

# Member L. D. S. Apostle Quorum Dedicates Institute

Dr. John A. Widsøe of the Council of the Twelve, formally opened the Cedar City L. D. S. Institute of Religion on Sunday, March 21, when he pronounced the dedicatory prayer following his address in the morning service.

Dr. Widsøe expressed the policy of the church in its educational program when he said that the Institute program was intended to fill the gap left by the field of science today. It is possible, he said to train men scientifically to become criminals. The new knowledge and power gained in the state schools must be made safe by the training of the spiritual man as well as the intellectual. He deplored the prevalence of doubt in the growing generation and urged that doubt be made a temporary stage in the march toward knowledge. To remain in doubt was most unfortunate, he said.

Dr. Frank L. West, L. D. S. Commissioner of Education, spoke in much the same strain as did Dr. Widsøe explaining that the church has been willing to expend \$30,000 for the Institute building only because it believes spiritual training of youth a serious need today. This building is to become the religious center for the college students who come to this community for higher education, he said.

Dean George Clyde of the U. S. A. C. spoke briefly, representing Dr. E. G. Peterson of that institution, and Director Henry Oberhansley expressed the spirit of close cooperation between the Institute and the Branch college. He traced in his talk, the development of the religious education movement in the colleges throughout the country.

Gustave O. Larson, director of the Institute, reported briefly on the cost of the structure and expressed appreciation to all who had contributed in any way toward its construction. He concluded his remarks by saying he felt that his present position presented a real challenge to justify the expenditure made here by increasing the spirituality of the college students who come to this community. No institution, he said, is of value beyond its capacity to serve good purposes on earth, through the enrichment of human life.

The opening prayer was offered by President Wm. R. Palmer and the benediction was given by Dr. M. Lynn Bennion of the L. D. S. Department of Education.

Among the other visitors present was H. Alvah Fitzgerald, former Institute director here, and Ray A. Welcher, director of the Institute in St. George.

Music for the occasion was under the direction of Mrs. Virginia B. Larson. In addition to a violin solo by Roy L. Halversen the Institute chorus sang "Bless This House", and "Thanks Be To God."

The building was filled to the combined capacity of the chapel and social hall. It was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the student committees, who also served as ushers and arranged for the public reception in the afternoon. Over 400 people called during the reception to inspect the building which they unanimously declared to be one of the most beautiful of its kind.