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In the Tabernacle, Ogden, Tuesday, December 12, 1899.

mains of Franklin D. Richards, President of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who died on Friday, December 1899, shortly after midnight, were held in the Tabernacle at Ogden, De-cember 12. At 1 p. m. the cortege formed at the family residence and a long procession of carriages followed the hearse and mourners to the Tabernacle which was appropriately decor-ated for the occasion. The casket was white, the stand was draped in white and white festoons were looped from the celling. The front of the stand was adorned with splendid floral offerings intermingled with ferns and palms.

A full choir was present and after the family were seated the immense building was quickly filled to overflowing, hundreds being unable to gain admis-There were numerous visitors from Salt Lake City, special rates for the occasion being given by the R. G. W. railway. Many prominent ladies and gentlemen were among them in-cluding several non-"Mormon" friends. A great host crowded into the doorways and gathered outside the entrances. The spacious stand was fully occupied by members of the Priesthood. Of the First Presidency of the Church Presidents Lorenzo Snow, George Q. Can-non and Joseph F. Smith: of the Twelve Apostles, Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Anthon H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley and Rudger Clawson; Patriarch of the Church, John Smith. Of the First Presidency of the Seventies, Seymour B. Young, George Reynolds, Rulon S. Wells, and Joseph W. McMurrin; Aselstant Church Historians John Jaques and Andrew Jenson; Presidency of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, Angus M. Cannon, Joseph E. Taylor and Chas. W. Penrose; Church Reporter Arthur Winter, also Le Rol C. Snow: a numof local Bishops and Elders. From the Historian's Office there were Bishop Whitney, Elders A. M. Musser, Martin Lindsay and Collett. Willard Weihe; many leading Mrs. churchmen and citizens were in the congregation. The pall bearers were eight sons of the departed President, viz.: C. C. Richards, Ogden; George A. Richards, Salt Lake; Albert D. Rich-ards, Salt Lake; Myron J. Richards, Boxelder county; George F. Richards, Toooele county; William P. Richards, Kamas, Utah; Ezra Richards, Farm-ington, Davis county; Wilford W. Richards, Georgetown, Ida. Bishop Robert McQuarrie conducted the services.

The choir, with the organ, rendered, "O My Father." the solo by Fred Tout Prayer was offered by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

The choir sang, "Nearer My God to Three.

PRESIDENT L. W. SHURLIFF.

I am requested by the President to say a few words upon this occasion. I will assure you, my brethren and sisters, it is an occasion when I would be pleased if I could give utterance to a few of the feelings and thoughts that have passed through my mind during last illness of this noble and

The obsequies over the mortal re- | Richards at the top-him and Brother Woodruff. They rose above money, above speculation. Their whole heart and soul was with the Gospel, Brother Richards was baptized in 1838. He has preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ for over sixty years. He has now passed through the final ordeal-the only road by which you or I can reach the eternal kingdom of God. 1 say above all the men I have ever known, save less than half a dozen, his heart was near to God; and of all the men I have ever known he has done more work. Almost to the very last he woold go back and forth daily to Sait Lake City. I warned him, and told him it was too much; but his heart was with it. As he would go down, somebody would advise with him, and when he would come back they would come to him to ask questions, until sometimes he was nearly frozen Why, if he will not get into the celestial kingdom, if he will not pass by the angels and the Gods, and have eternal glory, I do not know who will. This is my opinion. He chose the 'better part,' as Mary did. When Christ was there, instead of being out cooking and fussing around, Mary wanted to hear Him talk. A man that could not say any-thing in behalf of Brother Franklin D. Richards has not a tongue, has not a spirit. When I went on a mission to Texas in 1875, and when I went to Virginia-in fact. I never went on a mission without asking Brother Richards to bless me, and I felt when he was blessing me that it came from a man of God, and that it would be verifiedand it was.

I could stand here and talk of Brother Richards for hours and hours, with all my heart. Now he has passed through the final ordeal. We will hear that warning voice no more. His eyes are closed in death. The bonds that bound him to this earth are loosed. and henceforth and forever he will get the reward, even the highst that God gives to any man, in my opinion. F. D. Richads' name is known all over this world. I heard his name before I ever joined the "Mormon" Church, and I world. have never heard a man speak to his prejudice. Almost every man, you know, gets criticised, and people are ready to tear him to pieces; but Bro ther Richards chose the better part. He was not with politics; he was not with speculation, which he felt and knew to be the curse of this earth-speculation on borrowed capital. I pray God that his children may take

after him; that the blood which ran in his veins may be in every one of his children and grandchildren. I say that this county is far ahead of what it have been if Franklin D. Richards had never lived here. We have been blessed nearly above all the Stakes of Zion, with having such a man in our midst. But we never showed him any favors, scarcely. Is it not strange that the hardness of man's heart is such that he cannot give any praise till the man dies? and then the whole world turns out. I have lived here for thirty years and more, and I never saw such a crowd as this at any of our conferences here. I will say that, in my opinion, no other man could have done it. I believe if these

speaking with him I saw that the mind, the immortal, the spirit, was as full of light and intelligence as ever I saw it in my life, and I was thankful for this. He knew everything that was going on around him, and every word said he heard and understood, and I rejoiced that he retained his full powers of mind to the last. I left him at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon to return to Salt Lake City, and he looked at me, and I could read in his eyes, "Oh! how I wish I could talk with you, and speak the feelings of my heart to you before you go away!" When bidding him good-by he pressed my hand and clung to it, and he looked with his eyes exactly as if he were talking. I could see in them that he wanted to say something to me in my taking leave of

God has taken him to himself. We have nothing to regret. We mourn his loss; but I do feel thankful that I have been associated with this man all the days that I have lived upon the earth. I feel thankful to God, beenuse I looked upon him as I looked upon my father, as I looked upon the brethren who have been our leaders all these years, so many of whom have passed away and gone to their rest. Their bodies are resting, but I doubt not their spirits active. Franklin D. Richards stands before me as a pattern of a Latter-day Saint, and a perfect gentleman. Every Latter-day Saint who appreciates that title and lives up to it, is a perfect gentleman or a perfect I congratulate the Latter-day lady. Saints that they have had his association in this State for so many years. He has been a blessing to me and mine. to this people, and to all with whom he associated. I have traveled with him a great deal in this country and in Europe. We have been assotogether missions in ciated in Europe, and I found him precisely what you have found him, a man of God, with the interests of the Church of Jesus Christ in his heart. Our Father's will it was the pleasure of Brother Franklin to do, both day and night. Wherever he was he loved his religion, and was in perfect harmony, as far as I ever knew, with the Spirit of the Lord.

Brethren and sisters, God help us God bless this family, and bring these sons and daughters to the front, where their father stood. Emulate his example, live as he lived, and win a crown similar to his, and what joy there will be when we meet him and the others that have gone before! This takes away the sting of death from mourn the loss of his society, me. but the feeling of death is not here. No spirit of death is with me, because it is light, it is beautiful. It is glorious to know that he has won this fight. pray that God will comfort us, that he will buoy us up and strengthen us, that we may be stronger in carrying out our desires to build up Zion; not weakened by his loss, but strengthened by his example. That God may be merciful unto us and give us power to fill up our creation as he has done, is my humble prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW.

Brethren and sisters, I do not intend to occupy but a short time, but I wish to mingle my voice with those of my brethren who have talked here, in reference to President Franklin D. Richards. Perhaps I was as familiarly acquainted with him, or more so, than anyone that has spoken this afternoon; but I do not think I ought to take time to relate the various interesting scenes, private and public, that ] have experienced with Franklin D. Richards.

Over fifty years ago he and I were ostles in the Quorum

complishment of certain purposes, naving obligated ourselves in the other life to carry out these purposes; and in doing this we have to make sacri-flees from time to time, because of the gnorance of our brethren and sisters, the children of God. It is not merely for Latter-day Saints that we are expending our time, but it is for tens of thousands that are scattered among the nations of the earth whom the Lord has prepared to receive the principles that we have received. These people who are worrying us, and who would like to see us persecuted to that extent that we should be driven to live in the caves and rocks of the mountains, they were in former days, would be our friends today, did they know us as the Lord knows us, and as we know ourselves. They would have to admit that the Latter-day Saints are the best friends they ever had, and that we are

sacrificing daily, as it were, in their interest, though they do not know it. I ask the Lond of Israel to bless the Latter-day Saints and that we may be prepared for the events of the near future, with our hearts right before the Lord. I want to relate one circumstance,

however, before I close. I would not tell it if it concerned myself alone. In the days of the "reformation." when President Young was aroused to call upon the people to repent and reform, he talked very strongly as to what ought to be done with some peoplehat their Priesthood ought to be taken from them, because of their failure to magnify it as they should have done, The brethren who lived in those days will remember how vigorously he spoke in this direction. Well, it touched Brother Franklin's heart, and it touched mine also; and we talked the matter over to ourselves. We concluded we would go to President Young and offer him our Priesthood, if he felt in the name of the Lord that we had not magnified our Priesthood, we would resign it. We went to him, saw him alone, and told him this. I guess there were tears in his eyes when he said, "Brother Lorenzo, Brother Franklin, you have magnified your Priest-hood satisfactorily to the Lord. God bless you." The man that lies in that casket did this, and we both honestly feit it. We knew that he was a man of God, that he lived near to God, and that he had the word of God. God bless you. Amen.

# PRESDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON.

If I had my choice this afternoon, I believe I would rather sit still and lis-ten to the brethren talk than to attempt to speak myself; but I suppose I should feel condemned if I were to let this opportunity pass without sayag something- with the rest of the brethren in relation to this sad event. I have listened with great interest to all that has been said. I can heartily endorse every word. I have entered into the feelings of every speaker, and een much interested in all that has been spoken. I am sure that it is not necessary to indulge in any eulogy, afer what has been said in the presence of this congregation, all of whom are so well acquainted with Brother Frankin D. Richards, have known his life, have heard his teachings, have witnessed his walk and conversation, and have been under his influence for so many years. Still it would not be proper and it would not satisfy our feelings if we did not say something concerning his

our associations with him. I think I ought to appreciate Brother Franklin D. Richards more than anyone else. There are many reasons for esidency. This brought me into relations with the older members of the Quorum of the Twelve that were very peculiar. Now, I cannot recall any in-eldent where Brother Franklin ever showed any feeling but that of great respect to me. I have many times felt humbled in my feelings by the descence that he paid to the office which I held. I have gone before the Lord in thank-fulness, because of the kind and bro-therly feeling and spirit which Brother Frenchills D. Bies spirit which Brother Franklin D. Richards always manifested towards me. I need not mention the other brethren now and their conduct. but I can dwell upon his, and it has left an impression upon me that can never e eradicated J think Brother Franklin D. Richards as as meek a man as I ever was brought in contact with. He was un-assuming, gentle, full of kindness.

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that always filled me with admiration: | ask in the name of the Lord Jesus. | he are not exalted ("saved" I never heard Brother Franklin D. Richards indulge in any criticism of his brethren. I never heard him sit and talk over their faults. I think he was very remarkable in this respect. All the leaders of this people are from that to a very great extent; but none surpassed Brother Franklin D, I never heard an unkind Richards. word from his lips. Men's names would come up, their characters would be reviewed, and, of course, criticism would be indulged in; but I cannot recall an instance where I ever heard Brother Franklin D. Richards utter an unkind word or express a criticism unfavorable to anyone. I have noticed this a great deal in my association with him, and I think it was a lovely feature in his character. I never saw him out of temper, either. In all the scenes through which we have passed, I do not recall a single instance where Brother Franklin D. Richards displayed temper or lost control of humsel? in the least degree, He was always even. He was so ur bane, so mild, so kind, that no one could find fault with him. If there was any fault in his character, probably it arose from this; for sometimes it becomes a fault in a man; but it was a remarkable feature in his character. He was not naturally an aggressive man though if his priesthood was called into question, he could assert himself with a great deal of vigor.

Brethern and sisters, it is not well to occupy very much time this afternoon, so many have spoken; but I could not help thinking, while sat here contemplating the scene, of what the Lord has in store for men of this character, and what the promises of the Lord are to all who will be faithful as this our brother has been Is there anything that can be thought of by the human mind that will not be within the reach of this our beloved brother who has gone before? The Lord tells us concerning the Savior that by Him, and through Him, and of Him the worlds were created and the inhabitants thereof begotten sons and daughters unto God. All this glory is His. And we are promised that we shall be heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, Brother Richards will share in all this. He is an heir to all this power and authority. Jesus tells us that He and the Father are one; the Father is in Him and He in the Father; and that we should be in Him and He in us as He is in the Father-giving us an idea of the oneness that He desires His disciples to attain unto, even unto the Godhead, being swallowed up in the power and authority belonging to the Godhead. This our brother will share in all this, as all will who are faithful to the truth. We cannot conceive in our mortal condition, unless God reveals it unto us, the glory that awaits this faithful servant of God. Yet the revelhave rejoiced in hearing his testimony ations we have received from the Lord plainly foreshadow the great glory that is in store for those who fight the good fight of faith, who are full of integrity and courage, and whose knees never remble and whose hands never shake when it comes to the defense of truth and the advocacy of righteousness. Men of that kind-and they are very numerous among us-will receive great reward; and not the men alone, but the women too will receive great glory at the hands of our Father and God.

There is everything, therefore, to encourage us to be faithful and to be spotless in our lives. What is the advantage of committing sin? It soils our characteristics, his life and labor, and souls, it defiles us, it brings sorrow and remorse, and gives no real pleasure. Worse than this, it brings a forfeiture of the favor of God and the promises He makes unto us. What a pleasant this. I was his junior in the Quorum of thought it is to think of a man faiththe Twelve Apostles. Some years ago ful in the midst of temptation, a man I was called upon to stand in the First who walks through life undefiled, who

Amen. PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

I had really hoped that the other brethren would occupy the time allotted to us on this memorable occasion. I feel so inadequate to the task of at empting to speak and to express my feelings, that it would have been a relief to my mind to have been per mitted to sit still and listen to others. To say that the Lord loved Presi-dent F. D. Richards would be only to express that which you all know. And it would seem unnecessary for me to say that I loved him, and that he was beloved by all his brethren. I do not know a man anywhere who does not love or has not loved President Franklin D. Richards. I do not see how it would be possible for any man who knew him not to love him, and not to feel for him the kindliest and the deepest respect. He has been a comfort and a strength to me all my As Brother Brigham Young has life. said here, he has known him all his days; so have I. I do not know one of the Apostles who has been more familiar to my mind, or with whom I have been better acquainted all my life, than Brother Richards. There always seemed to be something about him that drew me towards him, and that drew out my affections for him. I never feit when I was in his presence, or when absent from him, that I would receive any but true brotherly and fatherly consideration from him. I had the utmost confidence in him. lieved in him, and I believe in him still, as a man of God, a man of truth, of virtue and of honor before the Lord. To say that he, or that I, or any other man had not human weaknesses and imperfections, or to say that he or any other man was or is perfect in judgment, in knowledge, and in the exercise of wisdom, would be to say that which should not perhaps be attributed to mortal beings. But I know of no man of all my acquaintance who so completely won my love and my confilence and respect as my brother whose remains lie before us here today. I always felt when he arose to speak, that he would say something good, and that he would not say anything that would grieve the Spirit of the Lord or give unnecessary offense to any living being. I felt always that he was in perfect ac cord in his spirit with the Spirit of the Prophet Joseph Smith; and I know no man who, I believe, was a truer man to the Prophet Joseph Smith than was Franklin D. Richards. Every fibre of his soul seemed to be in accord with the divine mission of Joseph Smith. I have listened to his testimony concern ing that Prophet of God when it has just simply filled my whole being 'almost beyond my power to contain.

of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I might mention another trait in his character that has seemed to me to shine out beyond that of almost any other man I ever knew. He exemplified the spirit that was expressed by Job, and he has done it for many, many years,-"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him." I know no man on this earth that has manifested that spirit equal to this man. And that example which I have seen in him has helped me to be humble, and to yield in my spirit at times when perhaps I might have been so brittle otherwise, that I should have flown to pieces probably. The thought of the experience and example of Brother Richards, what he has endured, how he has bowed to the rod and submitted to the will of providence, has given me courage, strength and humility, and I have been blessed through him. I thank God for my associations with Brother Franklin D. Richards. With such as he I would love

word used, but I will use the 'exalted'') into the presence of mighty God, to inherit the crow glory in store for the faithful, who on earth will ever gain exaitation?

We are not here, of course, to sp altogether of the dead, and yet it cause of the departure of our by that we are gathered together to Certainly this is not the place to a the weaknesses, imperfecti failings of men. I am proud to and to be able to say that I have waited till this moment to expres love for that man, nor for Presi Snow, nor for others of my breth neither have I waited till this m to speak praises of them. While lived I had pleasure in telling him h Ived I had pleasure in tening him I I loved him; I had pleasure in say how I felt toward him as a man God, and how I honored him in heart, and how I would uphold and heart, and now I would uphold and so tain him in my faith and prayers. have done it repeatedly while he w living. I have said in days past t Brother Franklin D. Richards was of the noblest of God's children in range of my knowledge.

Here are his brethren who have b associated with him in the council the Holy Priesthood, who have striving to follow in his footsteps emulate his good example, and have been trying to abide and end the tests that he has been put want to say it as my belief that a man can bring himself to endur tests that that man has been br under, there will be no chance for to lose his reward, inasmuch as h faithful to the end. I do not know a man that has proven this more Brother Franklin D. Richards, in gone by. I can look back to the r when I have thought in my hear God, if I had to pass through wha is passing through, I could not en And I could not have endu then. The Lord was merciful to and has preserved me until now? now I hope, by the blessing of hi quaintance and of the example y he has set me, no matter what may be given to me in the future. I may be able to endure it as faithf submissively and humbly as he did. everyone of us can do this, all will

well with us. May the Lord bless his sons and daughters. I know some of them, t and I want to say that Brother Fra lin D. Richards has some of the t boys that ever lived in this world. would like to say that right here, whi they are present. I know them to some of the best, purest, brightest a most faithful young men that are to found in the ranks of the people May they continue in this step fastness, faithfulness and worthin before God and His people, is my hu ble prayer. I believe they will, so of them are young men that have h to endure hardships and trials, they have come up through suffer and disappointments in many resp but they have been faithful, and still faithful, and have the testi of the Gospel in their hearts. If in my heart to say, God bless e son and every daughter Franklin D. Richards. And if have strayed away at all through n understanding, I trust and believe, would predict if it were necessary the spirit and power of God w work upon them to bring them back the fold and to their father's God bless the memory of this good ma and all his family-his wives, his c dren, and his children's children t the latest generation, with the and blessings and privileges of Holy Priesthood, that there may no come a time when President Frank D. Richards shall not have sons to

All Israel, and the worthy Apostle. world-those who knew him-will miss this great and noble man; and especially will we in this county and in this Stake of Zion, where we have known him so well, and where his fatherly counsel and advice has been heard for the last thirty years or more. We feel that we have lost one of our choicest men, not only in the Church, but also in this county as a citizen. It affords me great pleasure to meet the Saints upon this occasion, but I am so deeply impressed that I feel I will not be able to occupy any time here today in the presence of the dead—this worthy and great Apostle, and in the presence of these Prophets and Apostles who have lived all these years to lead and guide Israel. I feel that all I can say is, God bless these brothers and sisters. and wives and children of this worthy man; and may the Spirit of God be upon our brethren who are here, that we may be instructed and blessed.

#### BISHOP ROBERT MCQUARRIE.

I am requested to say a few words and I am thankful for the privilege, although I feel that I cannot say much, and in justice to the congregation and the visiting brethren, I should say but very little. I scarcely realize what has happened. I feel that there is something lacking through the departure of this great and good man. I have been acquainted with him for thirty years. might say much longer than that, but I was intimately acquainted with him for that length of time. We lived in same ward, and we have been as clated together considerably; and the longer we became acquainted with each other the better we loved each other. His moving to Ogden was a blessing to me, and I presume to others. He was a man of fine example, a very refined man, and all his actions full of kindness and love, and overflowing with affection for his brethren and sisters. have read a little of his history, but that gives a poor idea of what the man really was. I remember when I went on my mission in 1872, I found people inquiring after him in Scotland. One man in particular comes to my mind just now. He was living in the suburba of Glasgow. He wanted to know if I knew Apostle Franklin D. Richards. I told him I did; we lived in the same ward together, and I ought to be ac-quainted with him. He told me that he got acquainted with him while he was on his first mission to Scotland, and said he: "Remember me kindly to Apostle Richards when you go home, and tell him that ------ was inquiring and tell him that — was inquiring after him." He said he had never been acquainted with a more gentlemanty man. That is verily true. Apostle Franklin D. Richards was a gentleman in every sense of the word. When I came home I said to Brother Richards that \_\_\_\_\_ had been enquiring after him. He replied: "Well, I cannot remember him; but there is one thing I do remember well, and that is, my heart overflowed with love and kindness to that people." 'He remembered that all right, but the individual he could not remember. This was the feature of his first mission in Great Britain; his heart was overflowing with loving kindness. The Saints in those early days were but young, and they were very tender, and he was very tender to them. This rep-resents Brother Richards in every particular. I never knew a time but he was full of kindness. No matter how gloomy and downcast I have felt, I always came from associating with him pleasant and cheerful, buoyed up and strengthened. This is as I have found him. I pray God to bless the mourners, who are called upon today to part with this great and good man. The Lord bless you, every one of you, my breth-ren and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

### ELDER D. H. PEERY.

Brethren and sisters, having been called upon, I stand before you. This is a very trying ordeal for me; but, thank God, I have been considered worthy to stand here and say a few words in behalf of one of the noblest upon I have ever known. I have seen

services had been held in Salt Lake the Tabernacle would have been filled to overflowing.

God chose him for a great and mighty and his works will go down through the ages. His name will go higher and higher, higher and higher; and his children will be blessed because they sprang from such a source. I pray God to bless his wives, his children and his grandchildren, each and every one of them. Where in all Utah will you find children that surpass his? If we would pick out any to go and defend our cause in Washington city, before the Supreme Court, or before the Parliament of England, I say where would we find any better? He has left offspring second to none. May God bless them, and may they grow in peace, knowledge and understanding unto the perfect day, is my prayer. Amen. A quartet composed of Miss Wens-guard, Miss Mary Driver, Edwin F. Tout and Albert Anderson, accompanied on the violin by access Christopherson, rendered a selection entitled "The passing of the sweetest soul."

#### ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG.

This is truly a solemn occasion. Usually I have felt that it was more than I could do to speak on an occasion of this kind, but I am thankful for an opportunity to say a few words today, that my voice may be heard in connect tion with my brethren in speaking of him who has died. It seemed to me that we needed President Franklin D. Richards: that he was necessary to the wellbeing of his brethren and of the work of Christ; but God knows, and we must yield our own feelings that His purpose may be accomplished. It re-minds me much of the funeral of my father; my own feelings are something similar. I have known President Richards all the days that I can remember upon the earth. I have known him to be the man whose character has been described this morning by his brethren. He seemed to me to be a part and por-tion of the society that I looked upon in connection with my father, as of men who could never die; men who were sent forth in this dispensation to bring the people along, to buoy them up, to counsel, to console, to direct, and in times of trial and danger to stand firm and point the way by which the Lat-ter-day Saints were able to escape all the snares that were laid for them. I have known President Richards as a good man, a great man, a humble man, a father, a brother, and a friend. have known him intimately all the years that I can remember, and I have never in my heart found fault with that man

I mourn with his family. I rejoice with the people that he has accom-plished this work; but I mourn his loss. The great object of the life that God gave him is accomplished. He has won the fight, he has gained the race, and he is with the brethren that have gone before. God bless his family and com-fort their hearts; for I know that they have great reason to be thankful for the leader, the husband, the father, the Apostle, whom He gave unto them to stand at their head in the last dispensation. We have reason to rejoice that we have known him. I look upon now as being in the presence my father-with my father, and my mother, and loved ones. He has gone to them, and our feet are treading fast in the same direction. Years are com-ing upon us, and the dearest wish of my heart is that when I get through it can be said of me that I was faithful in all my life, as we can all say of President Franklin D. Richards. He was faithful to the end. The crown is his; the glory is his. No power can rend it from him. He is safe with his Maker, with his Redeemer, and with his friends. I had the pleasure of being with him

Friday afternoon for several hours. I could not reconcile myself to the thought of giving him ap. I felt like clinging to him, praying for him, exercising faith for him; still I was willing to bow to the will of my Maker. "O Lord, spare him to the Church, to his brethren, and to his family," was the

At that time there were the Twelve together all the Apostles then living, with President Brigham Young and his two counselors, Brothers Willard Richards and Heber C. Kimball. There were four vacancies to fill. Brother C. C. Rich filled one of those vacancles, I filled another, Brother Erastus Snow filled the third, and Brother Franklin D. Richards filled the fourth. and was the youngest Apostle then. Every Apostle that was present at that time, and President Young and his two counselors, have passed away into the spirit world. Brother Richards and myself were the only ones left of those Apostles and Presidency. Three Apostls, I think, that have been ordained to fill vacancies since then are dead also. Brother Richards, whose remains lie here in this casket, has outlived four Presidents of the Church-President Joseph Smith, President Brigham Young, President John Taylor and President Wilford Wood-ruff. Therefore, no one ought to complain and feel that injustice in this respect has been done to President-Richards, since he has outlived these Presidents of the Church, and most of their counselors, and so many of the Apostles, And certainly this long period of his life has been filled with good works that he has accomplished. All that has been said in reference to him by my brethren this afternoon has been well said; and all perhaps that really need to be said, anyway, is simply this: Did Franklin D. Richards discharge the obligations that he took upon himself before he left the spirit world? Has he accomplished this since he came into life, according to the best abilities that he had, and according to the light of the Holy Spirit that was given to him fron time to time? I doubt not that every person who has been at all acquainted with President Richards can say they believe, most perfectly, that he has accomplished the labors for which he came into this life. He was intimately acquainted for years with President Joseph Smith. He has testified of him as being a ser-vant of God; that he knew by the manifestations of the Holy Spirit that Joseph Smith was a servant of God, sent into the world for the salvation of the honest in heart; that he had a divine right to baptize for the remisdivine fight to baptize the first first sion of sins, and lay on hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and that he conferred this right upon others. He testified of this from the day the knowledge was revealed to him from the Lord until the day that he passed out of life, so far as he had physical ability to do so. He has accomplished the business for which he came into life, and has gone back covered with

eternal and everlasting glory. That which we most should think of is in reference to ourselves. Here is an example well worthy of our imitation, and we should follow it. All perhaps that we need to say to the large family of President Richards is, that they have a blazing example before them of a good man, a noble man, a grand man, and a man who has accomplished his salvation, exaltation and glory, and for them to follow in his path. I cannot mourn and say that there has been a very great loss sustained; and yet we might say this. I am not surprised at the calling away of President Richards at this time; but had the idea of President Richards passing away been presented to me about the time when he went with us to St. George, some five or six months ago, I should have been surprised, because in looknig upon Brother Richards at that time and for many years before, my idea was that he was just as likely to live as any member of the Quorum of the Apostles, and more so, I might say, than one or two whom I might mention.

God bless the family of President Richards, and may they be inspired to follow the example of their illustrious husband and father. May the friends of President Richards feel a grateful-ness and express it in the interest of

maintains his integrity and keeps all his covenants unto the close of his career! Will such a man not be received into the presence of God and the Lamb? Will he not associate with the noblest that have ever been born on the earth? He certainly will; and there is open bfore him a career, a never-ending career, progressing in light, in knowledge, in truth, in power,-in everything, in fact, that makes our Father and God great, glorious and adorable. This is promised unto us. The Gospel is given to us, by which we have the power to attain unto all these great blessings. If we do not accept of it and use it righteously, the sorrow will be ours.

I feel to pray the Lord for His choice blessings to rest upon the family of President Franklin D. Richards, upon all his kindred, and also upon all the There was one feature in his character | Latter-day Saints, which I humbly of one of the brethren, that if such as

to be associated not only through the remaining few days I have to live upon this earth, but throughout the countless ages of eternity. You may count me one with him. I be where want to

honors he Benediction by Elder John Henr want to be associated with him and with men like him-men who would Smith,

die for the truth; men who would suf-The congregation remained seated u til the remains and the mourners the Tabernacle. Then a long co fer anything for the truth's sake; men whose testimony is and has been un of carriages followed with many frien wavering and unshaken, firm as the rock of ages. No matter what cir-cumstances he was called to pass on foot to the cemetery, where mortal part of the venerated Apos were deposited in the family ground The grave was dedicated by Elder G through in life, his testimony was just the same. As I said before, in the language of Job, they could slay him, yet would he put his trust in the Lord. Whatever difficulties he had to en-Tensdale of the Apostles and decora with flowers. There the body of faithful servant of the Lord will pose in peace until the morning of resurrection day when those who in Christ shall rise to greet the mil counter, he was for Zion, for the building up of Zion; he was with his brethren, true, steadfast and faithful. nial dawn and shine could not help but notice the remark glory of the Son of Righteousness.



is my prayer, and I ask it in the nam of Jesus. Amen The choir sang, "Farewell all earthi

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