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irmatory of the statements so many times made by others that the doctrine of plural or celestial marriage had not only been revealed by the Almighty during the lifetime of the Prophet Jos. Smith, but that it was also practiced by headers of the Church, and that the evelation was read before and the doctrine taught to the High Council of Nauvoo, are so interesting that we publish them entire, Sister Thompson is now nearly seventy-nine years of age, and an invalid, but with mental faculties clear and strong:

TESTIMONY AS TO THE REVELATION SALT LAKE CITY, January 31st, 1886.

DEAR BROTHER—Having noticed in the DESERBY News an enquiry for testimony concerning the revelation on plural marriage, and having read the testimony of Brother Grover, it came to my mind that perhaps it would be right for me to add my testimony to his on the subject of Brother Hyrum reading it to the High Council. I well somewher the circumstance. I re-

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A MINER'S EXPERIENCES:

THEE TIMES BURIED ALIVE IN A COAL MINE, AND LIVING TO TELL OF IT.

Correspondence of the Canton, O., Enquirer: My first experience in being burled alive was in February, 1861, while working in an iron ore mine, under a man named Arthur Hodgkiss, in the Bunker Hill colliery, near Portobello, South Staffordshire, Eng., in that part known as the "Black Country." My work was to carry water to throw on the dirt and clod of the face of the workings, thus softening it and making it easier to mine and get the iron ore down. I had started from the bottom of the shaft where our buckets were fillied, in company with a dumb boy. We had to go the same road together until we came to the junction of two entries, when each would have to go in his own entry to reach that part gether until we came to the junction of two entries, when each would have to go in his own entry to reach that part of the workings attended by him.

Before parting we put down our buckets to rest ourselves and exchange a few words, or rather a few signs, as he talked by signs. We had not been there a minute before each of us noticed some loose dirt falling from hear the roof opposite to where I was standing, and we looked at each other as though to say, it is well we are here to be able to clear it from the track before the driver comes, thinking only a lew shovelfuls were falling. But before we had time to act, or even to think, the whole side of the entry—six feet high, twelve feet long, and from 18 inches to 2 feet thick—came over on us, completely burying me beneath it, while the dumb boy, standing in his own entry, which was down hill from him, was just out of reach of the fall, but the dirt scattering in his entry, caught him by the legs and knocked him down before he could get away and held him there.

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I must have been stunned for a mo-ment after the fall, but not more than

encase a person's body as tight as mine was without causing some pain, and yet I felt no pain whatever... We were not there long before help arrived. As it was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon some of the miners had done work and were about to start out when the dumb boy's terrible yells reached their ears, and they started on a run toward the place. Those that had not finished work also ran with them, so that as quick as they cauld run 150 yards about afteen men were to the rescue. The dumb boy, heing visible, was soon released. Not having heard me they did not know I was there, and were about to go to the bottom of the shaft, and still leave me buried there; buthe soon pened; and in a short time after I was

estify to my narrow escape. fise I was not hurt My third and up to the press ay last burlal, took place in

down, so we posted it up with good props, and the further we got under it the more solid it got, until we thought it unnecessary to post it so close to the face of the coal.

One afternoon about the middle of September, 1871, I fired a shot for the purpose of blasting down some coal. As soon as the shot went off I went back to the face of the room to see what it had done. I was sounding the coal on the face when I saw bits of siste falling from the roof near the rib—a sure indication that some slate was going to fall. Thinking perhaps it was only a small lump that had been shaken by the shot, I went to the middle of the room to get to where I thought the slate was solid, as I had sounded it a short time before. When I reached the middle of the room, to my horror I saw the roof was caving all over me, the the roof was caving all over me, the whole width of it.

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Lightning is slow when compared to a man's thoughts in time of danger. With death staring him in the face a man does a great deal of thinking in a short time, and those thoughts are generally how to cheat death for that time. When I saw that roof I was satisfied that grim death was staring me in the face and laughing at my thoughts of fooling or beating him out of his prey. Could I beat death even at the risk of two broken legs? This was what I was thinking of. at the risk of two broken legs? This was what I was thinking of.

The posts we had set were not less than twelve feet away, and if I could reach them with my body by a single bound it would be safe at the expense of my legs. While I thought it was only the draw-slate that going to fall, the room was so full of powder smoke I could not see anything two yards away from the face of the room, and did not know but the

the room, and did not know but the whole room was caving in. In that case no power on earth could save me. Was I prepared to die? Could my father get along without me? Every act of my life passed like a panorama before me, my bad deeds seemed most prominent. No one had ever survived after being caught even in the draw-slate, which was eight inches thick in those mines. Still, life was sweet and worth an effort. With a prayer to heaven, I made one bound for safety. Just as my body was stretched out in the act of springing forward the slate came loose and bore me to the ground, burying me beneath it.

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