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DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE AT ST. GEORGE.

OUR numerous readers and the thousands of Saints throughout the world will peruse with uncommon interest the report, published elsewhere in to-day's NEWS, of the dedication, in part, of the Temple of the Lord at St. George, near the southern border of this Territory.

Hitherto the ordinances of the Lord's House in this dispensation have not been administered in the strictly proper place, a temple built, completed, and dedicated to him. But that disadvantage has passed or will shortly pass away. The Temple at St. George is completed so far as to be dedicated for certain uses for which it was designed, and the administrations therein, for the living and the dead, have commenced, to the joy of the Saints.

The Saints in the southern portion of the Territory and parts adjacent thereto will be specially gratified in having located amongst them a place where those important ordinances can be attended to, instead of them being under the necessity, as formerly, of coming all the way to this city, between three and four hundred miles, to attend to those ordinances, and the dwellers in the south may be congratulated accordingly.

THE JEWS A POWER.

IN regard to the influence of the Jews upon national affairs, and their "power behind the throne," the London Dispatches of the New York Herald says, Jan. 6—

"The secret of the firm front sustained by Turkey is that the mighty Jewish financiers have resolved to help the Porte through resentment at the persecutions of the Jews in Roumania. This is a strange turn of affairs, and shows the growth of a new power in Europe whose early steps are well worth studying.

"At any rate, it has given the new Grand Vizier, Midhat, courage to say things to the infidel which devout Turks have been saying to each other under their teeth for some months past." Repeating the determination of Turkey to concede nothing affecting the independence and integrity of its power, he flitly told Salisbury a day or two ago—"We were only 600 when we invaded Europe; we shall be only six when we depart."

"Dreading a general Moslem crusade, she [Russia] is apparently trying to slip out of the entanglement to avoid national bankruptcy and a general break up."

GRANT GROWING GARRULOUS.

If any public man has had a reputation for reticence, it is President Grant. If any public man had cause to say, "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," he had. His speeches, such as he could be induced to make, have been remarkable for brevity, curtness, and infrequency, and this almost to a proverb. He would listen to talkers and interviewers, and that was about all. But a change seems to have come over his spirit of late. He must be getting very communicative, if not actually garrulous. There appears to be no difficulty in getting an opinion from him about important things political. He talks to this man and that with an astonishing fluency, frankness and non-reserve, for him. Gladstone can hardly be drawn more easily. Every day or two the country is regaled with the President's opinion and intentions. How is this? To what must be attributed this remarkable change in the Chief Magistrate? Is he so glad that his time of responsibility is short that he must open his mouth freely? Or are the events of the time so remarkable that even

he cannot keep still about them? One thing may be said—if pending things political are of such portentous import that they impel even the reticent Grant to become loquacious, what floods of talk may not be expected from the politicians who always have plenty to say, even in the driest times?

DEDICATION SERVICES AT THE TEMPLE AT ST. GEORGE, UTAH TERRI- TORY, JANUARY 1, 1877.

At 12 m. President Brigham Young, the Apostles Wilford Woodruff, Erastus Snow, and Brigham Young, Jr., with some two thousand Saints, assembled within the walls of the Temple built in St. George, for the purpose of dedicating certain portions of it unto God, that we might be prepared to commence giving endowments, blessings and sealings unto the Saints.

At 12:30 ELDER W. WOODRUFF stood on the upper step of the font and called the attention of the people and said—

"We are this day blessed with a privilege that but few since the days of Adam have ever enjoyed. But few of the sons of Adam have ever entered into a Temple, built by the commandment of God, in which to administer ordinances, both for the living and the dead. We have now assembled to dedicate portions of this Temple unto God, and I have a request to make of all the Saints who are present, and I suppose all who are here profess to be Saints, for none others should be here. I realize that this assembly cannot bow the knee in their crowded condition, but they can bow their heads and their hearts unto God. This I want you to do this day, and those who offer up prayers in the dedication of this Temple, I want their words repeated in secret by this assembly before the Lord, that our prayers may ascend unto the Ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, that they may be answered upon our heads."

At the close of these remarks the following hymn was sung—

"The Spirit of God like a fire is burning."

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW announced that ELDER W. WOODRUFF would offer the dedication prayer, which was done as follows—

Dedication Prayer offered by Elder Wilford Woodruff at the St. George Temple, Jan. 1, 1877.

"Oh God, our Heavenly Father, Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; thou who hast created the heavens, the earth, the seas, and the fountains of water, and all things that dwell therein; accept of the gratitude of our hearts and the thanksgiving of thy people that thou hast preserved our lives to again enter into another Temple, which has been built by thy Saints in these valleys of the mountains, in which to organize the Holy Priesthood and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel of the Son of God, both for the living and the dead. Oh, our God, we thy sons and daughters have assembled together, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, within the walls of this Temple, this day, for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating a portion of this house unto the Lord our God, that it may be holy and acceptable in thy sight. May the prayers of thy people ascend unto thine ears, Oh Lord, and be heard and answered upon their heads. We now dedicate this Temple Block, the land, the water tank, the fencing and all appertaining thereto, that it may be holy in thy sight. We dedicate and consecrate the foundation upon which this Temple stands, that it may be holy unto the Lord our God. This foundation has been created through much labor and diligence of thy servants, and we pray, Oh God, that thy blessing may rest upon it, that it may remain as firm as the foundation of the everlasting hills, that it may not be moved to the injury of this Temple which is built thereon. We dedicate all the outer walls of this Temple unto thy name, O Lord, that they may be holy, and all the materials of which they are composed—the rock, the mortar, the sand, the lime, the plastering inside and out, and every material that is used in their construction, that they may be sanctified unto the Lord. We dedicate all the windows belonging to this basement story, the sills, the frames,

the sash, the glass, the puffy, the weights, the cords, the fastenings, and all the materials of which they are composed, that they may be holy unto the Lord. We dedicate all the outer steps and stairways leading to the Temple, with the railing, stone, wood, iron, lead and all materials of which they are composed. We dedicate unto the Lord all the inner walls of this Temple, with all the materials of which they are composed, that they may be holy unto the Lord our God. We dedicate all the doors of the basement unto the Lord, with the frames, butts, screws, locks, and all fastenings, that they may be holy. We dedicate unto thy most holy name the font which thy people have erected for the ordinance of baptism for the living and the dead. We dedicate the flagging, the foundation on which the font stands, unto the Lord. We dedicate the twelve oxen that bear up the font, that they may be holy. We dedicate the font itself, with the steps leading to it, and the railing and all materials of which they are composed, the castings, the iron, stone, or wood, and we pray that they may be acceptable unto thee, O Lord our God. We dedicate the boiler, the engine, and the pipes leading to the font and washing baths to warm the water, that they may be holy. We dedicate the baths for the washing of thy people unto thee, O Lord, that they may be holy. We dedicate the railing which surrounds the font unto thee. We dedicate unto thee, O Lord our God, the rooms which will be used by thy people for the giving of endowments and the administration of the ordinances of thine house, and all other rooms, including the water tank belonging to the basement story of this Temple of the Lord our God. We dedicate all the materials of which these rooms are composed, the timbers, joists, flooring, and nails, that they may be holy unto the Lord. We dedicate all the frame partitions, with the curtains and doors thereof, that they may be acceptable unto the Lord. We dedicate all the carpeting which is laid upon the floors unto the Lord, that the labor of the mothers and daughters of Zion may be acceptable in the sight of heaven. We dedicate all the altars, with their coverings and trimmings, unto the Lord, praying that they may be acceptable unto thee. We dedicate unto the Lord all the chairs, benches, and all materials which shall be used in the seating of thy people in the rooms of this house. We dedicate unto the Lord all the furniture made use of in the lower rooms of this house, the desks, stands, stoves, pipes, wood boxes, and all materials thereof, that they may be holy. We dedicate all the pillars, and beams resting upon the pillars, erected in the lower rooms of this Temple for the support of the upper rooms, that they may be holy unto the Lord. We dedicate all the stairways leading from the basement to the upper rooms, with the stairs and railing and all materials made use of in their construction, that they may be holy; and we dedicate all the whitewashing and painting and plastering, inside and out, and any material not heretofore mentioned in the construction of the Temple, that it may be holy unto the Lord our God. And we ask thee, our Father in heaven, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, that thou wilt accept of this Temple at the hands of thy Saints, both male and female, who have built it unto thy holy name, and may no unclean thing be permitted to enter therein. Wilt thou bless all thy servants and handmaidens with the spirit and power of God, who shall administer in any of the ordinances of life and salvation within the walls of this house, and all thy people who enter the threshold of this Temple? May they feel thy power, and be constrained to acknowledge that the power of God rests upon it. And we ask, in the name of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, that the prayers offered up in the further dedication of other parts of this house this day, or at any future time in the dedication of this house, by those holding the Apostleship or Holy Priesthood, that their prayers may enter into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, and be answered upon the heads of thy people. O Lord, be not angry with thy servants while we continue our supplications before thee in this the Temple of our God. Thou hast said that thou wouldst take unto thyself them whom thou wouldst take, and preserve in life them whom thou

wouldst preserve. Thou hast taken unto thyself thine aged servant, the Patriarch Joseph Smith, and his sons Joseph, Hyrum, Carlos and Samuel, and many others of thy servants, but thou hast raised up unto thyself thy servant Brigham Young as a law-giver unto Israel and a leader of thy people. Thou hast taken unto thyself his counsellors Willard, Jedediah, Heber, and George A., yet thou hast sustained thy servant Brigham for a generation, as men count time, by the right hand of thy power. He has been with thy people through all their afflictions and persecutions, and led them to these mountains of Israel, and guided and directed the settlement of thy Saints and all the affairs of Zion, as inspired by the power of God in this the last dispensation and fullness of times, in the which thou hast said thou wouldst establish thy kingdom, to be thrown down no more forever. Therefore, O Lord our God, we pray that thou wilt give thy people faith, that we may claim this blessing of thee, the Lord of Hosts, that thou wilt lay thy hand upon thy servant Brigham unto the renewal of his body and the healing of all of his infirmities, and the lengthening out of his days and years; yea, O Lord, may he live to behold the inhabitants of Zion united and enter into the holy order of God and keep the celestial law, that they may be justified before thee. May he live to behold Zion redeemed, and successfully fight the devils, visible and invisible, that make war upon thy Saints. May he live to behold other temples built and dedicated unto thy name and accepted of thee, O Lord our God. And we pray thee, our Father in Heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ, if it can be consistent with thy will, that thy servant Brigham may stand in the flesh to behold the nation which now occupies the land upon which thou, Lord, hast said the Zion of God should stand in the latter days, that nation which shed the blood of the Prophets and Saints which cry unto God day and night for vengeance, the nation which is making war against God and his Christ, that nation whose sins, wickedness, and abominations are ascending up before God and the heavenly host, which causeth all eternity to be pained and the heavens to weep like the falling rain; yea, O Lord, that he may live to see that nation, if it will not repent, broken in pieces like a potter's vessel and swept from off the earth as with the besom of destruction, as were the Jaredites and Nephites, that the land of Zion may cease to groan under the wickedness and abominations of men. We pray thee, O God our Heavenly Father, that thou wilt bless all the counsellors to thy servant Brigham. Bless thy servant John W. Young, his first counsellor, that he may be clothed upon with the power of God, that he may be a polished shaft in thy quiver in the defense of Zion and her cause. May he comfort the heart of his father and have the blessings of God and thy people upon his head. Bless the household of thy servant Brigham, his wives and children. May his posterity remain upon the earth in righteousness until the coming of the Messiah and through the Millennium. Bless thy servant Daniel H. Wells with the spirit and power of God, and all his household. Bless all the counsellors to thy servant Brigham, with their wives and children and all appertaining unto them. Bless, O Lord, thine Apostles, that the spirit and power of the apostleship may rest upon them. Bless their wives and children with salvation and eternal life, and may all the Apostles of the Lamb of this last dispensation and fullness of times realize their responsibilities before God, angels and men, and magnify their calling in that way and manner that they will be satisfied at the end of their labor. Bless, O Lord, thy servant George Q. Cannon, who is our Delegate appointed to represent us in the Capitol of our nation. Clothe him with thy power, O God, and enable him to do thy will, that his garments may be clean of the blood of this nation, that they may be left without excuse in the day of thy judgments upon them. O Lord, bless the Patriarchs whom thou hast appointed in the land of Zion. May they have power to bless the people by inspiration, as did the ancients, that their blessings may be fulfilled upon the heads of the Saints. Bless their families and all appertaining unto them. We pray thee, O Lord,

to bless the High Priests' Quorum throughout the land of Zion. May the power of the priesthood rest upon them, that they may magnify their calling and have power to build up the Zion of God on the earth. Bless their wives and children and all appertaining unto them. We pray thee, our heavenly Father, to bless the quorums of Seventies, with their Presidents. They are called to be special messengers to the nations of the earth. Clothe them with the testimony of Jesus Christ. We pray thee that they may bring many souls unto Christ, and be prepared to assist in binding the law and sealing the testimony among the Gentiles in thine own due time. Bless their wives and children and all their households. May the blessings of God rest upon all the Elders of Israel in all the world, with their families. O our Father in heaven, we pray thee to remember in mercy the Aaronic Priesthood, with their bishops, priests, teachers and deacons, who are appointed to be standing ministers unto the church. Clothe them with the power of God, salvation and eternal life, with their wives and children. Bless, we pray thee, thine aged servant Edward Hunter, who is called to preside over the bishopric. Thou hast seen his labors and thou knowest the integrity of his heart. Clothe him with thy holy spirit, fill him with the spirit of counsel and consolation to his brethren, and preserve him in the flesh as long as he shall desire life, and when he sleeps may he rest in peace and the works of righteousness follow him. Bless all the organizations of thy church and kingdom throughout the world. May thy people accomplish the work unto which they are ordained, build up the Zion of God and prepare the earth for the coming of the Son of Man. Bless the Female Relief Societies throughout the land of Zion. May they fully accomplish the object of their organization by thy servant Joseph. May they influence the daughters of Zion to walk in the paths of virtue, holiness, righteousness, and truth. May the blessings of Sarah, Huldah, Hannah, Anna and Mary, the ancient prophetesses and holy women of old, rest upon them. O God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we ask thee, in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, that thou wouldst remember thy covenants which thou hast made with the whole house of Israel; remember them in all their abidings in these last days. We pray thee, in this the Temple of our God, that thou wilt make bare thine arm of power in the preservation and salvation of the small remnant of the Lamanites that are left in the land. Deliver them, O God, from the hand of the Gentiles, who seek to annihilate them from off the face of the earth. Inspire their hearts with thy spirit, to receive the gospel of the Son of God, that they may be prepared to build up Zion and fulfil the covenants and promises made unto them by their forefathers who inherited this land. Remember, O Lord, thy covenant people in the north country. Hasten the day when they shall come in remembrance before thee, when the Prophets shall smite the rocks and the mountains of ice flow down before them. May the highway speedily be cast up in the midst of the great deep, that they may come over dry shod. May the everlasting hills tremble at their presence and their enemies become a prey unto them. May they come forth unto Zion and bow the knee, that they may be crowned in Zion under the hands of Ephraim thy servants. We also pray thee, O God, that thou wilt remember in mercy the sons of Judah, upon whose heads the blood of Jesus Christ has rested for eighteen hundred years. They have been trampled under the feet of the Gentiles and been made a hiss and by word in fulfillment of the words of Moses, their law-giver, and of Jesus of Nazareth, and we pray thee, oh thou great Eloheim, that the past may suffice. Inspire their hearts to return home to Jerusalem, the land of their fathers, and rebuild their city and Temple, that they may be prepared for the coming of Shiloh, their King. O hear, O hear us, Lord, in these our petitions, and answer us from heaven, thine holy habitation, and we will ascribe all honor, glory, and thanksgiving unto God and the Lamb, both now and forever. Amen, and Amen."

After which a song, composed for the occasion, by Bro. C. L. Walker,