

President Porter dwelt upon the organization of the primitive Church, showing by scripture what the "body of Christ" consisted of and how it may be known; proved that the Holy Ghost made Himself manifest in many gifts.

President Stayner spoke of the foreordination of Christ and how His mission was to come on the earth and be crucified; dwelt at some length upon the Spirit of God that enlightened every man that cometh into the world; bore testimony of the healing power of God in our day.

Sunday evening W. A. Walker spoke upon faith and the justice of God, explaining the difference between true and false faith.

President C. W. Stayner spoke upon the second advent of Christ and the restoration of the Priesthood before His second coming.

Elders J. E. Lewis, J. A. Walker, G. T. Marshall, Jr., N. J. Nielsen and John Christensen bore their testimony to the work of God.

Saturday afternoon a Priesthood meeting was held and many good instructions were given by President Stayner.

The Elders were assigned as follows: President D. M. Porter and W. A. Walker in and around Republic County, Kansas; J. E. Lewis and John Christensen, the western part of Iowa; Elders John G. Giles and N. J. Nielsen, in and around Decatur, Nebraska; Elders J. A. Walker and G. T. Marshall, Jr., Carleton, Nebraska.

Elder W. R. Johnson was released to return home.

We had a fair attendance and a good spirit prevailed.

W. A. WALKER,
Clerk of Conference.

BELLEVILLE, Republic County, Kansas, April 10, 1892.

FUNERAL OF ELDER JACOB GATES.

The funeral services over the remains of President Jacob Gates were held in the Provo Tabernacle, Sunday afternoon, April 17th, 1892, at 1 p. m., the Presidency of the Utah Stake having kindly given the afternoon service of the Stake Conference for that purpose.

At 12:45 the cortege formed in line at the late residence of the deceased as follows: Provo Military Band, bearing the remains, the First Council of Seventies, acting as pall bearers, the Seventies of Provo, the family, and after these the friends and citizens of Provo, marching in this order to the Tabernacle, where, at 1 p. m., the services were called to order by President Seymour B. Young. The Tabernacle was draped in white, was ornamented with beautiful wreaths, bouquets, a cross and anchor and vessel, an emblem of faith, hope and charity, and was filled to overflowing.

The Provo Tabernacle choir rendered, "Hark! From afar, a funeral knell."

Prayer by Elder George Goddard. Choir sang "Death gathers up big clouds of gloom."

Following is a brief synopsis of the remarks made on this occasion:

President A. O. Smoot said he was pleased to say he had been acquainted with Elder Jacob Gates almost from the beginning—in the times of Nauvoo

and the various scenes through which the Church has passed—more than fifty years. He had labored with him in the ministry, and a more devoted man to his calling in the Church he had never seen. Brother Gates had been honored by his promotion to the responsible position which he held for nearly thirty years, and if any man ever merited such a position Brother Gates did. He had been most intimately associated with him in Provo for the last nine years. He had been a regular attendant at the meetings, and a great auxiliary to the Utah Stake, especially among the Seventies. As a counselor and adviser, President Smoot often had occasion to go to him, and the advice received was invariably just suited to the condition and circumstances. The speaker saw no reason why we should mourn his departure, after a worthy life, and trusted that the family and children left behind would venerate his memory and follow in his footsteps, which will lead them to eternal glory and exaltation.

Apostle Moses Thatcher said in substance: I had the great pleasure of a short acquaintance with the departed. I have enjoyed a few valuable conversations with him when occasions have thrown us together, and I have frequently sought information from Brother Gates with regard, especially, to the great modern Prophet Joseph Smith, and the early history of the Church. I have always regarded him as a very pure man, full of integrity and love for the truth. His voice never seemed to me to have a doubtful sound, the doctrines he has taught among men have never seemed to have an uncertain meaning, but were clear like the ringing voice you have many times heard. I have regarded him as one of the noble spirits, reserved to come forth in this generation, and believe that few men have improved their opportunities better than he has. A very humble man, yet, as I understood his character, a very courageous man. Few men that I have known in the Church seemed to approach in life and conversation that perfect life of a saint, and not many seemed to love God with a purer heart than he. He certainly came very near loving God with all his heart, might, mind and strength, and he has loved his neighbors also. While we do not mourn his departure, we sympathize with those who are for a season left behind, who will miss his wise counsels. The speaker had not of late years regarded death as an enemy, but the beginning of that higher life to come. While research in science has been unable to demonstrate the immortality of the soul, the rays of revelation have planted that truth as a light upon a hill. Brother Gates has gone a d's associating with all the worthies of ancient and modern times. And the rapidity of the lapse of time should impress us all that we are soon to follow, that we have no time to lose.

Apostle F. M. Lyman said—This is the third great man that has died within one week. Bishop Edward Hunter, of Grantsville, Julian Moses, of East Mill Creek, and Brother Jacob Gates. This should impress us that the veterans are rapidly passing away. My first acquaintance with Brother Gates was in England thirty-one years

ago, and since that time I have met him frequently and loved to listen to him relate incidents connected with early Church history, and many times have I conversed with him, but never once has it been in regard to financial matters; it has always been regarding the things of eternity, and if any man has earned a crown in God's Kingdom, it certainly is Brother Gates. It is astonishing that within eight years the entire quorum of the First Council of Seventies has passed to another sphere, and today it is composed of members ordained within that time. The speaker invoked the blessings of God upon the family.

President S. B. Young said: Brother Gates is the last link in the chain that bound our quorum to the memory of my father, he was the last associated with my father in this capacity. I have known Brother Gates since I was a child. He was the first to bring the sad news to my mother's house of the death of the Prophets Joseph and Hyrum. I have been associated with him ever since I can remember, and never have I heard his voice quiver or seen his knees shake in speaking of the truths of the Gospel. You would always know what his testimony would be. It was the Gospel or nothing. He was fearless, outspoken, courageous, but as gentle as a child. He was a man among men, known for truth, firmness, for wise counsel and for a strong testimony. God bless his memory and his family.

President C. D. Fjeldsted said: I have been acquainted with Brother Gates not many years, but have been blessed with his presence and profited by his good counsel many times. In meeting with the Council, he would always have a pleasant look, a kind word and good judgment in decisions. He has made a splendid record, and he was loved by the First Council, and I believe by all the Saints. If we emulate his good example and live worthy of his memory, we shall be saved in the Kingdom of God.

President John Morgan said: I desire to bear my testimony to what has been said by the brethren regarding Brother Gates, for I have found him all that these brethren have mentioned. I well remember an expression he made, which was called forth by some one urging people to "Prepare to die." His comment was, "I am not preparing to die, I am preparing to live—live for this life, and live for the lives that are to come. When I embraced this Gospel, I took upon me the labor of my own salvation, and for the salvation of others." This idea made a great impression upon my mind, and I recognize in it a strong principle. I believe that Jacob Gates has lived out that idea. He has sought to live and was prepared for the death that has overtaken him. The inscription "At Rest" upon his coffin, is true to some extent, but to such a man as Brother Gates, there is no inactivity. There is a labor for him in the spirit world, and he will wield an influence in the heavens for good. The speaker invoked the blessings of heaven to rest upon the family.

President B. H. Roberts said: I have been with Brother Gates but four years, but in that short time I learned to love him, and felt a peculiar interest in his personality and conversations,