

OBITUARY NOTES.

JAMES HOLT.

TEASDALE, Wayne County, Utah, April 9, 1894.—Not having seen a notice of the death of my father in your paper, I take the liberty of sending you a short sketch of his life.

James Holt was born Feb. 10, 1804, in North Carolina. He was the son of Jesse and Elizabeth Holt. His parents moved to Tennessee when he was six months old where they made a permanent home. My father received the Gospel in the year 1839 and was baptized. In 1840 he emigrated to Nauvoo, where he became intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph. He was sent on a mission in the spring of 1844 to Tennessee, and was preaching on the day the Prophet was killed. He was filled with prophecy at the time and said: "Now they have murdered the Prophet of God; he has sealed his testimony with his blood and my mission is ended for this time." He immediately started home and on his way learned it was all too true. He left Nauvoo in the fall and suffered all the hardships of that trip. He stopped in Iowa until 1852, when he came to the valley and settled at North Ogden. He was counselor to Bishop Thomas Dunn for a number of years. He was one of the first to settle Ogden valley. In 1862 he moved south and settled at Washington, and from there he went to Long valley, and finally, when the settlers were all run out by the Indians, he went to the Mountain Meadows, finally settling at the mouth of the Meadow canyon, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 27th of January, 1894; he lacked a few days of being 90 years old.

He was honest as the day is long, and a staunch believer in the Gospel, and was always on hand to respond to every call made upon him. He was the father of nineteen children, ten having gone before. He leaves a wife, nine children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He had a great deal of work done in the St. George Temple for his dead.

W. A. HOLT.

HENRY M'EWAN.

Henry McEwan, the particulars of whose sad death, on the 16th inst., as the result of an accident received on the 15th, were published in the News a few days ago, was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, July 4th, 1830. His parents were among the first members who joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints under the preaching of Elder Orson Pratt, on his first visit to Edinburgh, in the year 1840. Elder McEwan joined the Church in his youth. He learned the trade of a printer at the publishing house of Oliver & Boyd, in Edinburgh. In the spring of 1853 he left Liverpool on the packet ship International, with a company of Saints, bound for New Orleans, on the way to Utah, via Keokuk. He crossed the Plains in Elder Jacob Gates's company. On his arrival in the valley he located at Provo, and during his residence there was a prominent member of the Provo Dramatic Association. During the summer of 1855, he accepted a situation in the DESERET NEWS office, where he continued until the fall of 1856, when he left for several weeks in response to a call made by President Brigham Young for volunteers to assist in bringing in the handcart companies. He went east as far as the Sweetwater, driving a four-mule team and enduring the hardships attendant on that trip. On his return he resumed his labors in the News office. On March 6th, 1857, he was married to Sister Agnes Hogg, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

At the April Conference, 1857, he was appointed on a mission to California to

labor in the Western Standard office, and in the ministry. He arrived at San Francisco July 15, 1857, and continued his labors until the suspension of the publication of that paper the following fall. On December 1 of that year he left San Francisco on the steamer Senator, on his homeward trip, in company with Elder Orson Pratt and several returning missionaries from the British mission on their way to Salt Lake City via San Bernardino, from which point he drove Elder Pratt's team. He arrived home about January 15th, 1858. During his absence his first child was born, a girl, and died. In the exodus of the Saints from Salt Lake City, occasioned by the Buchanan war, he and two others were sent to Parowan, Iron county, with a printing outfit, where it was expected the DESERET NEWS would be published alternately with the issues of the paper at Fillmore. He returned to this city in the fall and resumed his labors in the News office—the paper being again published in this city. In the fall of 1860, Judge Elias Smith, then editor of the NEWS, appointed him foreman of the newspaper and job departments, which position he filled with entire satisfaction until he accepted the position of assistant stage manager, in the spring of 1866, at the Salt Lake Theater, he having been promoter from its first opening.

On retiring from the Theater, he engaged with Mr. T. B. H. Stenhouse and took charge of the Daily Telegraph office, which position he held until its removal to Ogden City. He then became financially interested—owning half interest—in the Utah job printing office, the first exclusive job office established in this city, which, under his skilled management, was a success. Several years afterwards he sold out his interest in the business.

At the October Conference, 1869, he was appointed to a mission to the Eastern States and labored most of the time in the state of Pennsylvania, under the presidency of Elder Robert T. Burton. The following spring he was honorably released to return home, having in charge an Elder who was quite sick. On their return the train they were on met with a serious accident by the overturning of all the coaches except the one he and his companion were in, and doing great damage; but the Elders escaped without injury and arrived home in safety. In 1875 he went to San Francisco to fill a situation tendered him in one of the leading printing offices, where he remained several months, when he went to Carson City, Nevada, and took charge of one of the leading newspapers of that city. He returned home in the fall of 1876. In the spring of 1877 he again became associated with the NEWS, and from shortly after that date had charge of the newspaper department until February 17th, 1887, and on his retiring was presented with a handsome testimonial from his fellow-workmen as a token of their friendship and the esteem in which they held him.

In 1890 he became personally interested in a newspaper published in this city entitled the Advertiser, which was afterwards changed in title to the Stock Exchange, and was published under the auspices of the Board of Trade of this city. After its discontinuance the printing outfit was taken to Bingham canyon, and at the time of his death he owned a third interest in the paper now published there, called the Bulletin. Several months ago he connected himself with the Tooele Times as manager and continued with it until recently.

For many years he was a resident of the Twelfth ward and took great interest in the Sabbath school, and for a time had charge of the theological class. He also took an active part in the Mutual Im-

provement association of the ward. He was a member of the Eighth quorum of Seventies.

Brother McEwan was the father of ten children—five sons and five daughters; all of the latter and one son have preceded him to the spirit world, leaving four sons living, three in this city and one now laboring in the missionary field in Berlin, Germany.

The funeral services were held in the Twelfth ward chapel, on Wednesday, April 18, at 2 p.m., Counselor Druce conducting the services. Elders Whitney, Pyper, Spencer and Ensign sang several choice selections suitable to the occasion. The speakers were Elders George Teasdale, Abraham H. Cannon, James E. Talmage and Charles W. Penrose, all of whom spoke in terms of commendation, and alluded to the sterling integrity of the deceased to the work of God, his devotedness to his family and his straightforward business course through life, which won for him a host of friends. The benediction at the chapel was pronounced by Elder John T. Caine. Some forty carriages followed his remains to their resting place in the cemetery. The dedicatory prayer at the grave was offered by Elder Joseph Bull.

JOHN ENGLAND.

PLAIN CITY, Weber County, Utah, April 20, 1894.—We have the sorrowful duty to record the demise of a worthy man, whose good deeds will survive him in the loving memory of a wide circle of friends. There died in this city, April 7th, Brother John England, surrounded at the time of his death by most of the members of his family. From the first he was fully conscious of the change impending. He did not wish a doctor, for he said one could do him no good—he was anxious to go. He bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and, with his latest breath he exhorted his family to keep faithful.

Brother England was born March 20, 1815, at Stoford, Somersetshire, England; was baptized Sept. 13, 1847, at Bridport, ordained a Teacher Nov. 8, 1847, a Priest Feb. 13, 1848, an Elder Dec. 10, 1848, and a High Priest about the year 1852. He was the father of fifteen children. Eight died in England and five emigrated to this country with him. His son John, and daughter Ann came to Utah three years before their parents. Ann was in the family of President Young, and John was one that helped to build the first telegraph line across the the Rocky mountains; and they assisted their parents to emigrate. Brother England left Liverpool April 9, 1862, on board the John J. Boyd, and crossed the plains in Captain Duncan's company. His first wife died November, 20, 1882; his second wife died March 7, 1890; he leaves a wife, and seven children by his first wife, sixty-four grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He lived a life of usefulness and has gone to his well-earned rest. He said himself just before the close that he was going "on a mission." He calmly awaited the messenger of death and was pleased to go.

GEO. C. GREEN.

ELDER THOMAS WALLACE,
Late Bishop of North Ogden, Weber-
Stake of Zion.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of our esteemed friend and fellow laborer, Elder Thomas Wallace, which occurred at the residence of Apostle F. D. Richards, Ogden, on Sunday April 15th.

For many years past Brother Wallace's health has been failing, but quite recently he had been gradually recovering his former strength and had attended the General Conference in Salt Lake City, and was present at the Weber Stake Conference meetings held on Sunday the 15th. He complained, however, of a