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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Name SYLVESTER Q. CANNON

Father's Name GEORGE Q. CANNON

Mother's Maiden Name ELIZABETH HOAGLAND

Date and Place of Birth SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, JUNE 10, 1877

Date and place of Death

REMARKS

This should include baptism, ordinations, ecclesiastical and secular offices, foreign missions, travels, marriages, names of children, and all other matters of personal interest.



SYLVESTER Q. CANNON, president of Pioneer Stake, has been chosen presiding bishop of the Church to succeed Bishop Charles W. Nibley, who was chosen as second counselor to President Heber J. Grant.

Announcement of President Cannon's selection has been made by the First Presidency. The appointment received enthusiastic endorsement by the Council of the Twelve, and meets with universal approval among the general authorities of the Church, as it undoubtedly will do among the members of the Church as a whole.

Thorough consideration was given to the matter of who should be the new presiding bishop, and it was decided that because of his record and his unusual abilities, President Cannon was the man for the place. The selection comes to him as a fitting recognition of his years of service to the Church, his eminent success as head of the stake over which he has presided, and in other positions which he has filled, and his high qualifications in practical management and executive direction, qualifications that fit him admirably for the responsible position to which he has been called. He is a man also of humility and great faith and will bring to his new task an inspiring spirituality to supplement his capabilities in handling affairs of a more temporal character.

Bishop Cannon announced that he would choose Bishop David A. Smith and John Wells, who have been counselors to Bishop Nibley, as counselors in the new presiding bishopric.

Native of Salt Lake.

Bishop Cannon, a son of the late President George Q. Cannon and Elizabeth Hoagland Cannon, was born in Salt Lake City, June 10, 1877, and received his education at the L. D. S. university, the University of Utah and in 1899 graduated as engineer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston.

In the fall of 1899, following his graduation, he was called on a mission to the Netherlands and Belgium. He labored as a missionary in Belgium for 10 months when he was appointed president of the entire mission, in which capacity he served until his release in 1902.

He was called to be first counselor in the Pioneer stake presidency in March, 1904, and occupied that position until January, 1917, when following the death of Prest. William McLachlan, he became president.

He was called to preside over the Netherlands and Belgium mission a second time in 1907, and during his stay there of two years he published the Doctrine and Covenants in the Dutch language, the translation of which he had supervised in Salt Lake following his return from his first mission.

Bishop Cannon returned to Salt Lake in 1909, and in 1912 he became water supply engineer for Salt Lake City. In April of the next year he was appointed city engineer.

He married Miss Winnifred Saville, June 15, 1904. They have seven children.

In addition to holding the position of president of Pioneer stake and city engineer, Bishop Cannon is president of the board of trustees of the L. D. S. university; president of the Cannon Investment company; chairman of the board of presidents of the Associated Canals; a director of the East Jordan Irrigation company; a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is a member of the Salt Lake Commercial Club.