

WEDDED.

Some quick and bitter words we said,
And then we parted. How the sun
Swam through the sullen sea of gray!
A chill fell on the summer day.
Life's best and happiest hours were done;
Friendship was dead.

How proud we went our separate ways,
And spake no word and made no moan;
She braided up her flowing hair,
That I had always called so fair,
As though she scorned my loving tone,
My word of praise.

And I I matched her scorn with scorn,
I hated her with all my heart,
Till—we chanced to meet one day:
She turned her pretty head away;
I saw two pretty tear-drops start—
Lo! love was born.

Some fond, repenting word I said,
She answered only with a sigh;
But when I too her hand in mine
A radiant glory half divine
Flooded the earth and filled the sky.
Now we are wed, and never quarrel any
more.

BREVITIES.

"O, mamma," said the youngest
darling, yesterday, "I tried to read,
and I rode."

A novice took the veil in St.
Joseph, the other day; \$20 and sixty
days. It was another person's
veil.

"If you want fun," remarked old
Similax, leaning over the gate and
working the gravel with his bare
toes, "you oughter see my wife dig
taters when she's tearin' mad."

A Milwaukee wife says that be-
fore marriage it was "My darling an-
gel Lucy, heaven above knows the
depth of my love for you," but af-
ter marriage she found bottom very
quickly.

True glory consists in doing what
deserves to be written, in writing
what deserves to be read, and in so
living as to make the world happier
and better for our living in it.

"Mr. Putkin," said the broker,
"the world looks different to a man
when he has a bottle of champagne
in him." "Yes, sir," replied the
clerk, "and he looks different to
the world."

"Is the shoe too small?" tenderly
asked a fond swain of his sweet-
heart, who was moaning about
cramped toes. "Oh, no! The shoe
is just right, but my foot is too
big—that's all."

"There!" exclaims the indignant
Boston wife, as she fetches her
husband a resonant whack on the
head with a chair rocker, "I'll raise
a Bunker Hill monument on you
that you'll remember."

A rich officer of revenue the other
day asked a man of wit what sort
of a thing opulence was. "It is a
thing," replied the philosopher,
"which can give a rascal the ad-
vantage over an honest man."

General Jackson once made a
dinner off a crust of bread and a
cup of water, and when a Cairo
wife complains of the scarcity of
provisions, her husband asks if she
is any better than General Jack-
son.

A butcher sold a sailor a ham on
credit, but, finding in a few days
that he had gone to sea, he growled:
"If I'd a known that he wasn't
going to pay for it, I'd a charged
him three-pence more a pound for
it, the rascal!"

When a mother cuts her son's
hair with such nice precision and
artistic neatness that the boy is
ashamed to take off his hat when
he goes to bed, it is about time our
domestic institutions were over-
hauled and remodeled.

A California woman has taken
the prize at the State Fair for "San-
itary Corsets," and another has
received a diploma for "Emancipa-
tion Under-suits." "Regeneration
Palpators" and "Educated False
Calves" will come next, no doubt.

There was a row in Pawlet, Vt.,
because the doctor transferred his
attentions from an aged maiden to
a young widow. The maiden hooted
under the widow's window
while the doctor was courting his
new sweetheart, and the widow
threw dishwater on the maiden.

As a stranger was knocking at the
door of a house on Second Street, a
boy came around the corner and in-
quired, "Got anything to sell?"
"Yes, I want to sell your mother a
box of tooth paste." "Might as
well get off'n the steps," continued
the boy, as a smile broke around
his mouth; "she's got store teeth,
and she cleans 'em with a woolen
rag!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

THE NEW TABERNACLE DEDICATORY PRAYER.

Read by Elder John Taylor dur-
ing Conference, Morning Service,
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O God, our Heavenly Father,
thou who dwellest in the Heavens,
thou who keepest covenant and
shewest mercy unto thy servants
who walk uprightly before thee,
with all their hearts; in the name
of Jesus Christ, thine Only Begot-
ten Son, and by virtue of the holy
and everlasting Priesthood, with
which thou hast endowed us, we
present ourselves before thee as
humble suppliants at thy footstool.
We confess before thee our many
sins, short comings, follies, vanities,
and imperfections. We realize our
unworthiness; but, remembering
thy mercy, forbearance, long suffer-
ing and kindness to thy people in
times past, we humbly approach
thy sacred and holy presence and
ask thee, in the name of Jesus
Christ, thy well beloved son, to for-
give us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us, that
our sins may be remembered no
more against us for ever. Pour out
thy Holy Spirit, we pray thee,
upon every sincere soul now before
thee.

We thank thee, O Father, that
we are privileged to live in this last
dispensation, when thou in thine
infinite mercy hast seen fit to re-
store the everlasting Gospel in all
its fulness, glory and power, that
thou hast permitted those holding
the holy Priesthood in the Heavens
to communicate unto thy servant
Joseph and to others on the earth,
and that thou hast shown unto us
our relationship to them and to
thee, to the world in which we live.
To the myriads who have gone be-
fore us as well as those who shall
come after us, exhibiting a frater-
nal bond of union with all the an-
cient patriarchs, prophets, apostles
and men of God holding the holy
Priesthood who have ever lived
upon the earth, with God, our Heav-
enly Father, and Jesus the Medi-
ator, and all the good and holy
men who shall live upon the earth
even down to the end of time.

We thank thee, O God, that thou
hast brought us out from the midst
of the nations and kingdoms of the
world, and planted us in this good-
ly land, and for the tender mercy
and watchful care which have been
extended unto us, in supplying our
multiplied and increasing wants,
in furnishing us the good things of
this life. We feel that we are en-
tirely dependent upon thy bounty,
and that we can do nothing of
ourselves, but are indebted to thee
for every blessing we enjoy, wheth-
er it be temporal or spiritual. We
realize that thou hast dealt merci-
fully with us in all the varied trials
and vicissitudes through which
thy people have been called to pass;
that even as in days of old, thine
angels have guarded and upheld
us, and the consoling influences of
thy Holy Spirit have sustained us;
and that while many of our breth-
ren and friends have fallen by vio-
lence, disease and death, we are
preserved as monuments of thy
mercy and permitted to associate
in this goodly building under such
auspicious circumstances, and to
unite our voices in praise and
thanksgiving to the Lord God of
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of Jesus,
Joseph and Brigham, even to the
great God of the whole earth.

We thank thee, O God, that
we have been permitted to
build this goodly Tabernacle, be-
neath whose spacious dome so
many of thy Saints are enabled to
congregate, and here, in the place
appointed for the gathering of thy
Saints on this 4th day of the Semi-
Annual Conference of thy Church
and kingdom upon the earth, in
this last dispensation of time
and in the midst of the assembled
thousands composing this vast con-
gregation of the Saints of the Most
High God, in the sacred name of
thy Son Jesus Christ, we, thy ser-
vants, dedicate and consecrate this
house unto thee, and unto thy
cause, as a place of worship for thy
Saints, wherein thy people may
assemble from time to time, to
obey thy commandment to meet
often together, to observe thy holy
Sabbath, to partake of thy holy
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
and wherein they may associate
for the purpose of prayer, praise
and thanksgiving, for the transac-
tion of business pertaining to thy
Church and kingdom, and for
whatsoever purpose thy people
shall assemble in thy name. And

by virtue of the Holy Priesthood
vested in us and in the name of
Jesus Christ, the Son of the living
God, we dedicate and set apart this
Tabernacle as a Holy Sanctuary for
thy Saints unto the Most High for
ever, and we consecrate the ground
upon which it stands, and dedicate
it unto the Lord.

We dedicate unto thee the founda-
tions of this building and the pil-
lars of stone that rest thereon, to-
gether with the mortar that binds
them together and wherein they
are embedded.

We also dedicate the timbers of
the arches which sustain the roof
and of the girders and braces there-
of which rest thereon, together
with all the timber, ties and fasten-
ings, the cornice, the sheeting, the
shingles and other covering, the
nails, bolts and straps of iron, of
copper, and the brass, the zinc, the
tin, and the solder wherewith the
metal is soldered together, as well as
the covering of paint which sur-
mounts the whole to preserve it
from the weather, and all material
whatsoever that is used in the con-
struction thereof.

We dedicate also the plaster of
this building, even all the lath and
the nails and the sand, and the
lime, and whatsoever entereth into
the construction thereof, also the
timbers that support the floors and
the boards thereof, together with
the nails, the braces, and the pins
thereof that bind them in their
places, and also the seats that rest
thereon.

We dedicate unto thee also the
gallery and the columns and tim-
bers by which it is sustained and
supported in its place, with the
floor and the seats thereof; with all
the stairways, balustrades, ties,
fastenings and material whatsoever
pertaining thereunto, together with
the ornamentations thereof.

We dedicate also unto thee the
wall and partitions of this building,
together with the doors and the
windows and the ventilators, the
locks and hinges, the ropes and
pulleys, fastenings and all other
appliances whatsoever, including
the wood and the glass, the steel
and the iron, and all the other ma-
terial of which they are composed.

We also dedicate the paint and
the varnish and all the ornamenta-
tion of this building, both within
and without.

We dedicate to thee, O Lord, in
an especial manner, the stands set
apart for the ministrations of thy
most holy Priesthood, and the plat-
forms on which they rest, together
with the platforms and galleries
connected therewith, with the
floors and seats thereof, and those
of the musicians and the singers
and all appertaining thereunto.

We dedicate unto thee, the ser-
vice of the Sacrament and all the
vessels thereof of silver and of gold
and of whatsoever material they
are constructed.

We also dedicate the platform
upon which the organ stands and
all the component parts thereof, to-
gether with the organ which we
have constructed to assist the sweet
singers of Israel in making melody
to the Lord our God; the woods and
the metals, the bone, the ivory and
the leather; the keys, the stops, and
the treadles; the levers, the valves
and the bellows; and all the other
appurtenances and appliances, to-
gether with the gilding, the paint-
ing, the varnish and the polish
thereof; and all the other ornamen-
tation whatsoever, and every par-
ticle and fibre thereof—we dedi-
cate and consecrate it unto thee
and set it apart as an instrument
for praise and thanksgiving to the
Lord God of Israel.

And we now humbly dedicate
unto thee the whole of this Taber-
nacle, both within and without,
from the floor to the ceiling, and
from the foundations thereof to the
summit of the dome; with all the
stairways, porches and galleries,
platforms, vestibules and avenues
thereof, and all whatsoever in any
manner appertains thereunto, and
we dedicate it and set it apart for
the purposes of praise, thankgiving
and worship of the Most High
God.

And we dedicate and consecrate
that portion of this house where our
president and thy servants now are,
to be a holy and sacred place where-
in thy servants may stand forth to
declare thy words and minister unto
thy people in the name of thy Son
for ever, and we pray thee to grant
that every part thereof may be holy
and sacred unto the Lord our God;
and we pray also that no unclean
thing may be permitted to enter
this Tabernacle, but that it may be
kept and preserved, with all that
pertains thereunto, as a sacred and

holy sanctuary wherein the pure in
heart may rejoice forever.

May thy holy angels and
ministering spirits be in and
round about this habitation,
that when thy servants are
called upon to stand in these
sacred places, to minister unto thy
people, the visions of eternity may
be open to their view, and they
may be filled with the spirit and
inspiration of the Holy Ghost and
the gift and power of God; and let
all thy people who hearken to the
words of thy servants drink freely
at the fountain of the waters of
life, that they may become wise
unto salvation and thereby over-
come the world and be prepared for
an everlasting inheritance in the
celestial Kingdom of our God.

And now, our Father, we humbly
ask thee to accept the dedication of
this Tabernacle, which we now
present to thee, as a humble tribute
from thy people, and to let thy
blessings rest down upon it and
abide therein forever.

And we ask thee to let thy bless-
ing rest down upon those who
shall speak here, and those who
shall hear their voices, and upon
the recorder, reporters, the singers
and the musicians, upon those who
administer the sacrament and upon
the deacons and the doorkeepers
and the ushers and all who in any
manner minister and labor therein.

We also crave thy blessings upon
the architects of this building and
those who have assisted in erecting
it, and upon the designer and con-
structors of the organ; and upon all
those who have assisted in any
manner in making and finishing
this Tabernacle; upon those who
have contributed of their substance
for its erection, or for the purchase
of anything appertaining thereunto,
together with all those who have
desired so to do, but who had not
the means or opportunity—may
they be richly rewarded with an
everlasting inheritance in thy
kingdom.

We dedicate unto thee the works
used in the stand for the service of
our God, as well as the music books
used by the choir. Bless also the
chorister, the choir and the organ-
ist; inspire them with the Spirit of
the living God, that under that
inspiration they may produce sweet
melody on earth, and so live that
with the angelic hosts they may in
the heavens be more perfected in
sweet, seraphic, melodious har-
mony.

Bless thy servant Brigham with
health and strength of body and
mind, renovate his system from the
crown of his head to the soles of
his feet, let the Spirit and power of
God and the light of revelation be
with him continually, and may his
strength be according to his duties
and the burthen he is required to
bear, and grant that the rich bless-
ings of heaven and earth may be
poured out upon him and his pos-
terity forever.

Bless brother Daniel in like man-
ner, that he may indeed be a coun-
sellor and a help to thy servant
Brigham, and be clothed upon with
the gifts and power of God.

Bless also the assistant counsellors
to thy servant Brigham, that
they may be men of wisdom, pru-
dence and judgment, guided con-
stantly by the revelations of thy
will, that they may be a comfort
and a firm support to thy servant
Brigham.

We pray thee to bless the Twelve
Apostles; fill them with the spirit
of their office and calling, clothe
them with the intelligence of heav-
en, the light of revelation, and
the gift and power of God; let thine
angels minister unto them and lead
them in the paths of life; make
them one with thee and thy son
Jesus Christ, with Joseph, Hyrum,
Heber and Ezra, with Willard,
Jedediah and George A., and with
all thine ancient Priesthood in the
heavens; one with thy servant
Brigham and all the holy Priest-
hood and Saints on the earth; one
in purity, holiness, virtue, truth,
integrity and honor; one with the
Seventies and other branches of thy
holy Priesthood in sending the
light of thy truth to the utmost
limits of the habitable earth; one
in building Temples to the Most
High and administering to the liv-
ing and for the dead, and when they
shall be organized in the heavens,
be one with the ancient quorums of
Twelve, with our Father, and with
thy son Jesus and the everlasting
Priesthood in administering judg-
ment to the world.

Bless the Patriarch of thy Church,
O our Father; let the spirit and
power of the patriarchal office rest
upon him, that he may stand forth
in the majesty of his calling as

presiding patriarch to thy people;
let the spirit of his father and
grandfather and the Spirit and
power of God rest upon him, that
he may drink deep of the fountains
of life, and that its living waters
may flow in copious streams from
him to thy people, that he may be
full of counsel and intelligence,
pour rich blessings upon the heads
of thy Saints on earth, and dwell
with his fathers and the pure in
heart in heaven. Let, we pray
thee, like blessings rest upon all
the patriarchs.

Bless, we pray thee, also the quo-
rums of the Seventies, and their
presidents, with the quickening in-
fluence of the Holy Ghost and the
power of the living God, that this
mighty host of thy priesthood may
realize the magnitude of their office
and rise up in the majesty of their
calling and priesthood, clothed up-
on with the power of God and burn-
ing with the fire of the Holy Ghost,
as messengers of God, carry light
and salvation to a fallen world.

Let the High Priests' quorum also
be blessed of thee, like unto
Seth, Enoch, Abraham, Melchise-
dec and Moses, Ether, Nephi, Mo-
roni, Alma, Pahoran, and other
High Priests of God, that they may
approach before thee acceptably,
learn the laws of life, and govern,
preside and counsel, as men of God
in former days, clothed with the
same priesthood and power.

Bless the High Council of this
and other stakes of Zion; may they
be full of the spirit of wisdom, jus-
tice and judgment, and, under the
inspiration of the Most High, be
quick to discern the right, wise to
admonish the wrong doer, free from
all bias; and with integrity, truth,
lowliness, patience, and fidelity,
administer impartial justice to all.

Bless, we pray thee, the Elders
and their presidents with the pow-
er of their office and calling, that
the spirit thereof may rest upon
them, that they may be diligent
and faithful in the performance of
their duties, and be apt to teach,
full of integrity and wisdom, and,
under the influence of the Holy
Ghost, be a blessing to their fellow-
men. Bless also the Elders of
every quorum who may be absent
on foreign missions among the na-
tions of the earth; let the power
and spirit of their several callings
rest upon them; fill them with the
light of revelation and the quicken-
ing power and inspiration of the
Holy Ghost, that as swift messen-
gers to the nations they may, like
the angels of God, administer mercy
to the penitent, lead those who
discern the truth in the paths of
righteousness, and bring the honest
in heart to Zion, with songs and
everlasting joy; comfort and sus-
tain their families, fill their hearts
with joy and consolation, and lead
them in the paths of life.

Bless, we pray thee, the Presid-
ing Bishop, and strengthen him in
his declining years, and also his
counsellors and assistants, and all
the members of the Bishops' quo-
rum, and assist them in the per-
formance of their various duties;
fill them with the spirit of Zion;
may they indeed feel as fathers
over the flock of God; may their
bowels yearn over the poor, the
needy, the sick and the afflicted,
the widow and orphan; quickened
by the Spirit, may they be prompt
and diligent in gathering the tithes
and offerings of thy people and ad-
ministering the ordinances of thy
house, in carrying out the counsels
of thy servant Brigham, in building
the Temples of the Lord, and in ful-
filling all the duties of their holy
priesthood and calling.

Bless also the Priests, Teachers
and Deacons with the spirit and
life of their several offices, and with
the power of God; fill them with
humility, wisdom, diligence, pru-
dence and energy, that as wise
stewards they may be proved faith-
ful to the sacred trusts reposed in
them, and be shining lights in their
day and generation.

Bless the President and his coun-
cil of this stake of Zion; may they
indeed be men of God, filled with
the spirit of Zion and of the Presi-
dency, of counsel, justice, and judg-
ment, quick to discern between good
and evil, that the people may be
made glad in the administration of
thy servants.

Bless, we pray thee, all that are
assembled here as well as all the
inhabitants of these mountains
who fear thee, together with their
wives, their children, their houses,
fields, gardens, their flocks and
herds, their orchards and vineyards;
and may the earth yield abundance
for the sustenance of thy Saints,
and rebuke we pray thee the de-
vourers for our sakes.