restore him to health again, but to no purpose. He continued to get worse until August 4 when at noon of that day, while surrounded by his family, death relieved him from his terrible sufferings.

The obsequies were held August 5th, in the Ogden tabernacle. A large audience was in attendance, Bishop James Taylor presiding.

After the opening hymn, prayer was offered by Elder Richard Ballantyne. Consoling addresses were then made by Elders Joseph Parry, C. F. Middleton, Joseph Hall, L. W. Shurtliff, Charles Welch and Bishop Taylor. All spoke in the highest terms of commendation of the deceased, with whom they had been acquainted from his youth up, and were well qualified to testify, which they did, of his truthfulness, his circumspection, his sincerity and integrity in every position which he has held in this community.

Bishop James Taylor, of whose ward Elder Jones was a member, in speaking of his many excellent qualities, said: "I became acquainted with Brother Jones thirty years ago, and I have been a neighbor to him during the whole of that time. At one time he was first counselor to the president of the M and Fort ward. I was the other counselor, and we were thrown together a great deal in our ministerial duties.

"Since I have been Bishop of the ward Brother Jones has been to me a faithful, a firm and a reliable support. He never declined any duty, never altered in any labor, never murmured at any sacrifice, never thought any requirement was too great for him; but went forward willingly and with alacrity and discharged his duties. He was very respectful in his conduct towards his fellow laborers in the ministry. He was humble and yielding in his disposition towards those whom he considered had authority to direct him.

"But a short time since," the Bishop said, "Brother Jones addressed the Saints in his ward, where he spoke with more force, vigor and efficacy than he had done for a long time previous. He spoke on the subject of salvation for the living and the dead—the condition of man after death—of his resurrection from the dead. He quoted largely from the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants in support of the doctrines, and bore a strong and earnest testimony of the gospel being revealed from God in the last days."

In closing the Bishop said: "Brother Miles H. Jones was an honest man, a

true and faithful Latter-day Saint; he honored his God, he honored his Priesthood, and was true to his brethren."

Elder Jones had 13 children, 9 boys and 4 girls. He also had 8 grandchildren.

An immense cortege followed his remains to the Ogden cemetery, where they were left to their last repose.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH HALL.

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SUMMIT STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Summit Stake quarterly conference was held in the Stake house, Coalville, on Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, 1895.

The morning session of Saturday opened at 10 o'clock by the choir singing "Lord, Thou hast searched and seen me through."

The opening prayer was offered by Patriarch Richard Birch.

"Though now the nations sit beneath" was sung by the choir.

On the stand during the conference, beside President Joseph F. Smith and Patriarch John Smith, were the Stake presidency, Elders W. W. Cluff, Alma Eldredge and Ward E. Pock, of the High Council, Joseph A. Fisher, Edmund Eldredge, T. L. Allen, W. H. Branch, John Horton, Andrew Hobson and Samuel Fadden; Patriarchs Thomas Ball and Richard Birch; presidents of quorums, Bishops, and a number of leading Elders.

At the morning session of Saturday, Elder Cluff, president of the Stake, in an opening address, expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints in quarterly conference under so favorable circumstances, yet regretted that so few interested themselves to be present at our Saturday conference meeting. Having picked up, on entering the meeting house, the Sunday school catechism card, bearing the heading, "Love One Another," he read therefrom the quotation from John, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." He commented on this subject of love most beautifully, treating it as a commandment from God rather than as an entreaty, and referred to the great love of our Master. At this juncture President Joseph F. Smith entered the building, just arrived on the 11.30 o'clock train. The speaker then catechized the assembly briefly from the card, gave answers thereto, and enjoined the Saints to learn these beautiful truths and practice them in their lives.

President Joseph F. Smith followed with a brief but graphic description of a visit of the first Presidency to the coast and the north to Alaska, picturing to the minds of his hearers the vastness and grandeur of the Alaskan coast, with its numerous islets and channels, the icebergs and glaciers, mountain scenery, customs of the people, etc.

At the afternoon session of Saturday a number of the Bishops reported the standing of their wards. Elder Thos. Copley, president of the Twenty-seventh quorum of Seventies, reported the condition of that quorum and spoke briefly in an interesting manner on general Gospel principles.

Elders Alma Eldredge and Ward E.