

till about two days before his death. Well, we mourn his loss. We feel his loss. All those associated with him do. We feel the loss of men occupying such positions as he has done. His position has been very responsible. He has magnified it unto the end. Now, when Brother Wells' spirit left his body, what was his condition? Well, I have my faith and my views with regard to it. When his spirit left his body he met with a corps of friends ready to receive him—those friends with whom he has dwelt, with whom he has labored, with whom he has toiled in building up the Church and Kingdom of God on the earth. There is rejoicing when the spirit of a Saint of the Living God enters into the spirit world and meets with the Saints who have gone before him.

Brethren and sisters, we are not here in the flesh upon uncertainty. We are here upon a mission. We have been kept in the spirit world until the day and generation in which we live, and we have been called forth to tabernacle here in the flesh. We have heard the Gospel. We have believed it. We have received it. We have received the ordinances thereof. We have a testimony before high heaven of the truths of these eternal principles. All the unbelief of wicked men or devils on the face of the earth cannot take these things from our hearts. We know they are true by the revelations of God and by the inspiration of the Almighty, through the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Therefore, we have a great deal to encourage us and to comfort us. Of course, the family of Brother Wells—his wives, his sons and his daughters, his relatives—all feel his loss. But when we contemplate and look forward to the future, and realize the day is not far distant when Jesus Christ himself will come in the clouds of heaven to reward every man according to the deeds done in the body, then will come forth the resurrection of the just, and this man whose tabernacle is here today will come forth out of his grave, his body will become immortal, and he will stand in the midst of the Gods—in the midst of God the Father, God the Son, and all the righteous and holy beings who have kept the same law, no matter what age of the world they may have lived in. Then will come forth the reward that the veil hides from your faces and mine today—the reward of those men and women who have entered into covenant with the Lord, and who have received the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Brother Wells is happy. He would not come back here if he had the privilege. He has lived to a good old age, and has gone down into the grave like a shock of corn fully ripe, and with the harness upon him. He and President Young were about the same age at death. Well, we feel many times as we did in the days of Joseph. The Church felt then as though they could not live without him. But these things are in the hand of God.

I would say to the family and to the friends of Brother Wells, let your hearts be comforted. All is right. Brother Wells has as much power to work and labor for your interest the other side of the veil as he has been able to do here. He has performed a work here for the living and for the

dead. He has gone to the other side of the veil to receive his reward. So I say to the Latter-day Saints, let us be true and faithful to God and our covenants. We are here upon a mission. Some are taken; some are left. I have never seen a year that I know of in this Church when there have been as many aged men called away, many of them suddenly, as in the year that has passed and gone. Of course it only remains for those of us who are left to try to do our duty the remaining days that we have to spend here. But I want to say to all the Latter-day Saints, have no fears with regard to the Kingdom of God, nor the Church of Christ, nor the work of God. It is true. Zion is true. The dispensation is true. The Holy Priesthood is true. Therefore, let us be true in our labors, and labor while the day lasts; keep the commandments of God, and prepare ourselves for that which is to come. Our brethren are busy on the other side of the veil, and they have a work to do to prepare themselves for the coming of the Son of Man. All men who go into the spirit world, and who bear the holy Priesthood, will continue their labors. Their works will follow them. Their work will not cease when they lay their tabernacles down here in the tomb. Their spirits in the spirit world mingle with those whom it is their right and privilege to mingle with, and the work will continue. Therefore, I say to the family and to the Latter-day Saints, God bless you all. Let us be true. Let us be faithful. Let us keep the commandments of God. Let us labor while the day lasts, for soon night may come when no man can work.

My brethren that follow me will occupy the time to enter into these things more fully with regard to Brother Wells, as they shall be led by the Holy Spirit. I felt I could not do justice to my feelings without making a few remarks upon this occasion; but I do not feel to spend a great deal of time in talking to the Latter-day Saints. I ask God my Heavenly Father to bless you—to bless the family, bless the Elders of Israel, bless the Apostles, and all the quorums and Saints. As I said before, let us be true to our covenants, true to God and true to the work we are engaged in; for we ourselves will soon be called home, to follow in the same path; our bodies will be laid in the tomb, as Brother Wells is going to be today, and we will get through with our mission unto which we have been sent here. I thank God for the Gospel. I thank God for the light of heaven, and for the truths of eternal life which have been revealed from heaven for the exaltation, glory and salvation of the children of men. I pray God, my Heavenly Father, that His blessings may attend us, that we may be sustained until we get through with our labor in the flesh, that we may inherit eternal life; for Jesus' sake Amen.

Apostle Anton H. Lund

was the next speaker, the following being the substance of his remarks: He referred to the excellent qualities of the departed and to the high esteem in which he was held by his co-laborers in the Manti Temple. Continuing he said: We are gathered here today to pay our respects to our beloved brother, President Daniel H. Wells, who has

just departed. With you I feel the loss we have sustained, because I have had the privilege of being associated with him for the last three years in the Temple at Manti. During that time I have much enjoyed his company and felt that he was indeed a man of God. He was a man of great kindness, coupled with rare ability. It was pleasant to meet him every morning and to feel at home in his presence. It was pleasant to listen to his discourses. They were brief, but gems of wisdom. And those who have been associated with him will remember his teachings and impart them to their children after them. I know this to be the feeling of all who have labored with him in the Temple.

Brother Wells, although he loved the Saints from the time when they came to Nauvoo, was not at first impressed with their doctrines, until he heard the Prophet Joseph preach on "baptism for the dead." This principle he at once accepted as true, and he decided to devote his life to the work for the departed. It was the charity and the infinite mercy shown in the doctrine that impressed it upon his living heart.

One day he was walking on the street in Nauvoo when Brother Kimball came up behind him, touched him on the shoulder and said, "You are thinking of joining the Church and becoming one of us." He was startled, because he had not mentioned what he felt to anyone. He did not join this people until they had suffered the utmost, and he did not cast his lot with them because he expected any worldly returns. He received a testimony of the truth and therefore he became one with us.

After having referred to the labors of the deceased in the Endowment House and in the Temple, the speaker said that the words of the Apostle Paul could properly be applied to Brother Wells: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." (2 Tim., iv., 7, 8.) He fought indeed the good fight, and kept the faith. The work in the Temples is eminently a labor of faith. Few have performed so much work of this kind as he. He spent his time and his means in that direction, and worked for a great many on the other side of the veil. I have no doubt that he has now met with many of those who through his ministrations have received the truth.

May God bless his family and friends who are left here to mourn his departure.

Apostle Franklin D. Richards

spoke as follows: Beloved friends, I share with you the loss that we have sustained by the departure of this great and good man, who has finished his earthly course, and whose remains are here with us today. I was glad to know him fifty years ago in the city of Nauvoo, and can speak of the kindness which he exhibited towards an afflicted and distressed people, driven from the State of Missouri in deep sorrow, and left without a home. When the Prophet Joseph obtained deliverance from his guardsmen and arrived at Commerce he found in Brother Wells one who received him kindly, in conjunction with a few other pro-