

# THE FUNERAL.

Last Sad Rites Over the Body of the Late Marshal Burt.

Immense Concource of Mourners.

In accordance with the arranged programme of ceremonies, the body of the deceased Andrew Burt was conveyed from his residence yesterday morning to the Tabernacle. That large building presented its wonted appearance, there being an entire absence of any funeral drapery or mourning display. The remains of the dead City Marshal were enclosed in a plain stain-wood coffin and exposed to public view from 9 o'clock until 10. A constant stream of persons filed past to take a parting look, until there were not less than between 5,000 and 6,000 in the assemblage. Meanwhile the plaintive tones of the large organ, manipulated by Joseph J. Daynes, added to the solemnity of the occasion. The coffin lid was fastened down and the mortal remains of Andrew Burt shut out from human view. The coffin was then raised up so as to be seen by the whole congregation and covered with a profusion of floral tributes.

President Angus M. Cannon announced the hymn on page 220:

Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb.

Prayer by Apostle Franklin D. Richards.

Choir sang the hymn on page 287:

Afflicted saints to Christ draw near.

President Angus M. Cannon then read a short communication, written by the deceased some years ago—mentioned by us in our last issue—expressing his wishes that at his death no emblems of mourning should be displayed or worn by his family or friends, and the funeral should, "if possible," take place at his residence.

Bishop John Sharp briefly stated his acquaintance with the deceased during the past thirty-six years, having baptized him into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Scotland. Had been intimately associated with him ever since and knew him to have been an honorable and upright man.

President Joseph F. Smith then followed with a discourse, reciting incidents in the life of the deceased, etc., and offering words of consolation and comfort to the bereaved family. God would overrule the so sudden death to the benefit of the deceased and his family.

President John Taylor said he was absent from the city on Saturday when the news reached him of the melancholy events which that day occurred in our peaceful city, and at which he felt regret and sorrow. The circumstances following the death of Brother Burt were extremely painful, and should not have occurred. While such may be only an ordinary incident elsewhere, here it assumes prominence. A disregard for human life is common throughout the world, combined with a lack of confidence in each other. Anything approaching such a state of things in the midst of the Latter-day Saints cannot be too highly deprecated. Fraternal feeling should abound with us. With these ideas, he hoped that such degrading scenes as those following the death of Brother Burt could not have transpired here. Men ought not to permit their frenzied passions to control them, and follow up the breaking of a law by their breaking another one. The Latter-day Saints are essentially the defenders of human liberty and rights, and therefore ought always to be the conservers of the peace, and help maintain the Constitution of the United States. The church has had a great many provocations and grievances, enduring calumny and reproach, but this does not excuse any of its members in listening to the suggestions and influences of others who would incite them to do wrong. If others do wrong that does not justify us in doing wrong. The rights, life and property of every one, no matter what his creed or color, should be protected, and held inviolate in our midst. The law should be permitted to take its course, and hold all men amenable for their actions. The golden rule, we are taught, is to do good for evil, "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, and I will repay it." We should live in peace with all men, and seek the blessing of the Lord, and then we will always be in favor of law and order. Condoling with the family of the deceased, who was an honorable and virtuous man, he asked that the peace and blessing of God abide with them and all who do right.

President Joseph F. Smith desired to express the high esteem and approbation held towards Charles H. Wilcken, who so valiantly endeavored to prevent the death of Burt, and who single-handed secured the assassin and timely prevented him from wreaking further death and destruction with his murderous weapons.

Choir sang the requiem "Sleep Thy Last Sleep." Benediction by Apostle Wilford Woodruff.

The audience remained seated while the pall-bearers carried out the coffin, followed by the family and relatives, the organ played a dirge, the procession formed. To the playing of the firemen's band, followed by an immense concourse of carriages, including those conveying the Twenty-first Ward and Seventh Ward bands, the hearse moved on to the cemetery. The procession was nearly a mile long, and passed the late residence in the Twenty-first ward, to deposit in Mother Earth all that remained in mortality of our esteemed friend, Andrew Burt.