

T E S T I M O N I A L .

At the Old Folks' Excursion, June 22d, 1881; was presented, to Bishop Edward Hunter, a splendid gilt frame containing the likenesses of Presidents Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and John Taylor, and Bishop Edward Hunter, also the poem of Sister E. R. Snow Smith. This was presented by Richard Ballantyne (founder of Sunday Schools in Utah), and donated by the Sunday School children of Ogden City. It being Bishop Hunter's eighty-eighth birthday, and thirtieth year of his presidency. Executed (all but the likenesses) by the pen of Professor Phelps, in the most workmanlike manner.

TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP, EDWARD HUNTER.

On the eighty-eighth Anniversary of his Birthday.

Hail, our worthy, aged Bishop,
On your Anniversary!
You have won unfading laurels
Thro' your staunch integrity.
Rich in gifts of grace and wisdom—
With celestial light imbued,
By supernal beams of knowledge,
From the Eternal Source of Good.

Our first Prophet loved you dearly—
Well your sterling worth he knew;
He, in holy bonds of friendship,
Still retains his love for you.
Your large heart, with gen'rous impulse,
Unrestrained by selfish greed,
From your ample store, imparted
Freely to the Prophet's need.

When unhallowed persecution,
Waged against the Saints of God;
You, unflinching and undaunted,
Firmly as a bulwark stood.

Men of trust—of faith and courage,
When the sky was dark and drear,
Were esteemed most choice and precious,
By our noble, martyr'd Seer.

You have blessed the lonely widow—
Soothed and cheered the orphan's heart;
You, with kindness, faith and patience,
Have performed a brother's part.
As a fond and loving father,
You alleviate distress—
When officially presiding,
You decide in righteousness.

You have made a noble record,
Filled with useful service here,
Where the name of Edward Hunter,
Many "hearts and homes" hold dear.
You have reached a mark of honor,
Far above all earthly fame—
You require no sculptured marble,
To immortalize your name.