

"Yes, if you please."

"This was done, and the little lady, hurrying out of the shop, placed the whole of the money in the hands of the starving man."

"He was like one thunderstruck. Never had bounty rained upon him in such profusion before."

"The object of her bounty murmured in a low tone, though loud enough to reach her ear."

"If the Almighty made you a queen, it would not be more than your goodness deserves!"

"Then he hobbled away to satisfy his hunger."

A LIVING GOD.

It is a precious and important truth that should never be lost sight of that God is a living God. He is not active at one time and at another inactive, but He ever liveth and worketh. There is no reason to suppose that God takes more interest in one age than He does in another. But for us the important age is the present one. For every man the supreme time is the time in which he lives. The man who believes in the past but not in the present does not believe in a living God. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews makes belief in a living God the true faith. The unbelief he condemns is not an unbelief in Christ but in Christ as an ever living Savior. The Jews to whom this letter was written believed in Moses and honored him, but failed to perceive he was only a servant and that in the nature of things the Messiah and the new dispensation must be different from that which went before. They could not perceive that God could work along other and very different lines than He did in the past. The result was they fell away from the living God. But the temptation to exaggerate the past and despise the present is one that comes to others as well as the Jews. The Savior says, "Now is the day of salvation." He who cannot enjoy religion unless he is surrounded with the conditions of the past, when he was converted, has become hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Sin is nowhere so deceitful as when it takes a Christian and slowly holds him back, while the great world moves on. A true faith in God is more than a belief in a historical Christ. We must believe in Him as living today. We must believe that the problems about us are as serious for us as the problems of any past age were for the people of that time. For us to believe in Christ is to do the work today that Christ would have us do.—Methodist Times.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

President Angus M. Cannon of the State presidency, presided over the services at the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, 1897.

Choir sang the anthem:

From afar, gracious Lord,
Thou hast gathered Thy flock.

Prayer was offered by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

Choir further sang:

O my Father, Thou that dwellest
In the high and glorious place.

Elder James L. McMurrin, formerly of Salt Lake but now of Clifton, Oneida county, Idaho, was the first

speaker. He said he came to meeting in connection with the Idaho legislature, little thinking that he would be called upon to speak. The Latter-day Saints, said he, occupied a different position with respect to religion than did other religious denominations of the earth. They claimed that there had been an apostasy from the true church, and that that apostasy had caused the withdrawal from the earth of the Gospel placed here by Jesus Christ Himself. The Mormon people claimed that the Gospel had been restored to the earth again, and that too through the appearance of heavenly messengers—God the Father and the Son—to an unlearned boy—Joseph Smith the Prophet. There was sufficient Scriptural evidence to bear out the position of the Latter-day Saints, and all mankind were given the promise that if they would obey the will of the Father, they should know of the doctrine, whether it was of God or not. The Gospel was open to all peoples upon the face of the earth, and the Father had commanded that it be preached unto every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Obedience to it required that its adherents first exercise faith in God, that they repent of their former sins, afterwards going down into the waters of baptism as did Jesus of Nazareth, and having their sins washed away, making themselves fit receptacles for the Holy Spirit which followed after, to dwell in. In this way a correspondence could be opened up with the heavens, and mankind could learn their positions here upon the earth and be made to glorify God for the glorious plan of salvation meted out to those who obeyed Him and kept His commandments. The principles of the Gospel were as the work itself—everlasting—and one principle led up to another, higher and better as the devotees of the work progressed in faith and usefulness.

The Gospel work was destined to lead those who obeyed it to a state of perfection. It was destined to prepare a way for the coming of the Savior when He would reign upon the earth as King of Kings and Lord of lords. It had been again restored to earth in order to give the human family every possible chance to inherit blessings for time and all eternity. Jesus Christ was the great Redeemer, the Savior of the world, and to Him all homage was due for the love He had shown to His fellowmen. A testimony of the true Gospel once received would be as a beacon light to all who received it, and the blessings which followed the life of a true Christian would be those promised by the Father to all who would honor Him and obey His laws.

President George Q. Cannon was the closing speaker. He referred to the characteristics of the Gospel workers. As the Savior said, they were known best by their fruits, and no matter where they lived, if they were acting according to the dictates of the Holy Spirit, their influence for good would be felt in that particular community. The Saints had had experiences alike and being so, their testimonies were necessarily very much alike. Their labors were similar to those performed by the ancient Apostles, and there was a condition of unity existing among them unlike

that which followed other peoples of the earth. The Lord was blessing His people and although at times he chastened them it was for their own good in order that their faith might be the better grounded.

The speaker referred to the conditions which existed in this intermountain region at the time the Pioneers arrived here. The Salt Lake valley was anything but inviting and the people had quite a hard time to get along, but notwithstanding this they remained faithful and God added His blessings.

Choir sang the anthem:

I've waited for Thee Lord.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder L. W. Shurtliff.

At the close of the services an organ recital was given by Prof. J. J. Daynes for the benefit of the Idaho legislature, in which also was the rendition of the Pilgrim's Song of Hope by Mrs. Mary Romney-Ross. In fitting words Hon. Joseph C. Rich, of the visiting body, returned thanks for the kindness shown and hoped that Utah people would at some future time give Idaho a chance to reciprocate.

NEWS NOTES.

A colony of cool red people is to be located at Kern county, Cal. Arrangements are not entirely perfected for the location of these colonies, but will be in July.

J. P. Mayer of Harrington, Wash., in moving to Yakima recently, trusted twenty-five head of cattle to a hired man to drive ahead. The man sold them and pocketed the money, and departed before Mayer reached Yakima.

For three months the two-cent bounty for rabbit and squirrel scalps has been in force in Stanislaus county, Cal., and in that short time 15,000 scalps have been accounted for to the county clerk, nine-tenths being rabbit scalps.

A writing teacher at Willows, Cal., has invented a new penholder which is made of metal so constructed as to fit the fore finger to the right hand, and does away with the cramp resulting from grasping the ordinary penholder too tightly.

Safe-crackers in San Diego, Cal., may hereafter make a careful search for concealed cameras which work automatically before they proceed to smash open safes. A beautiful photograph of a burglar was taken automatically as he was opening a safe in that city a few days ago.

Vernon Harrison, the two-year-old child of Alice M. Hartley, died of scarlet fever at Reno, Nevada, Sunday afternoon. The deceased child was the alleged son of the late Senator M. D. Foley, who was killed by the mother something over two years ago. She served a short term in the state prison, and was recently released by the board of pardons.

Two young sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morrie were killed by the falling top of a tree near Clearbrook, in Whatcom county, Wash., recently. The boys were on their way from their home, a farm about a mile west of Clearbrook, to the postoffice after the mail, and had gone about half-way