

Cross, under the benign influence of the Stars and Stripes, and in the light of the All-Father's love and benediction. Perhaps no similar scene ever surpassed this of today even in the camps of ancient Israel, or in the gatherings that have been depicted by historic pen from the days when Greece and Rome paid tribute to their heroes or joined in jubilee of the dead. Yet there was no pageantry or panoply of strange device, no pomp of show or bombastic sorrow; nothing but the united homage and love, tinged only with a sense of bereavement, of the whole offered in simplicity and truth; a people who were come hither from the remotest settlements where time and transportation permitted them to come; and who had loved to listen to the counsel and inspiration of him to whom they now had gathered to pay a last tribute at his bier.

It was just 10 o'clock when the body of President Woodruff was borne into the confines of the square and thence carried down the northern aisle of the Tabernacle to its central position on the dais before the stand. As the procession entered fully ten thousand people, with uncovered heads, rose in respect as the casket passed along its way, and so quiet was the rising that it seemed like the gentle rustling of autumn leaves or the soft compression of muffled feet.

Thousands unable to gain admittance to the Tabernacle thronged and pressed around the entrances and walls in hope of hearing a word or sound from the hallowed precincts within that would touch a sympathetic chord in their responsive hearts, while thousands more lingered for hours under the kindly shelter of the numerous trees that deck and ornament the spacious grounds within the square, that they might, when opportunity arrived, join in the procession to the grave.

#### From the Home.

The scenes around the late home of the venerable President were such as are usual in the presence of death. The family of the deceased and the general authorities of the Church were gathered around the bier and gentle, loving hands bore the casket to the waiting hearse. Woodruff villa was left by the cortege at twenty minutes past nine, and the procession wended its way from Fifth East to Sixth South, thence to State street, thence north to South Temple, thence west to East Temple and proceeding round the Temple block reached the north gate of the square at five minutes past ten. The casket was then borne into the Tabernacle by six bearers, whose names are as follows: Dr. L. W. Snow, Dr. M. W. Snow, Wilford S. Woodruff, James Woodruff, Jr., George Scholes and Wilford Woodruff Beattie. The family of the President followed immediately behind and then came the general authorities of the Church, the Twelve Apostles and others, and the casket was placed upon the dais in front of the stand where it could be seen by the assembled thousands, who rose en masse during the proceeding.

#### Ceremonies at the Tabernacle.

At 10:35, the Tabernacle being then crowded to its utmost capacity, Prof. Joseph J. Daynes rendered on the organ a march composed especially for the occasion. Its rendition was the signal for reverential attention, all seeming to feel to the greatest extent the utter solemnity of the occasion.

Of the general authorities there were present on the stand:

Counselors to the late President Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith.

Of the Twelve Apostles: Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Hen-

ry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Mariner W. Merrill, Anton H. Lund, Matthias F. Cowley and Abraham O. Woodruff.

Presiding Patriarch John Smith. Of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies: Seymour B. Young, Christian D. Fjeldsted, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds and J. Golden Kimball.

The Presiding Bishopric: Wm. B. Preston, Robert T. Burton and John R. Winder.

The Presidency of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion.

President George Q. Cannon announced the opening hymn on page 357 of the L. D. S. hymn book, commencing as follows:

Thou dost not weep, to weep alone;  
The broad bereavement seems to fall  
Unheeded and unfelt by none;  
He was beloved, beloved by all.

The hymn was sung with much pathos and feeling by the Tabernacle choir, after which Elder F. D. Richards, of the Quorum of the Apostles, offered prayer. It was a fervent offering, replete with thankfulness to God the Father for His many blessings unto the Latter-day Saints; for His having raised up such a faithful and devoted servant as President Wilford Woodruff, and for the great good that he was enabled to do while sojourning here upon earth. Elder Richards invoked the blessings of God upon the bereaved family and especially upon President Woodruff's son Owen who had been called to the holy Apostleship, and asked that he might be a man of God, like his father, unto the family.

Elder George D. Pyper and the choir sang the hymn:

O my Father, Thou that dwellest  
In the high and glorious place,  
When shall I regain Thy presence,  
And again behold Thy face?  
In Thy holy habitation  
Did my spirit once reside,  
In my first primeval childhood  
Was I nurtured near Thy side?

During the musical exercises, the inscription, Being Dead Yet Speaketh, was displayed by means of electric lights, the same appearing just over a life-size likeness of President Woodruff and having an excellent effect.

#### PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH

was the first speaker. He said in substance: It would be superfluous for him to attempt to enter into an historical relation of the great events of the life of our own great President, Wilford Woodruff. It would also seem unnecessary for him to attempt to eulogize his character and labors as a husband, a father, and a servant of God, because his life was so well known to the people. President Woodruff was the fourth in succession who had occupied the exalted position of President, Seer and Revelator to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints upon the earth. It was the speaker's privilege, when a child, to witness the funeral services over the remains of the first President, Joseph Smith, and to know him as a child may know a man. He was absent in England on a mission at the death of President Young, and was unable to attend the services of John Taylor. But he was glad to be present on this occasion, and to have the privilege of mingling his words and tears with those of his brethren over one of the late Presidents, whose labors had been so blessed to the people of God. He was thankful for the privilege of associating with the four Presidents of the Church, from his youth to his manhood. He was intimately associated with Brigham Young, and had the benefit of his wise counsel; and in his intimate associations with Presidents

Taylor and Woodruff, he had experienced great joy, and had found them to be all that the people of God held them up to be before the world. Those who thought that these men had sinister motives and were not actuated by the purest desires, had been greatly deceived, or exceedingly ignorant. No men with whom he had been associated had lived purer lives. They had not sought to build themselves up, but to save souls and to establish truth in the earth. They had been sincere in their convictions, and in the inspiration they had received from God. Of this, he was a living witness that Joseph Smith had been raised up to usher in the dispensation of the fulness of times. President Woodruff had shown his greatness in giving out his life's labor to be establishment of this testimony in the earth. The day would soon be passed when infidel tongues would ridicule the claims of the Church of Christ, and the work of such men as President Woodruff would soon be established and acknowledged in the world; for he had exemplified all its truths and principles in his life, manifesting his faith and knowledge by his works. For he had recognized the fact that in the light of his knowledge, his whole trust and duty was to show his faithfulness to it.

Joseph Smith the Prophet was misunderstood by the world, and was not permitted to live beyond his young manhood, but his name was worthy of all honor, for he was raised up of God, and was not an imposter, a deceiver, or deceived. Men might imagine what they would but there were many thousands of people who could testify of their own knowledge, through the testimony of the Holy Ghost, that he was raised up by the Lord to usher in the glorious coming of the kingdom of God. This in order that men might be enlightened, for the glory of God is intelligence; that men and women might be brought to a knowledge of the truth. This perfect knowledge was to be brought to their souls through the ministration of the Holy Spirit, which bears record of the things of God; by which even the ignorant fishermen who followed our Lord, might know that Jesus is the Christ. Only by this means could such a knowledge be obtained.

The speaker paid a strong tribute to President George Q. Cannon, Lorenzo Snow and Franklin D. Richards, and their faithfulness to the Presidents who had passed away. Of President Woodruff, he said he did not think he had any feeling in his heart to injure any man, but he had labored to do good in the world. No greater work had he done than in the exemplification, in his life, of all the principles he had espoused, and in his integrity to his brethren in all conditions. He was made of the material of which martyrs are made; for he faced death many times for the sake of his brethren and the cause of Zion, and never quailed in the face of danger, no matter who of his associates may have proved themselves traitors.

President Smith hoped that he and all others might follow in all their lives the path marked out by our deceased President. He prayed for the blessings of God on the bereaved family, that they might follow the life work of their great leader, in which case their salvation would be sure.

A solo and chorus entitled, Beautiful City, was then sung by Sister Maggie C. Hull and the Temple choir, under the leadership of Prof. C. J. Thomas.

#### PRESIDENT SNOW SPEAKS.

President Lorenzo Snow then spoke. He said he was very much pleased and delighted to see such a vast multitude assembled for the purpose of honoring President Woodruff. He had been acquainted with President Woodruff for 62 years, a good portion of the time