

visitation of the president and executive committee, about 250 members of the family assembled at 1 o'clock in the Social Hall and formed in procession and, each carrying bouquets of flowers, marched to the grave on the hillside, where, after solemn prayer and a few quiet words by Elders Brigham Young and F. D. Richards, the last resting place of the beloved dead was covered with flowers. The company returned to the Social Hall for the afternoon's exercises.

President Joseph F. Smith and family, Bishop Winder and wife, Dr. K. G. Maesser and daughter, with Sisters M. J. Soow and Hannab Sorensen were the guests of the occasion. There, with Elders Brigham Young, Franklin B. Richards, Dr. Seymour B. Young and the wives of President Young and of his brothers, John, Joseph, Phineas and Lorenzo, occupied seats on the stage. The stage was decorated with flags, vases of flowers, vines and wreaths.

After a beautiful opening prayer by Elder F. D. Richards, the following program, which was under the management of Bishop Clawson, was spiritedly rendered:

A letter of greeting, from Patriarch Lorenzo D. Young was read by Brother Franklin W. Young, as follows:

SALT LAKE CITY, June 1, 1895.

President Brigham Young and the members of the Young Family Association:

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—It would have given me great pleasure to meet with you on this momentous occasion, the anniversary of the birthday of a great and good man, one whose deeds live after him, and whose memory is still green in the hearts of those who loved and honored him.

I would like to talk to you a little about the things that lie near my heart.

I stand, as it were, on the threshold of another world, and I look back on the years that have vanished like a dream, and have taught me so many lessons, and I long with an infinite longing to impart some of my thoughts to you.

After our toilsome journey to reach this valley, that was to us the Promised Land, we arrived here in the early morning; we were weary and travel-stained, but our courage was still undaunted. My brother Brigham was riding with Brother Woodruff. He rose up from his seat in the carriage and exclaimed, in a voice that silenced any doubt that might have arisen, "This is the place, this is the place," and we looked around at the wilderness of sagebrush and black crickets, and knew that forbidding as it was it was henceforth to be our home.

Look around you today and answer, Was he not inspired? His body is resting on the hillside where the trees murmur a requiem and the flowers perfume the breeze that wanders above him, but his glorious spirit is reaping the reward of his arduous labors and it will only be a little time till we will follow. Let us live humble lives, forsake the ways of the world and prepare to meet him. If I understand these celebrations we come here for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other, for the purpose of strengthening the ties of friendship, for a reunion of love and good feeling. You have been sowing the seeds of affection and remembrance on an honored grave, do not forget to scatter flowers of kindness around you at all times.

We honor the dead, and we owe a great

duty to the living. Let us learn to love and be kind to each other, and in this way cement the bonds of relationship till we form an unending chain that will reach from this world to that other glorious place where no trouble or sorrow can ever enter.

I would like to meet with you, but my strength will not permit, but I pray God to bless you all with His Holy Spirit. May it be a guide to your footsteps and a light to your pathway in the journey of life. May you all live to celebrate the birthday of this great man for many, many years. LORENZO D. YOUNG.

A piano solo was then rendered by Spencer Clawson Jr.

The secretary's report, read by Mrs. Susa Young Gates, was as follows:

Since the opening of the Salt Lake Temple in 1893 there have been about 376 baptisms performed and 355 endowments given for our dead. There have been a number of meetings of the association held, mostly attended by the executive committee, to attend to raising funds, to arrange for Temple labors, and to prepare for this family reunion.

One of the most important features of the year's work has been the appointment of a finance committee, consisting Brothers Wm. A. Rossiter and W. B. Dougall. These brethren have relieved the executive committee of a great anxiety, and they have succeeded in so managing the collection of monthly fees that none are offended, nearly all are solicited, and a great deal of means has been collected, as you will see by the treasurer's report. There is still a great deal to do; indeed, the farther we go into the work the more it seems to open up, and those more nearly connected with the details feel that our work has begun to end never until the ushering in of the millennium.

Duplicate books for the names of all the Youngs, Howes and Brighams, which have been officiated for in the Temples, were sent to the four Temples and these have all been returned to the secretary. The work of comparing these names, however, has not as yet been undertaken, as it involves heavy labor, and it is only within a few days that the last books were received.

In March, the assistant secretary went to Boston to labor in this work. Much valuable data of the direct line was obtained, with about seventy-five names of the direct line and about three hundred names of the distant branches. It was learned upon this trip that the ancient Young families in Great Britain claim descent from a German by the name of Junga, whose sons scattered into England, Scotland and Wales. Many of these families are among the nobility of Great Britain. One of the Youngs intermarried with the Cruishanks, and the book containing the direct Young and Cruishanks line is now in our possession containing several hundred names, which await our time and work. Hundreds of other names are found in the books purchased by the vice president for the association, and these too are waiting for us to prepare them for work.

Advices from England, in which country President Anthon Lund is interestedly working in our behalf, show us that hundreds and even thousands of names of the immediate and distant connections of the family are ours for the getting.

The presidents of the four temples and the chief clerks thereof, President Lund in England, Brother John Nicholson, the authorities of the Historical Society in Boston, the librarian of the Harvard library, and many gentlemen in the East who have responded to our queries with much valuable information, all deserve our most earnest and heartfelt thanks.

The field is white and heavy for the

harvest: who among us will thrust in his sickle and reap?

SUSA YOUNG GATES,
Assistant Secretary Y. F. A.

The opening address was by President Brigham Young, who said: The letter by Uncle Lorenzo had awakened thoughts of the past, and caused the speaker's mind to revert to the coming of the Pioneer; the progress made by the people seems incredible. The speaker had a long talk with Uncle Lorenzo recently and had given our dear uncle many messages to carry to our father, giving an account of all the family to convey to him.

Next was a Hawaiian song "Ahi Wela" by Mabel Young Witt.

An address by President Jos. F. Smith followed. He related some of his early experiences in this valley; drove an ox team here when he was nine years old; told of the appearance of the valley when they arrived here; spoke of the character of President Young, and his own love for that great and noble man. Referred to the likeness between the descendants of President Young, and would like to impress upon the children and grandchildren that President Young was a man of God, the mouthpiece of God to all the world—not alone to this people out to the whole world. We honor President Brigham Young, the Lord honored him. If God had not honored him we would not see this mighty concourse here. He set as if he was a kinsman to all, and was determined with the help of God never to do anything which would bring disgrace upon this honored man.

The other numbers on the program were as follows:

Song.....Carol Croxall Cannon.
An address to the Young family.....
.....Dr. S. B. Young
Recitation, "The Funeral of President Brigham Young".....Mrs. Armeta Young
Recitation, "Daisy's Faith".....Frances Young
Reading, "An Irish Letter".....Frank F. Young
Song.....Miss Clint Young
Reading, "Mumford's Pavement".....B. S. Young
Song.....Mrs. Nettie T. Sloan
Imitation of two Chinese politicians.....
.....B. M. Young
Song in character "Waif of New York".....
.....Alice Clawson.

Every number was applauded and greatly enjoyed.

At the close of the exercises, delicious refreshments were served under the direction of the refreshment committee. Social converse, pleasant interchange of greetings and handshakings were then indulged in by all. New nieces and nephews were introduced to old aunts and uncles; and old nieces and nephews were made acquainted with some of their young aunts and uncles. "God bless you," was on every lip, and love beamed from every eye.

The occasion marks a delightful epoch in the family life and left every soul present eager for a return of such unalloyed happiness. Only one regret marred the occasion: a number of the family whose P. O. street, and number, addresses were not known, or whose names were not on the books, were omitted from the invitation list. It is greatly desired that all members of the Young family will at once send their names and addresses to the corresponding secretary in order to future advisement of the movements of the association.

At the business session held on Friday night, it was learned that over \$400 had been donated during the