

29th, of the same year, when he was ordained an Elder. In 1853 the Radcliffe Branch was divided into two districts, and Joseph was appointed to take charge of district number one. In the same year he was appointed Second Counselor to the President of the Branch, and officiated in that capacity about nine months. In the meantime the Branch President emigrated to Utah, and Brother Warburton was appointed to succeed him. He was released from the presidency of the Radcliffe Branch in January, 1855, by the presidency of the Manchester Conference, to which it belonged, and appointed to preside over the Pendlebury Branch. This change was no sinecure, as his new field was in an embarrassed condition, financially and otherwise. With his characteristic energy, however, he soon had it in a satisfactory and comparatively flourishing condition.

On the 4th of June, 1854, Brother Warburton married Emma Wathmough, by whom ten children have been born to him (six sons and four daughters), all of whom are living at this date excepting two.

From the time that Brother Warburton was ordained an Elder to the present, some of the gifts of the Gospel have been conspicuously manifested through him, more especially the power to heal the sick by the laying on of hands and prayer of faith. Many instances might be cited of manifestations of the power of God in his administrations to the afflicted, both as having occurred in his native land and this.

Once, in Radcliffe, when on his way to fill an appointment, the voice of the Spirit said to him: "You must go to James Crossley's." He resisted this admonition for some time, but as it was thrice repeated, he yielded and proceeded to the house of Brother Crossley, whose place of work was at a mine 13 miles distant from his home. When he arrived he found that he had been brought home dangerously ill, and Mrs. Crossley was in great distress on account of his precarious condition. The patient was administered to, and as soon as the ordinance was performed Brother Warburton said, "How do you feel now, James?"

"I'm all right," was the cheerful response, and he immediately arose.

All who were present knelt down and thanked God for his goodness in restoring the sick man.

Brother Crossley went down stairs and asked his wife to get him some food, and the wife, whose

heart was full, threw her arms about the neck of her husband and exclaimed, "God bless thee Jimmy, lad, I will," and both wept for joy, the scene being affecting in the extreme.

Another case was that of a young woman named Anna Johnson, who was convinced of the truth of the Gospel and gave in her name for baptism. Before the time for the administration of that ordinance had arrived she was taken violently ill. Brother Warburton anointed and prayed over her, the result being that she was healed instantaneously, all the violent symptoms vanishing, but leaving her in an enfeebled condition.

Brother Warburton remarked that it was but a trick of the Devil, who had, however, overshot the mark.

The next night instead of one being baptized four came forward and were added to the Church by the Gospel door.

It would consume too much space to enumerate the many cases of this kind that have come under the immediate observation of the subject of this sketch. One more, however, may be named that occurred in the First Ward some time ago. A boy named Edward Blair was in a dangerous condition from diphtheria. He was administered to by Brother Warburton, to whom the lad's mother said, "What do you think about him, Bishop?"

"In three days he will be out at play," was the reply.

"Thank God," said the mother, who shed tears of joy at the comforting assurance. And so it was; within the specified time little Edward was out upon the street apparently as well as usual.

On the 20th of May, 1856, Elder Warburton left England for America on the ship *Wellfleet*, and landed in Boston on the 13th of July. Four days afterwards he left that city for Lawrence, Mass., where he obtained work at the "Pacific Mills." There being no branch of the Church at that place he set about discovering scattered members. About this time he received a visit from Alexander Steel and wife, who were making similar inquiries. A number of other Saints were found, the authorities at New York were communicated with and one of the brethren arrived from that city and organized a branch, over which Elder Steel was appointed to preside, with Brother Warburton as his counselor.

When Brother Steel departed for Utah, on the 1st of June, 1859, Elder

Warburton was appointed to preside over the Lawrence, Groveland and Lowell branches. Lawrence was located between the other two places, over which he appointed brethren to preside when he was absent.

Brother Warburton labored faithfully in the position to which he had been assigned until June 1st, 1860, when he left for Utah. He landed on the Eight Ward Square on the 2nd of Sept., and moved with his family, a wife and two children, into a granary in the First Ward. The building was ten feet long by eight feet wide, and in this contracted structure they resided until the spring of 1861. Their first son was born in that granary.

In June 1861 he was ordained a seventy and became connected with the Sixty-second Quorum at its organization. In March he was appointed First Counselor to Bishop Henry Moon of the First Ward, and acted in that capacity until Nov. 14th, 1870. Bishop Moon having removed to another part, Brother Warburton was called by President Brigham Young to the position of acting Bishop and to preside in that calling, in the First Ward, he being also the choice of Bishop Hunter for the office. He was accordingly ordained a High Priest on the date last named and assumed the responsibilities of his appointment. He acted in this capacity until June 7th, 1877, when the Ward was re-organized and he was regularly ordained a Bishop under the hands of Apostle John Taylor. Brother Warburton has been faithful and true to every charge, and has rejoiced in the blessings of the Gospel from the time of his first connection with the Church throughout his entire career.

Joseph Booth, First Counselor to Bishop Warburton, is the son of William Booth and Margaret Simpson. He was born at Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland, May 5th, 1825.

His complexion is dark, and his features expressive and well formed. His build inclines to stoutness and his height is medium.

His father was not a professor of any religion, and instead of taking his children to church on Sundays he took them out in the country to view the beauties of nature. He told them, however, that if they should at any time meet with a religion that incorporates the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ, to identify themselves with it.

Joseph was put to work at the business of flax dressing, and in his youth formed the acquaintance of