

PLATTE D. LYMAN DEAD

President of San Juan Stake Passed Away Last Wednesday.

Platte D. Lyman, president of the San Juan stake, died last Wednesday of cancer. The announcement was made in a dispatch to President Joseph F. Smith yesterday from F. B. Hammond of Moab. No particulars were given except that the end was attended by great suffering. The news will convey a shock to President Lyman's many friends throughout the state, few of whom were aware of his condition. On his way home from Europe last summer President Lyman first felt the effects of a cancerous growth under his right arm. At first he thought little of the affliction, but it grew worse gradually and a few weeks ago he was compelled to undergo a critical surgical operation at Provo. He seemed to be greatly improved after the operation, but during the general conference last October he met and shook hands with a great number of people. The affected spot became irritated and when President Lyman started home he was a very sick man. He suffered agonies from that time on to the day of his death.

Platte DeAlton Lyman was born on the Platte river, opposite Fort Laramie, Wyo., Aug. 20, 1848, while his parents, Amasa M. and Eliza Partridge Lyman, were crossing the plains to Utah. The first fifteen years of his life were spent in Salt Lake City. He moved with his parents to Fillmore, Millard county from here. In May, 1867, he left upon his first mission to Great Britain, laboring in the Kent and London conferences. He became president of the latter and was released to come home on his 21st birthday. After his arrival here he became a high councillor in the Millard stake and 1871 was sent to Oak Creek as a pioneer, afterwards being bishop of that ward. He filled a second mission to Great Britain while holding that position. In 1879 President Lyman was called by President John Taylor to labor in the San Juan mission. He was an assistant of President Silas S. Smith in pioneering that country. In 1884, being then president of the Saints in the San Juan district, he was released to return to Millard county, settling in Scipio. In 1891 he moved back to San Juan with his family and was chosen second counselor to the late President F. A. Hammond.

President Lyman was called to preside over the European mission in 1898 and returned last summer. At the death of President Hammond he became president of San Juan stake and was well loved by his people.

President Lyman was a brother of Apostle F. M. Lyman and an uncle of Mrs. W. H. King.