

Poetry.

THERE'S FOR ALL A FIELD OF LABOR.

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In these music-throbbing times,
And a spirit-voice should thunder
In the poet's living rhymes.
Were the weapons of earth's heroes
Perfumed breath and velvet hand?
No, they marched forth to the battle
Armor-girt and bravely grand!

What gives men true grandeur, brother?
Force of thought and strength of will—
Moral power no wrong can smother,
And no slander-venom kill;
Though his place on earth be lowly,
He's a king without a crown,
And he sways a sceptre holy
O'er an empire of renown.

There's for all a field of labor
In the universe to fill,
From a worm to an archangel,
From an atom to a hill.
And the world is one great workshop,
Where no idle wheels are made;
And life is a noble picture,
With a never useless shade.

Courage, brother, grow not weary
In the cause of truth and right;
Let the hope of victory cheer thee,
Fighting keeps our armor bright.
Never yet was soldier's glory
Won on peaceful carpet fields,
And the gods of ancient story
Left no rust upon their shields.

There's for all a field of labor;
We have noble germs unblown,
Powers that high as stars may blossom,
And expand from zone to zone.
If the land is to be fruitful,
We must plough and dig and sow;
If our talents we would quicken,
We must think, and they will grow.

Friendship, like a sunflower, closes
When coy fortune's gleams are o'er,
And the world with thorns, not roses,
Crowns its saviors evermore.
Spite of all earth's taunting minions,
May good spirits downward glide,
Angel-guards on snowy pinions,
And be ever by thy side.

There's for all a field of labor:
In the future's regal morn,
Earth shall wear a crown of goodness,
Like a wreath without a thorn.
Do the angel work of duty,
Heeding not the echo, fame;
Whether thou be crowned or crownless,
It will bless the world the same.

CONTINUATION OF PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP TO NEPHI.

We arrived in Payson early in the evening of the 22d, where a treat awaited us in the sweet strains from the Salt Creek Brass Band. We spent the rest of the evening in the enjoyment of a social party, wherein, to good music, we went forth in the dance. An escort attended the company from Provo, under the command of Col. Pace, who is always ready.

Friday, 23d.

The brethren of the Twelve went on ahead of the President, to Summit or Santaquin settlement, to commence the meeting appointed. The President and those with him left Payson about 10 a.m., and arrived at Summit about noon, where we found the meeting progressing, Elder Wilford Woodruff having addressed the Saints on spiritual and temporal salvation.

Elder Franklin D. Richards urged the necessity of training our children in the faith of the Lord Jesus, and in every kind of useful education, with a view to their being useful in the kingdom of God in a time to come; and wished the parents of children to observe the counsel of President Young, and keep their children at school instead of turning them out on the prairie to herd stock and study mischief.

Elder Geo. A. Smith was glad to see the people here so comfortable and increasing in population. He expected by means of some "Mormon" magic to see a good meeting house springing up upon this beautiful site, with a spire much higher than any other in the Territory. Cap. Hooper was presented before the people as delegate to Congress. The vote in his favor was unanimous. Elder Hooper tendered his thanks to the congregation for their reception of him as prospective delegate. He spoke of the blessings of unity and the benefits of education. He urged the people to educate their children, that they may be able to carry on this great work when we are gone, and touched upon the importance of making our cities places of architectural, horticultural and floral beauty.

After singing Elder John Taylor dis-canted upon politics, defining them as

they now exist, and showing how political men feel and conduct themselves towards each other. We are aiming to get at correct politics, correct morals and correct religion, and trying to find out the best possible manner in which to obtain the common necessities, comforts and luxuries of life. Then we have to inform ourselves on the politics and laws of nations, to understand them for our own benefit. While we are loyal citizens of the United States, still it is part of our faith, that the time will come when all nations that will not acknowledge God and His rule will be broken to pieces and pass away, to give place for the kingdom of God and the rule of Him whose right it is to reign. Those who seek to stop the progress of the work of God may as well try to stop the sun in its course. We are in the hands of God, and it is for us to know His will and do it as fathers and mothers, and as Elders in Israel, that we may be prepared to receive the blessings of Jehovah upon the earth, and that our children and children's children may be owned and crowned the sons and daughters of God forever.

Pres. Young addressed the meeting half an hour. Dinner over, the President and company proceeded to Nephi, which was reached, after a very dusty drive from Santaquin, about 8 p.m., where a social party was attended, at which all enjoyed themselves in the dance with zest and spirit. Elders Orson Hyde and Amasa M. Lyman had reached Nephi during the day and were awaiting the arrival of the President and company.

NEPHI.

Saturday, June 24th.

This morning at ten o'clock the new house of worship was filled with Saints; the meeting was called to order by President Brigham Young, when Elder Geo. A. Smith offered the following dedication prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, we come before Thee in humility at this time for the purpose of dedicating unto Thee this house which has been erected by Thy servants,—a house for Thy worship. We pray Thee to cause Thy Holy Spirit to rest upon us, that we may be united in heart and soul and mind who are now engaged in this dedication, that Thy Spirit may dictate such words and sentences as shall be pleasing in Thy sight.

We present before Thee the lot or parcel of ground which has been set apart and appropriated for the erection of this building, and upon which it stands; and we dedicate the same unto Thee for a house of worship, that it may be holy unto the Lord; and pray that Thy watchful care and protecting hand may be over it, that it may never be polluted by wicked men, but ever remain holy for the worship of Thy name, and may it never be occupied for any other purpose.

We dedicate unto Thee the corner stones which have been laid as supports for the four corners of this house. May Thy blessings rest upon them, that they may remain firm in their beds to fulfil the duties reposed upon them in their places in the foundation. We also dedicate unto Thee all the stones composing the foundations of this house, and the sand and lime of which the cement is composed which binds them together; may Thy blessings be upon all the materials of the foundation which underlies this structure, may it remain in strength to the praise and honor of Thy name.

Hear our feeble prayers, O Lord, as we dedicate unto Thee the brick and mortar, and lintels, and fastenings, and frames of which the body of this building is composed; may Thy blessing rest upon them, and may Thy watchful care and persevering arm be over them, and may Thy peace, our Father, be upon them.

May the several workmen who have labored in preparing the rock, and in procuring and putting the material of this house together be blessed in the labor which they have performed, and may they rejoice therein all their days.

Wilt Thou also cause Thy blessing to rest upon all the material of wood of which this building is composed; let Thy protecting hand be over it that it never may be consumed by the devouring elements, but that it may be preserved from decay and remain long to be a blessing for thy people. Let Thy blessings be upon all the materials of brass and iron, upon the bolts, the screws, the locks, the nails and the springs, and upon the glass, the paint, the varnish, the oil, the putty and the plaster, all of which we dedicate unto Thee as offerings, and testimonials of the labor and faithfulness and diligence of Thy Saints who reside in this city called Nephi.

Cause Thy choice blessing to rest upon every one of the brethren and sisters and friends who have contributed to the erection of this house; may the light of Thy Spirit rest upon them as they offer it unto Thee, to be holy for Thy worship, that Thy Saints may assemble here in peace, to worship Thee and partake of Thy holy sacrament, and to receive instruction, and counsel, and wisdom, that the light of Zion may shine upon them. And cause that no evil dominion shall ever be over it, that it may never fall into the hands of the wicked, but let it be preserved a holy house unto Thee as an evidence of the fidelity, faithfulness, patience and industry of Thy people, and as a blessing unto them, that therein they may receive instructions, and their children after them, in all things pertaining to salvation, to truth, to light and glory.

While we dedicate unto Thee this house, we pray for the bishop, (George W. Bryan) who presides over this department of Thy kingdom, with his counselors, elders and teachers and all those who are associated with him in the ministry of the gospel to this people. May the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit rest upon them, and make them ministers of salvation to Thy people in this place, even to those over whom they preside. We pray also that Thy blessings may rest upon the singers and musicians who will make sweet melody within these walls; may Thy peace be upon them, and inspire them continually with the light of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may sing with the spirit and with the understanding also, and in a manner acceptable unto thee.

We dedicate unto Thee this pulpit which has been prepared, from which Thy servants shall speak forth Thy truth and dispense Thy word to Thy Saints, together with the tables attached to the pulpit, on which the bread may be broken and the wine poured out to represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ, whose body was mangled and whose blood was poured out for the redemption of those who believe. May this stand never be polluted by wicked and unrighteous men, nor for evil purposes, but may it be preserved holy for Thy service. We also dedicate unto Thee the seats and enclosure devoted to the singers and musicians, also the seats and benches with which this house is furnished; may they be holy unto Thee; and when Thy people shall assemble in this house to worship Thy name, then let the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, fill it and abide upon them; and here may the repentant sinner find peace to his troubled spirit, the sick find health, those who mourn, comfort and consolation, and the wavering and unbelieving strength in the Lord.

May Thy blessing be upon Thy servant Brigham whom Thou hast called to preside over Thy Saints in the last days. Give unto him a healthy and strong body, and a powerful and active mind, and wisdom above all men, and enable him to foresee the evil which may threaten himself, and which may threaten Thy people, that he and they may hide themselves; and let every arm that is raised against him and against Thy people be paralyzed, and may the light of Zion shine through Thy servants unto Thy people who are scattered upon the face of all the earth, and may he live to lead Thy Saints back to Jackson County, to the land of the New Jerusalem and of the great temple which shall be erected in that place in these last days.

Remember, O Lord, Thy servant Heber, and may Thy Spirit rest upon him in power, and heal his body, and comfort his mind, and enable him to magnify his high and holy calling as first Counselor to thy servant Brigham; and may he live long upon the earth to aid in rolling forth Thy great work for the redemption of our race.

May thy peace rest upon Thy servant Daniel, and we pray thee to give unto him that understanding and ability and power to faithfully perform the duties of the calling placed upon him, that he may be enabled to magnify the same to the honor of Thy great name. Heal his body, and let good health rest upon him, and may all those of Thy servants who are associated with him in the European mission, have power to deliver thousands of the honest poor, who desire to serve Thee, and bring them to Zion, there to keep and observe Thy holy word.

We pray Thee to remember the Twelve Apostles of Thy Church, and quicken them with the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, and fill them with wisdom and knowledge to magnify their calling before Thee; and may Thy servant Orson Hyde, who presides over this Quorum of Thy Church, stand forth

in the midst of his brethren and the people as a flaming herald of salvation. Let Thy blessing rest upon all the members of this Quorum of Thy Church, collectively and individually, and upon their families and all that thou has given unto them.

Bless thy servant John Smith, Patriarch of Thy Church, and enlighten and strengthen his mind, and may he be enabled to stand forth in the dignity and power of his holy calling, and with power preach salvation to the world. Lo, his tongue that he may utter Thy word. May the earth tremble under his feet and great fear rest upon the ungodly, and may he be filled with blessings to Thy people.

May thy blessings be on the Quorums of the Seventies, High Priests, Bishops and Elders, and upon all the members of all the other Quorums of Thy Church in Zion and in all the world; and let Thy light shine forth through them from nation to nation, that the kingdom of heaven in the last days may be like a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid.

Gather out from the midst of thy people, in the valleys of the mountains, all hypocrites and those that work iniquity and are not willing to keep Thy laws, but who come into our midst for the purpose of making mischief and of bringing oppression and misery on Thy people. May they be powerless in all their evil designs, and be made to depart from Zion; may disgrace cover them; and, inasmuch as they will not repent, may they be cut off from the face of the earth and that speedily.

Look down in Thy great mercy upon the Lamanites who dwell in the midst of this land, and who dwell with Thy people. Incline their hearts unto Thee, and cause that they may receive the teachings of Thy servant Brigham and his brethren, that they may come to a knowledge of their fathers, and cease their barbarous and savage customs, and learn the ways of righteousness; and may those who refuse to listen to the counsels of Thy servants, and to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and will continue to shed the blood of the innocent, and who will cling to the rules and regulations of the Gadianton robbers of old, may they wither away and be destroyed, may the hand of death fall heavily upon them, and may they from this time henceforth be unable to bring evil upon Thy saints, but may Thy saints be preserved, and all the honest in heart in the midst of the mountains. Bring the Lamanites to a knowledge of Thee and of their fathers, that they may assist Thy people, and unite with them in building up the New Jerusalem in the last days, which Thou hast promised to Thy people in the midst of this land.

We now pray Thee to remember our enemies, even the enemies of Thy work and kingdom, and look upon them in the midst of Thy wrath, and in Thine hot displeasure consume them who have shed the blood of the prophet, or consented thereto, and driven and afflicted Thy saints from place to place, and those who have laid plans and concocted schemes to bring mischief upon Thy people. Let them cease to bring evil and distress upon the righteous, and, in the language of Thine ancient prophets, let them be cursed and destroyed from under heaven. Let Thy blessing, O Lord, rest bountifully upon all high-minded, honorable men, who seek to preserve unto the children of men their constitutional rights and privileges, and who do good to Thy people; and let every man who shall raise his puny arm, and exert his influence for the destruction of Thy saints, suffer Thy vengeance, and become as the dream of a night; may they pass away and their place not be known among men, nor to history.

May Thy peace dwell upon the inhabitants of Zion, and Thy blessing upon all the efforts of Thy saints in building to Thy name a temple in Great Salt Lake City; and so control the hearts of all men, that nothing shall be interposed to hinder in the least the progress of Thy work in the last days. Pour out in abundance Thy Holy Spirit in the hearts of Thy servants and handmaidens, that they may remember their prayers before Thee, and educate their children in Thy ways, and set good examples before all mankind, and may the light of Zion burst forth, and the kings of the earth soon come to the brightness of her rising, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

We dedicate and devote ourselves unto Thee and unto Thy service; and we dedicate this meeting unto Thee, that it may be holy, with all that pertains thereunto; and we ask Thee to accept of our offering, and hear, O Lord, O hear this our petition, in heav-