

OBITUARY NOTES.

ELDER DAVID M. STEWART.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 23, 1898.—David M. Stewart was one of the most prominent and successful workers in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His name is known and he is respected and beloved in every nation where the Gospel has been preached by the Elders in this dispensation. He has traveled thousands of miles to preach the message of salvation to the nations and strictly on the apostolic principle—literally "without purse or scrip." His ministerial labors have been as successful as those of any other man in Israel. He has brought great numbers of people into this Church, who have subsequently "called him blessed," and have thanked God for sending him to them with the Gospel which is the "power of God unto salvation." They cherish his memory with love and gratitude.

David M. Stewart was ever ready and willing to leave home and friend, and business interests to obey the call of the men whom he esteemed and honored as servants of God, and whom he loved as dearly as he did his own life.

He was the son of David Marshall and Mary Stewart. His parents were poor but honest; they were frugal and industrious. He was born at Irvien, Ayrshire, Scotland, March 8, 1826. His father died while David was in his infancy, and thus early he was left to the care of his widowed mother. In his youth, like many others of his class, he struggled hard to earn a maintenance for himself, and to aid his mother, also. His education was limited, but his natural abilities were of no mean order. He was intelligent—quick to grasp a truth, and he readily solved problems, which to many others seemed difficult to comprehend.

In 1842 he first heard the Gospel preached by the Latter-day Saint Elders. He believed the principles they taught to be the same as those preached by the Savior and His Apostles. On May 5th of the same year he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, at Paisley, Scotland, and soon secured a knowledge of the divinity of the doctrines which he had embraced, which knowledge remained with him the remainder of his life.

Shortly after he joined the Church he became exceedingly anxious to gather with the authorities and the body of the Saints. He was without means to travel, but he was determined to make an effort to accomplish his purpose. He started on foot and alone and worked his way until he reached Liverpool, England. There he was introduced to Apostle Wilford Woodruff, who obtained for him opportunity to work his passage to America.

On October 3, 1845, he sailed on board the ship Windsor Castle, which was commanded by Captain Patterson. On the 22nd of November he landed at New Orleans, from which place, by the kind aid of Captain Patterson, he secured money to carry him to St. Louis, Mo., where he was met and kindly received by an elderly lady, a Latter-day Saint, and whom he in his record calls "Dear Old Mother McMasters." He knew her in his native land. She said she knew he was coming for she had seen him in a vision, and had made preparations to receive and provide for him. At that time the Saints were making their forced exodus from Nauvoo. He remained at St. Louis about two years, working in the coal mines. Early in the year 1847, David M.

started west on foot and quite alone to find the body of the Church. In due time he reached Winter Quarters, where he met one of his countrymen, Elder Robert S. Campbell, who introduced him to Joseph Young, brother of President Brigham Young. Elder Joseph Young was then president of all the quorums of Seventy. Shortly after the introduction, and some conversation with him, Joseph ordained David M. Stuart to the office of Seventy, and installed him in the family of Elder Orson Pratt, to take the lead in family prayers, and to aid the family in every other way that was necessary, as far as he was able to do so. Elder Pratt, at that time, was on a mission in the East.

On June 22, Elder Stuart left Winter Quarters, and commenced his journey overland across the great American plains, in Captain A. O. Smoot's company, driving team all the way to Utah. In his journal he relates many thrilling adventures through which he passed while crossing the wild prairies. On Sept. 28, 1847, he reached Salt Lake valley in good health, and he was satisfied with his lot.

In the spring of 1848, he was called upon by President John Smith, to go back with a company of other Elders, to "Winter Quarters." David M. was the bearer of a great number of letters from the valley to President Brigham Young and many other brethren at that place and still further east. The company started on the 6th of May with riding horses and pack animals. After meeting with numerous difficulties by the way, and being detained by the Indians, as prisoners for some time, they finally arrived at Winter Quarters safe and sound, and were received with great joy by the authorities of the Church at that place. David delivered the letters for President Young and the other people at that place. After resting awhile he proceeded onward to St. Louis and delivered the other letters he had for the people in that city. David M. Stuart may be said to be the first mail carrier from Salt Lake City to St. Louis. In that city he engaged again at work in the coal mines and earned enough money to purchase a good outfit to return again to his new home in the mountains of Utah.

In 1849, in company with several others, David made a trip to California, where he remained for several years. He also visited Mexico. On March 26, 1853, he was admitted to citizenship of the United States, in the Sixth judicial district court at Sacramento, California. He remained in the Golden state working and also doing missionary labor. From there he went on a mission to Oregon.

On May 28, 1858, he was married to Miss Sarah Keyes, at Honey Lake valley, Elder G. Higgins officiating at the nuptials.

On April 20, 1861, he went on a mission to Scotland, where he labored preaching the Gospel two years. He returned home May 29, 1863.

The same year he was appointed to preside over the First ward, in Ogden.

On Feb. 13, 1865, he was elected a member of the Ogden city council. In November, 1867, he was sent on a mission to the United States. He returned home again in October, 1869.

The same year he was appointed a home missionary in the Weber Stake of Zion. He held that position—which he magnified honorably up to the time of his death.

On December 20, 1869, he was elected a member of the High Council of the Weber Stake. In 1870 he was appointed counselor to Bishop C. W. West; the same year he was sent on another mission to the United States. He was absent about one year. On February 8,

1875, he was again selected a member of the City Council; and in October following he was sent on still another mission. He returned July 17, 1876. His respite from the mission field, however, was but brief, for in October following he was sent again to the states to preside over the St. Louis district, which embraced a number of states. From this mission he returned September 26, 1877. On November 3rd, the same year he was ordained a High Priest by Apostle F. D. Richards. In 1878 he was appointed tithing agent of the Weber Stake. On May 11, 1884, he was set apart as Bishop of Uintah ward.

On February 19, 1885, he was sent on another mission, but he was absent only about three months. In 1866 he served a term in the Utah penitentiary for maintaining and honoring his religious convictions, though in doing so he infringed upon the Edmunds-Tucker law.

In 1890 he was sent on another mission to Europe, where he labored in the ministry something over one year, and in August, 1892, he went on another mission to Oregon, from which he returned February 16, 1893. This it will be seen that there are few Elders living, if any, who have filled more missions—home or foreign—than Elder David M. Stuart. He filled them all honorably, and to the satisfaction of the authorities of the Church.

David M. Stuart was a firm and able advocate of the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was not only a forcible speaker, but also good writer, both in prose and verse. Many choice gems, on a variety of subjects, are scattered through the pages of his journal.

On October 21, 1895, he was ordained a Patriarch by President Joseph F. Smith, assisted by Apostles A. H. Cannon and John W. Taylor.

Elder Stewart had been declining physically for several years previous to his demise. He took his bed August 12th, from which he never again arose alive. His sufferings were very acute, but he bore them patiently until about 2:15 o'clock a.m. of the 19th inst., when death ended his pains, as it did also end the mortal career of one of earth's brightest, best and most faithful sons.

The funeral services over the remains were held in the Ogden Tabernacle at 2 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 1898. A large concourse of friends assembled to honor his name and memory. Bishop B. White presided. The Tabernacle choir furnished the music. The opening prayer was offered by Elder James Wortherspoon. The speakers were Elders N. C. Flygare, C. F. Meddleton, S. W. Shurtliff, Joseph Parry, Joseph Hall and Bishop B. White. Benediction was pronounced by Bishop David McKay. A large cortege followed the remains to their last resting place in the Ogden cemetery. The grave was dedicated by Elder Charles Welch.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH HALL.

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be Their Rest.

MCDONALD.—On this city, Aug. 82, 1898, Judith Bertha, youngest daughter of Alexander and Christina McDonald.

HALSETT.—In this city, Aug. 26, 1898, of injuries received in an accident. George Halsett, aged 12 years and 4 months.

LEWIS.—At Kanab, Kane county, Aug. 18th, 1898, of heart troubles, James Lewis, son of William S. and Mary T. Lewis, aged 12 years, 10 months. He was a great sufferer, but was resigned to the will of God.

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