THE PROPHET’S BIRTHDAY

The Prophet Joseph, Dec. 21st, 1849.

Editor Deseret News:

Yesterday was a day long to be remembered. The Prophet Joseph, the man who should recollect with joy and gratitude. And indeed it was so remarkable that it will be long remembered. A meeting was convened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, and the 75th anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith was celebrated over by President Jacob Gates. President Brigham Young, President Js. Smith, Elder Franklin D. Richards, and other members of the high council were present. The meeting was opened by President Jacob Gates, President Js. Smith, President Brigham Young, and President Franklin D. Richards, and was attended by members of the Legislative Council, the General Council, and the attendance was not large. The place was well filled with those who were present. The meeting was addressed by President Jacob Gates, President Js. Smith, President Brigham Young, and President Franklin D. Richards. The meeting was closed with a prayer by President Jacob Gates, and the meeting was adjourned.

Elder Milo Andrus then read a paper on the life and labors of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He said that the Prophet Joseph Smith was a man of great character. He was a man of great faithfulness. He was a man of great strength of character. He was a man of great religious knowledge. He was a man of great wisdom. He was a man of great love. He was a man of great compassion. He was a man of great courage. He was a man of great power. He was a man of great influence. He was a man of great honor. He was a man of great respect. He was a man of great kindness. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great humanity. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great gentleness. He was a man of great gentleness.

The choir sang a hymn, after which a brief address was delivered by President Joseph Smith. He said that the Prophet Joseph Smith was a man of great purity. He was a man of great virtue. He was a man of great nobility. He was a man of great charity. He was a man of great piety. He was a man of great justice. He was a man of great mercy. He was a man of great fidelity. He was a man of great gratitude. He was a man of great humility. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity. He was a man of great simplicity.

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and Brigham. Urged the Saints to cling to the gospel taught by them. Read an extract from a paper. After which the "Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum" by E. R. Snow, was read by Bro. James G. Bleak. Bro. Foster followed with a few well-chosen remarks.

The choir and congregation sang, "Hail to the Prophet," and the services were closed with prayer by Bro. Macintyre.

In the evening a social party was given under the auspices of the Seventies. It was an exceedingly pleasant one too. Songs, speeches, dancing, etc., made up a pleasant variety. Thus ended the first genuine public celebration of the prophet's birthday in St. George. May it become a general custom in Israel and may our Dixie be always in the front rank of the grand march heavenward, is the sincere hope of

Yours truly,

S. Y. GATES.