

Christ, Thy Son, that Thou wilt behold us in mercy on this occasion, and accept of our dedication of ourselves, of our labors, of all that we have and are upon the earth, unto Thee, the Lord our God; for we desire to be Thine, and we desire that Thou wilt accept of us and acknowledge us as Thy children and that we may feel in our hearts that our lives and our course of action are acceptable unto Thee. We feel, Heavenly Father, to dedicate unto Thee at this time the capstone of this Temple. That we are permitted to lay it this day, we are grateful to Thee, and thus finish the laying of the stones of this building, which has been for thirty-nine years in the course of its erection. We thank Thee for the privilege. We pray Thee to sanctify this service to our good. May it go down in the memories of those that are assembled here, and may it be retained in the memories of the young—the children that are here in our midst—that they may carry it to their latest day. We thank Thee that there are a few of us here that were privileged to behold the laying of the corner stones of this building, and that Thou hast preserved us through years that have passed and brought us to this present time under so favorable circumstances as those which surround us. Bless this vast congregation of people; pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon them; may they have the Spirit of God to dwell in their hearts, and may the love of truth actuate them in all that they do from this time forth and for ever. Bless the workmen that have labored upon this Temple; bless those that shall be immediately engaged in laying the capstone; bless Thine aged servant President Woodruff, and sanctify to him the honor which is due unto him, O God, of laying the capstone by the instrumentality of electricity, that great agency, the discovery of which has been granted unto the people of this generation.

We ask Thee, Heavenly Father, now to accept of us, and to accept of our services, for all that we do we desire to do in Thy name, and to Thy name's honor and glory and to our salvation. We dedicate ourselves unto Thee. Accept of us we pray Thee and sanctify unto us every dispensation of Thy providence, and help us to see and acknowledge Thy hand cheerfully in all things.

All of which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

The choir sang:

Grant us peace.

Architect Joseph Don Carlos Young shouted from the top of the Temple:

"The cap-stone is now ready to be laid."

President Woodruff

stepped to the front of the platform and said:

Attention, all ye house of Israel and all ye nations of the earth. We will now lay the top stone of the Temple of our God, the foundation of which was laid and dedicated by the Prophet, Seer and Revelator Brigham Young.

President Woodruff then pressed the button, thus opening an electric current to a contrivance connected with the capstone, the latter being thus released and placed in position.

#### THE HOSANNA.

The immense concourse of people, led by President Lorenzo Snow, shouted the hosanna in concert:

"Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, to God and the Lamb, Amen, Amen, and Amen."

This was done three times, each shout being accompanied by a waving of handkerchiefs, except when the names of God and the Lamb were uttered.

The spectacle and effect of the shout was grand beyond description, the emotions of the multitude being stirred up in the greatest intensity of devotion and enthusiasm.

The choir and congregation sang:

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning!  
The latter-day glory begins to come forth,  
The visions and blessings of old are returning,  
And angels are coming to visit the earth.

We'll sing and we'll shout with the armies of heaven,

Hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb!  
Let glory to them in the highest be given,  
Henceforth and forever; Amen and Amen!

The Temple Ode—words by H. W. Naisbitt, music by Prof. C. J. Thomas—was sung by the Union Glee Club:

All hail this glorious day,  
This grand, auspicious day.  
The vales resound, the mountains ring,  
The capstone on the Temple bring,  
With gladsome peal, united sing,  
Of truth's still widening way.  
The time is near at hand,  
When Christ shall come and claim His own,  
And 'mid his Saints erect that throne  
Which on the earth must stand.  
All hail that glorious day!  
The shadows melt away;  
The skies are bright,  
Soon truth and right,  
Shall come to earth from Zion's light,  
And man redeemed at last shall shine,  
Our Father's image, all divine.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman

said: Six months ago—it was last October—President Woodruff expressed, in a council of the Presidency of the Church and the presiding authorities of the Stakes and wards, that he desired to live to see the dedication of this Temple. It was the feeling in the hearts of the brethren present that an effort should be made to accomplish that work. Next April it will be just forty years from the time of the laying of the corner-stones of this Temple, and I have a resolution to offer to assembled Israel today which embraces the ground covered by a resolution suggested by our Brother, Willard Young:

#### RESOLUTION.

Believing that the instructions of President Woodruff, respecting the early completion of the Salt Lake Temple, is the word of the Lord unto us, I propose that this assemblage pledge themselves, collectively and individually, to furnish, as fast as it may be needed, all the money that may be required to complete the Temple at the earliest time possible, so that the dedication may take place on April 6th, 1893.

The resolution was put to the meeting, that it might have the endorsement of all Israel. The result was a deafening shout of "ayes" from the assembled host.

Brother Lyman then stated that he would head a subscription list with a

donation of one thousand dollars to aid in the attainment of the object expressed in the resolution.

Music by the band.

Closing anthem by the Tabernacle choir—"Song of the Redeemed," composed by Evan Stephens.

#### BENEDICTION.

President George Q. Cannon then pronounced the benediction as follows: "O God, our Eternal Father, accept all our proceedings this day. Let Thy blessing descend upon this people and upon all that we have done, and grant that the Holy Ghost may rest down upon every one of us, and upon all the honest in heart everywhere. Bless this entire people from north to south and from east to west, and the honest in heart throughout the earth, which we ask in the name of Jesus, beseeching Thee to dismiss us with Thy peace, in His name. Amen."

Conference was declared adjourned for six months.

#### THE MULTITUDE.

The number of people who attended the ceremonies and who were on the grounds was probably about 40,000, besides many thousands more who crowded the adjoining streets and covered every building in the vicinity from which a view of the interior of the Temple Block could be obtained. The entire scene was imposing, presenting a spectacle that has not been duplicated on this continent in modern times. It must have made an impression on the people who witnessed—especially the participants in the ceremonies—that will never be effaced from their memory.

#### THE STATUE OF MORONI.

The work of surmounting the capstone with the figure representing the Angel Moroni was proceeded with after the ceremonies. This figure is of gigantic proportions, being twelve feet five and a half inches in height. The idea conveyed by the statue is that of a herald, or messenger, in the act of blowing a trumpet, an embodiment of the fact of Moroni bringing the Gospel to the earth in this latter-day dispensation. It is made of 24 hammered copper, and was constructed by W. H. Mullens & Co., of Salem, Ohio, after a model by Mr. C. E. Dallin, of this city. The figure is admirably proportioned, and its pose is graceful. It is gilded with pure gold leaf, and surmounting its crown is an incandescent lamp of one hundred candle-power. It was placed in position and was unveiled at ten minutes past 3 o'clock. Its effect is beautiful.

#### THE FINIALS.

The ornamental terminals are being placed upon all of the towers of the Temple, with the exception of the middle one on the east end of the structure, which is surmounted by the statue of the angel. The largest of the five finials is on the middle tower of the west end of the building. It is twelve feet in height. Those which will adorn the towers of the four corners are ten feet in height. All of them are handsome, and will give these elevated points of the building an appropriate finish. They are made of sixteen hammered copper, and are the handiwork of Samuel Backman, of this city, a skilled workman in metals. These ornamental finishes are being