



T. Edgar Lyon

We, the Editorial Board and editors of *Brigham Young University Studies*, wish to express our sympathy and sense of loss at the passing of a member of the Editorial Board. T. Edgar Lyon has served on the Board for nearly ten years, from 1969 until his death on September 20, 1978.

An outstanding scholar in history, Christian studies, and LDS Church history—particularly the Nauvoo period—he was the author of nearly 200 scholarly articles, book reviews, and Church lesson manuals, as well as several books.

Born and reared in Salt Lake City, Utah, T. Edgar Lyon, upon graduation from the University of Utah with a B.A. in history in 1927, joined the Church Education System as a seminary teacher in Rigby, Idaho. He attended the University of Chicago, where he received an M.A. degree in Christian history in 1932, and later, in 1962, he received a Ph.D. degree in history from the University of Utah. In 1933, having earlier served as a proselyting missionary in the Netherlands, he returned to that country as mission president.

He was a great teacher. For over forty years he served in the Church Educational System as teacher and Associate Director of the University of Utah Institute of Religion. He was a popular teacher because he blended an abundant knowledge and a great faith and testimony with a vibrant sense of humor and a deep concern for his students.

Dr. Lyon was a leading expert on the Nauvoo period of Church history. In 1963, he was appointed research historian of Nauvoo Restoration, Inc. At the time of his death, he was preparing a volume on the Nauvoo period for the projected sixteen-volume history of the Saints. His death is a great loss to the completion of this particular work of scholarship, for his vast knowledge and perspective as a historian and his percipience and skill as a writer will be impossible to replace.

We are thankful for T. Edgar Lyon's life of service and scholarship, and for his willing contribution of time and energy in the years he served as a member of the Editorial Board of *BYU Studies*.

And though that he were worthy, he was wys,
And of his port as meke as is a mayde.
He never yet no vileinye ne sayde
In al his lyf, un-to no maner wight.
He was a verray parfit gentil knight.

—Chaucer

He will be greatly missed among us.