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## THE LOGAN TEMPLE.

### Laying the Corner Stones.

### THE PROCESSION—THE DEDICATION—THE ADDRESSES, ETC.

MONDAY, Sept. 19th, at 12 o'clock m., being the time fixed upon for laying the corner stones of the Temple in Logan, the following authorities of the church left Salt Lake City on Sunday per special car, immediately after the afternoon service, to regulate and take part in the ceremonies:

Of the Apostles; President John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, Albert Carrington and Counselor D. H. Wells.

Of the Presidency of the Seventies; A. P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge and John Van Cott, President Joseph Young being too feeble in health to risk so long a journey.

Of the Bishopric; Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop, and Counselors Leonard W. Hardy and Robert T. Burton; George Goddard clerk.

Of the Presidency of Salt Lake Stake; Angus M. Cannon and Joseph E. Taylor; George F. Gibbs, Reporter.

Of the Presidency of the High Priests; Elias Smith and Counselors Elias Morris and Edward Snelgrove.

The President of the Elders' Quorum, Edward W. Davis.

Assistant Architect, Truman O. Angel, jr.

The above company of gentlemen and five ladies reached Ogden with the usual train, and were met on arrival by the authorities of the Weber Stake, who had previously made ample provision for their entertainment and lodging for the night.

On Monday morning, at 7 o'clock a. m. the company left per special train with the addition to its numbers of the following: Apostle F. D. Richards, Elders L. J. Herrick, Lorin Farr, A. F. Farr and R. J. Taylor. On their arrival at Willard City, Bishop George W. Ward joined them, and at Brigham City Elders Lorenzo Snow, Oliver Snow and Bishop A. Nichols. These constituted the entire company until they reached Mendon, Cache County, where a number of the brethren awaiting their arrival rode with them to Logan, reaching that city at half-past 10 a. m., where Presidents Moses Thatcher and W. B. Preston and others met them with conveyances sufficient to carry them to the centre of the city.

Many thousands of citizens were seen in every direction from both distant and near settlements, all wending their way to the place where they could obtain a sight of the interesting ceremonies about to be performed.

The site fixed upon for the Temple is one of commanding beauty, presenting as it does at one glance a picturesque view of eleven settlements, including a comprehensive scope of country, with an ample supply of water, and possessing a capacity of sustaining hundreds of thousands of families. And to all human appearance not many years will pass

away before that vast and beautiful country will be filled with pleasant homes, judging from the thousands of happy children fast approaching the marriageable age who now throng the settlements of Cache County.

A short time before 12 o'clock, the sweet tones of the Logan Brass Band gave the signal for the procession of the authorities, which was formed under the direction of Elder George Q. Cannon.

Music.

Architect and Temple Workmen.

Choir.

The Apostles.

Patriarchs.

Presiding Bishop and Counselors.

Presidents of Lesser Priesthood and their Counselors.

Presidents of High Priests' Quorum.

Presidents of various stakes and their Counselors.

First Presidents of Seventies.

Presidents of Elders' Quorums and their Counselors.

The procession then walked to the South-east corner stone, when PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR made the following introductory remarks:

When we last assembled in this place we had with us our beloved President Brigham Young. He planned and arranged for the building of this Temple, and presided at the dedication of the ground. He has been taken from us by the dispensation of an Allwise Providence, who governs, rules, controls and manages the affairs of the human family at His pleasure. And while our hearts feel sad, and as a whole people we mourn his loss, we cannot restore him to earth. It now devolves upon the Twelve to carry out his plans and attend to those things which would have received attention at the hands of the President, were he here. And whilst we have had a season of sorrow, in consequence of the bereavement and loss of our beloved friend and counselor, yet on the other hand we rejoice to know that God lives and rules, and that his Priesthood and his people are desirous to accomplish and complete with all fidelity, these things which the Lord requires at their hands.

And as this temple was commenced under the auspices of President Young, it becomes now our duty to carry out these labors until they shall be consummated, and for this purpose we have assembled on this occasion.

We will now proceed to lay the south-east corner-stone.

President Taylor, with the Apostles and Patriarchs, assisted by Architect Truman O. Angel, jr., Master Mason John Parry and workmen, proceeded to lay the stone. When the stone was laid, PRESIDENT TAYLOR stood upon it and made the following remarks:

This principal corner stone is now duly laid by the Twelve, who are now acting in the place of and represent the First Presidency. The Twelve perform this act in honor of the Great God, and may it remain immovable and may the whole fabric be speedily erected, that the Saints may have a place to worship God acceptably, and administer in his ordinances, and the Son of Man a place whereon to lay his head.

After which Elder FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS, standing on the stone, offered the following prayer thereon:

Our Father and our God, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, we have come together at this time to lay the corner stones of this building. Thou didst bless thy servant Joseph to build an House to thy name, and didst accept of it by the presence of thy Son and of holy angels, when committing to him the powers, and the ordinances of the Covenant of eternal life. Thou didst bless thy servant Brigham also to build an House in these valleys, which has been consecrated for the labors of thy people, wherein to perform the ordinances of salvation for themselves and their dead, which thou hast accepted to the joy of thy Saints. But, O Lord, thou art greatly multiplying thy people on the earth, and thine Israel is com-

ing from the north and from the south, from the east and from the west, and we have need of other Temples in which to labor for the benefit and deliverance of the hosts of thy sons and daughters who have departed, and who await the benefits of our labors here on earth. Wilt thou at this time forgive our weaknesses, imperfections, and sins, and bless us with power to continue the work which thy servant Brigham has ceased to do, since thou hast taken him from us. Wilt thou let the prayer which was offered by thy servant Orson for the dedication and consecration of this spot and its surroundings be heard and answered to the full.

We now dedicate and consecrate this the south-east corner stone of this Temple together with its connections and attachments in the building to the other corners which shall be laid, that the same may be holy unto thee, and sacred unto thy people. Let no unholy thing defile this work we pray thee but may it also receive thy divine acceptance.

We pray that thou wilt bless thy servants the Presidents of the Stakes with the Bishops and their counselors who have charge of the work, that they may have power to move the people by the power of thy spirit to a united and vigorous effort for the completion of this Temple in the time designated by thy servant Brigham. And we pray that thy watchful and protecting care may be over the workmen that they may have joy in their labors until it shall be completed and dedicated unto thee; we ask that no power may be able to prevent them from doing this work; and that the building may stand a monument of their efforts, a place wherein the ordinances shall be performed and thy salvation be revealed.

Bless all them for whom we should ask mercy. Roll on thy work, still gather thine Israel, and establish thy Zion. Inasmuch as thou hast taken unto thyself our prophet and leader, we ask holy Father that thou wilt multiply power upon thy servants the Apostles and Counselors who remain, and increase union and strength among all this people. Bless thy servants everywhere in all the world who are engaged preaching thy Gospel. Guide us to a glorious end in the labors of this life, and glorify thyself of us in thy kingdom with the just and the sanctified, we ask through Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Choir sang the hymn,

"Come all ye Saints throughout the earth, Your cheerful voices raise."

The procession then re-formed and moved to the south-west corner stone, when the presiding Bishop and his Counselors, assisted by the President of the lesser priesthood and the Bishops of the Stakes and their Counselors proceeded to lay that stone, Bro. T. O. Angel, jr., and Bro. Parry and his associates rendering the necessary aid to put it into its true position. After the stone was laid BISHOP EDWARD HUNTER stood upon it and made the following remarks:

Brethren and sisters, we the Bishops and Lesser Priesthood pronounce this south-west corner stone of the Logan Temple duly laid. We rejoice in the privilege of laying this south-west corner stone of the Logan Temple. These things are entrusted to our hands, and we should magnify the priesthood that has been placed upon our heads, and always rejoice in this delegated power that the Lord has confirmed upon us to bless and be blessed, to build up his kingdom, and save ourselves and our dead through the merits of his Son our Saviour, and through the medium of the ordinances which will be performed in this Temple. May this house be erected in that way and manner that the Holy Spirit may be and abide with those who erect it.

As this corner stone will be connected by the intermediate walls by the chief corner stone and as the Aaronic Priesthood is an appendage of the higher or Melchisedic Priesthood, after the order of the Son of God, so may it be our happy lot to stand in our several callings by it, as Aaron did

by Moses; that the functions of our priesthood may be performed to the honor and glory of God. And I pray that the house itself may be a holy place, which the Lord himself will delight to honor and bless. May we ourselves, as well as the whole body of the Church, pay our tithes and offerings, and the Lord will pour out a blessing that there shall not be room to contain. The very heavens and earth, says the Lord, shall pass away before one jot or tittle of his word shall fail. My motto always has been: Pay your tithing and offerings and be blessed. This is our privilege and our duty. May it be our happy lot to discharge every duty faithfully and honorably, with clean hands and pure hearts, always having our eye single to the glory of our Father and God, and the interest of his cause here on the earth; that we may be worthy of and lay claim to the blessings, the saving ordinances of his house, and at last, when we shall have finished our work, rejoice in the society of the noble, the faithful and good of our Father's house, is the prayer of your unworthy servant, which I ask (not to grant, in the name of his Son Jesus. Amen.

BISHOP LEONARD W. HARDY then offered prayer on the stone:

O God, our heavenly and eternal Father, we thank thee for this privilege we now enjoy in having laid this stone, which is to stand at the south-west corner of the Temple to be erected to the Lord our God, for the salvation of the living and dead of thy children.

We ask thee, our Father, to let thy Holy Spirit rest upon this vast congregation here assembled; and may we realize the blessings which flow through the building of Temples to thy name, within whose walls we can act for and in behalf of those that are gone behind the veil. We thank thee, O Lord our God, that this location was selected whereon to rear this Temple, by thy servant who has lately passed from earth, gone to continue his work among those who have been deprived of the benefits of the gospel; and we pray at this time that thou wilt let the spirit of this labor and work, even that of binding the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, rest down upon this people who have been called upon to perform the same, that it might be a labor in which they will delight, and in which all may feel themselves interested; and also let thy blessing be upon the workmen who shall labor here; preserve them from accident and dangers of every kind; and may there be no evil surmising respecting the fidelity of each other, or distrust in the virtues of any of the ordinances of thy House, arise in or be entertained in their hearts; may they not be led astray that their faith become shaken or the light of thy Spirit diminish within them; but may thy holy influences be around them, and be with those who may be called upon to procure and disburse the means for the support of the workmen, that their eyes may be single to the glory of God and the building of this House. Cause we pray that no contentions or disputes may arise among them, or a contentious spirit be entertained while here engaged, or anything occur to grieve thy Holy Spirit. But may the peace of heaven fill each heart, and be upon the very teams that shall render their service, that with joy and rejoicing the hearts of all may be gladdened in performing their work from day to day, until the cap-stone of the building shall be set, and the same completely finished, and dedicated to thy most holy name; and the glory we ascribe to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

And we would bear up before thee thy servants the Apostles with him who presides over them. May they be filled with the knowledge of God, and thy Spirit and power be increased upon them, and may thy people be willing to hearken unto them, and be strongly united in the work of building up thy kingdom and extending its borders throughout the land. Continue to gather thy Saints unto these peaceful vales, and continue to bless the lands, the waters and the various