GEORGE A. SMITH.

An Address Delivered on the Anniversary of His 78th Birthday, by S. H. B. Smith.

"Brother George A.," as he was called in familiar terms by his friends, was the son of John Smith, the patriarch, and Clarissa Lyman, and was born June 26, 1817, at Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, and was trained in the religion of the Congregational church, of which his father and mother were members, until his fifteenth year.

To illustrate one of his traits of character, I will mention that, while he was attending school at Potsdam, he grew rapidly and attained his full growth before the time arose for boys to stake their growth. This gave him a somewhat awkward address, and as he was of a retiring nature and did not cultivate the good will or try to win the favor of the boys at school, he was contented with his studies, with the contemplation of his own thoughts, and the society of other people, the result was that the bantering boys of the school undertook to play him a game of tally, and this, shortly after he had recovered from a spell of sickness; therefore he resolved that he would thrash the whole nonparticipant set as soon as he recovered his strength sufficiently to do it. Finally the time came, and he walked in, and not only whipped the rascals, but every boy that took sides with his tormentors. This statement is about as I have heard him relate it, and when we consider that his sensitive nature and repeatedly been outraged, and his manhood and manhood insulted, we do not blame him for demanding reparation.

It has been said that, when he was born, he was unusually small, but those who became acquainted with him as a man, knew that he had only came to the full stature of manhood, but that he possessed a memory that was truly wonderful.

My acquaintance with him dates from my boyhood days up to the time that he finished his career on earth, and he was always the same true, understanding friend. President Brigham Young remarked, on the morning of his death, that he had known Brother George A. Smith for forty-six years, had traveled and labored with him in the ministry for many years, and believed him to be as faithful a boy and as honest a man as ever lived, and he was of the opinion that he had the good record to bear with the other side of the veil as any other man; he said that he never knew him to neglect or overdo a duty, and that he was a man of sterling integrity, a complete cabinet of history, and was always true to his friends.

Captain John Codman wrote an unbiased historical account of George A.'s labors in southern Utah, which it would be well for all persons to read who are in search of correct information in regard to that portion of our Territory, and when he heard of his demise he said of him that he was the "very soul of honor."

My extensive and diversified acquaintance with him, at times, brought us under the most trying circumstances. In the spring of 1856, George A. pressed the plains on his way as delegate to Washington. I accompanied him, drove team, stood guard, did general camp duty, and when he was sick, walked on him with the best of care. At the south pass we were overtaken by a fearful snowstorm in the month of May, and I was among the able bodied men to shovel snow, and to break our way through the high drifts that intercepted our progress so that we could get our horses and wagons through to continue our journey. Many of the company were suffering from snow-blind or dimness of sight caused by the sun's reflection from the snow and severe cold; but my eyes were not affected in the least, being at the time in my 19th year and having been used to a great deal of outdoor work in the winter and rough usage; my work in the summer, on this occasion, proved greatly to my advantage.

One circumstance will show the true character of George A.:

After we had got through the snow, down where the road was much better, one day, on account of my having slept guard every other night, and being so much exposed to cold, I was so overcome with fatigue, it was a difficult task for me to guide the leading horses. George A. was not slow to notice the situation, and said, "Let me have those lines and you come back here and have a nap." Of course, I did not object, and had about one hour of the sound kind of sleep, which was without dreams.

Before leaving home, George A. provided himself with a liberal supply of old overcoats. I did not have to ask him for the loan of one; he had seen enough to know what was needed, and said, "Put on this coat." In Utah we spoke he was unlike some specimens that are called men.

He was one of the Prophet Joseph Smith's body guard, and always cherished his memory with fond recollections, and was never so much annoyed as when the Prophet was the role of conversation.

"He was great in little deeds, and heart-overflowing with the love of kindness. He would indignantly condemn the guilties, quite it would be well for men to emulate; he would say, or do anything that you will be ashamed of." His preaching by both precept and example, will be sound in all the better for his having lived.

To the immediate descendants of this good and great man we, who are not in the line of that descent, say that you are greatly blessed by having such a man for your ancestor. May our hearts go out in loving sympathy towards you, that God, in His infinite mercy, may look upon you given to your day and generation, so that you will ever feel be blessed that you have keep it green in your memories for on the 26th day of June last, one of the greatest men of this time, was born into the world; one who proved himself to this generation with Prophet and Patriarch to Israel, the descendants from patriarchs, a man who had within his tabernacle one of the most faithful of the nineteenth century, one who, like Joseph and Hyrum Smith, has for years been a long mark, not, as man of weeping willow and balm of Gilead to cheer and soothe the place, but his words will forever live, and his labors and good name will speak to generations yet unborn, and posterity will see as we can not see.

And now we wish to tender to John Henry Smith, the aged living son of George A. Smith, our president, the sensations, and to Lyman, one of the only surviving sons from the Kirtland revelation extended calling of Christ, to family in the church may this occasion mark a new era in more fraternal love and friendship, in the wish of your fellow Saints.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Appropriation List Signed by the Mayor—Poll Tax Collections and Health Report.

During the present week $400 of poll tax in Salt Lake has been collected in silver and cash by some assessments.

The opportunities for power at the last session of the City Council have been exercised by the Mayor and will be promptly changed by Acting Mayor Bell.

The health department reports for the week ending July 4th, births 28, males 13, females 15; deaths 9, males 5, females 4. There are five houses standing quarantined—diseases: diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 1. There is one case of typhoid fever in the city.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR JUNE.

No. of deaths for June, 17. Rate per 1,000, 4.29. Sex, males, 13; females, 12. Color, white, 23.

Marriages—Utah, 26; other parts of U. S., 4; foreign, 13.

Births—Males—Married, 9; widows, 3; single, 12; not given, 1.

Females—Married, 5; widows, 1; single, 12; not given, 1.

No. of bodies received for interment from elsewhere, 7.

No. of bodies shipped for interment to other places, 8.

Deaths in hospitals, 2.

Premature and still born not counted, 5.

Marriage licenses from county records, 14.

Births reported—White, 25; males, 13; females, 10.

Contagious Diseases reported—Scarlet fever, Third ward, 1; Fourth ward, 1; Eleventh ward, 1; Seventeenth ward, 1; Twenty-first ward, 1. Typhoid fever, Fifteenth ward, 1. Diphtheria, Second ward, 1; Ninth ward, 1. Total, 8.

Food Condemned—Beef, 100 pounds, 150 lbs; fruit, 820 lbs; vegetables, 600 lbs; cheese, 4,071 lbs; milk 20 gallons.

Burned at the Crematory—Garbage, 201 loads; vegetables, 1 load; fruit, 2 loads; sheep pelts, 1 load; eggs, 7 cases; dead calves, 7; dead dogs, 47; dead horses, 8; dead sheep, 2; estimated color yards, 1,611.

Kindergarten Day at Saltair.

There will be an excursion on Wednesday, July 10th, for the benefit of the Utah Kindergarten, and all are invited to come and give their little towards the good cause. The program for the day is as follows:

Dancing matinee comes between the hours of 2 and 6. During the afternoon and evening there will be songs by Miss Maude Pratt and Mr. Ashworth and others and fancy solo dances.

The grand ball will commence at 7 o'clock.

A novel and interesting feature offered by the ladies in charge of the Kindergarten is will be the distribution of $100 in cash in four prizes, ranging from $50 down to $10. Every purchaser of a ticket for that day, whether child or adult, will receive a duplicate coupon, then at 9 o'clock the coupons will be placed in two boxes, one containing the adults' and the other the children's coupons, and from these boxes sufficiently drawn will draw the lucky numbers which will entitle the holder of the first one drawn to $50 in cash, and the last one, a child's coupon, to $10 in cash.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM.

Mrs. R. K. Thomas, Miss Kate Wells, Mrs. Lulu Shaw Savage, Mrs. Emily Cannon, Mrs. Emily Wells Grant.

HONORARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clawson, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thomas, Mrs. E. R. Wells, C. L. and Mrs. T. G. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hills, Dr. and Mrs. C. Wilcox, Prof. and Mrs. Willard Done, Marshal and Mrs. Nat Brigham, Chief Justice Merrill, Mr. C. R. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clive, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Henry James, Mr. and Mrs. George Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wells, Col. and Mrs. Frank Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clawson, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Spencer, Col. and Mrs. Nephi Clayton, Gen. and Mrs. John Q. Cannon, Mr. A. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Calmer, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Empey.

COMMITTEE ON DANCING.

Miss Lorenzo Savage, Miss Kate Romney, Miss Mary Cannon, Miss Rosa Lambert, Miss Ida Savage, Miss Celia Sharp, Miss Mae Taylor, Miss Mary Romney, Miss Dennett Smith, Miss Grandaline Lewis, Miss Emily Kelly, Miss Grace Young, Mr. C. R. Stewart, Mr. Will Clark, Mr. Fred Dayton, Mr. Charley Mason, Mr. Fred Moyle, Mr. James Hay, Mr. Charley Rose, Mr. Reuben Ulrich, Mr. Joe Dayton, Mr. Edgar Hills, Mr. Seymour Seymour Jr., Mr. George Biser, Mr. Henry Jacobs, Mr. Tom Cook, Mr. Lou Biser, Mr. W. C. Raymond, Miss Claire Clawson, Miss Jessie Ellertson, Miss Minnie Shearriggs, Miss Isabella Sears, Miss Lulu Cannon, Miss Florence Critchlow, Miss Annie Campbell, Miss Agnes Sharp, Miss Hettie Young, Miss Sara Thomas, Miss Jessie Calder.

FLOOR MANAGERS.

Verne Smith, Hyde Young, Lewis Wells, Fred Dayton.

SUPPER MANAGER.

Mr. Charles Burton.

The Latter-day Saints' Tailors.

The Latter-day Saints' College, in this city, will open for the work of the ninth scholastic year on Monday, September 2, 1895. The first two years will be occupied with entrance examinations and registration, active class work commencing on Wednesday, September 11th. The following courses are offered: Preparatory, three years; science, two years; law, two years; commercial, one year; normal, two years; music, five years; elocution, one year; painting, five years; drawing, one year; modern languages, one year; Hebrew, one year; Chinese, one year; Greek, one year; Latin, one year; German, one year; French, one year; Spanish, one year. The Normal department will be in charge of Prof. Willis Nelson, who will also have charge of the Hebrew and Chinese classes. The Greek, Latin, German, French and Spanish classes will be in charge of competent teachers