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LAID TO REST.

Funeral Services Over
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CONSOLING REMARKS MADE BY
THE STAKE PRESIDENCY.

A Lengthy Cortege Follows the Re-
mains to Their Last Resting Place.

The funeral services over the remains
of Bishop James W. Loveless were held
yesterday afternoon in the Provo Meet-
ing-House. At 12 o'clock the Silver Band
marched to the tap of the muffled drum
to the residence of the deceased in the
second Ward, and stationed themselves
in double line from the gate to the
hearse. At half-past 12 the remains
were carried from the room in which
Bishop Loveless died, to the hearse, the
band playing the sacred piece, "Be-
lievement." The cortege then headed
for the Meeting-House, the band play-
ing en route "In Memoriam" and "Dead
March in Saul." At the Meeting-House
the band stationed themselves inside
the grounds, and while the cortege
passed through them, played "Conso-
lation."

The body of the Meeting-house was
filled with people, and there were quite
a few in the galleries. The casket, con-
taining all that was mortal of the de-
ceased, was placed upon the bishop's
stand, in view of the whole congrega-
tion. The coffin was of plain wood with
silver trimmings. Loving hands were
placed upon it floral wreaths and flowers,
and it was covered with flowers. The
mourners occupied the seats immedi-
ately facing the body.

At half-past 1 o'clock the large con-
gregation was called to order by
President David John, and the choir
sang:

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casion. There are many who have been
longer acquainted with him than I have,
who would doubtless like to say some-
thing to his memory. But this I feel
like saying to the wives and children of
the deceased: Do not mourn for your
husband and father, although you miss
his society and companionship. It is
very natural for you to mourn because
of his loss. We all mourn his loss as a
good defender of Zion, as a good citizen.
We have no occasion, however, to
mourn his going because he was not
prepared. He was not like one who was
wayward, and negligent. But he was
prepared to go beyond, to meet those
who have gone before him, and those
who are worthy enough to follow him.
If we do not walk in the paths of life
like he has done, then we will have
cause to mourn. Brother Loveless loved
to walk in the ways of the Lord, and he
done so in the face of all odds. I do
not propose to say anything further;
there are others here who desire to.
May God comfort us all in the prayer of
your servant. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID JOHN felt to make
a few brief remarks of tribute and con-
solation, if the spirit of God would di-
rect him to do so, to those who are alive.
The very sudden manner in which Bish-
op Loveless was taken away, was a
surprise to all of us. It is a little over
four months since he was stricken
down. Death seemed imminent from
the first. Yet every effort to preserve life
by the brethren and professional men,
was made; but it was the will of God that
he should go, and I became convinced
this morning, on viewing his remains,
that he had been decaying and wasting
away. I hardly think the remains of
Brother Loveless would weigh one-
fourth of what he weighed when we
last saw him in public. For thirteen
days and nights he has not partaken of
anything. It seems to have been the
will of the Lord from the beginning to
remove him from us for some wise pur-
pose, at a time when he seemed to be
of the most use. The last few years of
his life, it has always seemed to me, has
been the most successful time of his life.
I don't say this because he is dead, as
is commonly the case. I have said it
when he was living, to many of my
friends. It occurred to me the day he
died, being the seventh of May, that it
was two years and two months ago that
day that he came from the penitentiary
where he was incarcerated to see a dead
son of his. That day was the 7th of
March, 1887. He seemed then that he
was in robust health, in fact better, if
anything, than I have ever known
him to be. I want to relate to
all present, the testimony of
Brother Loveless to me over two
years ago, that he was a short time
previous to then blessed with an open
vision. He had lost several children,
and he saw them standing before him in
the air, some fifteen feet from the earth.
They were arranged according to their
age, the oldest being first. His heart
was filled with joy to know that they
were not dead, but that they were in the
spirit world. He has now gone to them,
as he has often said he would. His body
has been wasting away since he was
taken sick. But it cannot be destroyed.
The elements of which it is composed
are eternal, and will live through all
eternity. I feel sorry to part with
Brother Loveless; but I say, "God's will
be done." We are all going that way,
and we must not build mountains in the
air in regard to our future. Our lives
are in the hands of our heavenly Father,
and we know not the hour when He will
summon us to go hence. Brother Love-
less leaves behind him a large family,
and it behoves them to follow in the
footsteps of him who has passed away.
Let each of them extend a helping hand,
and be kind and charitable, and bear
the burden of each other, I am con-
vinced that could Brother Loveless
speak to us on this occasion, he would
utter the same sentiment.

PRESIDENT H. H. CLUFF said he felt
in need of the assistance of God, that he
might speak by the power and inspira-
tion of the Holy Spirit. He realized it
was an occasion when our minds were
called upon to give thought and consid-
eration to our positions in life. Life is
brought vividly before us. Notwith-
standing we have been called upon to
pay our respects this day, we should re-
alize that we have got at some time to

pass through the same scenes. Bishop
Loveless has left behind him innumera-
ble proofs of his faith and devotion to
God, and no remarks I might make
would lend any weight to the record he
has made. Hence I feel more the ne-
cessity of enjoying the Holy Spirit, that
what I might say will not be of any other
benefit than of consolation to the bereave-
er, and of benefit to us who are here to
pay our last respects to Brother Love-
less. The death of our brother is not
so much to be regretted. His departure
is more of a satisfaction than a regret.
He has labored for more than sixty
years on this earth, and when his re-
mains are followed to their last resting
place by such a numerous posterity, it
is the greatest satisfaction. If I remem-
ber correctly he is the father of thirty-
seven children, and all of them are liv-
ing excepting seven. But few men will
pass away at such an age, leaving such
a numerous host of sons and daughters
and grandchildren. What will be his
condition hereafter? He has gone before
a numerous family, to prepare their way,
that where he is, there they may be also.
We must place Bishop Loveless as one
of the noblest sons of God, for he has
filled the measure of his creation. He
has been buried with Christ by bap-
tism, for that is an essential of that life
that is to come. He has fought the
good fight. He has put on the whole
armor. He has been sealed up to eter-
nal life, to come forth in the morning
of the first resurrection with power and
glory, thrones and principalities. He
has observed the celestial law and
hence is entitled to enjoy the glories of
a celestial kingdom. I will be thankful if
it is my good fortune, in connection
with the rest of my brethren, to close
a career of usefulness, as Bishop Loveless
has. It certainly must be the greatest
joy mortal mind can know at its closing
hour. How consoling it must have been
to Bishop Loveless, at his last moments,
to know of the resurrection. How many
in the Christian world know such joys?
What would a good man not give if
they could experience what Brother
Loveless did at the hour of dissolution?
All nature bears evidence of the fact that
man not only exists here, but has a
hereafter, and that this death we pass
through is necessary to the future. In
death there is life, for in the morning
of the resurrection we will inhabit this
body we lay down, as perfect, and more
so than it is now. Our brother, Bishop
Loveless, when he comes from mother
earth, will be the same that we know
him in his eventful career in this life,
only more godly, more refined, more in-
telligent. I have a word to add that I
trust will be consoling to his family. If
these families who are called to mourn
will recognize in Him the Giver of all
good, and put their faith in Him, and
follow in the footsteps of him whose loss
they mourn, then everyone will have the
privilege of enjoying his society here-
after. There is no power so comfort-
ing as the Holy Ghost. Cultivate it,
and it will enable you in all things to
recognize the power of God. I know
that man cannot give you that consola-
tion that the Holy Ghost can.

ELDER ABRAHAM HALLIDAY spoke of
his acquaintanceship with Bishop Love-
less for over thirty-six years, and alluded
to his life of consistency and good
deeds.

The choir sang:
Oh my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place,
When shall I regain Thy presence,
And again behold Thy face.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder
Isaac Bullock.

After the services closed, the remains
were conveyed to the vestibule of the
meeting-house, where they were viewed
by the large assemblage of people.
They were then taken to the hearse,
while the band rendered "Gone Be-
fore." The cortege then formed for the
cemetery, headed by the Silver Band,
which played "At Rest." At the grave-
yard the seductory prayer was offered
by Elder Evan Wride, when all that
was mortal of Bishop Loveless was laid
away to rest till the dawning of the
morning of the resurrection.