

around the world and arrived here in time. Nine of the quorum of the Twelve who assisted in laying the corner-stone and two of the presidents of the Church and five counselors to these presidents have died since that time.

The speaker mentioned some of his experiences in the Kirtland Temple, where he had preached from the same pulpit in which Jesus stood in his glory.

God's eye is upon this people. He and Christ appeared to Joseph Smith and talked with him. President Snow mentioned his acquaintance with the Prophet, who explained to him many mysteries. The Prophet was a man of integrity and self-sacrifice for the truth. Jesus, when on the earth, possessed the power of revealing life to mankind, and yet he appeared merely as a man. The Jews were surprised at his words, for He was not educated; but there were some who knew who He was as we know who Joseph was. Other men have stood in various dispensations as the only ones who held the keys to salvation and glory for the people of their day. One of these was Noah, and Joseph Smith was another. The testimonies borne by such men are the life of the world, but they are also death to those who will not receive them.

In the early time of labor on this Temple conditions were not so propitious as now, and they were worse in Nauvoo than here. Mobs attempted to break down the walls of the Temple before they could be completed. But God preserved it, and many blessings and glorious manifestations have been received there, and many now present will live to see even more glorious things than these. Many trials will come before that time; our faith will be tried; but if we live and do right and exercise charity for all, God will preserve us in the faith. In every situation of life every Latter-day Saint should remember what he came into the world to do—to be a Saint who will become worthy to sit with Jesus on His throne, as He with His Father.

One thing that induced the speaker to come into the Church was that he saw a way in which he could gain a testimony of God and Jesus Christ, and he saw that if he humbled himself before the Lord He would let him know of His existence and give him His Spirit. Seeking for light regarding the other world, he was not disappointed. Before he had been in the Church two years the Lord revealed to him the great truth: "As man now is, God once was; as God now is, man may be." The knowledge of this did him good, for John the Revelator says that when Christ comes we shall be like Him. In order to be like Him we must be pure as He is pure, and do His works as He would do them. As a musician practices and becomes proficient in his art, so with doing the will of God. He will help us to do these things in the end, although the practice to that end may be hard. The speaker closed with a blessing upon the people of God.

The authorities of the Church were presented by Apostle F. M. Lyman, and unanimously sustained.

Announcements of the exercises of laying the capstone were made by Bishop J. R. Winder.

Singing:

O say what is truth.

Benediction by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

A Priesthood meeting was held in the Tabernacle on the evening of Tuesday, April 5th. It was probably the largest gathering of the kind that has ever convened in the history of the Church in this dispensation. The speakers were, in the order in which they addressed the assembly: President Joseph F. Smith, President George Q. Cannon, and President Wilford Woodruff. Much valuable instruction was embodied in their remarks.

FOURTH DAY.

Wednesday, April 6th.

The choir and congregation united in singing:

Come, come, ye Saints, no toil nor labor fear,
But with joy wend your way;
Though hard to you this journey may appear,
Grace shall be as your day.

Prayer by Elder Seymour B. Young
The choir sang the anthem:

Glorious is Thy name.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE ASSEMBLAGE.

The Priesthood were arranged in the following order: The upper section of the centre stand, at the west end of the building, was occupied by the First Presidency. In the other sections, respectively, were (1) Members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, (2) Presiding Council of the Seventies, (3) Presiding Bishopric.

In the two divisions on the north and south of the centre stand were seated the Presidents of Stakes and their Counselors, and High Councilors.

The Bishops and their Counselors were arranged on the north and south lower division of the stand.

The following was the arrangement in the auditorium—main body of the hall—Front section south of the centre aisle, quorums of Seventies; behind them the Elders.

Front section north of the centre aisle, High Priests; behind them were, respectively, the Priests, Teachers and Deacons.

The general public occupied the remainder of the body of the hall—east division—and the galleries.

President George Q. Cannon.

referring to the resolution adopted by the Conference on Monday, in regard to the establishment of a Church University, said—On behalf of the First Presidency and the Twelve, to whom this resolution was addressed, I rise to state that we accept the instructions of the Conference, and shall do all in our power to carry their wishes, as expressed in that resolution, into practical effect.

Apostle Lorenzo Snow.

at the request of President Cannon, instructed the congregation as to the order of ceremony at the laying of the capstone of the Temple. "The words of the shout 'Hosanna,'" he said, "to be uttered upon, or after, the laying of the capstone today were introduced by President Joseph Smith at the Kirtland Temple, and were there used

at a solemn assemblage where the power of God was manifested and the vision of the Almighty was opened up to the brethren. This is no ordinary order, but is—and we wish it to be distinctly understood—a sacred shout, and employed only on extraordinary occasions like the one now before us. We wish it also to be distinctly understood that we want the brethren and sisters not only to express the words, but that their hearts shall be full of thanksgiving to the God of heaven, who has accomplished, through our agency, this mighty and extraordinary labor. Thirty-nine years ago to-day the foundation-stone—the corner-stone—of this Temple was laid, and in reflecting and meditating upon the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us, His people, during this number of years that have passed since that time, we wish the Saints to feel when they pronounce this shout that it comes from their hearts. Let your hearts be filled with thanksgiving." The speaker then gave out the following words: "Hosanna. Hosanna, Hosanna to God and the Lamb. Amen, amen, amen," and continued—"Now when we go before the temple and this shout goes forth, we want every man and every woman to shout these words to the very extent of their voices, so that every house in this city may tremble, the people in every portion of this city hear it, and it may reach to the eternal worlds."

President Snow then proceeded to train the people in the hosanna shout, the effect of which was thrilling and grand.

President Wilford Woodruff

said in substance: If there is any scene on the face of this earth that will attract the attention of the God of heaven and the heavenly Host, it is the one before us today—the assembling of this people, the shout of "Hosanna," the laying of the top stone of this temple in honor to our God. My brethren, sisters and friends, we want to finish this Temple; we want to dedicate it unto God as soon as we can, so that the vast host who dwell in this region of country may go into it and attend to the ordinances for their living and for their dead. I hope we shall all lay this to heart and try to furnish means so far as we can, in order that the building may be speedily completed. We are able, as a people, to do this. I realize that there are many calls upon the Latter-day Saints for the work and purposes of the Church and kingdom of God upon the earth; but this work now before us is a most important event—the most important that we have upon our hands. I well remember the day and the hour when this first revelation for the redemption of our dead was received by the mouth of the Prophet of God. Who can comprehend this? Where is the man or woman who can comprehend this principle, that we have the power to go into these Temples of our God and redeem our progenitors—our fathers and our mothers, from whom we have descended? They never heard the Gospel; they never enjoyed the blessings which you and I have in our day and time through the mercy of God. We are their posterity. They are on the other side of the veil, shut up in prison, and will remain there