

OFFICE OF
The First Presidency
of the
Church of Jesus Christ
of
Latter-day Saints.

P.O. Box B.

Salt Lake City, Utah,

April 26th, 1907.

Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon,

Salt Lake City.

Dear Brother:-

Elder Alexander Nibley having been released to return home, you are hereby appointed to succeed him in the watchcare and presidency of the churches comprising the Netherlands Mission.

It is your duty to see that the Gospel is preached, as far as possible, throughout the countries where the elders now labor, and, as the Lord shall open the way, to seize any new opportunities which may present themselves for the introduction of the gospel to places where it has not yet been preached. In short, we desire you to go forth as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, fully equipped for the discharge of every duty connected with your calling, and to preside with wisdom and dignity over all the affairs of the Church in the Netherlands, with full power to regulate everything connected therewith and make such changes, releases and appointments as may in your judgment, under the direction of the Spirit of the Lord, be necessary for the welfare, spread and prosperity of the work of the Lord and the warning of the people in the fields where you labor, and over whom you are appointed to preside.

And that you may be fully sustained and qualified for these high and responsible labors, we beseech our Eternal Father

to endow you with power from on high, and to fill you with His Holy Spirit and all the gifts that pertain to your office and calling, that you may be a blessing and a savior to the children of men in your ministry and carry with you an influence and power that shall be felt for good by all with whom you are brought in contact. It is our most earnest desire that you should be an example in humility, in patience, in long suffering, and in all the gifts and graces of the gospel to all men, that your words may be the words of the Lord to the people you address, and that you may feel that there is a power and a spirit accompanying you that is not of man.

We shall be glad to hear from you concerning your labors and the situation of affairs in your field of labor as often as it shall be convenient for you to write, and shall esteem it a pleasure ourselves to communicate frequently with you.

Praying God the Eternal Father to bless and qualify you for this work to which you are now called, and asking Him to preserve you and yours from the hands of all your enemies, and to bring you home in purity, peace and love, we remain,

Your fellow-servants in the Lord,

Joseph F. Smith
John R. Kinder
Anthony A. Lund

First Presidency.