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The following revised alphabetical list of the present membership of the Quorum of High Priests of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is issued in accordance and by the authority of the quorum, April, 1912.

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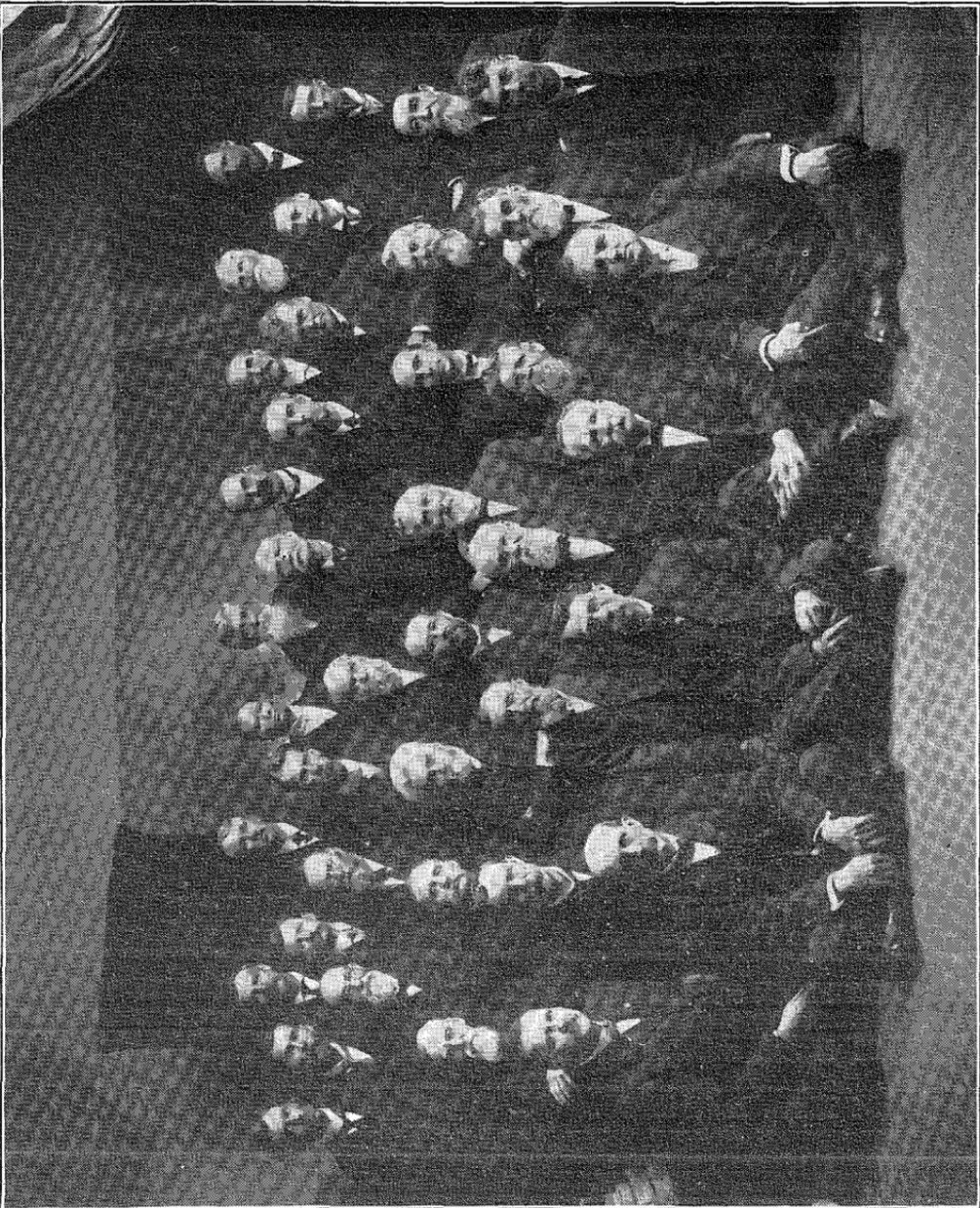
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- 10 Berve, Amos,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 11 Blair, Frederick, B.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 12 Blair, George W.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 13 Bond, Myron H.,
R. F. D. 8, Independence, Missouri.
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R. F. D. 1, Underwood, Iowa.
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Tigris, Douglas County, Missouri.
- 25 Chisnall, John,
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- 26 Closson, Andrew V.,
803 West Maple Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 27 Cochran, Asa S.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 28 Cook, Marcus H.,
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- 29 Crabb, James C.,
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- 30 Davies, Evan A.,
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- 31 Deam, William H.,
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- 32 Derry, Charles,
Woodbine, Iowa.
- 33 Dice, Benjamin J.,
Stewartsville, Missouri.
- 34 Ebeling, Francis J.,
R. F. D. 2, Willoughby, Ohio.
- 35 Elliott, Thomas J.,
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- 36 Elvert, Jay C.,
253 South Osage Street, Cameron, Missouri.
- 37 Elvin, Robert M.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 38 Evans, John R.,
Lucas, Iowa.
- 39 Evans, Richard C.,
35 Huron Street, Toronto, Ontario.
- 40 Fisher, Myron C.,
7 Miner Street, Winter Hill, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 41 French, Harry E.,
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1931 Pauline Avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- 43 Fyrando, Alma M.,
Magnolia, Iowa.
- 44 Garrett, William H.,
312 South Fuller Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 45 Garver, John F.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 46 Gillen, James A.,
1820 Appleton Street, Parsons, Kansas.
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819 North Tenth Street, Saint Joseph, Missouri.
- 48 Goold, Hugh W.,
706 West Stone Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 49 Gould, Clayton G.,
308 South Grand Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 50 Gould, Leon A.,
R. F. D. 1, Bemidji, Minnesota.
- 51 Grant, John A.,
143 Henry Street, Detroit, Michigan.
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158 Ridgway St., Butler St., Manchester, England.
- 53 Greenwood, Joseph R.,
Victoria Road, Stafford, England.

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Lamoni, Iowa.
- 55 Hands, William O.,
R. F. D. 1, Independence, Missouri.
- 56 Harrington, George E.,
1401 West Short Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 57 Hayer, Eli,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 58 Hedrick, Frank G.,
Fanning, Kansas.
- 59 Hilliard, George H.,
325 South Grand Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 60 Hinderks, Temme T.,
R. F. D. 4, Stewartsville, Missouri.
- 61 Hougas, Thomas A.,
Macedonia, Iowa.
- 62 Hunt, Charles J.,
Deloit, Iowa.
- 63 Ivie, Thomas A.,
Guilford, Missouri.
- 64 Jeffers, Samuel J.,
Radcliff, Ohio.
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3618 Eveston Avenue, Seattle, Washington.
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1720 West Walnut St., San Bernardino, California.
- 67 Jones, Thomas,
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916 West Electric Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 72 Kemp, Henry,
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- 73 Keown, David,
R. F. D. 3, Lamoni, Iowa.
- 74 Kibler, Sylvester B.,
Woodbine, Iowa.

- 75 Kirkendall, Aaron B.,
Creola, Ohio.
- 76 Krahl, David J.,
724 South Crysler Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 77 Lake, Charles H.,
Papeete, Tahiti, Society Islands.
- 78 Lake, John H.,
R. F. D. 2, Willoughby, Ohio.
- 79 Lambert, George P.,
R. F. D. 1, Ferris, Illinois.
- 80 Lambert, Richard J.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 81 Lambert, Joseph R.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 82 Lamont, Stewart,
66 Llydician Avenue, Chatham, Ontario.
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1331 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York.
- 84 Layton, John W.,
R. F. D. 30, Holden, Missouri.
- 85 Leggott, George William,
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- 86 Leverton, Arthur,
Clearville, Ontario.
- 87 Lewis, William,
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- 88 Lewis, George,
Metcalf Street, Walsend, Australia.
- 89 Lewis, Andrew Saint,
Stewartsville, Missouri.
- 90 Lincoln, George S.,
242 Bolboa Street, San Francisco, California.
- 91 Longhurst, Robert C.,
Vanessa, Ontario.
- 92 Manchester, Alonzo M.,
683 South Broadway Street, Akron, Ohio.
- 93 Matthews, Josiah E.,
116 South Sherman Street, Columbus, Ohio.
- 94 May, Roderick,
2 Coborn, Bow, London, England.
- 95 Midgorden, John,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 96 Mills, Henry R.,
1500 West Short Street, Independence, Missouri.



- 97 Miller, Charles Ed.,
R. F. D. 2, Willoughby, Ohio.
- 98 Moler, James,
Box 435, Holden, Missouri.
- 99 Moore, Amos J.,
R. F. D. 2, Belgrade, Montana.
- 100 Mussell, Frederick T.,
Box 408, Bevier, Missouri.
- 101 McCallum, Alexander,
Oscurio, New Mexico.
- 102 McClain, James R.,
R. F. D. 3, Fulton, Kentucky.
- 103 McCoy, Hiram A.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
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Crescent, Iowa.
- 108 Newton, William,
502 North Liberty Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 109 Nunley, Emery W.,
Cokes Point, Texas.
- 110 Parker, Robert J.,
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- 114 Pickering, William R.,
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- 117 Powell, David E.,
R. F. D. 3, Stewartsville, Missouri.

- 118 Roberts, Isaac N.,
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- 119 Roberts, Joseph,
R. F. D. 4, Lamoni, Iowa.
- 120 Salyards, Richard S.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 121 Scarcliff, Charles F.,
Holden, Missouri.
- 122 Scott, George M.,
Little Sioux, Iowa.
- 123 Scott, Beauford J.,
821 West Electric Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 124 Siegfried, Mark H.,
1417 West Walnut Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 125 Shields, John,
618 Layard Street, London, Ontario.
- 126 Short, Ellis,
1407 West Electric Street, Independence, Missouri.
- 127 Shupe, Edward F.,
Littleton, Colorado.
- 128 Smith, John,
Box 112, Lamoni, Iowa.
- 129 Smith, George A.,
R. F. D. 1, Ray, Indiana.
- 130 Smith, Walter W.,
112 West Ontario St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 131 Snively, Joseph S.,
R. F. D. 3, Lamoni, Iowa.
- 132 Snobelen, David,
Blenheim, Ontario.
- 133 Sparling, William,
R. F. D. 2, Minot, North Dakota.
- 134 Squire, Joseph,
210 Schenectady Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.
- 135 Stebbins, Henry A.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 136 Storey, Otto H.,
R. F. D. 1, Ray, Indiana.
- 137 Suttill, John D.,
30 Rye Street, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 138 Tanner, Joseph A.,
811 Lydia Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 139 Tary, Okey J.,
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- 140 Taylor, Thomas,
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Leeds, England.
- 141 Taylor, John William,
Hollydene, 3 College Road, Moseley, Birmingham,
England.
- 142 Terry, John M.,
1202 Fourteenth Street, Oakland, California.
- 143 Thomas, Thomas U.,
97 Oakland Avenue, Sharon, Pennsylvania.
- 144 Turpen, Martin M.,
Pleasanton, Iowa.
- 145 Twombly, Samuel,
Fanning, Kansas.
- 146 Van Fleet, Nelson,
Downey, California.
- 147 Vickery, Wentworth,
R. F. D. 3, Winfield, Kansas.
- 148 Waldsmith, Jacob W.,
406 Fourth Corso, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
- 149 Waller, Gilbert J.,
Box 504, Honolulu, Hawaii Territory.
- 150 Weld, Francis M.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 151 Wells, Gomer R.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 152 White, John D.,
6443 Duncan Street, Oakland, California.
- 153 White, Alfred,
1038 West Maple Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 154 White, David C.,
Lamoni, Iowa.
- 155 White, Ammon,
309 South Fuller Avenue, Independence, Missouri.
- 156 Williams, Thomas W.,
1307 West Forty-fifth St., Los Angeles, California.
- 157 Williamson, William H.,
R. F. D. 5, Independence, Missouri.
- 158 Winkworth, William E.,
1024 East Fourth South St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
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- 160 Zimmermann, John,
1512 Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ADDRESS.

To the Quorum of High Priests; Greeting: We, your Presidency, enter the ANNUAL with commendation for the good showing made for the past two years in quorum sessions: Roll call shows better response, and our attendance, while averaging a shade less than in 1911, was good.

You are congratulated for your readiness to take part on the program in writing papers and discussing subjects. We are especially pleased to note the favorable comment on the program subjects; a number of the brethren having expressed themselves as being glad they were permitted to attend, stating that the meetings were very helpful and educational to them; this should be and is our aim in program work. Brethren, will you not help us? If you have subjects and topics which you would like to have discussed, please send them in to the address of the President.

The brethren in foreign fields are solicited to send in subjects and write papers upon these subjects so sent in, that we may have them before the quorum in a way to be further discussed.

We feel to thank you for helping us to preside over the sessions, by your good decorum in confining yourselves to parliamentary ruling; this makes the business end of it run smoothly. 140 reports came in out of 155 total membership. While we would liked to have seen the other fifteen reporting, we think this an excellent showing; however, many of these reports were late coming in and some very late, and too, some among our best workers did not report at all. We who have been negligent along this line, let us resolve to do better in the future. All reports should be in the secretary's hands by March 10; if they are late in coming in, our annual report to General Conference will not show all the work done.

We have had but one death among our members for the last conference year; the good Lord has been merciful to us, sparing us doubtless that we may finish the work he has for us to do. Let us this year go to with a might, and push our line of work so that it will eclipse the work of former years.

May the kind Father and giver of all good bless us for the task before us, and help us to bring golden sheaves into his garner, is the prayer of your brethren.

JOSEPH A. TANNER.
VINTON M. GOODRICH.
CHARLES FRY.

EXEGETICAL.

There seems to be a necessity for an explanation of the statement in the above address: "We have but one death among our members for the last conference year," and the following in the secretary's annual report: "and as the pale reaper has not invaded our ranks for the past twelve months." The explanation is this: The death referred to by the Presidency of the quorum occurred so late in March that the annual report had become a part of the General Conference minutes before we had heard of it.

WHERE LOCATED.

The members of the quorum are geographically located under the following alphabetical boundary lines: Australia, 3; Canada, 9; England, 7; Society Islands, 1; Wales, 1; California, 9; Colorado, 1; Hawaii Territory, 1; Illinois, 4; Indiana, 2; Iowa, 41; Kansas, 5; Kentucky, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Michigan, 2; Minnesota, 1; Missouri, 44; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 1; New Mexico, 1; New York, 3; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 9; Pennsylvania, 5; Rhode Island, 1; Texas, 1; Washington, 2; West Virginia, 1; and Utah, 1. It will be seen that the residence of more than one half of the quorum is in the two States of Iowa and Missouri.

GAIN BY ENROLLMENT.

During the year there has been a gain by ordination as follows:

Hayer, Eli.	Elliot, Thomas J.
Lewis, Andrew Saint.	Goold, Hugh W.
Matthews, Josiah E.	Winkworth, William E.
Sparling, William.	

LOST BY DEATH.

Nirk, William C., March 25, 1912.

DROPPED.

The name of Moroni Traxler was dropped from the roll by vote of the quorum April 10, 1912.

ELDEST AND YOUNGEST MEMBER.

There has been no change during the past year; Brother Charles Derry, now almost 86 years old holds first place for age, and Brother Mark H. Siegfried, who is not yet 31 years of age is our youngest man in the quorum.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR MEMBER.

Brother James Anderson, of Lamoni, Iowa, was ordained a high priest at Gallands Grove, Iowa, October 8, 1864, under the hands of Joseph Smith and Hugh Lytle; and William Sparling, of Minot, North Dakota, was ordained at Logan, North Dakota, July 14, 1912, by John W. Wight.

THE EXCHEQUER.

From April 1, 1911, to March 31, 1912, sixty-seven of the one hundred and fifty-five members, and one nonmember of the church contributed to the treasury the sum of \$38.67.

I am frequently asked by members of the quorum: How much is each member supposed to pay as dues? My answer has always been uniform. Each individual member is his own assessor! Nearly every time this reply is immediately followed by: Well, how much do they usually pay? And I have to confess the truth, and give the two extremes as they appear upon the cash book, namely; from ten cents up to ten dollars. These have been the further degree of value since I have had charge of the cash.

MEMBERSHIP AGE.

The following table of age should be of considerable interest:

There are 16 members over 30, and under 40 years of age.

There are 41 members over 40, and under 50 years of age.

There are 41 members over 50, and under 60 years of age.

There are 43 members over 60, and under 70 years of age.

There are 15 members over 70, and under 80 years of age.

There are 4 members over 80, and under 90 years of age.

The combined age of the membership of the quorum on the 13th day of July, 1912, was 9,621 years, 7 months, and 23 days, or an average of a fraction over 60 years to each member of the quorum.

STANDING HIGH COUNCIL.

PRESIDENCY.

- Smith, Joseph,
1214 West Short Street, Independence, Missouri.
Smith, Frederick M.,
630 South Crysler Street, Independence, Missouri.
Smith, Elbert A.,
467 G Street, San Bernardino, California.

COUNCILORS.

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| 1 Baker, James M. | 7 Goodrich, Vinton M. |
| 2 Chisnall, John | 8 Grant, John A. |
| 3 Cochran, Asa S. | 9 McDowell, Willis A. |
| 4 Crabb, James C. | 10 Smith, George A. |
| 5 Elvin, Robert M. | 11 Tanner, Joseph A. |
| 6 Hinderks, Temme T. | 12 Twombly, Samuel |

EVANGELISTS.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Baty, James | 11 Lambert, Joseph R. |
| 2 Bailey, John J. | 12 Leverton, Arthur |
| 3 Briggs, Edmund C. | 13 Lewis, William |
| 4 Butterworth, Charles E. | 14 Matthews, Josiah E. |
| 5 Carlile, Joshua | 15 Pitt, Frederick G. |
| 6 Derry, Charles | 16 Shields, John |
| 7 Greenwood, Joseph R. | 17 Squire, Joseph |
| 8 Keeler, Ebenezer | 18 VanFleet, Nelson |
| 9 Kemp, Henry | 19 White, Ammon |
| 10 Lake, John H. | |

BISHOPS.

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Anderson, James | 9 Lambert, George P. |
| 2 Becker, John A. | 10 Lewis, George |
| 3 Bullard, Richard | 11 May, Roderick |
| 4 Carmichael, Albert | 12 Parkin, Charles A. |
| 5 Evans, Richard C. | 13 Roberts, Joseph |
| 6 Fisher, Myron C. | 14 Short, Ellis |
| 7 Hunt, Charles J. | 15 Zimmermann, John |
| 8 Kelley, Edmund L. | |

INDEPENDENCE STAKE.

PRESIDENCY.

- Harrington, George E.
Garrett, William H.
Bond, Myron H.

COUNCILORS.

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Gould, Clayton G. | 7 Parker, Robert J. |
| 2 Hands, William O. | 8 Pickering, William R. |
| 3 Layton, John W. | 9 Scarcliff, Charles F. |
| 4 McCallum, Alexander | 10 White, Alfred |
| 5 Mills, Henry R. | 11 Williamson, William H., |
| 6 Moler, James | 12 Winning, Robert |

LAMONI STAKE.

PRESIDENCY.

Smith, John

Garver, John F.

Salyards, Richard S.

COUNCILORS.

- 1 Berve, Amos
- 2 Blair, George W.
- 3 Campbell, Duncan
- 4 Evans, John R.
- 5 Hayer, Eli
- 6 Keown, David

- 7 Midgorden, John
- 8 Snively, Joseph S.
- 9 Turpen, Martin M.
- 10 Wells, Gomer R.
- 11 White, David C.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

The cry of an infant was heard in the home of the Prophet Joseph Smith, June 2, 1838, at Far West, Caldwell County, Missouri; and the family gave to the young man-child the name of Alexander Hale. Now we, as the writers of the Master of men, pass over the events of the childhood days of our subject, as it is of his priesthood work that we have in mind to chronicle.

His entering into the sheepfold of the Lamb of God by baptism took place at Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, May 25, 1862, and in September of that year he was ordained to the office of teacher, under the hands of his brother Joseph Smith, Israel L. Rogers, and John Shippy.

It was at the General Conference held at Amboy, Illinois, April, 1863, that it was intimated, and later revealed to him, that his calling was to the eldership; and on the 8th day of April of the year last written he was set apart to the office of elder, and his life work as a minister for Christ and the church commenced.

The semiannual conference of 1865 appointed him to a mission to the then far away Pacific Slope; this meant both sacrifice and preparation which consumed time. At the General Conference of 1866, held at Plano, Kendall County, Illinois, there appears in the minutes the following: "Resolved, That Alexander H. Smith be ordained a high priest. A. H. Smith was ordained under the hands of Joseph Smith and Jason W. Briggs to the office of high priest."—*Saints' Herald*, vol. 9, p. 126.

By revelation and the action of the General Conference



ALEXANDER HALE SMITH.

of 1873, held at Plano, Illinois, he was set apart as a member of the Traveling High Council of the church under the hands of Jason W. Briggs, Joseph Smith, and William W. Blair.

The General Conference of 1890, held at Lamoni, Decatur County, Iowa, approving the revelation presented, in which it was said: "That the traveling council of the Twelve may be better prepared to act as a quorum, my servant A. H. Smith may be chosen president of the Twelve."—Doctrine and Covenants 120: 8, he was so chosen as indicated in the revelation, and by direction of the conference ordained under the hands of Presidents Joseph Smith and William W. Blair, at Lamoni, Iowa, April 15, 1890.

Other and more responsible work had the Lord of the vineyard for this cheerful and willing laborer; and so God advertised the church at the General Conference, held at Lamoni, Iowa, April, 1897, as follows: "Separate and set apart my servant Alexander Hale Smith to be a counselor to my servant, the president of the church, his brother; and to be a patriarch to the church, and an evangelical minister to the whole church."—Doctrine and Covenants 124: 2.

In harmony with the foregoing inspired instruction he was so ordained at the "seat of the presidency of the church," and the act is recorded as follows: "Brother Alexander H. Smith was ordained counselor, patriarch, and evangelical minister to the whole church, by President Joseph Smith and the brethren named."—*Saints' Herald*, vol. 44. p. 243.

He continued in the discharge of the duties of the three-fold responsibilities till honorably released by the General Conference as outlined in the inspired vision given to the church April 18, 1902, and when the word of the Lord came: "Those who are holding the office of patriarchs are to be enrolled with the high priests" (Doctrine and Covenants 129: 7), he readily and willingly enrolled himself with the Quorum of High Priests, after an absence from our ranks for twenty-nine years in active service for the church, and the uplift of poor, weak, fallen humanity.

Finished his earthly life work and service of love to his fellow man, and the faithful duties and obligations of his priesthood covenant at Nauvoo, Illinois, August 12, 1909, in the hour and article of death; a faithful soldier of the cross falling at the post of duty; and it seems that it was most fitting and a delightful coincidence that his passing

should occur at the same place where he perceived and embraced the gospel.

As shown upon the church records, the place and time of birth are as follows: Pilsall, Staffordshire, England, July 25, 1826, in his young manhood he heard and accepted the gospel as it was preached by the representatives of the



CHARLES DERRY.

church drifting away from the original doctrine and articles of faith; with a holy zeal and an ardent desire to be a faithful follower of the Son of God, he left his native land and braved an ocean voyage across the Atlantic, through the farm lands of the States of the Middle West, out through the far spreading prairie of Nebraska, and threading his way 'mid sand and sage brush across the Great American Desert, scaled the backbone of the Rocky Mountains and nestled in the valley of the world-renowned Salt Lake; here

began the discovery of a heart-trying truth, and eventually he was brought to realize the unyielding fact that he did not possess that which his manly soul desired, and for which he suffered and sacrificed. Slowly but surely the resolve materialized and he turned his face to the east, retraced his steps over the mountains and desert, and for a time tarried in the fertile plains of Nebraska; the allurements of the world or the proffered gifts of mammon were not sufficient to satisfy the yearning soul, or fill the aching void that incited a hungering and thirsting for righteousness; therefore, late in the winter, clothed not as an "English gentleman" nor as an American millionaire, but in humble garb he trudged a weary tramp eastward, crossing the Missouri River, and halting at Farm Creek, Iowa. There he found a servant of the true faith as it was once delivered to the Saints; his investigation of the propositions of the Reorganization was rapid, thorough, and satisfactory to his anxious mind, and on March 3, 1861, he was baptized, confirmed, and ordained an elder under the administration of William W. Blair.

The missionary spirit was soon upon him, and he manifested an anxiety to be about his "Father's business."

In the Church History I find this item: "There was a special conference held at Little Sioux, Iowa, August 30 to September 1, 1861. Though it was a success spiritually, there was no business of special historic importance done, except the ordination of Elder Charles Derry to the office of seventy."—Church History, vol. 3, p. 297.

The first general church record shows that he was ordained a member of the First Quorum of Seventy at that special conference, on August 31, 1861, under the hands of Edmund C. Briggs and George Morey.

His ordination as an high priest appears upon our quorum record as being done at Plano, Kendall County, Illinois, April 8, 1865, under the hands of Joseph Smith, Zenos H. Gurley, and James Blakeslee.

At the same conference I find: "Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three to select two men to fill the places of Daniel B. Razy and David Newkirk. The President appointed Z. H. Gurley, W. W. Blair, and A. M. Wilsey. . . . The committee which was appointed by the President, nominated Josiah Ells and Charles Derry to fill the places of D. B. Razy and David Newkirk in the Quorum of the Twelve."—*Saints' Herald*, vol. 7, p. 126. And the Church Historian in his work states relative to the report of this committee, that these men were ordained apostles

(see Church History, vol. 3, p. 411), and the same names are given as ordaining Charles Derry as appear upon the quorum record; it is therefore suggestive to us that there was but one act of ordination.

There came askance our brother's pathway floating clouds that disturbed his mind as to his occupying as an especial witness with the Quorum of the Twelve, and at the morning session of April 8, at the General Conference held at Plano, Illinois, 1870, we read: "President Joseph Smith then read a letter from Brother Charles Derry, presenting the resignation of his position in the Quorum of the Twelve, feeling that he was not called of God to fill that position, requesting that he might be permitted to act as an elder, and as such was willing to labor and do all he could for the good of the cause. The President made some remarks, and suggested his resignation be accepted, bearing testimony to Brother Derry's fidelity, and his strong love of the latter day work. Brother William W. Blair remarked, though against his own feelings, yet by reason of Brother Derry's conviction, he would move to accept his resignation. Carried. Resolved, That Brother Derry be sustained in his former office of high priest."—*Saints' Herald*, vol. 17, p. 248.

We include the following significant statement by the historian: "Brother Derry was by resolution sustained as an high priest. There was not so much as a suspicion of transgression upon the part of Elder Derry, so his resignation was purely a matter of conscience on his part. The church doubtless would have gladly sustained him."—Church History, vol. 3, p. 566.

After the death of Isaac Sheen the president of the Quorum of High Priests, April 3, 1874, the quorum made choice, and sent to the semiannual conference, held at Parks Grove, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, of 1874, a recommendation that Charles Derry be ordained to the president of the Quorum of High Priests, and in the minutes of that conference we read: "Brother Charles Derry having been appointed to the office of President of the High Priests' Quorum, he was ordained to that office under the hands of Brother W. W. Blair, assisted by A. H. Smith and Joseph Lambert."—*Saints' Herald*, vol. 21, p. 627, and this ordination took place September 23, 1874, and he continued as the president of the quorum until age and waning strength admonished otherwise.

Agreeable to the instruction contained in Doctrine and

Covenants 120:9, the committee was appointed and reported to the conference held at Lamoni, Iowa, 1890, and on the 16th day of April, of the year and place last mentioned, Charles Derry was set apart and ordained a member of the Standing High Council, under the hands of Presidents Joseph Smith and William W. Blair, as it appears upon the Record of the Council, page 3.

Considering the intrinsic worthiness, expressing the humble mien of a noble servant of God, I inclose the resignation of our brother in full as follows, as found in the quorum report to the conference: "On April 11, 1901, Brother Charles Derry presented the following paper:

"To my brethren of the High Priests' Quorum, Greeting, my beloved brethren in Christ: Believing that the time is now come when because of increasing disabilities, on account of increasing years, and because of the demands which are and must be made upon the Quorum of High Priests as one of the very important quorums of the church, and in order that the quorum may be brought up to that state of efficiency demanded by the great Master and his church, in order that the several members may be fitted for the high and responsible duties devolving upon them, I feel it my duty to resign my position as president of the quorum in order that a more competent man may be selected for that office. I take this opportunity of handing to you this my resignation, in the hope that you will accept it, and release me from a position which I feel that every year renders me less capable of filling. My desire for the welfare for the work of God should exceed all desire for personal honor, and I hope it always will do, as I believe it does at the present time. You have patiently borne with my incompetency for years. Nor do I know of any instance in which you have expressed disapprobation because of the same. And now, thanking you with all my heart for your forbearance and patience with me, and asking you to forgive my impatience, I pray God to guide in the choice and appointment of a presiding officer in my stead, and remain, with brotherly love,

"Your fellow laborer,

"CHARLES DERRY.

"This paper was duly considered by the quorum and finally accepted."—General Conference Minutes, pp. 410, 411.

There was a degree of reluctance upon the part of the quorum to release our brother as presiding officer; for

when the resignation was presented for acceptance and action thereon, the minutes book shows that at the meeting of the quorum held April 15, 1901, that the resignation was taken up and after speeches were made by Charles Derry, Frederick A. Smith, Amos J. Moore, Jacob W. Waldsmith, John A. Robinson, Ellis Short, and Francis M. Sheehy, the resignation was accepted by a vote of 27 for and 7 against.

Upon motion there was appointed a committee of three to draft a paper expressing the confidence of the quorum in our retiring president, and the following members were chosen, Mark H. Forscutt, Phineas Cadwell, and Robert M. Elvin to write a memorial of respect for our esteemed and modest, aged veteran; and to have the same engrossed.

In purview of the provisions of section 104, paragraph 17, Book of Covenants the minister in charge called and ordained our brother a patriarch, at Magnolia, Harrison County, Iowa, June 8, 1902. This ordination was under the hands of Apostle Frederick A. Smith.

Adjusting himself in harmony with the letter and the spirit of the following instruction: "He is to be free from responsibility—ministerial—as a traveling minister, and from the care of the local branch or church and district affairs."—Doctrine and Covenants 125: 4, he submitted the following:

"WOODBINE, IOWA, October 20, 1902.

"PRESIDENT JOSEPH SMITH.

"Beloved Brother: It is not with a view of shirking responsibility or duty, but believing it in the line of my duty that I offer the following resignation: Having been called and set apart as an evangelical minister, and having committed myself to that work, it seems proper that I should resign my position in the Standing High Council of the church, that another may be appointed to that duty. Hence I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the Standing High Council of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and pray that wisdom may be given in the selection of my successor. My connection with the council will always be remembered with pleasure, and not the least of the cause of pleasant memories has been the uniform kindness and courtesy of its president towards myself as well as every member of the council. I ask an earnest interest in your prayers and those of my brethren of the council, that I may be an evangelist indeed, and true father in the church, giving counsel and comfort to the needy. My

one desire is to be a blessing to my fellows while life remains. With kindest regards to the whole council, I tender this my resignation.

“CHARLES DERRY.”

—General Conference Minutes, p. 578.

This resignation was acted upon and accepted the first day of conference held at Independence, Missouri, April, 1903.

It is in this closing part of the paper that we reach the climax of our brother's achievements in his labors of love for the uplift of man in the spreading of the new and everlasting gospel; it is some forty years ago that by the masterfulness of his voice, and the ringing annunciation of the angel message that he earned the sobriquet of the “Roaring Lion of the Reorganization.”

But he has chiefly excelled in the indefatigableness and prolificness of the pen, both in prose and in poetry, whereby tens of thousands have been solaced, helpfulness has been multiplied by the pointing out clearly the path of duty, and the liberal presentation of gospel education to latter day Israel.

“What's in a name?” Much or little, as conditions, circumstances, and the opportunities may determine. If we are of the work-a-day army and fully satisfied with our humble lot, or are of those whose main characteristic is selfishness, our name perhaps will never have to the commercial, the social, or to the professional world any particular value! On the other hand, if there be an occasion for the tracing of a strain of the blue blood back to the feudal lords (not monkeys) to establish our right to title, landed estates, or other inheritance, then there may be a whole lot in a name.

The reason for the above paragraph is to call attention to the middle name of the subject of this paper. It is the index finger pointing to the religion of his family, and that name is found in the bosom of that book disclosing the “marvelous work and a wonder” as foretold by the Prophet Isaiah; the same that Ezekiel mentions as the “stick of Ephraim” and that the sweet singer of Israel described so plainly in its coming forth: “Truth shall spring of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.”

No book and no work of the past century has so unjustly suffered as has the Book of Mormon, and the church organized at the time the said book was published to the world; and our brother not only obtained a name therefrom, but

he is an unswerving believer in the divine authenticity thereof, and likewise a disciple of the doctrine of the church of his choice, and is an able and willing defender of them.

He was born of English parentage at Saint Louis, Missouri, March 22, 1866, and his folks evidently had faith and



JOSEPH ALMA TANNER.

confidence of the truthfulness of the inspired instruction relative to teaching the principles of the restored gospel to the children, for in his fourteenth year, namely October 5, 1879, he was baptized.

Like some of the young men of the church, he was not known and noted as a "boy preacher," but the amusements and sports of the fun-loving world gained his adherence for

a time, and his hand was upon the guide rope of sand, and not fixed unflinchingly upon "the rod of iron" that leadeth to the tree of life. However, the subtle influence of the Spirit of the Savior of men continued its good office work and whispered to the inner man; and this, united with the watchcare of the kindness of thoughtful Saints, was helpful in accomplishing the work of reclaiming, known around the coal mining camp as "taking his place in the church." That may sound strange and unintelligent to those who have a misunderstanding and fail to grasp the parlance of the miner; the best interpretation that I could offer would read: A baptized person that quits his bad and evil habits and no longer engages in the practice of sowing wild oats, but as the Reverend D. L. Moody naively puts it: "right about face, and goes the other way."

Activity in church labor seems to have had its initial at Bevier, Macon County, Missouri, May 22, 1892, at which time and place he was ordained to the office of priest, under the hands of John T. Williams, Charles Perry, and Ephraim Rowland.

At the same place as above named added responsibilities are imposed by his ordination to the eldership, November 12, 1893, under the hands of John C. Foss and Daniel E. Tucker.

The General Conference held at Lamoni, Decatur County, Iowa, 1900, approved of thirty-seven names for the office of high priest (see *Saints' Herald*, vol. 47, p. 271), our brother was not present at the ordination service; and agreeable to the nomination and his acceptance, the Melchisedec priesthood was placed upon him in a fuller sense in his ordination as an high priest, at Higbee, Randolph County, Missouri, June 17, 1900, under the hands of Apostle Isaac N. White.

The next along the line of responsibility and advancement came in his selection at the General Conference held at Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, April, 1903, to be a member of the Standing High Council of the church, and this nomination was handed down by the First Presidency, and confirmed by the unanimous vote of the conference. This is that council spoken of in the law: "And after this decision it shall be had in remembrance no more before the Lord; for this is the highest council of the church of God, and a final decision upon controversies, in spiritual matters."—Doctrine and Covenants 104:35. Brother Joseph

A. Tanner was ordained a member of the council, at the conference, on April 14, under the hands of Frederick A. and Heman C. Smith. (Conference Minutes, page 639.)

In the quorum report of the General Conference of 1910 we read: "By unanimous standing vote the quorum indorsed the nomination by the First Presidency, and made choice of Joseph Alma Tanner, President of the Quorum."—Conference Minutes, p. 1391; and on page 1405 is recorded his consecration as president of the quorum as follows: "Elder J. A. Tanner was ordained president of the Quorum of High Priests, by Elders J. F. Curtis and I. N. White."

Have no disposition to pose as an astrologer and cast a horoscope of our brother, neither to venture a prognostication as to his future; however, it is clear to us all that he is a man in the prime of life; and that if he be so favored by Him that doeth all things well, and permits him to round out the three score and ten or more, and with fair health as the years go apace, the continuation of activity and faithfulness in his calling and ministry, there will be more material at the end of two or three decades for other hands than these, to compile a larger and more interesting paper than this one; and so mote it be!

KEEPING ITEMS.

We reinsert and reappeal that the members will observe the following:

Brethren of the quorum will please take note, that the following action by the quorum April, 1900, is still in force, and without these items your secretary can not make a full and complete report to the General Conference:

"Resolved, That we urge upon all high priests the importance of keeping an itemized account of all ministerial labor performed during each year, and that they include the same in their annual reports of the quorum."

A later action of the quorum requires the members to mail their individual reports so that the report shall reach the secretary March 1, that the secretary may have time to prepare the annual report for the General Conference.

I would add that if the brethren in the United States of America, and of Canada, will make out their reports on the first of March and promptly mail them, that they should reach me on or before the 10th, and that will give me ample time, and that the brethren in foreign countries will please mail their reports so as to reach me on or before March 10.

STATISTICAL.

The total enrollment of high priests in the Reorganized Church since June, 1852, is 277; died, 106; ordained to other offices, 7; expelled, 3; and dropped, 1; total loss, 117; leaving now upon the church and quorum records, 160.

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Independence, Mo.,	April	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	19	
1 Bailey, John J.....				*							1
2 Becker, John A.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
3 Berve, Amos	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
4 Blair, Frederick B.....		*									1
5 Bond, Myron H.....			*	*	*	*			*	*	6
6 Briggs, Edmund C.....			*	*						*	3
7 Bullard, Richard	*	*	*	*	*			*		*	6
8 Butterworth, Charles E.		*									1
9 Carlile, Joshua			*								1
10 Carmichael, Albert	*			*			*	*	*	*	6
11 Chatburn, Thomas W....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
12 Chrestensen, James C....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
13 Crabb, James C.....	*	*	*		*	*	*			*	7
14 Davies, Evan A.....		*	*			*		*	*		5
15 Deam, William H.....	*					*					2
16 Dice, Benjamin J.....				*	*	*	*			*	5
17 Ebeling, Francis J....	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
18 Elvert, Jay C.....		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		7
19 Elvin, Robert M.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
20 Evans, Richard C.....	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	8
21 Fisher, Myron C.....	*		*	*	*	*			*	*	6
22 Fry, Charles	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
23 Garrett, William H....	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	7
24 Garver, John F.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8
25 Goodrich, Vinton M....	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	8
26 Gunsolley, Jeremiah A.	*	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	2
27 Harrington, George E..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				6
28 Hayer, Eli									*		1
29 Hedrick, Frank G.....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9
30 Hinderks, Temme T...		*					*	*	*	*	5
31 Ivie, Thomas A.....	*	*	*	*		*	*	*			5
32 Johnson, William	*	*	*			*					4
33 Jordan, Thomas J.....	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	7
34 Kelley, Edmund L.....			*								1
35 Kemp, Henry			*								1
36 Kibler, Sylvester B....	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			7

37	Krahl, David J.....	*								1	
38	Lake, Charles H.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*			6	
39	Lambert, Joseph R....*	*	*	*						4	
40	LaRue, William E.....				*					1	
41	Layton, John W.....*									1	
42	Lewis, William.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
43	Miller, Charles Ed....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
44	Mussell, Frederick T...*		*	*	*	*	*			6	
45	McDowell, Willis A....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	8	
46	Newton, William.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
47	Parkin, Charles A.....*	*	*	*	*	*		*		7	
48	Pickering, William R..						*			1	
49	Powell, David E.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		6	
50	Roberts, Isaac N.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		5	
51	Roberts, Joseph.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		7	
52	Salyards, Richard S....*	*	*	*	*	*		*		7	
53	Scott, Beauford J.....*	*	*	*	*	*		*		7	
54	Siegfried, Mark H.....*	*	*		*		*	*		5	
55	Short, Ellis.....			*						1	
56	Smith, John.....	*	*	*	*		*	*		6	
57	Smith, George A.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		8	
58	Smith, Walter W.....*	*	*	*		*		*		5	
59	Stebbins, Henry A.....						*	*		2	
60	Tanner, Joseph A.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
61	Twombly, Samuel.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
62	Wells, Gomer R.....*	*	*	*	*	*				4	
63	White, Alfred.....*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	9	
64	White, Ammon.....		*		*		*	*	*	5	
65	Williams, Thomas W..			*			*	*		3	
66	Winning, Robert.....						*	*	*	3	
67	Zimermann, John.....*	*	*	*		*	*	*		6	

		34	42	45	44	43	41	38	41	38	366

While the attendance exceeded any previous year, being 73 more than last year, nevertheless, the average attendance was a fraction less than a year ago.

Disinterestedness upon the part of some in the quorum sessions; the constant drawing upon the quorum by the conference for men to preach and to take charge of the morning prayer meetings, and the demands of business upon our local members, all combined to cut down the average attendance.

This ANNUAL is hereby respectfully submitted.
 Attest: ROB'T M. ELVIN, *Secretary.*
 LAMONI, IOWA, July 25, 1912.

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