

CORNER STONE LAID AT B.Y.U.

Impressive Ceremonies on the Site of Karl Maeser Memorial Building Today.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

And Numerous Other Prominent Church Men Take Part—Thousands Gather on Temple Hill.

(Special to the News)

PROVO, Oct. 16.—In the presence of several thousand persons, the cornerstone of the Karl G. Maeser Memorial building was laid here this morning on Temple hill. Among those present at the exercises were President Joseph F. Smith, United States Senator Reed Smoot, W. H. Dusenberry, R. W. Young, Mrs. Susan Y. Gates, L. Holbrook and Jessie Knight, members of the board of trustees; Mrs. Karl G. Maeser, State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. C. Nelson, Bishop David A. Smith, H. H. Cummings, superintendent of the church schools, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Crandall, President George H. Brimhall, the Brigham Young University President, F. W. Parker, Manager of the annual association and other prominent men and women.

The exercises began with the hymn "O ye mountains high," which was sung by the B. Y. choir. Presidents Brimhall then offered prayer. The choir sang "O, be joyful in the Lord All Ye Lands."

President Mangum was the first speaker. He talked briefly on the history of the building and gave a statement of the finances.

The choir then rendered Mr. Maeser's favorite hymn, "A mighty forecast is ours."

Senator Smoot stated in his address that the laying of the cornerstone was a consummation of a desire possessed by him that the university should occupy Temple hill. From there, he said, would be enjoyed a view of the beautiful valley and that he considered it a fitting tribute to Dr. Karl G. Maeser he urged all the members of the alumni to contribute to the building fund.

PRESIDENT SMITH.

President Joseph F. Smith declared that he was delighted with the progress of this building in honor of Dr. Maeser who was always true to the highest educational ideals, the spiritual and the mind and heart, education of the divine as well as the intellectual. He said that he hoped that the papers placed in the box in the cornerstone would remain there for generations unless it became necessary to tear the building down and erect a larger and more imposing structure.

He said that he would contribute to the extent of his ability to the building fund. He remarked that he was not a Jesse Knight, a Gould or a Vanderbilt. In view of the story, he said, that had been circulated abroad and believed by some at home that he was a very rich man, his contribution would be very welcome. He further remarked that he was a very rich man, but that his greatest riches consisted of good wives and a large family of children with which he had been blessed. As soon as he returned home he said, that he would send his check for \$100.

STONE LAID.

The cornerstone was then laid, President Smith officiating.

The choir sang "For the strength of the hills we bless thee."

H. H. Cummings spoke briefly of the life of Dr. Maeser and the work that he had performed. He said that his course in life had been one of honor.

Mrs. Susan Young Gates spoke of Dr. Maeser as a great schoolteacher. She said that he had laid foundations deep and true in the faith during his life, and that his educational work was a monument to his life.

Jesse Knight was the last speaker. He advised all the members of the church to contribute to the fund. He said, jokingly, that he had been made an honorary member by contributing \$1,000 and he urged everybody to contribute to the building fund.

The choir sang the doxology and President Joseph F. Smith offered benediction.

After the services a banquet was given to the guests by the domestic science department of the university. Music was furnished during the banquet by the university band.

DR. MAESER MEMORIAL.

The Maeser memorial building, of which the corner stone was laid today in the presence of over two thousand students and a large number of friends of the Brigham Young university from this city and other parts of the state, is erected in honor of Dr. Karl G. Maeser, who was for many years the president of the university and the Brigham Young academy, which now the Brigham Young university, and afterwards the superintendent of the church school system.

The building, in honor of Dr. Maeser, is a fine specimen of expression of the law and reverence in which his memory is held by thousands upon thousands of people in the intermountain region prompted the erection of the building. The alumni association has undertaken the responsibility of the construction and its contributions will be contributed to the association and other friends and

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