

## MISCELLANEOUS.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

President Angus M. Cannon of the Stake presidency was the presiding officer at the Tabernacle services held Sunday afternoon.

The choir sang the hymn:

We're not ashamed to own our Lord  
And worship him on earth.

Prayer was offered by Elder Jos. F. Simmons.

Choir further sang:

All hail the glorious day  
By Prophets long foretold.

Elder Benjamin Eldredge, who had recently returned from a mission to Europe, was introduced as the first speaker. He said that in standing before the Saints to address them, he felt his weakness as he always did when occupying such a position. Therefore he asked that those assembled would assist him with their faith and prayers, that his remarks might redound to the benefit of all who had gathered together. His absent time was spent in England, partially in the Birmingham conference and afterwards in the London conference. In the latter the Elders have something over nine millions of people to preach the Gospel to and all in but two established branches of the Church. In this conference there were at present eighteen missionaries who were laboring zealously to promulgate the principles of life and salvation. The Gospel work in that part of the Lord's vineyard was progressing very favorably and the Elders were being treated with greater respect and courtesy than had been accorded them but a few years back. The newspapers were giving space to matters concerning Mormonism and interviews had with Elders were being published without the least bias or prejudice. While not many converts were being made, those who did ally themselves with the Church were brethren and sisters whose whole souls were in the work and who were determined to stick to it through good and through evil report. The Gospel was understood today as it had never before been understood in the nations of the earth. England in past years had added many to the Church membership and as conditions existed now, the promise was that many more would be culled out from among the masses and brought to know and understand that God had restored His glorious Gospel in the earth in these latter days.

Elder Eldredge said that when he left home to preach the Gospel, he had not a knowledge of the divinity of the work which he was about to represent. He realized not its importance, its grandeur and its ultimate benefits. He was pleased to say, however, that upon returning to his home, he had come back knowing full well that God had spoken from the heavens, and that His work was destined to roll on until all the wheat had been gathered from the tares. Elder Eldredge realized now more than ever before in his life, that God required His people to yield obedience to the laws and commandments that He had laid down. In con-

clusion the speaker urged the young men and women of the Church to seek good companions and to live in such a way and manner as to merit the choicest blessings that God had to bestow upon His people.

President Angus M. Cannon felt thankful to the Lord that his health was improving, and said that he rejoiced in listening to the remarks of Elder Eldredge, whose father had done so much for the upbuilding of the commonwealth, and had given of his substance to the establishment of educational institutions in our midst. His prayer was that God would bless all who would help his work along, and do all in their power to add to the comfort of their fellow man.

Elder Seymour B. Young was the next speaker. He commenced by referring to the prayer that was offered up at the opening of the meeting. Its words, he felt, were inspired of God, and the spirit which prompted their utterance carried with it a feeling of friendliness and made those assembled feel that their meeting together would be beneficial. The speaker was pleased to contemplate and felt to honor and revere the names of those who had made bequests to help the rolling on of the Church and kingdom of God. He believed that the giver of such a donation or subscription experienced just as much joy and happiness in making the gift as did they who received it. Those who had contributed freely and generously of their means to the upbuilding and the onward advancement of the Church of God, had been they who were numbered among the Pioneer settlers of this valley. The experiences through which they had passed in early days, gave them ample opportunity to judge whether or not God was with His people when they tried to do right. They had tested the promises of the Almighty and had found that God was always ready to carry out his part of the program. The hardy settlers of this valley had always been found doing their utmost to establish educational institutions, that the young and rising generation might have the privilege of attending such institutions. Not only did they look to the mental advancement of Zion's sons and daughters, but they had always advocated physical training that the young men and women might be fitted to take upon themselves almost any avocation, being able to enter the field and till the soil as well as to follow the arts and professions. The Saints of God should be a people that were always ready to turn their hands to anything, so long as they earned an honest living. It had been said, and truly, too, that the greater percentage of criminals were people who had been highly educated and had received degrees from some of the best seminaries and colleges in the land, and the question had been asked, why such a thing was. The speaker felt that this condition had been brought about through a lack of proper training. The students had gone through these colleges feeling that their mental training would bring to them rich returns without having to resort to hard manual labor. Laziness

had been encouraged in the pupils and the consequences had been that the hopes nurtured in school had vanished and caused them to retrograde and go down to wickedness, which afterwards landed them in the prisons and penitentiaries. It was to avert such a condition of affairs that God's servants were striving and advising, and if the rising generation would urick in the counsels given them from time to time, all would be well.

The Gospel work was spreading; it was gaining ground on every hand, and with eight hundred missionaries in the field, the nations of the earth were being made acquainted with its restoration in these last days. Those who desired to know the truth had every opportunity to learn it, as it was being expounded in nearly all nations of the earth. The Elders were scattered to the four winds, so to speak, and they were wielding an influence that was being felt throughout the entire globe. Great numbers of people were now investigating the principles of the Gospel, and the chances were that many of them would be added to the fold of Christ in the due time of the Lord.

Choir sang the anthem:

Hark, hark, my soul.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph Kimball.

## FROM MIDDLE TENNESSEE.

LAWRENCEBURG, Lawrence County,

August 15th, 1896.

Being called to take a mission to the Southern States, I left my home September 26th, 1895, arriving at Chattanooga October 1st, being assigned to labor in the Middle Tennessee conference. Since that time I have labored with eight different companions and have traveled and visited in twenty counties in this conference, enjoying good health, finding many who provided for our wants cheerfully.

On April 27th last I was appointed to labor in Lawrence county with Elder R. G. Archibald. There we organized a Sunday school, made many friends, and some are investigating the Gospel truths. We look for some to embrace the glorious Gospel in the near future.

At conference, which was held in Hickman county, June 27-8-9, I was assigned to labor in this county in company with Elder John Jacklin, with whom I am laboring at present. We are receiving good treatment on every hand, and the people are fast laying aside that old prejudice that has been so long instilled within them. Now they want to know what we are teaching and many of them are buying, borrowing and having books given them, which we take a delight in furnishing.

Among many interesting events that happened, I will mention one or two. We were revisiting in our county, going into a city of about one thousand inhabitants, Summertown, one of the great summer resorts in the state, where we had held a meeting some two months ago, James H. Yardley and myself, having about five hundred hearers, Elder Jacklin and myself, on entering the city again, got consent of the stewards of the Christian church to hold meeting in their church house. We held our meeting and had a very enjoy-