

Isaiah and other prophets, and they spoke of it, as well as the temples that are built in the valleys of the mountains. All have been pointed out by the prophets of God, and the Lord revealed to Isaiah, Jeremiah and many other prophets, our day, our history, our lives, our position in this immense barren desert which has been occupied by the Latter-day Saints, and is as we see it today through the blessings of God. I will bear my testimony to the world to my friends of the Church and the State, and to all men under heaven, that this is the truth of God. The Lord Almighty has set His hand to accomplish this work. Joseph Smith was raised up by the power of God and the revelations of Jesus Christ to organize this Church and kingdom in the dispensation of the fullness of times. His life was short, as was the Savior's. But it was a great work that he performed in the flesh. The Savior lived about three and a half years after he entered the ministry. Joseph Smith lived some fourteen years from the time he received the plates and translated them into the English language. He laid down his life, as did Christ and His Apostles, for the word of God and testimony of Jesus Christ. He will rise in his glorified celestial body and meet again with his brethren the Apostles and Elders of Israel and this people, and will stand in days to come as the leader among us in celestial glory. I feel to bear my testimony to this. It matters not about the unbelief of men. They cannot turn away the work of Almighty God. The Lord has set His hand to carry out these great principles which He has revealed, the establishing of the Zion of God and the preparation for the coming of the Son of Man. What has been said about the mountains of Israel will have its fulfillment. The judgments of God will follow in the earth in fulfillment of what has been said, and no power on earth can stay them. I am anxious, although my life has been preserved to this great age, I still am anxious that we as a people may do our duty, may live our religion, may keep the faith, may so walk before the Lord that the Holy Ghost may be our constant companion to lead us in the days that he before us. This is my prayer and my desire, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir and congregation sang God Moves in a Mysterious Way, which was followed by a short address by President Lorenzo Snow.

President Snow bore testimony to the truthfulness of the remarks of President Woodruff. He had been acquainted with him sixty years, commencing in Kirtland. President Woodruff was a man who had always acted in harmony with the leaders of the Church, never taking exceptions to the instructions promulgated by those who were in authority. The Church had never acted in hostility to people of outside religious denominations. It had always encouraged settlement in our midst and had attempted to treat all with fairness and respect. The audience to which he spoke was one made up of nearly all classes of people. They had gathered together on invitation in order to participate in honoring President Woodruff on the ninetieth anniversary of his birth.

All people had a perfect right to worship whom they pleased, but they should do so obediently. They could take a lesson from the example set by President Woodruff, as he had lived a life of purity and holiness, always trying to make the world better for his having lived.

Held's band under the direction of Prof. John Held, rendered in fine style, a medley of beautiful airs.

President George Q. Cannon addressed the assemblage. He said that in standing before such a vast audience one was led to keenly feel the insignificance of man. The assemblage recalled to his mind an occasion of great joy which took place in 1849, the purpose being to celebrate the advent of the Pioneers into this valley. At that time feasting, dancing, etc., was indulged in, and thanks was given to God for the bounteous blessings He had bestowed upon His people.

A great change had taken place since then. The inter-mountain country, then a barren desert, had been quite thickly populated and now blossomed as the rose through the efforts of the sturdy, God-fearing men and women who first settled this valley, coupled with the blessings of the Father. President Woodruff had been a husbandman in his day, and to him belonged the credit of planting the first potato in the valley.

This was a most momentous period in the world's history, and through the ninety years of President Woodruff's life, he had witnessed many scenes and had seen a great many changes take place. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ had made great strides in the years of its organization, and it would continue to grow and flourish in the earth until God's purposes had been accomplished. It was destined to revolutionize the whole world and if lived up to by the people of the earth, would make mankind happier and give them a hope and a knowledge of that which would greet them in the life to come.

The entrance of the Pioneers into this valley, would he dwelt upon more and more as the years rolled on. The day would come when it would mark an epoch in the world's history and one of the central figures thereof would be President Woodruff who was being honored today. A more honest man it would be hard to find. Always quiet and unassuming he held a love in his heart for all his fellow men, and his love had been reciprocated by the many friends which he had made while on this mortal sphere.

The speaker felt that the sound of President Woodruff's voice should be engraved upon the cylinders of a phonograph, that in after years the young and rising generation might enjoy its sweet and loving vibrations. He was a man of the utmost integrity and as such he would forever be held in loving remembrance.

President Cannon in conclusion felt not to too highly praise mankind, for he feared that the Saints by so doing would almost become man-worshippers. But the words which had been spoken concerning President Woodruff were true, and his devotion and fealty to the work of God, brought out a desire among the Saints to do him

honor. He was the only living Apostle that had acted in such capacity with the Prophet Joseph Smith and as such he was looked upon as a rare treasure. The speaker's desire was that God would spare President Woodruff's life among us, that he might live many years more to be a comfort and a consolation unto the Latter-day Saints. This, said he, would undoubtedly be the prayer of all the Latter-day Saints upon the earth.

The choir sang the anthem, Let the Mountains Shout for Joy, directly followed by the congregation arising and joining in singing the Doxology. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Brigham Young.

At the conclusion of the exercises the reception was begun, President and Mrs. Woodruff being seated on armchairs beneath a canopy of buxom and surrounded by masses of beautiful flowers. The first to shake hands with the venerable President and his wife was Governor Heber M. Wells. Then followed members of the Legislature, the lady members first and the gentlemen afterwards. Then came the general public, the reception lasting upwards of an hour.

An elegant bedspread was presented to President Woodruff from the ladies of Millville, Cache county. The material of which it is composed is mostly Utah silk, and the spread was made by the ladies of Millville, the design being artistically executed with crochet work. The spread was accompanied by a note of presentation, which read as follows:

To Willford Woodruff, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

Dear Brother—We the sisters of Millville ward, Cache Valley Stake of Zion, in token of the high esteem, honor and respect in which you are held by us, embrace this opportunity, on the 90th anniversary of your birth, to present to you a spread, the workmanship of which is that of our own hands. It was made for the World's Fair, sent to Chicago, received first prize, and returned to us. We now present it to you. We also congratulate you on your reaching the ninetieth milestone, on the road of experience and usefulness, in leading the Saints along the lines of faithfulness and truth, in the worship of our heavenly Father. We extend to you our faith and prayers, that you may continue to live, to be our leader in the cause of Christ, and to this end we will ever pray. Yours truly, Rose Woolf, chairman, Esther Hammond, Sarah M. Hammond, Ida Hammond, E. M. Yeates, Rhoda Holt, Hennett Olson, Miranda Biglow, committee.

With the presentation of a beautiful bouquet, the Latter-day Saints' college by Miss Bertha Wilcken, submitted the following:

March 1st, 1897.

To President Woodruff and Wife:

All Israel sends greetings to their leader and companion. As one branch of the great cause in which you have labored so long and so well, we join in the general acclamation. "As cold water to a thirsty soul," so have been your faithful ministrations to the people of God. May the sands of your life run slowly and calmly to the end, the snows of age's winter falling easily and protectingly upon you. May