

WE PRAY AT THIS TIME, FATHER IN HEAVEN, FOR UNITY IN THIS WARD. MAY WE UNITE ONE WITH ANOTHER, MAY THERE BE NO CONTENTION WHATSOEVER THAT WILL HAMPER THIS BUILDING PROGRAM. MAY WE RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE BISHOP. MAY WE LEND OUR SUPPORT IN THE FULLEST TO THOSE MEN CHOSEN TO LEAD US. MAY WE BE BLESSED AT ALL TIMES IN OUR RIGHTEOUS ENDEAVORS. MAY WE DO THOSE THINGS THOU WOULDST HAVE US DO IN A MANNER PLEASING UNTO THEE.

BLESS THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS PROGRAM, THAT THEY MAY HAVE THY SPIRIT TO BE WITH THEM, THAT THEY MAY PERFORM THEIR PARTS PLEASING UNTO THEMSELVES AND ACCEPTABLE UNTO THEE.

THESE BLESSINGS WE PRAY FOR, WITH ALL OTHERS WE STAND IN NEED OF, IN THE WORTHY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

.....SPEAKER, BROTHER LLOYD SMITH.....

THIS IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT WE ARE WITNESSING HERE TODAY THE GROUND BREAKING FOR A NEW CHAPEL THAT WE ARE ANTICIPATING CONSTRUCTION ON IMMEDIATELY. WE HAVE IN OUR MIDST ONE OF THE GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF OUR CHURCH. IT ISN'T OFTEN THAT WE HAVE THIS PRIVILEGE IN OUR WARD. I DON'T RECALL EVER HAVING A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE IN OUR MIDST BEFORE IN ALL MY LIFE TIME. TO THINK THAT WE HAVE A PROPHET, SEER AND REVELATOR, ONE ORDAINED AND SET APART FOR THAT PURPOSE, VISITING OUR WARD--IT IS QUITE AN HONOR. PERHAPS THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST EVENTS WE HAVE WITNESSED PROBABLY SINCE 1894. AT THAT TIME THIS CHAPEL WAS BUILT BY OUR FORE FATHERS AT THE COST OF \$1800. PERHAPS THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SMALL AMOUNT, BUT TO THEM I THINK IT WAS SO MUCH AS WE ARE ASKED TO RAISE AT THIS TIME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAPEL WE ARE ANTICIPATING BUILDING.

I THINK IT WAS ALONG IN THE LATE TWENTIES WHEN BROTHER WALTER E. CLARK WAS BISHOP OF THIS WARD THAT THEY RAISED THE CHAPEL AND PUT A BASEMENT UNDER IT AND BUILT SOME CLASS ROOMS UNDER THE OLD BUILDING. THAT HAS SERVED US UP TO THE PRESENT DAY.

WHEN YOUR PRESENT BISHOPRIC WAS CALLED TO THE POSITIONS THEY NOW HOLD THREE YEARS AGO LAST JULY 10TH, THEY WERE REQUESTED BY THE STAKE PRESIDENCY AT THAT TIME TO BUILD A NEW CHAPEL. THIS WAS NOT ANYTHING NEW OR UNEXPECTED, BECAUSE WE HAD NEEDED A NEW CHAPEL FOR QUITE SOME TIME. WHEN YOU TRY TO HOLD CLASSES--FROM TEN TO TWELVE OF THEM--IN A BULDING THAT HAS FIVE CLASS ROOMS, A RECREATION HALL AND A STAGE, IT IS QUITE AN UNDERTAKING. IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO HOLD CLASSES IN THE HALLS, FURNACE ROOM, AND EVERY NOOK AND CORNER THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLE FIGURE OUT. IT IS PRETTY HARD TO TEACH A CLASS AND ALSO BE TAUGHT UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS.

WE ARE HAPPY AT THIS TIME TO HAVE THIS PRIVILEGE OF HAVING RAISED OUR MONEY AND ARE READY TO GO AHEAD WITH OUR CONSTRUCTION. AS THE BISHOP JUST INFORMED YOU, AFTER WE WERE PUT IN THE BISHOPRIC