

With his gaunt figure, mag-pie voice, and fiery vigor, Elder J. Golden Kimball (1853-1938) was the embodiment of down to earth humor. ~~so to speak~~ Kimball, loved by all Latter-day Saints, ~~was able and with the ability to compel create the compulsion for~~ even religiously-uninterested “jack-Mormon” farmers and wayward youth to empty their fields and pool halls ~~and gather to gatherings~~ around the radio to hear his sermons ~~broadcasted in the broadcasts~~ from Salt Lake City.

As Kimball toured ~~ours~~ through the Mormon settlements of the West ~~were made by Kimball~~, “Uncle Golden” ~~and appellation that folks of no particular relation to him often gave him~~ charmed ~~and delighted~~ congregations with frank talk and refreshing, if slightly irreverent, quips. ~~These quips were distinct for being~~ occasionally peppered with his famous salty language. ~~Such language could be heard~~ ~~Particularly, when he evoked~~ his not-necessarily-theological ~~ideas evocations~~ of the place where unrepentant souls go after death and the spiritual condition that ~~causes sends them to go there~~. ~~These evocations eventually~~ made him an unlikely and unique sort of leader for a people who are today generally known for their conscientious efforts to avoid such improprieties. ~~for the most part~~.

Attention to decorum rarely ~~obscured resulted in obscuration~~ of J. Golden’s probing insight into the human condition and his love of God and fellow man. ~~These insights and His~~ humor earned him a much-revered place in the collective memory of Mormons, so that on J. Golden’s eightieth birthday, apostle John Henry Evans ~~may have been the first but certainly not the last to~~ called Elder Kimball “our Mark Twain and Will Rogers,” ~~and e~~ Even now, nearly seventy years after ~~his Elder Kimball’s~~ death, a lively ~~Mormon oral~~ folk-tale narrative cycle continues to revolve around the man—perpetuating this beloved preacher’s place in the memory of contemporary Latter-day Saints. ~~as well as the early Saints whom he taught~~. ~~This book presents a A~~ comprehensive selection of stories about “Uncle Golden” ~~lovingly kept in preservation lovingly preserved~~ in Mormon oral tradition. ~~is presented in this book~~.

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