

elements for their sakes. Disperse, we pray, the clouds of darkness and wickedness from our minds, and may we see and comprehend thee and thy ways and all thing as they are. Confound our enemies who delight to oppose the onward course of truth; may they go backward and not forward, and defeat their own unrighteous purposes, and may their envy and wrath be made to praise thee.

And grant, holy Father, that this foundation stone too, which we thy servants of the Aaronic priesthood have now laid, may stand firm and unshaken in its gravel bed; to lend its support to the house to be reared to thee, which shall bring joy to the hearts of many. And we pray for those who are called to guide the Saints in this Stake of Zion: May they be filled with the light of truth and the revelations of thy will; and may our brethren, thy servants of the lesser priesthood living here, render them that becoming and efficient aid that shall strengthen their hands, always watching with a jealous eye after the spiritual interests of the Church, that no iniquity may abound, and promoting the temporal welfare of all.

And now, our Father, we dedicate ourselves with all we command, our wives and children, our houses and lands, our flocks and herds and all we possess, unto thee, the Lord our God; and humbly pray that we, with our possessions, may be accepted of thee, to be used in the building up of thy kingdom, and the accomplishment of thy wise and holy designs in reclaiming, redeeming and saving all the works of thy hands; and in battling with and contending against error and sin until Satan is bound, and thy will be done on earth as angels do in heaven, in and through the worthy name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, even so. Amen.

The Choir then sang the hymn—

"An angel from on high
The long, long silence broke."

The procession again formed and proceeded to the northwest corner stone, which was laid by the President of the High Priests' quorum, the Presidency of the Logan Stake and the Presidencies of other Stakes.

ELDER GEORGE L. FARRELL, President of the High Priests' Quorum of Logan Stake, then ascended the stone and spoke as follows:

Brethren and sisters in behalf of the high priests and presidents of stakes I now stand before you upon this north-west corner stone of the Logan Temple, and declare it firmly and duly laid. And my prayer is that as high priests and presidents of this and other stakes of Zion, and as Latter-day Saints we may always have a desire to labor for the building up of the Kingdom of God, and that our efforts may not flag, and our power to do good increase day by day, and that we may erect this House to the name of our God and labor for it honorably and justly before Him; and that we may live to see the last stone laid, the last nail driven, and the building completed, dedicated and consecrated to the name of the Most High, and that we may live to see the Savior come, and be worthy to sit down with him in this holy House and hear him converse with us, his people on the earth. And that we may be able to render true and faithful service in the interests of God and his people through time and eternity, and always stand shoulder to shoulder with those who may be called to preside over us, is my desire and prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

After which ELDER MOSES THATCHER offered the following dedicatory prayer:

O God, our Eternal Father, in the name of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we appear before thee at this, the northwest corner stone of this Temple; and we pray that thou wilt let thy peace rest upon us, and upon the people who have gathered here to witness the ceremonies performed by thy servants, the Priesthood. O Lord, wilt thou listen to our prayers, and accept the gratitude of our hearts that we have with us, thine Apostles; and that as they have laid the chief corner stone of this Temple to be reared to thy name, and as the Bishopric and the lesser priesthood have laid that of the south-west, and thy servants the High Priests this, the north-west corner stone of this Temple to

be built to thy name by thy people, Oh! wilt thou cause that thy priesthood shall be united as the walls of this building will unite these corner stones; and that there may be a degree of union formed, like a strong cord which cannot be broken, and link by link may thy servants form the chain which shall bind the adversary, and make the living and the dead rejoice before thee. And inasmuch as this work, O God, is to affect for good not only the living, but the dead also, wilt thou cause that those of thy faithful ones who are beyond the veil with thy Prophet Joseph, and with thy servants Hyrum and Brigham to approve of our efforts and look down to-day, and smile upon this people; and may they, our Father, announce to the spirits in prison that there is fixed this day another key, which shall turn another bolt, and which shall eventually open wide the door of salvation, bidding the captive be free. A key by which they shall receive also their baptisms and their washings and anointings. Oh! let the veil which separates us from the dead grow thinner each day until all who desire salvation may, through our works, as guided by thee, become thy favored sons and daughters. And wilt thou, O God, bless thy servants who may labor here; that no evil thought may be permitted to dwell in their hearts, nor an evil word by them be spoken. May the air which encircles these walls as they shall grow unto thee, and which hovers over this consecrated place be filled by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, so that the feelings of thy people, when they shall come upon this holy place, may ever be drawn to thee.

As thou hast seen fit since this ground was dedicated, to call thy servant Brigham to thyself, we feel to acknowledge thine hand in this, as well as in every dispensation of thy providence; and as a tribute to his memory, help us to join our hands and cement our hearts together in the performance of every righteous act, until we shall become a people of one heart and one mind, doing thy will upon earth as it is done in heaven. And wilt thou let this stone, our Father, remain steadfast, firm and true until the morning of the resurrection, and as long thereafter as may be pleasing unto thee, and may it answer well its part in the walls of this Temple, which, in the name of Jesus thy people will build to thy name for the living and for the dead. We dedicate it, with our substance unto thee, in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The choir sang the hymn—
"Praise to the man who communed with
Jehovah,
Honored and blessed be his ever great
name."

The procession re-formed and proceeded to the north-east corner stone, which was laid by the First Presidents of the Seventies, assisted by the Presidents of the Elders' Quorums.

PRESIDENT A. P. ROCKWOOD, standing on the stone, then briefly said—

In the absence of our beloved President Joseph Young, whose state of health did not admit of his being present, Brethren and Sisters, I arise upon this stone to announce to you that the Seventies and Elders have laid this last corner stone, which is situated at the north-west corner of this building. And I now, in their behalf ask and hope that the masons who may have charge of the erection of the walls of this Temple, may connect this corner stone with the others, already set and laid, in such a mechanical manner as no workman need be ashamed of. And let us, as Latter-day Saints, prove ourselves workmen who need not be ashamed in bringing forth our tithes and offerings with which to accomplish this work, that while we live here we may have joy in our labors and duties, and when we go hence we, with our dead may then rejoice also.

That God may add his blessing upon those present who hold his priesthood, and the same be and abide with these people, as well as upon the building of this House to his name, is the prayer of your humble servant, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

When PRESIDENT HORACE S. ELDREDGE offered the following dedicatory prayer—

Our Father who art in heaven, wilt thou look down upon us at this time, in thy tender mercy, and let the influence of thy Holy Spirit

be continued unto us; and accept, O Lord, of our grateful acknowledgements, even the gratitude of our hearts for this privilege we have this day of standing upon consecrated ground to attend to these sacred rites. We thank thee for the privilege granted unto us of rearing a Temple to thy holy name, wherein we can receive those ordinances through which come thy blessings; and we pray that thou wilt sanctify unto us every privilege and blessing, and help us to duly appreciate the same. Wilt thou accept of the labors thus far performed this day in the laying of these corner stones upon this land which has been consecrated and dedicated by thy servants for this purpose. And bless and prosper every honorable and righteous means that shall be used to prosecute the labor of building this Temple, until the top stone be laid above it and the structure completed; that this House itself may be accepted of thee, and thy Saints enter therein, and within its walls receive their washings and anointings and sealing ordinances, both for themselves and those who have gone before us. Grant, O Lord, that thy peace may abide upon this ground and its surroundings, and the materials that shall be brought here for the construction of the building; and may the same heavenly influence pervade the hearts of the men who shall labor here, to the utter exclusion of any and all confusion and dissension among thy servants, that the order and decorum that is characteristic of thy holy priesthood in all its varied offices, may be witnessed and felt, to the blessing and joy of all who labor and come here. And, Father, wilt thou bless and prosper those who shall administer to the wants of the workmen in a righteous and liberal spirit, all who pay their tithes and offerings according to thy holy commandments; and may they feel that they are assisting to advance the cause of Zion in the earth. And we ask thee, Father, to let thy peace and blessing be upon Israel, and upon thy servants who hold responsible positions in thy church and kingdom, especially upon those of the Quorum of the Twelve. We thank thee for the unity and power that prevail among them; and grant that they may continue to be united in all things pertaining to the building up of this thy Zion and the establishment of thy righteous purposes in the earth, and with increased power to prevail with thee. And bless we pray all the quorums and organizations of thy holy priesthood according to their positions and responsibilities and labors before thee; that all of them may also be united with thine Apostles in every good word and work, that the kingdom may roll forth to the final triumph of righteousness and truth in all the earth. Wilt thou hedge up the way of the wicked, the hypocrite and ungodly who plan against and set snares to entrap the feet of thy servants. Confuse and confound them in their unrighteous acts and works, and may they be caught in their own gins and traps, and be humiliated in shame and disgrace while they delight in their wickedness. And cause that truth, thy laws and government may in thine own due time triumph over all the earth, and the day be hastened when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our God and his Christ, and peace reign triumphant from the rivers to the ends of the earth.

We now dedicate unto thee this stone and pray that it may be holy unto the Lord, and that it, in connection with the others, may remain immovable and sound, true to the place in the building in which it is now set; and that thou wilt accept of us and our labors this day, and to thee be all praise and glory now and forever, even so Amen.

President Taylor then called upon Counselor D. H. WELLS, who made the following remarks—

It affords me great gratification to witness the ceremonies of this day, the laying of these corner stones and the foundation of this Temple which is to be erected here.

I was present at the dedication of this ground, when Brother Brigham attended to selecting and the ceremonies of dedicating and consecrating this ground, for the location of this Temple. Little did I think then, and doubtless such a thought was foreign to all who were present on that occasion, that before these

corner stones should be laid he would be numbered with those who, like him, have passed to the other side of the veil; but so it is. Our brother and friend has gone, and while we feel to cherish and to pay a tribute of respect to his memory, let our hearts be raised in praise and thanksgiving to God our Father that the keys of the priesthood which he held still remain in the possession of his fellow-servants who tarry on the earth! That the work commenced by the Prophet Joseph, he building upon the foundation thereof, still continues, and that it will continue henceforth and forever, the priesthood being without beginning of days or end of years—everlasting, from eternity to eternity! that portion necessary being conferred upon the children of men will continue and always exist upon the earth, and the good and great work of redemption and salvation will go on from triumph to triumph, from victory to victory, and the erection of Temples continue, and the purposes of the Almighty be developed and consummated until finally the whole programme shall be accomplished, the earth reclaimed and its inhabitants sanctified and redeemed.

I pray God to hasten the work, and enable us, his people, to be faithful and diligent, that we may prove ourselves worthy and prepare the way for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that we may be prepared to stand in the day of the Lord Almighty, and continue to perform our duties in this our earthly probation, with credit to ourselves and honor to God, according to his design and purpose in our being here upon the earth. This is my humble, my fervent prayer; and that we may, with those who have gone before of our relatives and friends and the holy men of God of every age and dispensation, through the powers of the redemption and the resurrection, obtain an inheritance in the eternal mansion, around the golden streets of the holy city, the New Jerusalem, whose maker and builder is God. May the God of heaven bless and preserve us all, to the accomplishment of his purposes on the earth, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

He was followed by ELDER WOODRUFF who said—

I am satisfied there is great rejoicing this day in the spirit world. We have a large assembly of persons here witnessing the ceremonies, who tabernacle in the flesh. If our eyes were opened so that we could see those around us who too are witnessing quite as intently and anxiously these proceedings as we are, and very probably more so, where we now behold one, there would be hundreds of thousands. The Prophet Joseph is not dead, neither are his fellow servants now with him; they are alive and working energetically in the same great cause; and they and the hosts of the spirits of men rejoice when the foundation and every stone of a temple is laid; for they will know in their prison homes that their salvation depends upon these things. Joseph Smith, although separated from us, is one with us; Brigham Young is still with us; and I say and declare to you and to all men, that not only they, but every apostle and all good men that ever lived upon the earth, are with us; their eyes are watching our proceedings; and in fact God himself with all the hosts of heaven are also engaged in this work; and yet the whole of it pertaining to the flesh devolves upon the Latter-day Saints in these valleys of the mountains.

Brethren and sisters, arise up and hasten the building of this Temple, and never stop until it is finished. And then we will continue on and build others elsewhere, and not rest from our labors while we tarry in the flesh; but ever labor for and guard and defend the interests of our our Father's kingdom, performing every duty, remaining true and faithful to death, that we may inherit eternal lives. And that we may do so, is my prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

ELDER CHAS. C. RICH was the next speaker. He said—

I will say to the brethren and sisters assembled, I rejoice exceedingly in being permitted to be present on this occasion, to lay and witness the laying of the foundation stones of another Temple; and trust that the union that has prevailed with us to-day in attending to these cer-

emonies, will continue until this House shall be reared from these stones now laid, to the top-stone thereon; and the same continue to increase until we shall become a people of one heart and one mind, in very deed, according to the word of the Lord. And that we may go on and aid in the building of this House, that we may perform therein labors for ourselves and also for our dead, that we may partake of the blessings of the holy priesthood, and administer in its rites, so that our friends may also receive the same blessings that we receive, that we may meet them in the eternal world rejoicing in the fullness of the eternal gospel, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

He was followed by ELDER LORENZO SNOW, who addressed the assembly as follows—

President Young, while he was with us in the flesh, labored and toiled with his whole soul to make the Saints one; one in all things, both spiritual and temporal. And he said within himself at last, We will see if we can unite the Latter-day Saints by building Temples to the name of the Lord our God. And while attending to the laying of the foundation of this building this thought forced itself upon my mind. The object of President Young's toil and labor, must after the expiration of many years, when he shall look down upon the earth from the spirit world and see the progress made by his people in the work of building Temples, be to him a source of gratification and joy. He will yet witness his fondest anticipations answered, yes, answered in the full; and this spirit will grow and extend, and this union of feeling will be exhibited in the accomplishment of this work of Temple-building that will astonish the world.

I feel to congratulate the Latter-day Saints upon the glorious prospects before us. Never before were we surrounded with such favorable circumstances to build Temples as we now are in laying the foundation of this building; our enemies are being frustrated from time to time in all their efforts to curtail and wrest from us our constitutional rights, with a view to bring us under the yoke of bondage; at the same time a growing feeling of union and obedience to the laws of heaven, is manifested throughout all Israel, and a pleasant and agreeable feeling prevails. This state of things contrasted with our past history should cause the heart of each person here to-day, witnessing this most interesting, most pleasing spectacle, to be raised in thanksgiving and praise to our kind Father in the heavens, for these most favorable circumstances, with the promise that they shall continue increasingly in proportion to our faithfulness and diligence in truly serving him.

May the God of Israel pour out his Spirit upon the Quorum of the Twelve, and upon all the quorums of the Melchisedec and Aaronic Priesthoods, that they may all be of one heart and one mind, moving forward with measured tread, presenting a solid, unbroken phalanx in the accomplishment of the great and purposes of Jehovah, as they are and shall be made known to his servants. God bless you Latter-day Saints who shall devote your strength and means to the erection of this Temple, and may you live to see it finished, and receive therein the reward of your labors; and be prepared to go hence and join our departed leaders and all the household of faith, and thence to come forth in the resurrection morn, clothed in glory and eternal lives, is my prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The next to speak was ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON, his remarks were as follows—

This is one of the occasions, brethren and sisters, when our thoughts are much too large for our words; we can think much better than we can speak. In contemplating the character of this work, and also that we have now laid the foundation of another holy Temple in which the Saints shall enter and receive their ordinances for themselves and their dead, I feel that it is a great privilege we have, we who are here to-day, and who reside in these valleys, of participating in this labor, and to contribute by the means that God has given us for the accomplishment of this work. Every foundation stone that is laid for a Temple, and every Temple completed according to the