

proportions. His intellect was broad and his judgment good. He was always generous and kind. Were we to-day to enter the homes of many of those who were once poor in this city and Territory and ask them who, above all others, gave them aid when they were in sore distress, the response would be "Bishop John Sharp." He always found work for his brethren whenever he could do so. Were we to enter the homes of many who are in good financial circumstances and inquire who gave them good advice on certain business propositions, the answer would be the same. Not in this city and Territory alone was he looked upon as a man of worth, but throughout all this broad land wherever his name has been heralded. He was ever a friend of man. I remember well when I returned from a foreign mission in poverty, my family being practically without clothing and other necessary comforts of life, how I in common with others appealed to him for work and how he secured us positions. For this, and other noble traits of character I loved him and I trust that he loved me. Oftentimes, with profit, have I listened to words of counsel as they fell from his lips. He will receive the reward of a just man. We are about to bear his body hence from the home he has so long occupied, but we will be separated only for a little season. We will meet him again if we are faithful. To his latest breath he wished to have those at his side with whom he had fought the battle of life.

In the system that has been revealed to the Latter-day Saints we are taught that free agency has been given us and that we can exercise it for good or evil, as we choose. This system which we have espoused holds out this idea, that the plan of life and salvation is sufficiently broad to guarantee glory, immortality and eternal life to all, whether dead or living. It teaches us that God is our Father and that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world. We should reflect upon the seriousness of life and the possibilities which lie before us. Sometime we will be judged, like our departed brother, by the records of the past. We exhibit our love of God by our good deeds to His children. Such love has been a prominent characteristic in the life of Bishop Sharp. There are hundreds of men today who would be pleased to assemble in this house and take a last look at the mortal remains of the man who gave them work whereby they could earn bread for themselves and families. May God bless all who emulate his worthy deeds.

The choir sang "He softly sleeps in peaceful slumber," after which the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Preston.

Although the weather was inclement, a long line of carriages, preceded by upwards of 100 old employees of the Utah Central and Utah Southern rail ways, on foot, followed the remains to the cemetery, where they were deposited in the family burial lot, by the side of the body of the wife of the deceased, Jane P. Sharp, who died August 25th, 1882, at the age of sixty-three.

The dedicatory prayer at the grave was offered by Elder George G. Bywater.

The pallbearers were: James C. Livingston, George Swan, George G. Bywater, John Acomb, D. A. Swan, Orson Rumel, H. S. Young, H. P. Richards, Charles C. Livingston, S. H. Hill, Frank Hanson, Zeb Jacobs, D. C. Spencer, R. C. Badger, T. V. Williams and H. W. Naisbitt.

THE Z. C. M. I. DIRECTORY.

At a meeting of the directors of Z. C. M. I. held at the President's office, Salt Lake City, Thursday, December 24th, 1891, at 1 p. m., the following were adopted:

Whereas, In the dispensations of an Allwise Providence, Bishop John Sharp was, on the 23rd day of December, 1891, taken from our midst by the hand of death, and,

Whereas, He was associated with Z. C. M. I. from its organization in 1868—from October, 1877, until his death in the capacity of director, and from October, 1886, to October, 1888, as a member of our executive committee, and,

Whereas, He, during the whole of the time specified, by the exercise in its behalf, of his superior business ability, rendered the institution most valuable service, while he endeared himself to us by his honorable and upright course and estimable social qualities, therefore be it

Resolved, That by his departure from this life Z. C. M. I. has lost an earnest and capable officer and supporter, while we have also each been personally deprived of the society of one whom we esteemed as a brother and a friend. Be it further

Resolved, That as the family of our departed brother have suffered by his death a grievous and irreparable loss, we tender them our heartfelt condolence and sympathy in the hour of their affliction and bereavement; also

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the institution and that copies be furnished to his family.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce on Saturday evening:

Whereas, A prominent citizen of our city, in the person of Mr. John Sharp, has been called from our midst by death; and,

Whereas, The deceased has been for many years identified with the most progressive measures that have contributed to the development of this city and territory, in which he exercised a potent influence for the public good; and,

Whereas, This community is largely indebted to him for commercial advantages in the building of the Utah Central railroad; and,

Whereas, At the time of his death he occupied a prominent position in the business affairs of the city as president of the Deseret National Bank and director of the Union Pacific railroad, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. John Sharp this community, the Deseret National Bank and the Union Pacific railroad have suffered a serious loss, and the family of the deceased an irreparable injury.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the daily papers of this city.

FRED SIMON, President,
JOHN W. DONNELLAN,
Vice-President,
H. V. MELOY, Secretary.

TRIBUTE BY THE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

The employees of the Union Pacific Railway Company met in the A. O. U. W. Hall yesterday, and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the mysterious and inflexible laws governing life and death, which

Divine Providence has projected into nature, have once again manifested themselves in taking away from our midst one who has spent a long life of great usefulness in the capacity of a citizen and neighbor, and that all his life has been marked by consistency of action and as a benefactor wherein the history of Utah will be incomplete until his work as a public benefactor is written.

Resolved, That we are profoundly thankful to Omnipotence for having given us such a man as John Sharp proved himself to be through life, and that our sincere sympathy go out to his family in this their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be given to the family and published in the daily papers of this city.

NIELS THOMPSON,
R. C. PITT,
JAMES LOVE,
JOHN IRVINE,
DAVID LATIMER,
GEORGE BROWN,
J. FORRESTER,
W. C. BROWN, Chairman,
J. W. MURPHY, Secretary,
Committee.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

Elder D. R. Gill has just returned from his trip through the Snake River country in the interests of the DESERET NEWS. He states that he found the people, as a rule, feeling well, and striving to make their new homes comfortable. When last in that country, six years ago, comparatively few settlements were to be found. Now it is all taken up. The people have labored hard to construct the canals to convey the water to their land. It cost them thousands of dollars to do this work. The result is that this year they have raised over half a million bushels of grain.

The Bannock Stake is presided over by President T. E. Ricks, who is full of energy and anxious that all those around him shall be the same. In this way the people are becoming wealthy, and doubtless a few years hence all the country will be under cultivation. Fifteen or sixteen new settlements have been organized in the last six years, and a few more will soon be added. Brother Gill thinks that in the near future there will be another Stake of Zion in that northern country.

A company has been organized to construct a canal, which it is estimated will cost \$6000. This canal is intended to irrigate the west side of the Snake river, and bring the desert to yield forth grain and vegetation. Bishop Parker, of Egin, is now raising fruit. He will soon have a fine orchard. Small fruits he has in abundance. The people in general are also raising small fruits. Teton is not behind in doing its part in the direction of fruit tree cultivation. From Rigby to South Iona and Taylor is to be found the finest farming land in the north. The Snake River is a blessing to the people, with its abundance of water ever flowing down in its beds. It will be the means of making every acre of land bring forth something for the benefit of the dwellers there.

The health of the people is good, with the exception of one family attacked with that dread disease diphtheria, which carried off another son of Brother J. L. Roberts, of Salem, near Rexburg. He was 13 years old. About