

and the number of criminals in that State had doubled. The prisons were filled with men who were educated mentally, but neglected morally and religiously. Hoped the work of the Saints in building Temples would be supplemented by the establishment of schools which would supply moral and religious training.

Closing prayer by Patriarch John Smith.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Opening prayer by Elder George Goddard.

President Peterson announced that in consequence of the two halls in which meetings had been held during the morning having been found inadequate to accommodate all who desired to attend the services, it had been decided to hold meetings also in the North Ward meeting-house during the afternoon.

The general and Stake authorities were presented by Counselor J. B. Maiben and unanimously sustained.

APOSTLE LORENZO SNOW

reminded the Saints of the necessity of appealing to the Lord in prayer for that which they desired, and felt that it would be proper for them to possess. If they would do this unitedly in behalf of the speakers who might address them they would receive the very teachings they required. Complimented the choir, led by Professor A. C. Smyth, on the excellent music rendered by them during the conference. Congratulated the Saints on the completion of the Temple, the most beautiful one yet erected in this age. The success of the Saints in the midst of the opposition arrayed against them was an evidence that God had not deserted them. When the Saints thought of the trials they were called to endure they might feel that their lot was hard, but when they contemplated the blessings that had been showered upon them they must feel that they were the most favored of all the earth's inhabitants. Not only had they been blessed temporally but they had been enlightened spiritually and taught many glorious principles that the world was yet in ignorance of. Those who were worthy and could obtain recommendations from their Bishops were to be permitted to enter the house of God where His spirit might be expected to dwell, and where the Lord Himself might deign to appear unto His servants as He did in the Kirtland Temple. Referred to the sacrifices required of Saints and the necessity of their giving their hearts wholly to God. If persons after years of experience in the Church, had failed to learn to control their tempers and conduct themselves in a seemly manner, it might be said that they had not profited much by the Gospel. If they had really profited by it they should manifest it by their acts.

PETER'S CONDUCT

when he lost his temper and cursed and swore, was evidently overlooked by the Savior. In his case it might have been attributed to force of early habits, contracted before he knew the will of the Lord, but no such excuse could be made in the case of many of the Latter-day Saints. Righteousness brought its own reward, and the Saints in this age who, for obedience to the requirements of the Almighty had been imprisoned were comforted and blessed therein. The three Hebrew children were doubtless never happier in their lives than when walking in the midst of the flames accompanied by the Son of God, and so the presence of the Holy Spirit brought happiness to the Saints in this age when enduring trials, if they were worthy to enjoy it.

APOSTLE FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS

said the Saints should be aiming at perfection, which could not be expected of them at once, but which they certainly should attain unto in time. Anciently, men, through faithfulness, were permitted to associate and talk with the Lord. If the Saints would live as they had been taught, the Lord would manifest Himself unto them. They would be able to call upon the Lord and He would immediately respond to their call. Continued efforts should be made to obtain fellowship with the Lord and His Holy Spirit. Now that the Temple was finished the Saints should be anxious to go there, leaving the cares of the world behind them, and labor for the benefit of their kindred who were dead. A term of service there ought to enable a person to return to his home filled with the spirit of the holy calling in which he had been engaged, and shed it abroad among his friends and neighbors and cause them to feel like going to the Temple also. It must not be forgotten that the things with which the Saints had been blessed were for others as well as themselves, and their hearts should be drawn out towards their fellow creatures who were still in darkness. The work of the Lord was enlarging. The Lord had promised to come quickly, and the Saints should be stimulated to exert themselves to accomplish their mighty destiny.

PRESIDENT PETERSON

expressed the opinion that the fine workmanship done on the Temple had tended to refine the tastes of and stimulate with ambition the people of Sanpete. To compare with as fine and good a building the people should be proud and pure in heart. Advised the people not to be in a hurry to go through the Temple nor to return to their homes.

Conference adjourned to meet at Mt. Pleasant on the 25th and 26th of next

August. Closing prayer by Bishop O. F. Whitney.

The speakers at the meeting held in the South Ward Assembly Hall in the morning were Bishop O. F. Whitney and Apostle John Henry Smith and the prayer was offered by Elder George Goddard and Bishop W. S. Seely. At the afternoon meeting remarks were made by Apostles John W. Taylor and H. J. Grant and Elders, W. M. Palmer, Andrew Jensen, James Dwyer, R. G. Lambert, and President J. W. Crosby of the Panguitch Stake.

Prayers were offered by Elders R. G. Lambert and E. R. Young.

The speaking was lively and spirited throughout and a more enjoyable conference has not been held in a long time.

This evening witnessed another large influx of visitors, between 300 and 400 having arrived by train from the north, many of them from Salt Lake City.

G. C. L.

THE DEDICATION.

Impressive Ceremonies in the Manti Temple.

TESTIMONIES OF THE TRUTH AND EXPRESSIONS OF JOY.

MANTI, May 21. [Special to the DESERET NEWS.]—The speakers at the meeting held in the North Ward House, or rather Council House, yesterday afternoon were A. E. Hyde, Wm. Taylor, Jacob Gates, Wm. F. Cahoon, Redick N. Allred, Frederick R. Lyman, L. G. Hardy, Jos. J. Taylor, and John Henry Smith, all, as will be seen, representatives of old and numerous families in the Church, and yet they were selected without any design in their calling. The prayers were offered by Bishop Jos. D. Smith and Elder J. B. Noble. It was pronounced by one who was present as the best meeting he ever attended. It would certainly have to be an unusually good one to surpass the meetings held in the other halls in interest, good feeling and the excellence of the instructions given, for they were indeed occasions of spiritual feasting.

At an early hour this morning the people began to assemble at the east entrance to the Temple and continued to flock thither until the hall fairly swarmed with them. Only those holding tickets of admission were permitted to enter and it was not long before the large audience hall in the Temple was well filled. The brethren were seated according to the order of their Priesthood, those of the Aaronic Priesthood occupying the stands in the west end of the main hall, while the presiding officers of the Melchisedec Priesthood occupied the stands in the east end.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

The dedicatory services were commenced by the choir singing the opening hymn:

Lord, we come before Thee now,
At Thy feet we humbly bow;
Do not Thou our suit disdain,
Shall we seek Thee, Lord, in vain?

Apostle Lorenzo Snow explained that in the dedication of the Temple in Kirtland a prayer which was given by revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith was read, and announced that one of the servants of God in this day had been inspired to write the dedicatory prayer for the present occasion, which he proceeded to read, and which was published in full in the EVENING NEWS of last Monday.

The choir sang the following

DEDICATION HYMN.

Words by Charles Walker.

Righteous God, th' eternal Father,
Lend Thine ear, accept our praise;
While we dedicate this Temple
Reared to Thee, in latter days.
Let Thy blessings rest upon it,
Hallow now this sacred shrine,
Fill its courts with joy and gladness,
Holy Father, it is Thine.

It is of sunshine pierce the prison,
Jesus lighten up the gloom;
Millions hail the joyful tidings,
Victory o'er death, hell and tomb.
Oh what rapture fills the captive!
Christ hath crushed the serpent's head.
And another house erected,
Links the living with the dead.

Oh how anxious souls are waiting,
Eager watching, for the day,
When kind friends on earth will save them,
In God's own appointed way.
Let no loved one's spirit linger,
Loose the bands, we have the keys;
Christ hath wrought for all a ransom,
And will grant them sweet release.

Blessed be Thy name, Jehovah,
For this grand and glorious theme:
Children's hearts turned to their fathers
Through Thy power, great Eloheim.
Glory, power, praise, dominion,
Be ascribed to God on high,
And ye bright, celestial legions,
Let hosannas rend the sky.

CHORUS.

Hallelujah, shout hosannas!
Glory be to Christ the Lamb!
Choirs angelic, join the chorus,
Praises to the Great I Am.

PATRIARCH JOHN SMITH

said the present was a happy time for him. Was present at the dedication of the Temple in Kirtland, though only a child at that time, and had attended the dedicatory services of the several Temples which had been erected by the Saints since that time. Testified to the truth of the Gospel and assured the Saints that inasmuch as they would live in obedience to the laws of God no power should prevail against them.

APOSTLE JOHN HENRY SMITH

said his heart was filled with gratitude at having the privilege of speaking. Alluded to the previous speaker

as the heir to the Priesthood and representative of the oldest branch of the family to which he belonged. On seeing the people assembled who had gathered from various parts of the earth, he was reminded of the rich promises made by the Almighty in behalf of His faithful children, and felt sure that the offering made in the erection of the Temple would be accepted of the Lord. Exhorted all present to be faithful to their trust, and invoked the blessing of God upon them.

PRESIDENT JOHN MORGAN

said he felt to echo the words of the preceding speaker. Felt more like meditating upon the work in which the Saints were engaged and the marvelous manner in which they had been blessed, than speaking. Regarded the present sight as a fulfillment of the prophecy made more than 2,500 years ago, that the mountain of the Lord's house should be established in the tops of the mountains and that all nations should flow unto it, as numerous nations were represented in the present audience. The thought that friends who were dead were looking forth from the portals of eternity with anxiety for the living to perform a work in their behalf should be sufficient alone to stimulate any one to be faithful and to engage in that labor when the opportunity was offered. Bore testimony to the divinity of the work which the Saints are engaged in, and of the calling of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors in office.

PRESIDENT JACOB GATES

bore an earnest testimony that no greater prophet had ever lived than Joseph Smith, to whom had been revealed the knowledge which enables the Saints to build Temples and administer therein. This was the fourth Temple which he had attended the dedication of. Felt that the trying scenes which he had been required to pass through during his membership were not worthy to be mentioned in view of the glorious blessings which he in connection with the Saints had received.

ELDER J. D. C. YOUNG

referred to the early teachings of his mother and the impressions made upon his mind and the incentives implanted therein by the same. Rejoiced in the work of Temple building and in the contemplation of the ordinances to be performed therein.

ELDER WM. F. CAHOON

said he had attended the dedication of all the temples erected by the Saints except that of St. George. Testified to the truth of what the world called "Mormonism." Formerly lived with the Prophet Joseph and knew him to have been inspired. Was baptized Oct. 10, 1830, the same year the Church was organized. God made it known to him before he was baptized that the work was true, and that the Book of Mormon was an inspired record.

ELDER ROBERT CAMPBELL

said he was grateful for his present privilege. Felt to exclaim in contemplating the past history and present surroundings of the Saints, "What hath God wrought?" Inasmuch as the Saints would labor unitedly to establish the work of God, he was sure no power would ever shake them.

APOSTLE JOHN W. TAYLOR

said that he hoped to receive knowledge from God in relation to his ancestors who had passed away without knowing the Gospel and concerning whom he was now in ignorance. Once had a visit from his brother David John after his death and enjoyed a long conversation with him, such as he hoped to again be privileged with. Related a dream or vision which he had of President Young's funeral cortege, and in which was portrayed unto him the character of the persons who took part therein, as well as the rewards or punishment they would attain to. Afterwards saw the funeral in reality as it had been shown to him in vision.

PRESIDENT A. O. SMOOT

said he could declare of a truth that the Lord had accepted of the Temple and that many thousands would be caused to rejoice over their deliverance through the work therein performed. Knew the Church when it included but one small Stake. Had a testimony that the Lord was with Zion and that it would not be removed out of its place. Had never entertained doubt or fear for fifty three years as to the triumph of the work in which he was engaged. The Lord would not forsake Zion. Was assured that the time was near at hand when the promises made concerning the redemption of Zion would be fulfilled. This was a blessed land, and God would protect His people therein inasmuch as they would be faithful. Had heard the Prophets Joseph and Brigham say there would be hundreds and hundreds of Temples built in this land. No fears need be indulged in as to the Saints being displaced. The more they were persecuted the more they would increase and the stronger they would grow.

APOSTLE F. D. RICHARDS

said his heart was full of thanksgiving for the precious opportunity afforded him. The things which were from above were sacred and were to be spoken by constraint of the spirit. On the third of next month it would be fifty years since he embraced the truth. Was blessed with a testimony while on his way from his home in New England to Missouri, which effectually satisfied him of the truth of the Gospel and the divinity of the Prophet's calling. The greatest

sorrow he had ever experienced had been over his own imperfections. In the Temple today were assembled representatives of all the quorums and councils of the Church! The erecting of the Temple was a matter of as much interest and concern to those who had passed behind the veil as to the living. For years, ever since the site had been selected for it, they had watched with anxiety for its completion. The magnitude of the work to be performed by the Saints could be conceived by a simple calculation for a few generations of the number of one's ancestors. Christ died that He might become the Savior of the dead as well as of the living. So did the Prophet Joseph die after having performed the work allotted to him in this life, that he might stand at the head of this generation behind the veil. It was consistent to believe that upon an occasion like the present

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of the faithful prophets and apostles who had died should be present. How sad it would be for one now living and having the privilege of performing a work in the Temple to die and be confronted in the next world by friends and relatives and there asked if he had done the work for their redemption, if he should have to inform them that he had been remiss and failed to do so. Doubtless such a person would be filled with regret and wish he could spend but one year upon earth and devote his time to such a work. Was but a youth in his teens when he became acquainted with Joseph Smith, but knew him to have been a man of God, as he did also his successors in office. Could testify that the present Apostles were increasing in knowledge, devotion to God and love for the people, and that the people could safely trust them as their leaders. Believed that the Lord as well as the spirits of worthy men who had passed away, would come and visit the Temple and comfort the Saints by their presence.

The choir sang the following

DEDICATION ANTHEM,

By A. C. Smith.

Words selected from the prayer of Solomon, at the dedication of the Temple at Jerusalem. 1st Kings, chap. vii.

"O Lord my God, hear Thou the prayer Thy
Servant prayeth; have Thou respect unto
His prayer.
Hear Thou in Heaven, Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hearest, O Lord forgive."
Amen.

President Canute Peterson said the present was one of the happiest days he had ever experienced. Could testify that God would be quite as willing to accept of the Temple as the brethren had been to dedicate it. Believed that the site of the Temple had been set apart ages before President Young selected it upon which to erect the present structure. Did not believe there was any chance work about our existence or the establishment of the Church and Kingdom of God.

ELDER W. H. FOLSON

felt that words were inadequate to express his joy at being present at the dedication of the Temple, a pleasure he did not expect, a few years since, to live to enjoy. Had felt sometimes that the sacrifices made by some of the Saints in this Temple District to aid in the building of the Temple were too great. Testified that the prolongation of his life and his restoration to health had been due to the blessing of God bestowed in response to a promise received in the St. George Temple. Felt to praise and bless and thank the men who had labored upon the Temple. Knew that the Temple had been accepted of the Lord and that His Spirit was present.

PRESIDENT D. H. WELLS

said he had learned through his connection with Mormonism, so-called, to know God, a lesson of which the whole world was ignorant until He revealed Himself unto His Prophet Joseph Smith. Men existed before the foundations of the earth were laid, but the knowledge they possessed in their former existence had been taken from them and the divine knowledge obtained in mortality had gradually been lost through transgression. The ordinances of the Gospel and their object and order were also unknown until revealed in this age. So also was it with the destiny of man. The saying that no one would be lost except the sons of perdition would seem to imply that no woman would be eternally lost. Could testify from his observation that women generally were better and more virtuous than men. Invoked the blessing of God upon the congregation.

APOSTLE H. J. GRANT

said he enjoyed for the first time in his life the privilege of speaking in a temple of God. Nothing afforded him so much happiness as the consciousness of God's approval and the testimony which he had of the truth of His work. Many throughout the world who did not believe the Gospel were led by curiosity or pride to compile genealogical works by the hundred, for which they had no use after they were printed. In this they were preparing the way for the work to be performed in temples by the Saints of God who were unable to obtain the information otherwise which was thus afforded them. For this he felt to give God the glory.

The choir sang the following

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Glorious in Thy name, Almighty Lord,
All the angels stand about Thy throne;
Let all nations bow before Thee,
And declare Thy wondrous works.
We praise Thee, we give thanks to Thee,

We adore Thee, we glorify Thee.
Lord, we adore Thee, we bless Thee.
Lord, we thank Thee for Thy great glory.
Heaven is Thy throne and earth is Thy footstool.
Thou art King over all the world.
Glorious is Thy name, O Lord.
Blessing and honor, be to God
Forever and evermore.

Led by Apostle Lorenzo Snow, the audience united in shouting Hosannah to God and the Lamb, forever and forever. Amen.

The closing prayer was offered by Apostle John Henry Smith, after which the congregation were permitted to pass, two and two, through the various rooms of the beautiful structure, the interior of which greatly surpassed in magnificence the rich and chaste and finely proportioned exterior.

The services closed at 3 p. m. having continued five hours. At 5 p. m. the children of the Saints were admitted to view the structure. It is understood that the dedicatory service will be repeated tomorrow and next day.

THE SECOND DAY.

The Proceedings of Tuesday in the Manti Temple.

SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS AFFORD JOY TO THE SAINTS.

MANTI, May 22.—[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]—A great many of the visitors to Manti who were present at the dedicatory services yesterday, and afterwards enjoyed the privilege of passing through and viewing the various rooms of the beautiful structure, started last evening for their homes and still others this morning, but no diminution in the number present in Manti is apparent today, as hundreds of wagons loaded with people have come in from other settlements this morning. Tickets for admission to the Temple today were issued to a large number of the residents of Sanpete in addition to those from a greater distance who failed to get admission yesterday. The number present at the services yesterday probably did not exceed 1,500, but a larger number of tickets having been issued today, the seats were not only filled to their utmost capacity, but the isles were occupied as well. Many who were present at the dedicatory services yesterday testify to having witnessed miraculous manifestations, such as hearing angelic voices singing while an instrumental prelude to the exercises—a selection from Mendelssohn—was being performed upon the organ, a halo of light around the heads of some of the speakers, and audible voices expressive of praise to God from unseen sources.

After the singing of the opening hymn the dedicatory prayer was read by Apostle Franklin D. Richards.

The choir followed by singing the "Dedication Hymn."

APOSTLE JOHN W. TAYLOR

said that while passing through the Temple in company with some of his friends he had the spirit of prophecy upon him and had it been appropriate he could have prophesied of things which are coming to pass. Was glad to hear President Smoot testify yesterday that Zion would never be removed out of its place. Could testify the same. Read a portion of the seventh section of the Doctrine and Covenants, and related that during his missionary experience in the Southern States he had been led by a dream to go northward into Georgia and there found a people who were ready to receive himself and companion and who told them that their coming had been predicted by a mysterious personage who had visited them a year and a half previously, marked certain passages in their Bibles, and told them that one year and a half from that time men having authority to administer the ordinances of the Gospel unto them and teach them the way of salvation would appear among them. Former Apostles of the Savior who had received a promise that they should remain to minister among men, were laboring among the Lamanites, millions of whom would yet embrace the Gospel and become the defense of the Saints, who would continue to build Temples and administer therein.

PRESIDENT ANSON CALL

said the Saints were living in the time which prophets in past ages had spoken of. The Prophet Joseph had predicted the things which the Saints were now enjoying. Had known Father Morley, the first man to locate in Manti, and knew him to be a man of God, who, he doubted not, had left his blessing upon the land, the benefit of which was now being realized. The fruitfulness of the land might be attributed to the blessings of God bestowed in response to the obedience of the Saints.

PRESIDENT ANGUS M. CANNON

felt unable to portray his feelings since attending the dedication of the Temple. Related a vision he had some months ago in which he was told it was his privilege to appear before the Lord. Felt his unworthiness to do so then and the same upon the present occasion. Had since that experience felt constrained to declare the truth in earnestness and simplicity. Also related a dream which he had while confined in the penitentiary for conscience' sake, in which was portrayed to him the threatened destruction of the world. He had an assurance given him that the Lord would be glorified

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