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the streets outside. At least 20,000, altogether, gathered to witness the proceedings.

Precisely at 12, noon, the immense congregation was called to order by Elder George Q. Cannon, who, at the request of the family, conducted the ceremonies.

The choir of 220 voices, led by Bro. George Careless, Bro. Joseph J. Daynes presiding at the organ, sang,

"Hark! from afar a funeral knell,"

To the tune of "Rest," composed by the leader, on the occasion of President Geo. A. Smith's funeral, and only used on the two occasions.

PRAYER BY ELDER F. D. RICHARDS.

Our Father who art in heaven, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we implore a measure of thy Holy Spirit to rest down upon this vast congregation, that we may worship before thee in the spirit of meekness, and the beauty of holiness, and in that right and proper frame of mind which belongs to Saints of the living God.

We thank thee, holy Father that in thy kind providence and heavenly love, when the whole earth lay in sin and wickedness, thou didst break the darkness and send light and blessing to the human family by thy servant Joseph; that thou didst cause the angels of heaven to minister to him, by which thy will has been revealed again to man upon the earth, and thine authority has been restored that the righteous may minister in the name of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins, and the power of the Everlasting Covenant by which mankind may be brought again unto thee. And we thank thee, Father, that after him, when he had sealed his testimony with his blood, slain by the hands of wicked assassins, when the church was young, and feeble on the earth, thou didst give us thy servant Brigham to continue those labors, and to spread abroad the knowledge of thy will and to establish thy government in the earth.

O Lord, this morning, we are called to part with this, one of the noblest sons of thy numerous family; and we cannot but recollect the variety, the multitudinous character and magnitude of the labors he has performed here upon the earth. But we realize that we do not yet feel and know the extent of that loss which we have sustained by his departure. Thou, Father, hast made him to be a great captain in Israel, to lead thy people from scenes of great distress to these retired vales of the earth, where homes, peace and plenty have been abundantly given unto us. Where he has been permitted by his labors and loving counsels to establish thy people in thy strength and blessing, by which thine enemies and the enemies of thy people, and they too in our very midst, have been vanquished by the power of faith that is planted in the bosoms of thy Saints. We thank thee for the great good he has been permitted to do on the earth and especially to thy people Israel. And we pray that thou wilt grant unto us that we may mourn for him in a proper and acceptable manner; that while we realize our loss is great, we may rejoice, our Father, in the anticipation of that joy which he experiences, with thy servants Joseph and Hyrum and those who have gone before of the sons of the Faithful, even Abraham our ancestor. O Lord wilt thou let that promised blessed influence of thy Holy Spirit, and the presence of their spirits attend upon us to-day, and be felt by this whole multitude; Give unto us those sincere and intelligent joys of the gospel that shall lift our souls above every earthly care and sorrow, that we may be established in the principles of truth revealed and rejoice in the restoration of the keys, powers and authority of the gospel.

And we pray that thou wilt comfort the hearts of the bereaved family and household with such an exalted view of the character of thy dealings to thy people and to them as shall enable each to say, "Father, thy will be done!" Bless the absent members of his family, his sons in other lands; may they in their ministry and studies feel the consolations of that Spirit which Heaven alone can give. Bless, we pray thee, the wives of thy servant who has departed. May they

entertain that truthful, faithful and virtuous integrity to him which is most becoming for them, until they shall embrace him again, to share and rejoice with him in the fullness of the blessings of immortality and eternal lives. Bless thou and comfort and honor his sons and daughters, the commencement of a mighty race in the earth. O Lord, establish in them the powers of the everlasting priesthood and covenant, that they may be able to live to honor their illustrious father. Wilt thou remember his two sons who have stepped forward and who are partakers of the apostleship. May they become great lights in their father's house, those upon whom the others may lean for assistance, for comfort and for support in all the walks of life. We pray that thou wilt comfort thine Elders in all the earth this day; when they hear of these sad tidings may the Holy Spirit minister to them, may angels visit them and make them to feel that all is well.

We pray thee to hasten the day when the great work in which thy servant Brigham has taken so active and prominent a part, shall be extended and magnified more abundantly in the earth. We thank thee, O Lord, that thou didst inspire him in his later days to build and dedicate Temples unto thy name and to set in order the priesthood therein, together with all the ordinances thereof both for the living and for the dead, that thou didst move upon him to more fully organize the people, set in order thy church, and clothe thy Zion more abundantly with the powers of the holy priesthood.

O Lord, now that thou hast taken him, let thy blessings come down in greater abundance and power upon thy servants who remain; and preserve thy people from any manner of schism or discord. And let those upon whom shall devolve the duty and responsibility of giving guidance to thy work upon the earth, abide in the bonds of the everlasting covenant, and may the revelations of thy will be given unto them, thy Spirit be in them, and thy counsels be made manifest through them unto all of thy people. And we forget not to seek thy blessings upon thy aged servants, now venerable in years, the brothers of thy servant Brigham. May they, our Father, be able to emulate most abundantly the worthy and glorious career of the honored dead whose remains are now before us. And we pray that thou wilt lengthen out their days until their souls shall be satisfied with this life, and then that they may be gathered to the glorious host that shall attend to wait upon them.

We beseech of thee, our Father, to remember thy scattered Israel in every part the House of Judah, the Ten Tribes wherever they may be, and the scattered remnants of this land in which we are permitted to dwell. May thy word go forth, thy spirit be diffused, and the power of the priesthood that thou hast restored rest not until Israel be gathered, Zion redeemed, Jerusalem built up and thy glory restored to earth.

We ask thee, holy Father, to receive our thanks this morning, for we acknowledge with gratitude the peace that thou hast blessed us with. Although thou didst suffer thy servant to be imprisoned for the truth's sake, thou didst preserve his life until he could lay it down in peace in his own house and habitation, in the midst of his loving family and devoted friends. Be pleased to continue peace upon our borders and in our midst, preserve us from the horrors of war, for thou hast promised to fight the battle of thy people. While hundreds of thousands are falling by pestilence in other lands, here in our valleys, once a wild desert but now the home of thy saints, abounds plenty, plenty for man and for beast. For all this we thank and praise thee O thou God of Hosts.

Bless, O Lord, thy servants who may speak on this occasion. May their words be full of consolation and comfort to all those who mourn for we are all mourners before thee this day. And may we who have been co-workers with thy servant, so live and so labor that we may come to a peaceful and happy end, and our last days be like his, that we may rejoice in our labors knowing that they are acceptably done. We dedicate ourselves, our families, this people and work unto thee the Lord our God; it is thine, and we are thine. Direct all things to the glory of thy name, and unto Thee shall be all praise, glory and honor,

through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

Choir sang

"Thou dost not weep to weep alone."

Tune "Bereavement," composed by the leader.

The following remarks were then made, as reported, as well as the above prayer, phonographically by Brother George F. Gibbs:

PRESIDENT D. H. WELLS.

I arise with an aching heart, but cannot let pass this opportunity of paying at least a tribute of respect to our departed friend and brother, who has just stepped behind the veil. I can only say, Let the silent tear fall that it may give relief to the troubled heart; for we have lost our counselor, our friend, our president; a friend to God, a friend to His saints, a friend to the Church and a friend to humanity.

I have no desire or wish to multiply words, feeling that it is rather a time to mourn. Good bye, Brother Brigham, until the morning of the resurrection day, when thy spirit and body shall be reunited, and thou shalt inherit immortality, eternal lives and everlasting glory, and thy life-long companions who will soon follow after, will meet thee in peace and joy.

May God bless the Latter-day Saints, and may the consolations of the holy gospel, the hope of the glorious resurrection and redemption wrought out by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ pervade every heart to the consoling thereof, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF.

We have lying before us the earthly tabernacle of President Brigham Young. His voice is hushed in death, and all Israel has to bow and submit to the mind and will of God. Israel will never again hear his voice until after the resurrection. I have no desire to occupy the time of this assembly, in eulogizing the life of President Young. His works and words are recorded in heaven, and they are recorded here on the earth; and that is sufficient. Let those of us who remain a few days study the counsels, the sermons and principles which have been revealed unto us through the mouth of this prophet of God. It will be but a few days until a great many of us who are in this assembly will follow him.

It seems as though Joseph was with anxious to have him, on the other side of the veil, almost all the men that labored with him and stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the flesh. I do not suppose there was ever a man breathed the breath of life who, in the short space of forty-five years, has done so much towards the establishment of the government and kingdom of God, as our beloved President. His life has been before many of you for several years, and to some from the commencement of his labors in this church. He felt the weight of this dispensation resting upon him; he certainly has been true and faithful unto death, and he is prepared to receive a crown of life.

About all I wish to do in my remarks is to exhort this great body of people who hold the holy priesthood, that during the few remaining days of our earthly life we continue, faithfully, the work that is now left to us to do. "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away, and blessed be the name of the Lord." The great desire of President Young in the last year of his life, as well as previously, was that before he passed away he might erect Temples to the name of the Lord, in that way and manner that men bearing the holy priesthood in the flesh could enter into those temples and perform their missions, for the redemption of the dead. This has been plainly manifested to all who have been much in his company. I rejoice that he lived long enough to enter into one Temple and attend to its dedication, and to commence the work of others. And I would say to this people, let us go to and finish these Temples, that we may continue the work required of us. I trust we will realize the importance of the great and serious responsibilities resting upon us who are engaged in the work which comprehends all others; it being the great and last dispensation of the fulness of times; that we, like our leader, may be diligent, day and night, in striving to carry out the counsels given to us.

I feel to thank God in my spirit that our beloved President has had

the privilege, when his work was finished, of laying down his body in peace, at home, surrounded by his family and friends; instead of suffering martyrdom as did our former President, and as did nearly all of the ancient Apostles. This to me is certainly very consoling. And I would repeat, Let us accomplish the work laid upon us by our beloved leader, so that when our time is ended, we can go hence and be welcomed into the society of Brigham, of Joseph, George A., Brother Kimball and the host of Elders who have dwelt in the flesh and proven faithful and true, feeling satisfied with our labors.

It is said that "blessings brighten as they take their flight." I have often felt in listening to the glorious principles of President Young, that the people here heard him so much that they hardly prized the beauty and the extent of the results and virtues of his teachings. Brethren let us give these things our serious attention and remember them and carry them out in our lives. Let us keep the commandments, striving in all earnestness to be true and faithful to the end of our work, so that we may share the joys of those men whose names brighten the pages of our history.

I would say to the bereaved family, may God comfort you and bless you and give you increasingly of his Spirit. Your husband and father has gone to prepare the way for his family who must sooner or later follow after him. If you, as his wives, his sons and daughters keep his sayings, you will be prepared to meet him in the morning of the resurrection, numbered among the faithful and worthy ones. And to my brethren and sisters who have heard his voice for these many years: Let us not forget the precious words of truth and wisdom he has taught us. We are living in a time of important changes. If ever a man could have been saved from dying through prayer, President Brigham Young could. But it was not in the power of man to keep him here. I believe Bro. Geo. A. Smith was kept from dying through the prayers of his brethren and the saints, several months after he was called away. But when the Lord calls we must go. When we received word in St. George of the sickness of President Young, we stopped all business, and went into the Temple remaining mostly for two days and nights engaged in supplicating Almighty God for his recovery, until the time of his death. Having finished his work he had to go; and he is now beyond the power of pain and sorrow, sickness and death. He has been true and faithful to the end, and therefore all is well with him.

That God may bless us all, and help us to realize the responsibility we are under to him, to our fellow-man and to each other, to the living and to the dead, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW.

I parted with President Brigham Young and a few brethren who were with him in Mant, Sanpete County, in July last; since which time I have been engaged attending visitings and organizing the southern settlements; and was at the time of his death, on a visit to our settlements in south-eastern Nevada. Through the blessings of God I have been enabled to return, in company with Elder Woodruff, who has just addressed us, in time to be present on this memorable occasion.

Shall I say it is a pleasure to have the privilege of meeting with the Saints of God on this occasion? It might seem paradoxical to use such an expression, but nevertheless it is true. The pleasure is not in parting with our honored, tried and beloved President; but it is in meeting with this vast body of Latter-day Saints and the thousands of Elders of Israel that are assembled on this occasion, who have come together to testify to one another, to the world of mankind, and to the heavens, the love, the esteem, the confidence and the enduring ties which bind him to us. We meet not merely to condole with the beloved family and relatives of the deceased; but we meet to condole with each other, and to publicly testify of the faith we have in Christ Jesus and in the work that we and our President are engaged in, in which he led the van, directing our energies and as the mouthpiece of God imparting words of wisdom, counsel and guidance unto this people.

I first became acquainted with Brother Brigham in the month of

July, 1835. It has been my high privilege to be associated with him in the labors of the gospel from that time up to the present, to share the benefits of his counsels and labors, and to co-operate with him in this great work in which he has been engaged. It would be but a small thing to add my testimony, but which I know would be the testimony of thousands before me, as well as thousands who are not with us to-day, more especially of those who have been longest and most intimately acquainted with him; a testimony we are all able to bear, namely, the never-failing devotion of his heart to the building up of the kingdom of God, to the honoring of the holy priesthood he received, and to the carrying out of the counsels of the Lord and all things revealed through the Prophet Joseph, as well as all things which manifested themselves to him from day to day, pointing to the welfare of Israel; all the day long he has borne the burdens and responsibilities placed upon him, which he has honored and magnified to the end. I believe that all Israel will agree with Elder Woodruff in the expression, that if the anxiety and prayers of the Saints could have preserved him longer in our midst, he would not have passed away. But from the time I heard of his sickness, which was less than twenty-four hours before his death, I was not able to gather any testimony in my earnest prayers and supplications that he would tarry with us; but on the other hand, a deep seated feeling rested upon me that the Lord was about to call him behind the veil. And when the news of his death reached me, the first and most prominent feeling of my heart was, "Thank God that he has had the privilege of spending his last moments in quiet and peace in the midst of his friends and has gone beyond the reach of his enemies, who now have no power to annoy and persecute him." We are permitted too to mourn his loss in peace and quiet. Peace be upon Israel! Peace be upon his beloved family! Peace be upon all his beloved brethren and laborers in Zion and throughout the world! Peace be upon the multitudes of Israel who this day assemble throughout the land to testify their faith their respect and their love for him, the congregations of Saints who are at this hour in every part of the land in the act of worshipping, and mingling their feelings, their voices and testimony with ours for the same common purpose!

President Brigham Young needs no monument to perpetuate his name and character more than that which he himself by his own works and virtues has reared in the hearts of his people. And his testimony is such as will be in force to all the world, and his fame in connection with that of the Prophet Joseph Smith is known among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. This latter-day work is not the work of a few years in mortality; our priesthood is everlasting, "without beginning of days or end of years," the labors of which reach forward through time and into eternity and continue for ever. Truly did the Lord speak to John the Revelator when banished for the Gospel's sake to the Isle of Patmos, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." From the labors of the flesh they rest, but their works continue. Rest is a change, but not a cessation from labor. And the works of every faithful Elder of Israel after finishing his labors in the flesh, will go forward in the future ages of eternity. Brother Brigham, having done a great, a glorious work in the flesh, now joins his labors with those of the spirit world and is welcomed back again from this mission of mortality; receives the joyous welcome of the Father and the Son and the greetings of apostles and prophets, of Joseph and his brethren who have gone before him, all welcoming him back again from earth, he joins with them in the more extensive labors of the Priesthood, the redemption of the hosts of the dead and their preparations for the resurrection day.

It is a great joy and comfort to know that he had the privilege of living to complete one Temple and to see it dedicated, and that he superintended the setting in order of the priesthood and the ordinances for the redemption of the dead, as well as for the exaltation of the living.