

We are indebted to President George A. Smith for the following letter:

Correspondence. P. M. SMITH, June 20th, 1899. Geo. A. Smith—Dear Brother, I am now seated on the roots of the tree from under whose branches, I believe, the plates were taken containing the records of the "Book of Mormon."

Here in this vicinity I have spent some three or four hours in reflection and meditation, realizing that I was in the immediate vicinity of the most sacred and valuable treasure that this earth contains; and also that I was treading the ground that Joseph had trod, and where he had walked and talked with angels, who still keep vigil here and guard these sacred treasures.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 3rd, 1899. Editor Deseret News.—The 10th Ward Female Relief Society held their first annual meeting, June 15th, at which there was a general turn-out of the members of the society.

Appropriate remarks were made by Bishop Keeler on the general duties of the members of the society; observance of the Word of Wisdom was urged; the importance of the duties devolving upon mothers in rearing and properly training their children was pertinently dwelt upon; also to have faith and confidence in the ordinances of the holy priesthood, especially the laying on of hands in sickness.

The names of the officers of the society are Mrs. Olive H. Walker, President; Mrs. Sophia B. Tripp, first Counselor; Mrs. Julia W. Phipple, second Counselor; Mrs. Priscilla H. Kimball, Secretary; and Mrs. Patience Hampton, Treasurer.

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