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seph Smith in Kirtland, among which are the two important revelations on Priesthood (Secs. 84 and 107) and the Word of Wisdom (Sec. 89).

In later years Kirtland has been visited by many Latter-day Saint Elders, but the only thing that reminds the visitor of the former glory

of the place is the Temple, which in its dilapidated condition stands like a lone sentinel, pointing its little spire to heaven as if bearing witness of what once took place inside its walls.

According to the census of 1880, Kirtland Township, including the village, had at that time 984 inhabitants.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BEVAN, (JAMES,) a member of the Mormon Battalion, was born in Herefordshire, England, October 18, 1821, baptized in October, 1840, emigrated to America in 1842, crossing the Atlantic in the ship *Hope*, and arrived at Nauvoo, Ill., May 14, 1846. He enlisted as a private in company A of the Battalion, at Council Bluffs, and on account of sickness became a member of Lieutenant W. W. Willis' detachment, which wintered at Pueblo. He arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley the following summer under James Brown. After remaining in the Valley about fourteen months, Bevan returned to the States, in company with Howard Egan and others, but came back to the Valley in the spring of 1852 as a married man, and located in Tooele County, Utah, where he has resided ever since.

GEE, (GEORGE WASHINGTON,) surveyor, was born in Rome, Ashtabula County, Ohio, August 13, 1815, was baptized at Kirtland, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1833, removed in 1838 to Missouri, from where he was driven by the mob in the spring of 1839. After being ordained an Elder at Nauvoo he removed to Ambrosia, Lee County, Iowa, where he was appointed postmaster and deputy county surveyor; he surveyed the city plats of Nashville and Zarahemla, under the direction of President Joseph Smith. He was sent to Pittsburgh, Penn., in the fall of 1841, as a missionary, where he died Jan. 20, 1842, in the faithful discharge of his duties. His opportunity for schooling had been limited, but by his own exertion he attained an excellent education and collected quite a respectable library. He won the affection of all the Saints with whom he became acquainted, by his integrity and perseverance. With his wife, Mary Jane Smith, whom he married in Kirtland in 1838, he had two sons, named Elias S. and Geo. W.

PHELPS, (LAURA,) wife of Morris Phelps, suffered great persecution in Missouri in 1833-

1838. In 1839 she went from Iowa to Missouri to assist in liberating her husband, who was imprisoned in Columbia, Boone Co., and she "was left in the prison yard when he made his escape, willing to suffer all the abuses a savage horde could inflict upon her, to set her companion safe from the grasp of his murderous enemies." She died in Nauvoo, Ill., Feb. 2, 1842.

SMITH, (HYRUM,) Patriarch of the whole Church and brother to the Prophet Joseph, was born in Tunbridge, Vermont, Feb. 9, 1800, and married Jerusha Barden Nov. 2, 1826, by whom he had six children, Lovina, Mary, John, Hyrum, Jerusha and Sarah. He became a widower on the 13th of Oct., 1837, while absent at Far West, and married Mary Fielding the same year, by whom he had two children, Joseph F. and Martha. Like his brother Joseph, Hyrum spent his early years in agricultural labors, and nothing of particular note characterized that period of his life. He speedily became a believer in Joseph's mission, and by him was baptized in Seneca Lake, in June, 1829. He was one of the eight persons permitted to view the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, and his name is prefixed to it as a witness. On Nov. 7, 1837, at a conference assembled in Far West, Mo., he was appointed second counselor to President Joseph Smith, instead of Frederick G. Williams, who was rejected. On Jan. 19th, 1841, he was called by revelation to take the office of Patriarch to the whole Church, to which he had been appointed by his deceased father, by blessing and also by birth-right, and was likewise appointed a Prophet, Seer and Revelator. He was personally connected with many of the principal events of the Church, up to the time of his death, and in the various offices he filled won the love and esteem of all persons. In the revelation calling him to be the chief Patriarch, the Lord thus spoke of him: "Blessed is my servant Hyrum Smith, for I the Lord love him,

because of the integrity of his heart, and because he loveth that which is right before me, saith the Lord." (Doc. & Cov., 124: 15.) He was tenderly attached to his brother Joseph, whom he never left more than six months at one time, during their lifetime. He was arrested with him at Far West, Mo., and imprisoned with him at Liberty, and finally spilt his blood with him at Carthage, Ill., June 27, 1844. In this catastrophe he fell first, exclaiming, "I am a dead man," and Joseph responding, "Oh, dear brother Hyrum!" In the *Times and Seasons* we find the following beautiful eulogy: "He lived so far beyond the ordinary walk of man, that even the tongue of the vilest slanderer could not touch his reputation. He lived godly, and he died godly, and his murderers will yet have to confess, that it would have been better for them to have had a mill-stone tied to them, and have been cast into the depths of the sea, and remain there while eternity goes and eternity comes, than to have robbed that noble man of heaven of his life." At his death he held various military and civil offices in the Nauvoo Legion and in the municipality.

THOMSTORFF, (AUGUST FREDERICK,) a son of "Friherre-Baron" August von Thomstorff, was born in Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, March 31, 1838. He studied for an officer in the army under General de Meza, but disliking the business, he turned his attention to the art of lithography, which he learned thoroughly. After serving his time of apprenticeship he traveled extensively through Prussia as a journeyman, working in many of the larger cities, including Berlin. Finally he went to Copenhagen, Denmark, where he married "Jomfru" Gerhardine Marcusen, and together with her embraced the fulness of the gospel, being baptized by Elder Jens Hansen, May 27, 1866. Shortly afterwards he was stricken down with pneumonia and reduced to the point of death. When the physicians had given him up to die, his wife sent for Elder Carl Widerborg, who administered to him in the name of the Lord and prophesied that he should recover, get home to Zion and have a family of children. Up to that time his marriage had been childless. When the physicians came the next day to "examine the corpse," they were startled to

find the patient recovering and to be entirely out of danger, declaring that a great miracle had been done, which indeed was the case, although they would not acknowledge the hand of the Lord in it. In a few days Thomstorff was able to attend to his usual avocation. He was ordained an Elder and labored in the Copenhagen branch, together with his brethren, in various capacities until 1873, when he and his wife emigrated to America, locating in Salt Lake City. During his thirteen years residence there he was mostly engaged as a painter, working a great deal of his time for the Church, there not being much opportunity for him to find employment as a lithographer. By his kind, winning ways he gained a large circle of friends, and died quite suddenly at his residence in the 11th Ward, Salt Lake City, April 24, 1886, in the prime of his manhood. For a number of years he acted as a Ward teacher and was a counselor to the president of the German meetings. He was also a member of a quorum of Seventy. He left two wives and five children, while one wife and two children preceded him beyond the veil.

THE WASP, a weekly newspaper, published by the Church in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. (Size: 4 column folio. Subscription price: \$1.50 a year. Motto: Truth crushed to the earth will rise again.) The first number was issued April 16, 1842, and the last April 26, 1843; it then changed name to *The Nauvoo Neighbor*. Wm. Smith's name appears at the head of the columns as editor of the first 31 numbers, but he did not write much for it. John Taylor edited the remaining 21 numbers.

WILDING, (WILLIAM,) a centenarian, was born in Northamptonshire, England, Nov. 11, 1783, baptized in January, 1840, by Elder Geo. Simpson, and emigrated to Utah in 1868. From that time to his death, June 6, 1885, he lived in the 17th Ward, Salt Lake City, with his youngest daughter, Mrs. O. B. Shaw, who was 64 years old when he died. He was a man of steady habits and never allowed his peace of mind to be seriously disturbed. During his long life, covering nearly 102 years, he never was sick.

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