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PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW.

Monday was the birthday of President Lorenzo Snow. The venerable leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to be congratulated on reaching four score and five years on the journey of his eventful life. It is usually conceded that a man's decade is the prerogative of the career. But there is no good reason why this should be the case, for the Lord has given to the aged and honored elders of a few generations of Israel.

Lorenzo Snow was born at Hamden, Portage county, Ohio, April 3, 1814, and was the son of Oliver and Rosetta Snow, who were also the parents of Eliza R. Snow, the fifth from Massachusetts, the mother from Connecticut, and the father from Connecticut, the family settling in Ohio, one of the earliest families in the Western Reserve. It was in that state that he was ordained a Seventy, by Joseph Young, in Kirtland, Ohio, and received his first mission overland at that time. He was educated at Oberlin College, a Congregational institution, and was baptized into the Church of Christ in 1836, with the expression: "I thought I would try better than to be to found fault with Mormon." Subsequently he was ordained Elders' Quorum, and was one of the first seventies.

His sister, Eliza R. Snow, was teaching a school at Kirtland when he left Ohio, and at her invitation he went to Kirtland to attend the school. He was at the time ignorant of his desire to obtain a thorough knowledge of that language. There he became acquainted with the Prophet Joseph, who introduced him to Jewish Smith the Prophet, and received instruction in the Hebrew language from Joseph himself. Subsequently he was ordained to John Brandon, then one of the Twelve Apostles, in Zion's Camp, and was with Joseph a member of the Church, but did not receive the knowledge and testimony he expected would come to him, and he was exposed to severe prayer in a grove, he received a glorious manifestation of the Holy Ghost, and was filled to utter tongue and resumed to him a perfect knowledge of the existence of God, the mission of Jesus Christ, and the restoration of the everlasting Gospel in the present age. This manifestation was subsequently several times repeated.

He became intimately acquainted with the Prophet Joseph, was present at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple and entered into the spirit of blessing there then, was soon after ordained an Elder, and in the spring of 1837 went forth in the ministry, "without purse and scrip," laboring in the State of Ohio and building a number of converts.

In the latter part of the year the Prophet Joseph sent him to the West, Mo., where they arrived in July, and in October, by revelation Jan. 16, 1841, he was ordained a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and was sent on a missionary tour, with Elder Alpheus Cutler, to England, in 1842, and was ordained to the office of President of the Quorum of the Twelve, by revelation Jan. 16, 1841.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, 1842, he was present in Kirtland, Oliver Cowdery, Joseph Smith Sen., Hyrum Smith and John Smith were appointed assistant counselors to Joseph Smith Jr.

President Lorenzo Snow was excommunicated from the Church March 12, 1873, at a Conference held at Quincy, Illinois.

Information as to the chief occurrences in the Church, with dates and other items often needed, can be found in Andrew Jenson's latest edition of Church Chronology.

SEND THEM ALONG.

A Salt Lake clergyman—Rev. Nolting, in fact—who recently delivered a sermon on a special "Gospel mission" for Utah. He has explained to the people back east that the only way to solve the "Utah problem" is to send the right pieces to Utah where there is no Christian work, and to do this a large force of missionaries must be sent, and a large amount of coin is absolutely necessary.

We would be sad by way of suggestion that the greatest drawback to the missionary work of the Utah sectarian churches is the fact that the people of which preachers have spread Gideon's chunk Utah abroad, and insulting will mention officers at home. Unless a force is effected in this regard, missionaries may spend any cost assured that their money will be thrown away.

It is strange, after so many failures of children preachers to conceive that "Mormons" to sectarian notions, that it is imagined that success can be accomplished by the sending of a few more of the same sort of people to live in these part for that purpose. And it is also remarkable that people in the east should be horribly taken in by the money to these tradesmen of the reformers. Men so many respectable and financial people have fallen victims to the very opposite of stories told by the subscription gathers.

But, after all, it is more consistent for the sectarian preachers to "continue preaches" against "Mormonism" in Great Salt Lake City, and leave the Mormons in their own city, than to come here to see how the people live, and report to their churches of the "Mormon" life as many respectable people have done, and then, when they return home, to be obliged to stay the reports which they have made to their people, and assuredly with President Brigham Young, in visiting various settlements in Utah.

President Lorenzo Snow's 79th birthday was celebrated at Brigham City, where he delivered a lengthy gathering, which the editor of the Deseret News was present, and from which he gave a remarkable sermon, an extended report of which was published in the "News" of Wednesday last. The report of the discourse contained for the members of the family was remarkable and diverting