

FUNERAL SERVICES

for

BROTHER ARCHIBALD McMURRIN BUCHANAN

held in the

CAPITOL HILL WARD

on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1935

at

1:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

Organ prelude by Emma Hanks

Violin duet by Lucille and Orin Salisbury
"In the Garden"

Invocation by Aldon J. Anderson

Vocal solo by Zola Jacobs McGhie
"Oh Dry Those Tears"

Remarks by William D. Kuhre

Remarks by George Arbuckle

Vocal solo by Jessie Evans
"There's a Beautiful Home on High"

Remarks by Alexander Buchanan

Remarks by Sylvester Q. Cannon

Quartet number by White Chapel Quartet
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Benediction by Heber Jex

Dedicatory prayer by Ivan Burgoyne

INVOCATION BY ALDON J. ANDERSON

Our eternal and Heavenly Father, as a group of Thy children, relatives, and friends of Brother Buchanan, whose remains lie before us, we approach Thee in all humility this day with a desire in our hearts to benefit by coming together, that we may receive Thy blessings and consolation that we may have peace and comfort from Thy holy spirit; and while we are assembled here to show our love and respect for our departed brother and his family, we pray that we may contemplate the beauties and values of life, that we may realize that we have been blessed by Thee in many ways, that we have been blessed that we have been privileged to know this, Thy son, whom Thou has seen fit to call home.

We recognize, Heavenly Father, that all good comes from Thee and that Thy hand at this time is seen in the taking away of our brother.

We pray that Thy spirit may be with us throughout these services, that those who may speak may be inspired to say those things under the inspiration of the holy spirit which will be of comfort and consolation to the wife of this good man and to the other members of the family and to all who are here, that we may receive consolation and happiness and joy from the knowledge that we have known him, that we may appreciate the wonderful life that he has lived, the service that he has rendered to Thee and to his fellowmen and we may profit by these things. We realize that there is little we can do in services to add or take away from the life of those of Thy children who have departed, but we can benefit by contemplating the good things which they have done and by practicing and emulating their examples.

We pray that Thou will inspire those who may sing or otherwise render music, that we may receive blessings from the execution of these remarks and musical numbers. We pray that Thy spirit may dwell with everyone that participates in these services and bless all those who are called upon to mourn at this time. We pray for Thy continued blessings and thank Thee for all things that Thou has given us, and we do it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMARKS BY WILLIAM D. KUHRE

My brothers and sisters, I am glad that I have the opportunity of speaking here today, for I felt as I came to this house of God to pay last respects to Brother Archie that I would like if I could to make this word that I should speak or prayer that I should utter an hour of holy communion. If we make these funeral services a time and a continuance of the heavy burden, I think we fail. If so, we had better cut them very short; but if we can come to the house of God and with that prayerful spirit pause long enough to taste the comfort that comes from Him and which He alone can give, we shall have an hour of joy, and when I say joy I don't mean fun; I don't mean pleasure; perhaps, I don't mean even happiness.

One of the prophets in the Book of Mormon said a very deep thought: "Men are that they might have joy."--not pleasure, fleeting things of the world, but of that high spiritual endowment that high reverential feeling that accomplishments of great things pertaining to the kingdom of God and the approach to our Heavenly Father; and so today we want this hour to be to this family an hour

of joy.

Brother Archie lived a long time, and we lay him away not feeling that his life has been short but, of course, the family was not prepared for it. We feel as though we are sometimes but when the time comes we are never prepared in every way for it; and so we must adjust ourselves with a supreme effort and invoke the blessing of God; and so in the few minutes that I have I am going back many years for today I think what I want to say will be somewhat reminiscent for I have known this man for many years. I knew him before he was married and after he came to this country in 1873. I believe it was something like that when they received the Gospel. In those early days we were employed at the Temple quarry out in Little Cottonwood Canyon, engaged in getting stones for the Salt Lake Temple. There were some very fine friendships formed in those days and we had some very splendid men engaged in quarrying rock at that time and who in the years that followed made their mark in civil and religious life in this State.

In those days prior to the year, I think, 1879 when Archie went upon his mission, the family having received the Gospel, migrated to this land. In a few years he was sent back to preach the message of the restored Gospel. He was raised among the Scotch people. I know of their integrity, of their habits, of their faults and failings, too, and we don't come here to say that men are perfect. We recognize that we have faults and failings and we have made mistakes and committed errors and done things we are ashamed of and sorry for and should never have done, but we feel that the time will come when God will be merciful.

As we mete out mercy so mercy will be meted out to us.

The Book of Mormon says that in that day we will remember those things and have a bright recollection of our guilt, and, we are told, "I saw the books opened and another book was opened which was the book of life from which we are judged." I have never been able to learn what that book of life is, but I can draw my own conclusions. It seems to be the book on which we make our record and which will be opened to us and which we will read. These things will all come to us with vivid recollection in that day.

In those days those people came here converted to the Gospel in the trying times of early days from 1847 to the 70's. It seemed to me that there was a scarcity of food and clothing and the common things of life that are so necessary. He went back on a mission just after he was married and spent $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. I noticed in the obituary notice that he has had three sons in the missionary service.

I also looked to him for advice. He was a few years older than I.

That acquaintance has continued for these many many years.

When I was to be married and go to the Temple I said, "What shall I do to go to the house of God?" I remember well in the advice he gave me of his speaking of the integrity of President Taylor. The saints all loved President Taylor. It seemed almost impossible for him to do anything wrong. His devotion to the cause of God, and his high sense of honor and duty would never permit him to go astray. I suppose in every community there are men of the type to whom you naturally turn for advice.

As our families grew up we were in close communion. We both had quite large families. When I lived in Sandy, we would mingle back and forth, but in later years the children have grown up and scattered all over the United States. That is why our relations have been less cordial, but in the early days when the boys and girls were small Sister Buchanan would put her children in the buggy and take them down to Sandy, and my wife would come up here. Those were days of real happiness that are dear to the heart and will never be forgotten, never in this life nor in the life to come.

I had the privilege of going with him on a trip of about a week's duration, and you get really acquainted with a person when you are absolutely alone with them, not paraded in the public. We stopped over in a settlement--I think it was Fish Haven--and attended two Sunday services. We were both called upon to speak. I was first and made a few rambling remarks. Archie was better informed and spoke upon the greatest gift of God. I think he took it from the sixth chapter of Romans, which I have always remembered and cherished. It reads;

"What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

That topic at that time was that.

I rejoice that I have been able to know him through these years. I rejoice in his acquaintanceship and that of his family and their integrity to the Gospel.

He has passed on now and passes his torch, the banner that he carried, to those who are to follow him; and he hopes, I am sure, that those who follow will bear the banner with great integrity. His love for the Gospel and the devotion to the service of God has been characterized since the day he received the Gospel as a lad. May God add his blessings, my brothers and sisters, to those who mourn and may today be a day of joy, of holy communion. May you feel that burning spirit within your breast which God will give you and which will lay aside all sorrows of the flesh and put you on that higher plain that leads to eternal life, which was his topic in that sermon which I remember these many years.

So may it be, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMARKS BY GEORGE ARBUCKLE

My dear brothers and sisters, I esteem this as a great privilege and honor today to be present to show my sympathy and express a few words in regard to this man, my dear friend and brother.

It seems but a few days ago since I saw Archie on the street, as we familiarly called him, and on picking up a newspaper a few days ago was reading of his death, when one of his sons called me over the telephone.

My mind goes back to something over 65 years ago. That is a long while for a young man like me to recollect, and I see in this audience some of those I knew also at that time as a boy, perhaps eight or ten years of age, Archie being about five years my senior.

One of the things that I took delight in at that early day of my life was in attending meeting in the Latter-Day-Saints church as a boy on the Sabbath Day, accompanied by my mother. She took me by the hand on each Sabbath Day, when we walked together to the meetinghouse and very often on Wednesday evenings to the testimony meeting. My mother joined the Church at a very early age, about nine I think. It was in the year 1843, one year previous to the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum. The thing that came to my mind when I saw Archie officiating as a deacon in that Church was how I would like to be a deacon so that I could. Those things bring fond recollections to one's memory.

I came to this country with my father a few years previous to the time Archie came. My mother had preceded us one year and my brother three years. Soon after I came here I was employed by the same company as was Archie. He was then assistant baker, if I remember right, and I was the delivery boy. We formed acquaintances, as I said, in the old country and continued them until the time of his death.

A year or two ago, not being employed, I took occasion, I am very happy to say that I did, to visit Archie and his family here on Columbus Street, and chatted with him about old times and the old days when we lived in Glasgow, Scotland, where we were both born. I always admired him for his fidelity to the truth, his courageous spirit and his honesty and uprightness which, you will pardon me if I say so, is characterized in most of the Scotch

people. I want to pay them that compliment.

I do not mourn, my brothers and sisters, over the departure of this good man, and neither do you. He has filled a good mission. He has performed the duties that were asked of him in life. He has fought a good fight and has won the race and great will be his joy in the eternal worlds together with those who have preceded him in death--his father and his mother, brothers and sisters, and other relatives who have gone before.

I listened to the sweet voice of his sister, the aunt of Sister Jessie Evans and her mother on those occasions in the choir and at our socials in the old country--beautiful voices to hear. Those things, my brothers and sisters, bring joy and satisfaction to my soul and when I see such people in this audience today who embraced the faith in the early history of the Church and still remain true and faithful to the Gospel and to the principles, I rejoice and thank my Heavenly Father that it was possible for me through my parents to come to this country and to enjoy the blessings and privileges that are here for those who desire to do right and to serve the Lord as this good man has done throughout his life; and so I am grateful, my brothers and sisters, to bear this testimony today and have the privilege of expressing my sympathies and good wishes and feelings for this family. I know how devoted his wife was to him. They were both devoted to each other. Sister Buchanan was faithful and loyal to every wish of Brother Buchanan. That is the spirit that we ought to possess in our homes, my brothers and sisters; that is the love that we should exhibit and show to each other and to our children

and to our families.

Now, I realize that anything that I may say here today will not apply to this man. He is beyond our reach, but will apply to you and to me. If we can live the life that we should and show not only by precept but by example, we will have accomplished some good in this world.

Just about a month ago I passed through a similar experience. I laid away a very fine son of mine, age 50 years, who died recently in California and I just received a letter from his wife this morning. She doesn't seem to get over the loss of her husband, but she is not acquainted with the Gospel that you and I are, and I am going to take the opportunity if I can soon to visit her and to explain to her if I can in my simple way some of the expectations that we have as Latter-Day-Saints, some of the things that we know, the knowledge that we have not only of this life but of the life to come, that it may be a comfort and a blessing to her.

Today my sympathies go out to this good family, to Sister Buchanan, and her sons and daughter, who have been loyal to their parents, and their reward is sure because the promise given to the children of Israel in early days is just as much in force today as it was when given. "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" and this man has attained to that over more than three score years and ten.

God bless this family and comfort the heart of Sister Buchanan in this trial that she is called upon to pass through, but it is

only a brief separation and she will yet join him and continue on in worlds without end in the eternal life to come.

I feel deeply, my brothers and sisters, the loss of this good man. I only hope and pray that I will be able to continue and hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for I know that it is true.

My God grant blessings upon all of us, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMARKS BY ALEXANDER BUCHANAN

My brothers and sisters, I feel somewhat out of place occupying this position this afternoon, but I do so out of deference to the wishes of the members of the family.

I have been greatly edified and instructed in the remarks that have been made by the previous speakers who have been intimately acquainted with Uncle Archie for a long period of years.

The history of the Buchanan family is the history of many hundreds of families, some of whose members joined the Church in an early day and migrated to Zion. Many of them left father and mother, sister and brother, in order to show their devotion to the work in which they had become engaged. We wonder at times what incentive they had, what impelling motive was behind their leaving their loved ones to come and take the chances with circumstances as they might develop. It surely was not in quest of wealth; it surely was not because they felt that they would better themselves financially or that they would have a more easy time making a live-

lihood. These promises were not made. As a matter of fact, everything looked to the contrary. It was a great adventure, my brothers and sisters, and one which could only be prompted by a love of God and a love of the principles and the testimony which they had received concerning the divinity of this work. When I think of these things it reminds me of the hymn we used to sing quite frequently but which we very seldom hear at the present time.

It runs:

"When first the florious light of truth
Burst forth in this last age;
How few there were with heart and soul
To obey it did engage.
Yet of those few remaining
How many are passed from earth away
And in their graves are sleeping
'Til the resurrection day.

"And here in this sweet peaceful vale
The visits of death are heralded
And many faithful saints are called to join a better world.
And soon we all shall follow
To realms of endless day
And taste the joyful glories
Of a resurrection day."

It was their love of the Gospel that prompted these men and women to leave their native lands and their loved ones and to come up to Zion that they might worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Their objective, I have said, was not the accumulation of wealth or the enjoyment of worldly pleasures, but it was that they might be able to work out their salvation in fear and in trembling before the Lord. They had read in the scriptures as Paul declared that there was one glory of the sun, there was one glory of the moon, and there was another glory of the stars; and as one star differed from another star in glory so also is the resurrection of the dead and the promises held out to them by the

missionaries of this Church that if they would receive the Gospel and continue faithful to the observance of its principles they would receive an eternal inheritance in the celestial kingdom of God, the highest degree in the eternal world that it is possible for humankind to attain to and so this was the objective which grandmother Sarah McMurrin had when she came here with her two daughters, Elizabeth and Jessie, and which Uncle Archie caused to come over in a little while later, because of the testimony that they had received concerning the divinity of this work.

Now, this family is an average family. They have tried to observe, generally speaking I think, the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and they have done so in order that they might carry out in their lives the things which had been taught them by their grandfathers and grandmothers and fathers and mothers.

Uncle Archie was a devoted servant of God, being exemplary in his conduct among the children of men, a man who travelled widely in the intermountain territory and who has a wide circle of friends, many of whom I have met in my sojourn here in Salt Lake City. All of them had a good word to say for Archie Buchanan.

It is a pleasure, my brothers and sisters, to contemplate these things and to contemplate the devotion and the faithfulness and the integrity of men and women who sacrifice so much for the building up of the kingdom of God, and I am very happy to bear this testimony this afternoon.

Uncle Archie, shortly after he was married, went on his mission to the old country, and it is one of my earliest recollections to find him living at our home in Glasgow, Scotland. Did he love his

wife whom he had left such a short period after marriage? Yes, indeed. There can be no question about that. I think I can hear him singing now, "I'll Remember You, Love, in my Prayers."

And so I say, my brothers and sisters, it is a great pleasure to contemplate these things and to know that in this family there are many who are devoted to the work of the Lord.

The objective of these men and women, the stalwart men and women, the heroic men and women, who joined this Church in an early day was to be numbered among the elect of the Lord and they appreciate this fact that in order to reach this objective it is necessary for them to make every sacrifice that may be required of them in mortality to show their devotion to the principles of truth, to be exemplary in their conduct and to live above the contaminated influences of the world. It is an easy matter to flow with the tide. It is a very simple matter to do as the world does, but it is a more difficult matter to follow in the path of truth and righteousness, to stand against the contaminated influences of the world and lead our lives to do good for mankind and have an influence which will be felt for good. I feel that Uncle Archie has done this. He has set before his sons and daughter an example that is well worthy of emulation, and I am pleased to observe that they are striving to following the example which he has set.

I pray that the Lord may bless us all and especially those who are bereaved. Uncle Archie has lived a long life of usefulness and of influence in the community and he has only gone to a well-earned reward where we shall all go when the time comes and I pray that all of us may have a record that will reflect credit upon our lives while we have tabernacled here in mortality. The Lord bless

Aunt Caroline. The Lord bless all the members of this family that they may cherish the love and the spirit of their father, that they may live uprightly before the Lord and in the end be entitled to an eternal inheritance in the celestial kingdom of God.

I pray for these blessings in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REMARKS BY SYLVESTER Q. CANNON

I must apologize to the family and to all those present for not being present at the beginning of these services, but I had some engagements in Ogden that delayed me and interfered with me being present until this time. I felt that I would like to pay my respects to the life and memory of this good man and to express my sympathy to the family in the separation that has come to them. My first acquaintance with Archibald Buchanan was some fifty years ago. He was associated with a firm operated by my father and was a trusted and dependable and energetic representative of that organization for many years. He travelled extensively in behalf of the organization and made many friends and accomplished a great work and was with them until they terminated in business something like I should judge twenty-five or thirty years ago. I have had very little opportunity to see him or to be associated with him in the meantime until just a few days ago it seems, although it must have been several months ago. I met him and his good wife on the street and had the opportunity of greeting them again and renewing acquaintance and, of course, in the meantime he had aged some. As has been stated, he has fulfilled a long life, lived to a respected

age, accomplished a good work.

He could say the same for himself that Paul said:

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

Those words are remarkable. Any man who can say that, and he could has accomplished a great deal. It is worth all the effort that he put forth, as was stated, to do the things that made for stability, for energy, for industry, for righteous living, and spirituality and righteousness. Those are all fundamental qualities that make for the finest type of manhood and womanhood. I realize the fact that we all under these circumstances when we are met together under these conditions realize the fact that when life passes out that there arises in our minds some question as to what the future holds--what death actually means.

One poet said that "Death is but a path that must be trodden if man would ever pass to God."

Another poet said, "Death's truer name is onward."

The viewpoint of Latter-Day-Saints is expressed in large in this last one, that death is but a step in the progress of the individual.

Every person living on earth is supposedly imbued with the desire to improve, to progress, to accomplish good. There may be people--few probably--who have the desire to do everything but good. I think there is born in the heart of every human being the desire to improve and qualify for better things and to give service in the world. The Gospel teaches that every man in the world is a son of God and every woman is a daughter of God and that we have come here to accomplish our measures and do all that we

possibly can.

Brother Buchanan said that they were an average family and yet they possess outstanding characteristics, characteristics of stability, dependability, of energy, of a desire to improve and to be helpful, and those are qualities as I have expressed that make for fine living, for advancement among all of us.

I rejoice in the life of this man. I am sure he has accomplished his mission. He has given his family and good name and that is the finest bequeath a man can make to his family.

We should endeavor to do not only the ordinary good things of life but if we endeavor to strive to live in accordance to the will of the Lord and obey those things that he has made plain are necessary for us we shall receive higher blessings and a greater inheritance, something that cannot be obtained except through the observance of the will of the Lord.

I pray that the peace and blessing of God may attend this family that it may be united in peace and joy and may be strengthened through Thy holy spirit.

I ask this in the name of thy son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION BY HEBER JEX

Father in Heaven, we now come to the close of these services and we do so by expressing our gratitude and appreciation of the review of the life of our departed brother by those who have been familiar with the same and those who have been close throughout the years of life with him. We thank Thee for such comforting thoughts

and reflections.

We ask Thee that Thou will bless this good woman who has been a faithful companion to her departed husband. Give her a testimony in her heart that her faithful devoted labors have been acceptable unto Thee. We pray that Thou will bless the children that they may appreciate their heritage and that they may carry a record of devotion to the same that will be with them through life and on to the eternities.

We thank Thee for the blessings of the Gospel that have come to all of us. Help us to appreciate them more each day. Be with us while we finish these services. Help us all to be faithful and to work as he did.

Dismiss us with Thy blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.