

until their sons and daughters go into these holy places and redeem them, as Jesus went to preach to the spirits in prison three days and three nights, while His body lay in the tomb. Some of them had laid there a long time—thousands of years—up to the time when Christ was crucified and His Spirit went to them in prison.

President Woodruff, then proceeded to enlarge upon the blessings enjoyed by the Latter-day Saints in regard to their work in the Temples, and said he rejoiced in the knowledge that the Prophet Joseph Smith, President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and others formerly associated with them in this great latter-day work on the earth were rejoicing today at what they saw and heard. The shout of "Hosanna" would enter into the presence of God, and they would rejoice thereat. So far as we carried out the purposes which God had placed upon us, and the responsibilities devolving upon us, when we got through here we should have the privilege on the morning of the resurrection of sitting down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and those of our relatives who had already passed away in the family organization of the celestial world for ever and ever.

The choir sang

The Temple Anthem.

Benediction, by President George Q. Cannon.

THE PROCESSION.

The Priesthood, arranged in procession after the following order, marched to the grounds adjoining the Temple at about half-past eleven:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

First Presidency,
Twelve Apostles,
Presiding Patriarch and Patriarchs,
First Seven Presidents of Seventies,
Presidents of Stakes, their Counsel,
ors, and High Councilors,
Seventies,
High Priests,
Elders,
Presiding Bishops,
Bishops and Counselors,
Priests,
Teachers,
Deacons.

The work of arranging the Priesthood according to the various orders and the organization of the procession was superintended by Bishop John R. Winder.

On a stand located at the south-west corner—southside of the building—the General authorities of the Church were seated, as follows: The First Presidency—Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith; of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Moses Thatcher, Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill, Anthon H. Lund, and Abraham H. Cannon.

Patriarch to the Church—John Smith.

Of the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies—Seymour B. Young, C. D. Fjeldsted, John Morgan, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds and Jonathan Golden Kimball; the Presiding Bishopric—William B. Preston, Robert T. Burton, and John R. Winder. Presidents of Stakes and Counselors and other officials of the Church also occupied this platform. The stand was elevated about eight feet above the

level of the ground. Its base was decorated with national bunting.

To the left of the main stand was a platform occupied by the Tabernacle choir.

Near the south-east corner of the position occupied by the general authorities was another stand. It was also decorated with national bunting. This platform was occupied by Elder Stephens, conductor, and Joseph J. Daynes, organist.

Held's band occupied a position immediately east of the choir.

THE CAPSTONE CEREMONIES.

The "Capstone March," composed by C. J. Thomas, and dedicated by permission to the First Presidency, was played by Held's band.

The Temple Anthem—words by C. L. Walker, music by Evans Stephens—was sung by the Tabernacle Choir.

Glorious God, Eternal Father,

In the name of Christ we pray

Thou wilt bless us with Thy presence,

While this crowning stone we lay;

Let Thy favor rest upon it,

Let Thy hand protect these towers

May Thy peace brood over this Temple,

It is Thine, O Lord, not ours,

It is Thine, it is Thine, it is Thine, O Lord, not ours.

HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

THE TEMPLE BLOCK CONSECRATED AND GROUND BROKEN FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THIS TEMPLE, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1853.

THE CORNER STONES WERE LAID APRIL 6th, 1853, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER.

GENERAL CHURCH AUTHORITIES:

April 6, 1853.

FIRST PRESIDENCY.

Brigham Young,
Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards.

TWELVE APOSTLES.

Orson Hyde, Amasa Lyman,
Parley P. Pratt, Ezra T. Benson,
Orson Pratt, Charles O. Rich,
Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow,
John Taylor, Erastus Snow,
George A. Smith, Franklin D. Richards.

PATRIARCH TO THE CHURCH.

John Smith, son of Asael.

FIRST SEVEN PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTIES.

Joseph Young, Zera Pulsipher,
Levi W. Hancock, A. J. Rockwood,
Henry Herriman, Jedediah M. Grant,
Benjamin L. Olapp.

PRESIDING BISHOP.

Edward Hunter.

T. O. Angell, Jos. D. G. Young, Architects.

THE CAPSTONE WAS LAID APRIL 6TH, 1892, BY PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF.

It was announced that this plate would be laid in with the capstone, together with the following articles:

Book of Mormon, Book of Doctrine and Covenants, Voice of Warning, Spencer's Letters, Key to Theology, Hymn Book, Bible, Compendium, Pearl of Great Price, and some other books; also photographs of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, and a photograph of the Salt Lake Temple as it now stands, etc.

The Prayer.

The following prayer was offered by

Glory, Glory, hallelujah,

Heav'n and earth and angels sing,

Heav'n and earth and angels sing.

Choirs celestial join the chorus,

Christ our King.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Christ our King.

Shout hosannas, shout hosannas,

Glory be to God our head,

For His everlasting mercies

To the living and the dead;

Joy now reigns where once was sadness

'Midst the prison's dreadful gloom,

Millions hail with joy and gladness

Victory over hell and tomb!

Victory, victory, victory over hell and tomb.

CHORUS.

Sound throughout His vast creations,

All His wondrous heavenly host,

Glory be to God the Father,

Jesus Christ and Holy Ghost;

Sing ye bright seraphic legions

Loud as thunder in the sky,

Pealing through celestial regions,

Glory be to God on high,

Glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

President George Q. Cannon exhibited to the immense concourse of people a polished copper plate (engraved by David McKenzle) inscribed, as follows:

April 6th, 1892.

FIRST PRESIDENCY.

Wilford Woodruff,
George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith.

TWELVE APOSTLES.

Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards,
Brigham Young, Moses Thatcher,
Francis M. Lyman, John H. Smith,
George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant,
John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill,
Anthon H. Lund, Abraham H. Cannon.

PATRIARCH TO THE CHURCH.

John Smith, son of Hyrum.

FIRST SEVEN PRESIDENTS OF SEVENTIES.

Jacob Gates, Seymour B. Young,
C. D. Fjeldsted, John Morgan,
B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds,
Jonathan G. Kimball.

PRESIDING BISHOP.

William B. Preston,
Robert T. Burton, John R. Winder, Counsellors

President Joseph F. Smith.

O God, our Heavenly Father, we desire to draw near unto Thee at this moment and offer unto Thee the gratitude of our hearts for this pleasant and blessed opportunity that we enjoy of assembling ourselves together on this the sixty-second anniversary of the organization of Thy Church in the earth in the dispensation of the fulness of times. We thank Thee that on this occasion we are permitted and privileged to lay the capstone of this building which we have been permitted to erect thus far unto the name of God, our Father in heaven. And we pray thee, O Father, in the name of Jesus