

# SOUVENIR PROGRAM

## DEDICATORY SERVICES

**BUTLER 3rd WARD / EAST JORDAN STAKEHOUSE**  
**Sunday, August 13, 1961 ♦ 2:30 p.m. 3001 East 7800 South**

*Dedicatory Prayer offered by President Henry D. Moyle  
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Left to right: President Stanley W. Burgon, first counselor; Robert Beard, assistant stake clerk; President Donald B. Milne, stake president; Walter L. Collins, clerk; President Edward B. Erekson, second counselor.

In memory of this great occasion, the dedication of our Stake Center and Butler Third Ward Chapel, we pay tribute to the membership of the East Jordan Stake for their faith and devotion in the erection of this beautiful building. To the Leadership of ward and stake, we express appreciation for your support and sustaining influence. The history of East Jordan Stake has been one of progress and accomplishment and this is no exception. We rejoice with you in the work of the Lord and His blessings to us in our building program.

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The dedication of our chapel and stake house indicates the magnitude of accomplishments which are possible through the cooperative efforts of faithful members of the Church under the inspiration of the Lord.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the ward membership and all others who responded so willingly and generously in this endeavor.

May the Lord's blessings for your obedience in this instance point the way to insure continued faithfulness and service in the building of His Kingdom.

Faithfully yours,

**BUTLER THIRD WARD BISHOPRIC**

Mark R. Cram, Bishop

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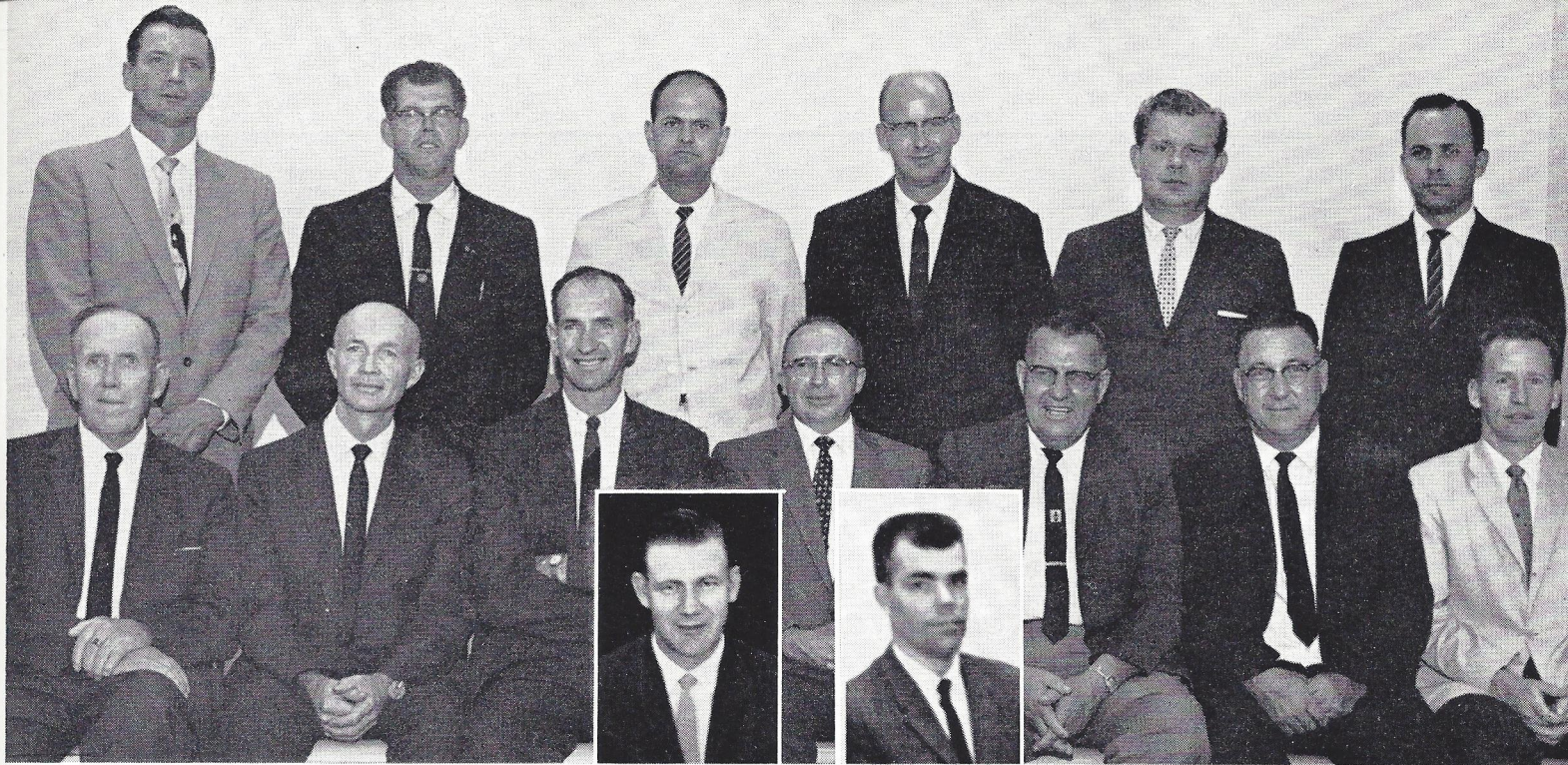


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## EAST JORDAN STAKE HISTORY

One of the first stakes organized by the Church in the Twentieth Century was the Jordan Stake, formed in January, 1900, and comprising most of the area in South Salt Lake County.

The Jordan Stake continued in existence until May 8, 1927, when a division was effected under the direction of Elders Stephen L. Richards and John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve. The division took place at the 106th Quarterly Stake Conference. All of the area east of the Jordan River was named East Jordan Stake and the area west of the river was called West Jordan Stake. The newly formed East Jordan Stake had a population of 5,548, divided among the following wards: Butler, 263; Crescent, 285; Draper, 947; Midvale, 1079; Granite, 155; East Midvale, 492; Sandy, 538; Sandy, 527; Sandy, 555; Union 707.

Sustained as president of the new East Jordan Stake was Heber J. Burgon. He chose as his counselors John A. Aylett and Reid Beck, with Niels Lund as stake clerk.

On October 22, 1928, a groundbreaking was held for the Butler Ward, and the building was completed in November of 1930, at a cost of \$17,000.00. The first meeting was held in the new chapel November 23, 1930, and the building was dedicated November 17, 1946 by Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve.

The stake purchased property on April 26, 1936 at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon and created Glacio Park. The opening social in the park was held July 7, 1936.

On May 3, 1942, Mount Jordan Stake was divided from the East Jordan Stake. The presidency of East Jordan Stake sustained at this division consisted of Heber J. Burgon, president; John A. Aylett, first counselor; Raymond H. Clayton, second counselor, and Charles Schmidt, stake clerk. Wards comprising the East Jordan Stake at the time of this division included Butler, Union First, Union Second, East Midvale First and East Midvale Second.

A permanent welfare project was assigned East Jordan Stake in 1943, and property on which to conduct the project was purchased by the stake from Albert E. Burgon.

On February 18, 1945, President Burgon and his counselors were released and a new presidency sustained. Henry Golden Tempest was sustained as president, with Harry S. Wright and Blaine Watts as counselors and Wesley B. Nance, stake clerk. These brethren served until February 1, 1953, when Reed H. Beckstead was sustained as president, with J. Thomas Fyans as first counselor, Jesse W. Thomson, second counselor, and Lawrence Mineer, stake clerk.

Another division of the stake occurred June 30, 1957, under the direction of Elders Henry D. Moyle and LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve. The Midvale Stake was formed, with Third East named as the dividing line. Following the division, the East Jordan Stake population was 5664. Both stakes were within 30 members of being equal in population. Wards in the new East Jordan Stake included Butler, Butler Second, Union First, Union Second, Union Third and Union Fourth.

Sustained as the presidency of the stake at that time were Donald B. Milne, Stanley W. Burgon, Edward B. Erekson and Walter L. Collins, stake clerk, the presidency currently serving.

Three months after the stake reorganization, President Milne and his counselors formed the Butler Third and Fourth Wards from the original Butler Second Wards. The division took place on Sept. 8, 1957. Then on May 11, 1958, Butler 5th Ward was created from the Union First and Butler Fourth Wards.

During the past four years, the stake has continued to grow. At the end of July, 1961, there were 8500 members in the stake. Eight chapel sites have been purchased throughout the stake, and two have been used to erect chapels. In October of 1960, the Union Second Ward began building a new chapel. A second stake house for the lower end of the stake was included in the planning, giving the stake two large buildings in which to schedule meetings and activities. At the time of dedication of the present stake house this new building was reported about 50 per cent complete. In addition to building projects in nearly all the wards, the stake has participated in the building and dedication of one seminary building and currently has plans underway for a second seminary at the new Hillcrest High School.



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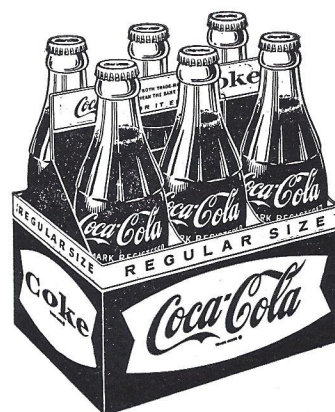


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## HISTORY OF BUTLER THIRD WARD

The Butler Third Ward was organized on September 8, 1957 at a special Sacrament meeting under the direction of President Donald B. Milne of the East Jordan Stake. It was formed from part of the Butler and Butler Second Wards. The boundaries of the ward were set at Highland Drive, 7400 South, East to the mountains and south to Union Ward boundary. Mark R. Cram was sustained as bishop with Maurice L. Watts as first counselor, A. Donald Nydegger as second counselor, A. Wilford Ingleby as ward clerk and Newell K. Garff as assistant clerk.

It was the desire of the bishopric from the first day of organization to build a chapel for the ward. In November, 1957, the stake presidency met with members of the bishopric and proposed that the ward build a two ward and a stake house on the property owned by the ward on 7800 South and 2900 East. The bishopric agreed that a stake and ward house be built. At the Priesthood meeting held on November 24, 1957, the proposition to build a stake house and two-ward chapel was unanimously approved by members present. Because the other wards in the stake also were raising money or building chapels, the Butler Third Ward assumed their share of the building to be approximately \$140,000.00.

Bishop Mark R. Cram proposed at a Priesthood meeting on February 9, 1958, that the ward purchase an additional hundred by four hundred foot piece of land for additional parking facilities. This was unanimously approved by the members present. Bishop Cram then proposed that the ward use a plan that is being used by Price stake and wards and thereby save approximately half of the architect fees. This was also unanimously approved by members of the Priesthood.

A special meeting was held on March 16, 1958, for all the officers of the ward. Bishop Cram asked all the organizations to become enthused about the building program; also that whenever a prayer is said in a meeting that the building program be mentioned.

A special meeting was held at 7800 South and 3000 East, the site of the new chapel and stake house, on June 11, 1958. Elder Henry D. Moyle, a member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church, was present and participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies. Elder Moyle, President Milne and Bishop Mark R. Cram spoke to those in attendance. After the meeting, the ward was successful in raising approximately one thousand dollars towards the building.

Actual construction of the new building was started in August of 1958. Earl W. Dunn of Midvale was hired as the superintendent of construction. The building progressed rapidly under the direction of Brother Dunn until September, 1959, when the funds were nearly exhausted. In order to continue, it became apparent that the ward would have to borrow funds from the Church. Borrowing funds from the Church was approved by the stake presidency, by members of the Priesthood and by the general membership of the ward in a sacrament meeting. The ward borrowed \$60,000.00 from the Church and were to pay it back at \$2,000.00 per month.

May 22, 1960, the first sacrament meeting was held in the new chapel. This was a Primary conference and there were six hundred and twenty-three in attendance. All of the meetings of the ward have been held in the new chapel since June of 1960.

During the early part of 1961, the bishopric held a series of meetings with families of the ward assigning to them a "stewardship." The members were promised by the bishop at these meetings that if they would meet these stewardships that the Lord would abundantly bless them. The goal for dedicating the chapel was set for June 25, 1961. At a later meeting with members of the building committee it was suggested that the building be dedicated at stake conference on August 13, 1961. The final payment on the loan made to the ward by the Church was August 11, 1961.



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EAST JORDAN STAKE HOUSE — DEDICATORY SERVICES**

Members of East Jordan Stake and the Butler Third Ward reached the culmination of three years' of intensive building and fund raising work on Sunday, August 13, 1961, when the Stake House and Third Ward Chapel was dedicated to the Lord by President Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency of the Church.

The impressive dedicatory services were conducted as part of the afternoon session of the Stake Quarterly Conference. President Moyle presided at the services and President Donald B. Milne, stake president, conducted.

An overflow crowd of 1,313 persons was on hand to participate in the services and hear the dedicatory prayer offered by President Moyle. The address and prayer given by President Moyle are reprinted in full elsewhere in the program.

Sister Dorothy Anderson, Butler Third Ward organist, played the prelude and postlude music, and accompanied the singing. Elder Ira L. Butler, chorister of Butler Third Ward, directed the singing of a special choir composed of ward members and some selected stake representatives.

The opening hymn, sung by the choir and congregation, was, "Praise To the Man." Bishop J. G. Henry Johnson of Union Fourth Ward, high councilman in charge of buildings at the time the new chapel was begun in 1958, offered the invocation.

A ladies chorus from the choir then sang "Send Forth Thy Spirit," directed by Elder Butler and accompanied by Sister Anderson.

President Milne was the first speaker. He recalled the groundbreaking on June 11, 1958, when President Moyle officiated, and was also invited to dedicate the building.

Noting that great effort had gone forth throughout the stake in new buildings, President Milne reported that in the past four years some \$450,000 had been raised in money and labor in the stake. He recounted the projects currently underway in the stake and challenged members of the Butler and Butler Second Ward to dedicate their chapel during 1961. In his remarks, he related many faith-promoting experiences that had come to members of the stake who participated in new building projects.

President Stanley W. Burgon, first counselor in the stake presidency, spoke next and recalled the various meeting places for the stake presidency and high council before the present building was completed. He noted that the dedicatory service was to give the gift of this building to the Savior, and asked that it might be evidence, not only of a clean, pure building, but of the clean, pure lives of the givers.

President Edward B. Erekson, second counselor in the stake presidency, expressed the joy he felt in his

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heart for something done for our Heavenly Father. He said the sacrifices represented in building the structure and raising the funds represented "our crossing of the plains." He encouraged members of the stake and ward to building their testimonies of the Gospel in the building, and said the Lord will bless His people as they seek Him.

Bishop Mark R. Cram of Butler Third Ward spoke next and expressed his gratitude to the Lord for the successful completion of the project. He praised the united effort of the ward and stake in pushing forward the project, and said it was a "joyful experience" to build the building and collect the funds. He said there were times in the course of building when the bishopric wondered if it would go forward, but the members of the ward always came through. As Bishop, he blessed the members of the ward physically, spiritually and monetarily for their united spirit in completing the building and paying for it.

Maurice L. Watts, first counselor to Bishop Cram, said there were three main impressions that the project had fixed in his mind. These were, he said: (1) Evidence of what persistence can accomplish; (2) the power of prayer, particularly when people have assessments to raise and don't know where the money is coming from; and (3), the growth that comes in response to challenge. He praised Bishop Cram for his personal attention to all phases of the building and fund-raising efforts.

A. Don Nydegger, second counselor, recalled instances through the building project, and said it had

thrilled him to see the lengths to which people would go to serve the Lord. He said the Lord will shower blessings on the ward members for their efforts in this building and other work. He told ward members that their investment in the building was an investment in the Kingdom of God. Your children and grandchildren will come here to gain testimonies, he said, and encouraged parents and ward leaders to teach respect for the building, particularly reverence in the chapel.

President Milne next invited a former stake president, Heber J. Burgon to speak. Pres. Burgon served as president of the old Jordan Stake from May 8, 1927 to February 18, 1945. He recalled that in January, 1900, one stake covered the county area in the Salt Lake, and now some 40 to 50 stakes were spread throughout the valley. He related experiences in his leadership of the Jordan area, and said there had been great spiritual growth in the lives of Church members also.

Following President Burgon's remarks, the choir, directed by Elder Butler, and the congregation, directed by Eldon V. Carter of the stake music committee, sang the "Hosanna Anthem" and "The Spirit of God Like a Fire Is Burning."

Following the singing, President Moyle gave his dedicatory address and the dedicatory prayer, reprinted in full elsewhere in this program.

The choir concluded the program by singing "Bless This House," and Elder Wendell B. Nix of the High Council offered the benediction.

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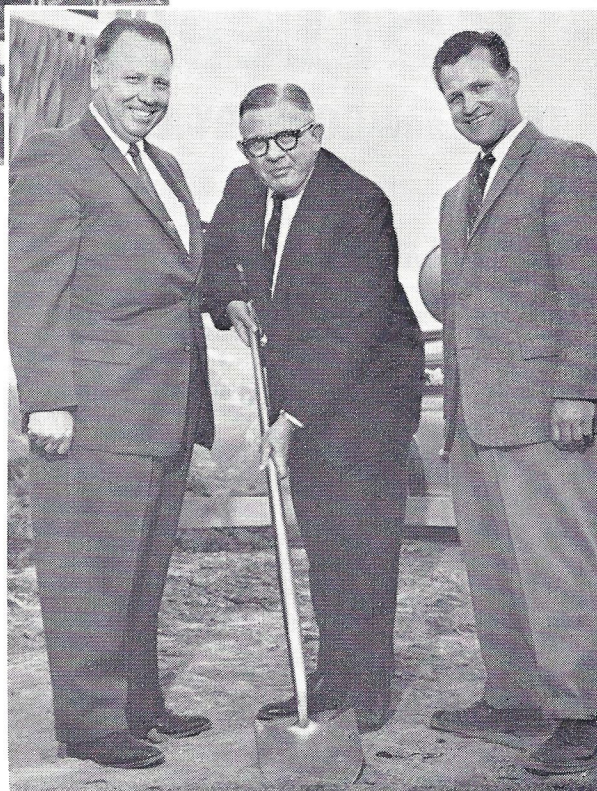




Bishop Cram addresses the groundbreaking, June 11, 1958.



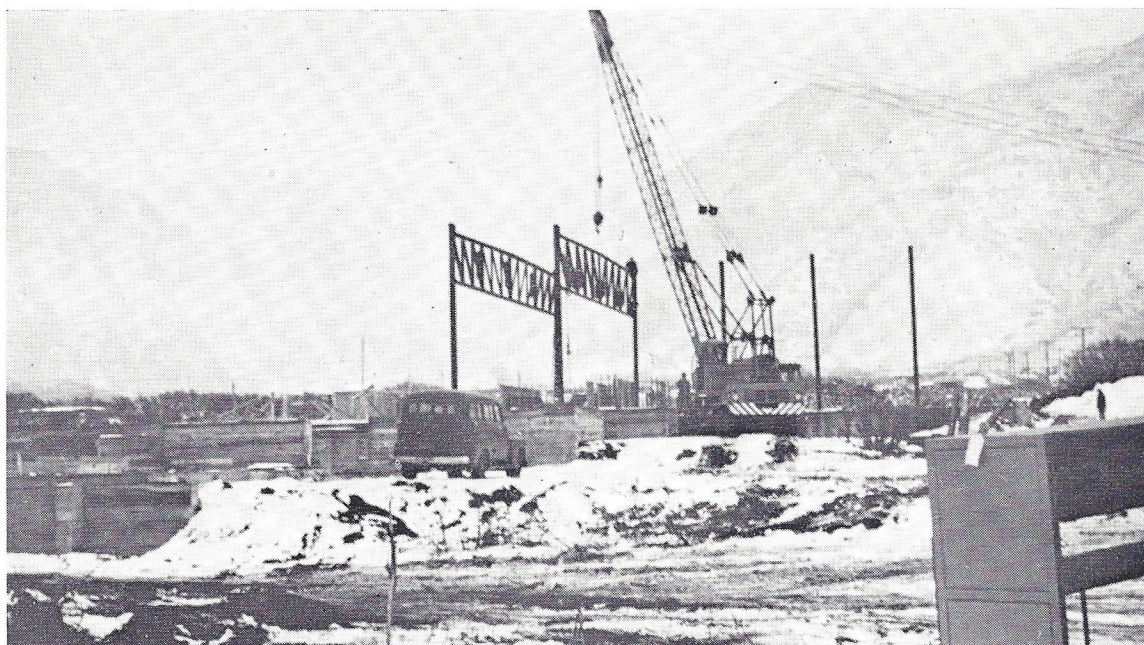
President Moyle as he spoke at the groundbreaking services.



President Moyle takes the first shovel of earth and wins the smiling approval of President Milne and Bishop Cram.

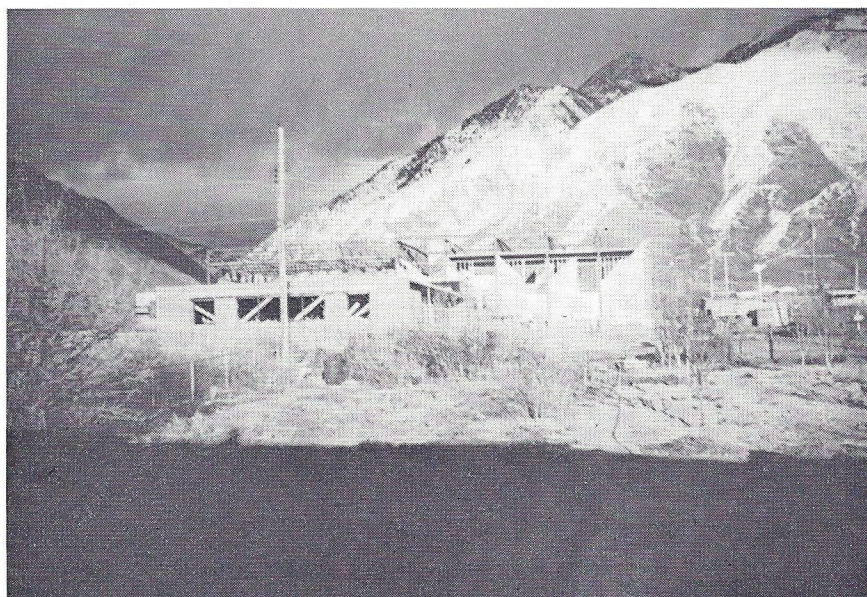
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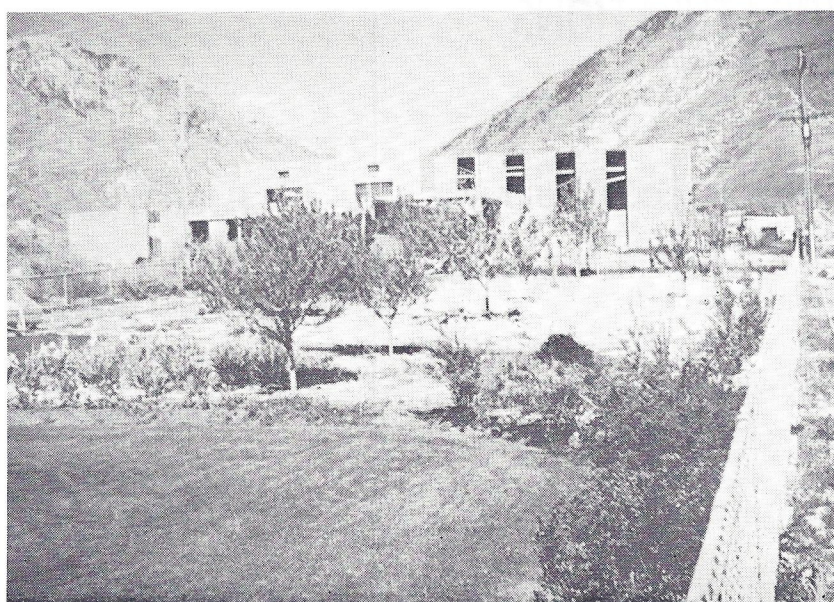


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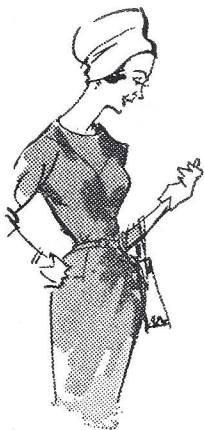
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DEDICATION

It is astonishing, as President Burgon has remarked here today, the tremendous growth of the Church here at home as well as in other areas of the Church throughout the world.

We only had in the beginning here after the Salt Lake Stake was divided, the Cottonwood and the Jordan Stakes. President Burgon has told you today that the area occupied by the Jordan Stake now comprises six stakes and, if I have not stretched it a little, by including a little territory from one of the stakes to the north, I think we have thirteen stakes where Cottonwood Stake used to be, making nineteen stakes in the county where at one time there were only two, and I, like President Burgon, lived in the day here when living in the city I belonged to the same stake as those who lived out in the Jordan area belonged.

Last Sunday I was in Florida and there, where a few years ago we had but a few branches of the Southern States Mission, we now have four stakes. It was my very great privilege to meet with four stake presidents of the four Florida stakes in their first regional welfare meeting. So, you see, the welfare work, which you all know is close to my heart, is keeping pace with the growth of the stakes throughout the Church.

It is rather interesting to know that today brethren are in Alaska organizing a stake there, and some of the other brethren are down in Florida reorganizing a stake presidency. I am sure there are many things happening in between of which I am not at the moment aware. It has gotten beyond the ability of any one person to keep up with all of the details pertaining to the growth of the Church in these latter days.

When I went into the Quorum of the Twelve in 1947, one of my first assignments was to assist in organizing a stake in South Carolina, which was the

165th stake of the Church, and in the few years that I have been a General Authority the stakes of the Church have more than doubled. It is difficult for us to find enough brethren to keep up with the organization of the stakes that are authorized.

I think one very significant fact has been brought to your attention in this quarterly conference. That is that you have had here as one of your speakers in previous sessions Elder J. Leonard Love, who has been assigned as a regional supervisor of your stake missionary work. And so the growth and the development and the organization of the Church goes on.

### Early Recollections

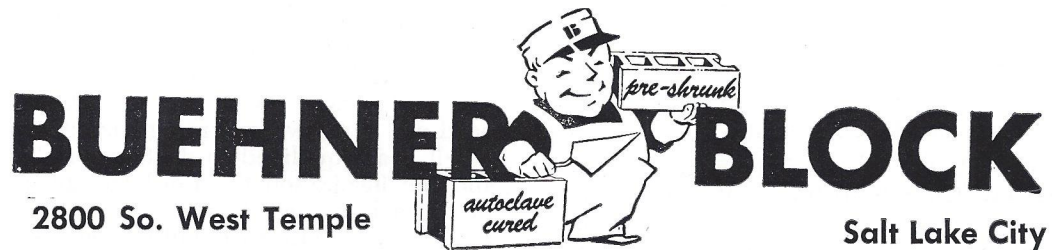
I am so grateful that President Milne here this afternoon has told us of the contemplated dedication of the Butlerville Second Ward meetinghouse. I have not only been a neighbor to you, living in the Cottonwood Stake, but from my earliest childhood, and certainly my earliest recollections, I have always been acquainted with Butlerville Ward. From the time I was one year old my parents took me to Brighton. I never missed a summer up there until I was called on my mission. It was a landmark here, the old Butlerville meetinghouse. We passed it coming and going from the canyon. That would be twice a year.

I am astonished now when I think of how we can go up to Brighton for an hour. Sometimes some of my children have been going up two or three times a day. Sister Moyle said to me this morning, "I don't know how they stand it," because she has remembrances of the time when it took us a whole day to get there, and I have a recollection of when it took me two days. I would get my cow out from Salt Lake where we lived to Butlerville one day, and I would sleep here at night in someone's barn who was good



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enough to let me make that use of their hayloft, and make the trip to Brighton the next day.

So I want to say to you Butlerville people, Butler and Butler Second Ward, you have reestablished in a most beautiful way a wonderful landmark in this county as well as a place in which the people in this community from the earliest settlement of this county have worshipped our Heavenly Father. It will be a source of satisfaction to me to see this meetinghouse dedicated, even as it is to see it now completed. And what a beautiful building it is!

I think President Milne has been a little lenient in suggesting that you might complete your payments this year.

It is a great thing—whenever you have a job to do, and you know you have to do it, the sooner you get at it and accomplish it, the sooner peace of mind comes to you, and then you can start the sooner on contributing to something else. That is life in the Church.

#### Assignment of Mortality

I had the opportunity of reading an article in a publication called "Church History." It is published by The American Society of Church History, a national organization, and has reference to the history of the Church from its foundation by Christ in the meridian of time up till the present time. The lead article in the June number of this magazine is written by Hugh Nibley of the Brigham Young University, one of the greatest scholars, and I have no question in my own mind but what he is probably the greatest linguist, the Church has produced. I read this statement, written by him, which is apropos of our situation here today.

He says, "The prospect of failure and defeat in the world, far from being incompatible with the Gospel message, is an integral part of it." I do not believe that truer words were ever written. We did not come into the world to tread an easy path. That is not the assignment of mortality. We talk about spoiled children for whom a good mother does everything. We used to say that a man was born with a silver spoon in his mouth if he happened to be born into a family with some considerable wealth. That is just another way of saying the children were spoiled if the wealth was not properly controlled. And when we spoil children, when we do for children that which they can do for themselves, we have made life easier for them, robbed them of the privilege of gaining the strength which comes from accomplishment, and to that extent defeat the purpose for which they, as choice spirits, were sent into this earth to work out their own salvation.

It is wonderful when men and women can look upon hardships with pleasure. It was never intended that we should be, as many people have become, through past ages, unhappy with life, feeling that they must in a way degrade themselves in order to live lives of righteousness. There is none of that element in the Gospel of Jesus Christ today. And so if we have problems in life we do not pray to our Heavenly Father to relieve us of those problems, or at least we should not—that is not the purpose of prayer—but the purpose of prayer is for us to be given

strength to meet the problems of life. We are not left alone.

#### Impressed With Leadership

I have been more than ever impressed this afternoon with your leadership. I love these brethren who have spoken here today. I must confide in you a matter of great importance to me. When I received the assignment from the Presidency to come out here and divide this stake, it came to me as clear as anything ever to come to my mind, that there was one man down here the Lord wanted to be your stake president. Elder LeGrand Richards was assigned to come down here with me, and in our first meeting in our office I said to him, "I do not believe there is any necessity of going down to East Jordan Stake and interviewing the brethren as we usually do. The Lord has made it manifest to me who should be the stake president down there;" and it rather upset Brother Richards. He put the wrong slant on it, I guess. He said, "Well, if that is the case, you don't need me. Go down and reorganize it yourself." I said, "Well, I am qualified to do that with the knowledge and the inspiration the Lord has given me, but the Brethren have seen fit to assign both you to do this work, and therefore we will go together." And I said, "We will make arrangements for the brethren to meet, and you can interview them, and I will be present and listen." You brethren who were present and interviewed at that time realize that it was Brother LeGrand Richards who interviewed you. When he got all through with his interviewing, I said, "Now who shall we appoint stake president?" And he confirmed the inspiration that had come to me before. I said to him, "All right we will put in your man."

I stand before you today with an absolute knowledge that President Milne was called of God to preside over this stake of Zion. I have that faith and that assurance in my heart today that there has not been a minute since he was sustained by you brethren and sisters and set apart to this high office that he has not fully magnified his calling. When I think of President Burgon and President Erikson as his counselors, I have not the slightest hesitancy in saying there is not a more dedicated, a more wonderful presidency in any stake in Zion. These brethren have worked in love and affection and in unity. They have been one in spirit, and I am sure they have brought a spirit of unity and love into the wards and the organizations of the stake throughout.

I do not want to stop there. I do not know Bishop Cram as well as I know President Milne, but I have been impressed today with the thought that Bishop Cram, with his counselors, Brother Watts and Brother Nydegger, constitute just as fine a bishopric as we have in the Church. And when you have a fine bishopric, you cannot have anything finer. When the Lord speaks and give you leadership in the Church, you just cannot expect to find anything any better. And you cannot, because today you have the leaders that the Lord intended you to have.

I have been impressed with the simplicity and the earnestness, the purity of their testimonies to us today concerning the divinity of this great work. We are a blessed people when we have a leadership of that

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kind. We need not be in doubt as to where we should go or what we should do. I tell you, the Lord will bless everyone of us. He will open up the windows of heaven and cause to descend upon us His choicest blessings. He will give us a fullness of the measure when we get in and sustain these chosen leaders in the work to which they have been assigned.

### **Simplicity of Building**

This building program that has been initiated and completed, and that is soon to be completed and soon to be initiated, will give to this stake, I am sure, as fine a meetinghouse as we have anywhere in the Church. This building is a beautiful building for one reason—it is simple. You might say it is unadorned, but none the less beautiful, because what you have done here is to build what you needed. It is commodious; it is spacious; it is comfortable.

I just want to say that as far as I am concerned there is not a spot in the Church to me which would be more wonderful than the mouth of this great canyon that I love so much and has meant so much to our people. In my day, and in yours, President Burgon, we know how many sawmills there were located in the canyon, what timber there was came out of there to build the original meetinghouses. I know nothing about the history of the Butlerville Ward, that is the building of it. It stood there and it seemed to me to be old when I first saw it, but I am just as sure as I stand here today that the timber came from one of the Cottonwood sawmills.

I heard of one man who has long since been dead, who lived in the Cottonwood Stake, who when he was a young man, Brigham Young called him to his office one day and said to him, "Brother, we will just give you to the end of the week to get married,"—I do not know whether it was Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday when that meeting took place. He said, "We want you to go up and take charge of the cutting of timber for Mill G," (or Mill F), up here in the canyon — they were all alphabetically named. When I was a boy I knew them all by their alphabetical names). "You are to take this bride of yours up the canyon to begin work next Monday and she will cook for the loggers."

When I heard that good wife tell that story I kind of wanted to be one of his posterity. It seemed to me that there would be a special blessing the Lord would have in store for a man who wholeheartedly set aside everything else to answer such a call. He came out here in the county, and he told a young lady they had to be married by the end of the week, and they were, and she spent her honeymoon and many years thereafter cooking through the cutting season for the loggers up in Cottonwood Canyon. Her posterity have never lost anything because of that, and needless to say, she was a good mother because she realized the importance of having her daughters ready for any call which might come to them, and there was no reason to justify her presuming that they would be treated any differently than the mother was treated, and so we can go home today and ask ourselves and our daughters if that is the way we are rearing our children.

### **Need For Strong Men**

If there is one thing which impresses itself upon

the minds of those of us who preside at headquarters of the Church, and to whom, I should say, most of the major difficulties of Latter-day Saints filter in directly or indirectly, it is that the greatest need in the Church today is for men and women who can stand up in a manly and a womanly way and meet the problems of life, whatever they are.

I can guarantee you that the presidency will not likely call any of you young sisters, married or single, to go up the canyon and cook for loggers, but there is bound to be in the lives of most of us, trials, tribulations and sorrows, which we must meet, and if we meet them head-on, with courage, with forthrightness, with judgment, and above all with inspiration from our Father in Heaven, we will grow strong in the service, because the Lord makes us equal to our responsibilities and our tasks. If He did not, I am sure you would have one awfully poor counselor in the First Presidency of the Church today.

With the help of the Lord we can accomplish all the Lord intends us, and without His help, we are a failure. It is just that simple, and the moment that any of us gets to a point where we believe that we are strong enough or wealthy enough or politically powerful enough or what not, to be independent of the Lord, we are on our way to destruction. The Lord did not send us to this earth to stand alone. And here we are a chosen handful of His people, whom He has for the most part drawn out of the world, and brought here to Zion to help establish His Church and Kingdom, not only here but throughout the world. In order to accomplish that purpose, we have to be hardened to all the vicissitudes of life. We ought to ask ourselves the question, constantly, Are we so living as to qualify us, to justify the position we hold in reference to our Father in Heaven, and in reference to our brethren and sisters?

Just this past week we had a call for a hundred able-bodied couples to go out into the world. We have a place for two hundred or more. I think that many of us have gotten into the habit of thinking that because we went on a mission when we were a young man, or because we did not go on a mission when we were a young man, that a mission is out of the question for us today.

I say this to you, brethren and sisters, and I say it humbly, but with great assurance, that there is not a single man but what if he adjusted his affairs and answered a call to a mission would be blessed for it. It is not given to me to know how you will be blessed, but it is given to me to know that your blessings will be such that your life on this earth will have been enriched far greater by so doing than by staying home and pursuing what your own judgment dictates would be for your best interests.

In this "History of the Church," Brother Nibley says among other things, "The first Christians knew that 'Whosoever would save his life must lose it.'" The change between the first and the second century was so extreme that scholars have doubted the existence of the Church in the first century. Modern churchmen shudder at the thought of being at the mercy of the primitive Church, its principles, its teachings, its light, its understanding, and congratulate themselves on having outgrown the fond imaginings of the apostles of old. They have done that,



my brethren and sisters, to suit their own convenience.

### Seek Things of God

Modern students agree in describing the second generation of the Church as a time of spiritual decline and low vitality. Doctrinally it was a definite "abfall vom evangelium," an apostasy, with the basic teachings altered and denatured beyond recognition. "As the understanding of the Spirit became lost and the Christian had to rely on his own powers, that Christian became calculative, complacent, and respectable, in a word, all that the first Christian was not."

We have to ask ourselves the question, now that we are in the second century of the Restored Church of Jesus Christ, whether we are so living as to be calculative, complacent, and respectable, in a world that does not accept the truth. And if we are, then that is a sure indication or evidence of the fact that we should devote ourselves more strenuously to the things of God and be a peculiar people as Peter directed the Church of old. When we cease to be peculiar in this respect, when we lose contact with the Spirit, there will be an apostasy take place in lives, even though the Church may go on.

Now this History of the Church from which I have just read, indicates the difference between the original Church and the church of the world as it now stands. "For their whole concern today is not

to make converts," this further apostolic writer wrote of the second century, "but rather to save from perishing a soul that has already known Christ."

We have people of that kind in our midst today. They say, Why should we go on with this great missionary urge? Why shouldn't we stay home and take care of our people? And the answer is that the work of the Lord is two-fold. We are staying home. As I have indicated to you, you have as wonderful leadership in this stake and this ward as you can conceive, and at the same time the true Church of God is capable of carrying on aggressively the mandate of the Lord to carry His Gospel to every nation.

"They labor the doctrine of the Two Ways, as offering to Christian society a last chance to choose between saving its soul by dying in the faith, or saving its skin by coming to terms with the world." And this is the thought I wanted to leave with you today: Are we so living every day of our lives so as to save our skins by the terms of the world, or are we so living as to save our souls by our faith in God? We all have to answer that question for ourselves.

The proper answer to it is obvious, and the reason that the great apostasy took place was because those charged with the responsibility of the Church ceased to worry about the soul, but were worrying about their skin, or I guess as we say it today, their hide. Our hides are not worth much as compared to our souls, and the great thing about the building of this great building here now, which is ready for dedi-

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One of our great leaders the other day wanted to incur an expense which we thought was essential to the growth and the development of our missionary work, and he said to the Presidency, "You know, I did not come to you and ask for a contribution or for the privilege of making this expenditure out of Church funds, the cost has been paid by myself. If I should not contribute as well of my means as I have of my time I would feel that my work was only partially done." He will not be impoverished by it, and I just know as I live, my brethren and sisters, over the years I know it more and more definitely and certainly, that none of us are impoverished by

the contributions we make to the work of the Lord.

I think these cases that President Milne spoke of today are classic examples of faith. Who would not rather drive an old car than to use the funds for a new one when there was the work of the Lord to contribute? How many millions upon hundreds of millions of people in the world are there who have no such opportunity, no such desire, no such contact? Why, to have been born under the covenant makes it essential for us to dedicate all that we have and are every day of our lives to the work of the Lord, and when we make either a large or a small contribution for the Church, for the building of a meetinghouse, for the maintenance of elders in the mission field or what not, we have made a contribution which will be respected of our Father in Heaven. That is one of the great privileges of membership in the Church. It is to be able to be individually responsible for the growth and the development of this work. And as I look into the faces of you returned missionaries here today, I tell you joy and happiness wells up in my heart because I have a vision of what that means to you all the days of your lives.

### Conference in South America

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As a result of it, the older elder, who is a member of the fifteen, supplemented the work of the two young missionaries in further informing his fourteen colleagues with whom he is associated about the work of these young missionaries. Where that leads, what doors that will open, nobody knows, but the essential thing is that when we possess the Priesthood of God and we are in the performance of our duties, the spirit and the power of God magnifies us in our callings and gives to us something of which the world knows nothing, and cannot understand the powers by which

Now brethren and sisters, that is the kind of evidence that comes to us every day of our lives, that we are the children of God. He has given us more than He has ever given any other generation of His children upon the earth at any time, and in turn expects more from us. I am satisfied that the membership of the Church today, throughout the world, is doing more, as President Burgon suggested here that you are, than we ever did before. We belong, as I have said so often, to the greatest society of friends in the world.

This is the Gospel of love; it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God lives, and He rules and reigns over His kingdom today. He is the cornerstone upon which the Church is built. So now we can unite our hearts and souls as we approach our Father in Heaven in humble prayer, to give this building to Him and to His cause, as your stake presidency and your bishopric who are representing you today have directed. Now I feel humble, my brethren and sisters in representing you at this moment, and pray that you will unite with your faith and prayers to let me be inspired as your mouthpiece to express unto the Lord those sentiments which are in your hearts, and in so doing may we receive the blessings which Bishop Henry Johnson so beautifully prayed for at the opening of this meeting.

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Father, wilt Thou be mindful of all of us, each and every one of us gathered here, coming as we have to this session of the quarterly conference with sufficient interest and desire in our hearts to take part in this dedicatory service. We pray Thy blessing may extend into every home in this ward and in this stake, that they may sense the spirit of the work in which they are engaged and they may have a constant and continuing desire to live nearer unto Thee, to overcome the weaknesses and imperfections of the flesh, and to enjoy each and every blessing to which they are entitled in Thy mercy and in Thy goodness.

We acknowledge before Thee as the author of all goodness and truth, and as the giver of all which we have, and so as we offer this great edifice to Thee this day we realize that it comes back to Thee as part of that which Thou has given to us. Father, we are so grateful for the blessings we have received from Thy bounteous hands, and we ask that Thou will acknowledge that which we have undertaken to do with clean hands and a pure heart in serving Thee and keeping Thy commandments, and helping to make the world and the community in which we live better.

We pray especially that Thy blessing extend to the youth of Israel. Bless the children, bless the young married couples that they may be blessed with the prosperity which they desire, and that they may have wisdom and judgement in rearing their children in light and truth and understanding.

As we present and dedicate this building unto Thee, our Father in Heaven, we pray Thy spirit may rest mightily upon and within this structure, that it may be a place in which we may assemble with our children and have Thy spirit touch our hearts with understanding to cause them to walk throughout their lives with the power of truth and righteousness.

We do not ask Thee, our Father in Heaven, to repay us in time for our contributions which have made the structure of this possible, but we do ask Thee, our Father in Heaven, that Thou will help us to live day by day worthy of the blessings which are ours. Help us to more deeply appreciate that which Thou has done for us—the position we hold in relationship to Thee and to our fellow men, the priesthood which we bear, the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant that have been showered down upon us in such rich abundance, nothing withheld. Bless us that we in turn will not withhold ourselves from Thee, but may go forth in recognition of our gratitude and multiply our works and our contributions, that our joy may be more and more complete.

We pray especially at this time for the leaders of Israel. We pray that Thy blessings be in rich abundance upon President McKay and upon all who labor with him and under him, that they may have the inspiration and foresight to carry on and to make the contributions from the funds of the church, the contributions of the people of the church throughout the world who make up that portion of the contribution which made this building possible. And so as we dedicate this unto Thee, we do so not alone in the name of the people of East Jordan Stake and Butler Third Ward, but of the people of the church for their contributions. May we ever realize this becomes a meeting house to serve in every possible capacity and for every program of the

church for the furtherance of Thy work. We pray especially that this building, built primarily to become a house of fasting and prayer into which we can assemble to partake of the sacrament and renew our covenants unto Thee, may be blessed with the spirit of worship, that it may meet in every respect and detail in particular the purposes for which we have built and now dedicate this building unto Thee. We pray it may be a house into which we can bring our dead and receive from Thee that comfort and that consolation which can come alone from Thee; that it is but a time before we shall be reunited with Thee, and in so doing, come here with a spirit of thanksgiving for Thy blessings we have received, without any spirit of rebellion or without any spirits prompted by any evil influences. May we find all that Thou doest ordain, our Father in Heaven, as Thy purpose, Thy righteousness, Thy mercy, Thy wisdom, and accept it as Thy children with our hearts filled with gratitude; for except we meet under such circumstances we realize we cannot receive the comforting power given to us by Thy Holy Spirit.

We pray, Father, Thou will make this a place in which the great auxiliary organizations of the church may carry out their programs and that those who lead and direct this work may grow strong in the faith and become leaders in Israel, and in turn bless those who they teach and direct and instruct. In all that we do Father, may Thy Holy Spirit prevail, and may we be constantly impressed with the blessings which are ours, the strengthening of our testimony, the desire to go forth and be instrumental in doing all that Thou would have us do.

Now, Father, this day we have mentioned the overcoming of difficulties, give us courage, let this be a house in which courage is engendered in the hearts of every generation, particularly the young that they may have the power, the courage and desire to overcome evil and put aside the things of the world, and save our souls in faith rather than our skins in the judgment of the world. May we have an expanded vision of the gospel in understanding of its life giving eternal principles, and may we become the full beneficiary of the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior.

Now Father, by virtue of the holy priesthood in us vested and by the appointment which we have received by those who preside over Thy church and Kingdom, we not only offer this building unto Thee and pray Thy acceptance of it, but we dedicate it by virtue of the power and authority of our priesthood and set it apart to perform all of the functions for which it has been built, and which Thou has revealed in these latter days should be transacted and carried on here in this building.

Our Father, as we have now dedicated this building unto Thee, we pray Thou will recognize this dedication in the heavens above and will bless this structure, the ground upon which it stands and the surrounding property which we dedicate to service this structure. May it ever have Thy protecting care and influence to such an extent over it that those passing by on the highway may have the thought come into their heart that there is a building erected and dedicated to the Lord as a house of worship, and find respect in their hearts for this, our handiwork, and may the elements be stayed as well as the hands of man to preserve this building so long as Thou seeth in Thy sight fit that it should be used by us as a place of worship.

Now, Father, we dedicate ourselves as we dedicate this building and pray humbly that Thou will overlook our faults and failings and imperfections, even as we ask Thee to overlook any imperfections that may be in this structure built as well as we have known how to build it with the resources and the means and the time at hand, that we may be fully qualified to worship Thee in truth and righteousness now and always.

We have a special prayer in our heart for the sick and afflicted among us. Wilt Thou bless them and comfort them and lift them up from their beds of affliction if they are not appointed unto death. Father, will Thou speedily restore them to bodily, spiritual and mental health that our cup may really run over and we may have that assurance that through our faithfulness here upon this earth we may eventually find residence in Thy presence in Thy Holy House.

Now these favors and blessings, Father, we ask of Thee humbly as we dedicate ourselves and the building unto Thee by virtue of the priesthood which we hold and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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