GENEALOGY.

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Vicarious work is predicated on a belief in an eternal past and an eternal future. In ancient times this belief was a part of every religion in more or less distorted forms. Among the Egyptians, this Faith so fashioned the spirit and body together that the nobles and princes had their bodies embalmed.

Among the moderns the Buddhists and Theosophists carry the spirit forward through many successive bodies. But they provide no place beyond for repentance or acceptance of the gospel. The Catholic alone makes it possible for some mitigation of future conditions through saying masses for the soul of the dead. But Joseph Smith is the first and only man in modern times who has dared to declare that the soul may repent, receive grace and finally reach its perfect goal, after its earthly life is over. But God has provided that the work for the dead must be done by those living upon the earth, as this is the place where earthly experiences were encountered by the tabernacled spirit. Who of us can grasp the height, the depth and the immensity of this wondrous principle?

The genealogical section of the Daughters of the Pioneers will meet in the Lion house at 3 p. m. next Wednesday, instead of Friday. There will then be given the first of a series of lectures on "Salvation for the Dead," by Elder Joseph F. Smith, Jr., secretary of the Church Historical and Genealogical society. All interested in temple work are invited.

GOODMAN-BINNEY.

Here is an earnest appeal from a new convert in Beachton, Grady county, Ga.: Mary Elizabeth Binney married Greenbury Walker in 1866. He died in 1884. Her father's name was John Binney, and her mother's name was Hepsey Goodman, and her grandmother's name was Rosanna Stewart. Mrs. Binney-Walker was born in Laurens county, Ga. She wishes to get information about any of her forefathers herein mentioned. Her address is: Beachton, Grady county, Ga.

BROMLEY—Mrs. Eleanor Bromley Thomas of Preston, Ida., encloses two letters from an eastern gentleman relative to the future publishing of a Bromley history. The gentleman wishes all who are in any way connected with the American families of Bromley to write to aim, giving full information as far back as any can go. His name and address are: John Bromley Slocum, 111 Massachusetts avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

CARD—Mrs. Rosa A. Card of Emporium, Cameron county, Pa., writes to know what she can do in regard to her own temple work, and that for her son who died a short time since. We answer this, as it may give others some information also. Sister Card will need to do her own work, when she is able to reach a temple. But she can have the work done for her dead son here at Salt Lake if she will send his name and date of birth, death, and place of birth, with her own relationship to the dead man. The very first thing for Sister Card to do, as well as for every saint who has not yet emigrated from their own home, is to get a suitable blank book, sit down at once and put down every bit of information they have of their parents' names and dates; then their grandparents, just as far back as they can go. Where they lack information let them go to the county or church records, to churchyards, and to old acquaintances, and thus glean every possible scrap of information about all their kindred dead before they come to Zion. Every uncle, aunt, cousin, and these as far back as you can go, all should be put down carefully being extremely particular to note the exact relationship of the living heir to the dead person. Let no one neglect this gravely important task.

HOUGHTON—Will some one kindly furnish the information that will lead to a knowledge of the town in Rutland county, Vermont, where Amon Houghton and Aurelia Curtis were born, in the early part of 1800, also of James Houghton and his wife, the parents of the above Amon?

WORK DONE IN MANTI TEMPLE.

Following are names of families officiated for in part, at least, in the Manti Temple:

DeGraw and Dutton families of the U. S., by DeGraw family of Glendale.

Down family of N. Y., by J. C. Witbeck of Manti.

Everett family, Addison Everett of St. George.

Eager family, Mass., by John Eager of Bush Valley.

Eastman family of New England, by John D. Chase of Huntington.

Edmunds family of England, Scotland and Wales, by M. W. Jasper of Goshen.

Evans family of England and Scotland, by C. D. Evans of Springville.

Eldredge family, by Mrs. Chidester of Washington.

Farnsworth family of New England, by M. F. Farnsworth of Manti.

Falconer and Faulkner families of England, by Mrs. M. F. Pratt, (dead), of Virgin City.

Field family, by Joseph Field of Beaver.

Fiske family of Mass., by Allan Stout, (dead), of Rockville.

Flagg family of New England, by Emily B. Spencer of St. George.

Foote family, by W. S. Foote of Glendale.

Frost family, by Allan Frost of Kanab.

Fuller family, by J. J. Fuller of Provo.

Fay family, by Jefferson Wright of Salt Lake City and Virgin City.

Felton family, by Mrs. Persis G. Richards of Kanab.

Forbush family, by Sanford Forbush of Manti.

Foster family, by Solon Foster of Salt Lake City and St. George.

Freeman family, by Mrs. Hannah Wells of Manti.

Foss family, by Foss and Woolley of Salt Lake City and St. George.

Folsom family of New England, by W. H. Folsom of Salt Lake City.

Fonda family of New York, by J. C. Witbeck of Manti.

Felt family, by Felt Bros., of Manti and Salt Lake City.

Gale family, by Harrison Burgess of Pine Valley.

Gallup family, by —— Gillup of Springville.

Gay family of New England, by Gay family of Spanish Fork.

Gibbs family, by Horace Thornton of Manti.

Goodrich family, by K. T. Butler of Spanish Fork.

Gillette family, by Geo. G. Hales of Spanish Fork.

Gates family of England and New England, see Jacob F. Gates of Salt Lake City.

Gleason family, by Flora M. Washburn of Monroe.

Goodale family of Mass., by Mrs. Persis G. Richards of Kanab.

Gaylord family, by Mary S. Forbush of Manti.

Goldthwaite family, by Lydia G. McClellan, (dead), of St George.

Gould family, by Mrs. Orpha M. Everett, (dead), of St. George.

Gilbert family of New England, by Stewart family of Springville.

Gifford family, by S. K. Gifford of Springville.

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The work on the Western Pacific up to date, narrated by a member of the Deseret News staff, illustrated with halftones, forms an interesting feature of the Christmas News, to be issued Saturday next.

AN OLD MERCHANT SMITTEN BY A YOUTHFUL MAINE LASS.

The following piece of fine romantic writing is from the Kennebec Journal:

A Main street merchant who has seen more than half a century of struggle and who has managed to continue a pretty good fellow through it all had a delightful experience with a little lass of seven at the postoffice Thursday afternoon. The child is a sweet, winsome little body. She was dressed nicely and it was plain that her mamma had taken pains with the daughter before the latter left home. The child stood in the center of the floor gazing at the many panels of glass marking the boxes of the office and her pretty brown eyes studied out the number one by one. Her lips were pouted thoughtfully and her cheeks were heavy with the pink of health. The merchant dropped in, purchased stamps and turned to go out again. His eye fell upon the sweet little morsel and he hesitated, stopped, gazed admirably at the child and then thinking he would be nice to her and impress her favorably, he walked to where she stood and began a conversation with her. The child had been well reared, for she gave the merchant one glance and then bowed very politely, probably in deference to his advanced age, which was well marked by many wrinkles any gray hair. The child was a little lady plainly for her replies to the merchant's questions were very precise and polite.

"How old are you, my dear?" he asked.

"Seven years old last June, sir," she answered.

"You are a nice little girl," declared the merchant as he turned to pass out into the world and mix with the less attractive personages than she. She undoubtedly wanted to report her experience to her mother and wanted all the information possible, for she took the merchant by the hand as he turned toward her again she asked:

"Pardon me, but may I ask what your name may be?"

"I am J—M—," he replied.

"And may I ask how old you are?"

Talk about women dodging the matter of age. That merchant is proud of his years of honest application to business, his social and business standing in this city. He is proud of his family, which is of considerable size, but here was where he thought he must dodge the issue of revealing his age to this winsome little one and, of course do no harm. It would be such a little lie and yet not a lie, for those who stood around know him well and they would understand that his dodging was a bit of humor on his part. So he answered the child as follows:

"I am thirty-nine years old."

It was just a tiny gust of surprise that flitted through the bright brown optics of the child as she bowed prettily and ventured: "You certainly look all of that."

RAILWAYS BUILT FOR WAR.

There is something very sinister in the news, telegraphed from India the other day, that the Russians have at length completed the great steel and concrete bridge across the Oxus at Kurki, on which they have been busy ever since the autumn of 1905.

For this bridge is the last and principal link in the new strategical railway, which is being built between the great city of Samarkand, in Russian Turkestan, and the little village of Pusaga, on the Afghan frontier, and as soon as the rails are laid, which will be in a few months, the czar will be able, should he so wish, to easily mass a million of men upon the borders of this debatable territory.

Nor is this all. Another of these strategic railways has also been recently completed from the Caspian to Penjdeh, by way of Merv. This means that Herat, the traditional "Key of India," is now within easy striking distance of St. Petersburg.

Silently have these great trunk lines been constructed, and secretly. They have never been opened for traffic, except locally on certain sections, else would it be possible to book from Charing Cross to Penjdeh, and to travel thither in the course of a few days.

They are, in fact, railways built for war, and for war only. The sterile regions through which they run can, for the most part, never support any permanent population, and they lead nowhere—at present. They stop short on the frontier of Afghanistan, amid a jumble of mountains and morasses and uninhabited salt deserts.

Who can doubt, however, that the intention is to some day complete them? To carry them south through the Afghan passes to the fertile plains of India? And this, of course, can only be accomplished by force of arms.—Pearson's Weekly.

DANGER IN ASKING ADVICE.

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Archeological Finds in Babylonia

DR. EGDAR J. BANKS, in an article in the London Chronicle, gives a description of the work of the archeologists who have explored the rivers of Bismya, a city of ancient Babylon. He says: Although 6,000 years old, the city was built upon the ruins of others far older. The sewage was not allowed to run down the sloping sides of the mound, as in modern oriental towns, but vertical drains constructed of the rings were sunk through the earlier ruins to the desert sand below—sometimes a distance of 30 feet. As we uncovered the drains, we sometimes found one which was in as good condition as when the city was deserted. Now and then we came upon an old oven in which the housewife of 60 centuries ago baked her bread. It was built up of clay, like a huge jug, with an opening at the top, and a small hole at the bottom for draught. Were these ovens not found among ruins of undoubted antiquity, they might be mistaken for the remains of a modern Bedouin encampment.

Of the household utensils, few remain. Pots were found in abundance, stone saws, axes and mortars were less common; bronze needles and knives came to light, but were so corroded that they were preserved with difficulty. The occasional discovery of small terra-cotta bas-reliefs suggested a desire to beautify the walls of the houses, and small clay images, probably the household gods, spoke of the occupants' piety. More interesting than all else are the toys with which the child of 6,000 years ago played. In one house was a baby's rattle of clay; it still produces a noise worthy of entertaining a modern child. Sheep, horses, elephants and pigs of clay, and of a form unlike anything conceived by the modern child, were the toys of that day.

We do not yet known whether every Babylonian of that age could write, but in many of the houses were found tablets of clay upon which were recorded the private contracts of the owner. In parts of the ruins were clay letters still in the original clay envelopes in which they had been sent.

The Babylonian was essentially a warrior, for most of the bronze objects which the ruins of his home have yielded are spearheads (both flat and round), and arrowheads. About the thick walls with which he fortified his city were found traces of the fierce battles which he had fought. At its outer edge, just where the moat may have been, were thousands of the sling balls employed in the wars of those days. Their location shows that they were hurled from without the city at the inhabitants upon the wall, but many of them, striking below the mark, fell into the trench. Though the date of this prehistoric battle is uncertain, its result is apparent.

It seems that the city fell into the hands of the besiegers. Its temple was plundered; the statues were beheaded and thrown from their pedestals, and the chambers of the priests were ransacked. The fate of the people and their homes could not have differed from that which usually befell oriental cities in times of war. The prosperity of Udnim departed, its civilization come to an end. It was not until 2500 B. C. that Bungon, perhaps one of the first of the Semitic kings in Mesopotamia, built another city upon its ruins.

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