

A MISSIONARY BLESSING

Pronounced upon the head of Elder Hyrum L. Rigby, in the Salt Lake Temple Annex, November 10th, 1899, by Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff.

Brother Hyrum L. Rigby: In the authority of the Priesthood and in the name of Jesus we ordain you a Seventy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and confer upon you all the keys and authority pertaining to this high and holy calling.

- We bless you and set you apart as a missionary to Great Britain, whither you have been called of God, through His Prophet. We seal and confer upon you every gift and blessing necessary to qualify you for the faithful discharge of your duty, and every blessing necessary to cause

and your heart to rejoice on account of the work of the Lord, and because of your

being called to the ministry. We say unto you, dear brother, you shall be blessed, if you are humble, with the graces of the Gospel: You shall be blessed with the gift of discernment and revelation, and you shall have power to lay hands upon the sick and they shall be healed, and you shall have power to lead people into the waters of baptism and afterwards to lay hands upon them and they shall receive the Holy Ghost and testify that God, the Eternal Father, has revealed to them the truthfulness of the Gospel. We bless you that you shall seek diligently to acquire a perfect testimony of the Gospel and of its principles, that you shall become fully qualified and be able in your humble way to successfully present the principles of the Gospel and to defend them. We say unto you that if you will study diligently and seek to become proficient, the Lord will enlighten your mind and inspire you that you shall be able to comprehend the Scriptures and to receive a testimony of the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants, and all of the Scriptures revealed of the Lord. He will bless you with this knowledge and cause that you shall have joy in testifying to the truthfulness of the same and of the mission of the Prophet Joseph. We bless you that you shall be able to make friends and to adapt yourself to your surroundings and not feel that you are out of place, or that the Lord has made a mistake in calling you, for He has made no mistake. He will forgive you your sins if you will be faithful and true before Him, and you shall feel that this is the case, and that He is with you and approves of your course. We bless you that you shall be able to present the principles of the Gospel in plainness. Be Humble. We admonish you to preach the first principles of the Gospel, that people may not take offense at your sayings. We bless you that you shall make friends at the fireside and obtain access to the homes of the people. We bless you that you shall be a pillar of strength in the British mission; sustain the presidency of the same and those placed to preside over you, and work in harmony with your companion, and you shall be filled with joy and shall fill this mission to your own satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the Lord. We bless you to this end, dedicate you to the Lord, re-seal upon you your former blessings, and say go in peace and return in safety, by sea and by land, being preserved, and that the inspiration of the Lore may be with you. This we do in the authority of the Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.--Leo Hunsaker, Reporter,

TRANSFER.

ELDER Hyrum L. Ribley

BELOVED BROTHER:

You are hereby honorably released from your missionary labors in the Bristol Conference, and appointed to labor in the Liverpool Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under the direction of the President of that Conference.

It is your duty to preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances thereof that pertain to the office of an Elder, and assist your President in discharging any duties which he may require of you, for the welfare of the cause where you are appointed to labor.

Dear Brother, keep the commandments of God, honor the covenants you have made with the Lord and your brethren, observe the counsels of those who are placed over you; live pure, be humble and prayerful, resist temptation, eschew the very appearance of evil, that the Holy Spirit may accompany your administrations; that the power of your priesthood and calling may increase upon you; the hearts of the people be opened that they may receive your testimony and minister to your necessities; and then you will be instrumental, in the hands of God, of turning many from the errors and follies of the world to the knowledge of the truth.

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James L. McMurrian

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President of the European Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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HOME SWEET HOME

By Jewel Rigby Widdison

In the summer of 1899 Hyrum L. Rigby, my father of Hooper, Utah rec'd a letter in the mail calling him on a mission to Great Britain.

On Nov. 10, 1899 he went to Salt Lake City to the Church Head Quarters and was ordain^d a Seventy and set apart for his mission by Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff and left for England on Nov. 11, 1899. Leaving his wife Cathrine, my mother and two small children at home. Recta, their little girl was 2 years old and LaVern their baby boy was 4 months of' age.

He arrived in Liverpool, England Dec. 2, 1899 taking 21 days, 13 of which were on the Atlantic Ocean on the Steam Ship Rhyland.

He labored in the Bristol and Liverpool conferences of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

He was released on Dec. 27, 1901. Sailed for home on the steam ship, New England Jan. 11, 1902.

While in England he converted a Mr. James Houghton to the gospel. As-a gift, Mr. Houghton carved a souvenir for him to keep as a reminder or' memento.

It was a beautiful plaque that said, "Home Sweet Home." He had carved it with his pocket knife out of a thin flat 12" long piece of wood. It could be hung on the wall as an ornament.

It has been a special keepsake for our family all these many years. It still hangs above the door in our home since he brought it home in Jan. of' 1902.

On the cold snowy Jan. 2^d, night that he arrived-by. train in Ogden on: his return from his mission, he checked his big trunk and other luggage in the depot. So anxious to get home to his family he turned up his coat collar pulled down his hat and started out walking at 9:00 p.m. in the snowstorm for Hooper, a distance of ten miles.

My mother knew it was time for his release but hadn't heard from him for ft^l-long time and being so lonely, this night went to bed wondering when he would ever return home, or if she would ever see him again.

On his cold, lonely dark walk from Ogden he was passed by only one horse and buggy. He had hoped for a ride but the driver upon seeing a loney walker only whipped his horse and sped past faster than ever.

As he arrived at his home around three a.m. in the morning he was about frozen. Icicles were hanging from his mustache from his breathe and of course he was covered with snow.

When a big knock came on the front door I guess it really frightened my mother, but as you might guess not for long.

While he was away, she had supported him with money, milking her cow, making butter to sell and at times clerking in her sister Sarah Parniund's ice cream parlor. Many is the time her baby buggy sat in the