

## RELIGIOUS.

## Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, December 27, 1891, commencing at 2 p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

Mortals awake! with angels join,  
And chant the solemn lay.

Prayer was offered by Elder James P. Freeze.

The choir next sang:

Behold! the great Redeemer die,  
A broken law to satisfy.

The Priesthood of the Thirteenth ward officiated in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

## ELDER ANDREW KIMBALL

addressed the congregation. His remarks were devoted almost exclusively to the duties and obligations of the Saints. After referring to the many mercies which God had vouchsafed to the Latter-day Saints as a people, the speaker bore testimony of his knowledge that God lives, that He had revealed Himself in these the latter days, and that He had again restored His Gospel to the earth—that same Gospel which our Lord Jesus Christ came to establish in the meridian of time. We were thus made the happy recipients of all the blessings which were given to the former-day Saints. He had proved to his own satisfaction that that Gospel was true, and it was our privilege as Latter-day Saints to enjoy all the gifts and blessings appertaining thereto if we but walked by faith. But we did not, as we should, avail ourselves of the privileges of the Gospel of Christ. Instead of reaching out with the hand of faith, seeking to grasp the inestimable blessings which the Lord had bestowed upon the Latter-day Saints, he feared there were too many among us who clung rather to the things of this world, to those fascinations which were upon the surface and had no depth. We were now nearing the close of the old year, and, as was the custom of people generally, he supposed new resolutions would be made for the year which was about to dawn. Let them, however, not wait until the new year began, but start in at once with the resolute determination to live better lives than in the past. As a general rule he believed the Latter-day Saints were seeking to live near unto God, that they were willing to make sacrifices in that direction in order to bring themselves unto subjection to the Father's will. But there yet remained a great deal of room for improvement. We were placed here on earth not to gratify our own selfish desires, but to do those things which at last would bring us to the eternal Kingdom. There was much work for the Christian to do, and hence we should not be idle a moment of our time while in God's service. Let our constant effort be directed towards overcoming the weaknesses of the flesh and strive to bring others to a knowledge of the true God. Elder Kimball spoke upon the Word of Wisdom, exhorted his hearers to follow strictly the teachings therein laid down for

their guidance, and strongly urged the Saints to abstain from the use of tea, coffee, tobacco, intoxicating liquors, and all such things having an injurious effect upon the body. Some people said there was not much harm in a limited indulgence in these, but he insisted that a good deal of harm lurked behind them, and advocated a total abstinence from their use. He desired to warn his brethren of these evils. They should be not as a light placed under a bushel, but as a light set upon a hill, showing by their works a good example to all the world. He counseled the young especially to read only good books, reminding them that all truths belong to the Gospel, and expressed an earnest hope that the young men of Zion would wholly abstain from intoxicating drink, and thus set an example to those around them. All small defects in our daily life should be searched after and remedied. As the many pebbles formed the sea shore and as the drops of water went to make up the ocean, so it was the small things in the daily life which constituted the character of a man or woman.

The principle of faith was dwelt upon briefly, for without faith, said the speaker, our works were as dead. A reference was made to the subject of tithing. We should overcome our disposition toward selfishness, and use the substance which God had given us to benefit our fellow-creatures and to sustain the Church and Kingdom of Christ. The promise was given us that if we would make sacrifices unto the Lord, our measure in return would be running over. Let the Saints pay their tithing and they would be blessed of God. Many of them were today trying to convince themselves that there was no need for them to do this any longer, believing that the Church was well off; others seemed to think that if they did contribute "Uncle Sam" would take it all away again. But he reminded them that the principle in regard to the payment of tithing had not been changed, and if ever the Church was in need of the Saints paying their honest tithing it was today. As they were just about to enter upon the new year, he thought it well that they should have a few reminders as to their temporal duties. The Lord had indeed been merciful unto His people, and if we would live nearer unto Him His blessings would be bestowed upon us in proportion. The Latter-day Saints today needed the frequent visits of the Teachers more than ever, and he trusted that this fact would not be lost sight of in the various wards and Stakes of Zion. He himself had derived much happiness from the Gospel; to him it was all the world. The speaker urged the necessity of regular family prayer, and said that before leaving our homes in the morning or lying down to sleep at night we should kneel down and thank God for all His mercies. By night, while asleep, we required His protecting care, and for this we should ask before closing our eyes upon the labors of the day. In conclusion he entreated the Saints to live true to their religion, and God would give them, if they but sought for it at His hands, the strength necessary to overcome the wickedness and temptations of the world.

Sister Beese Dean Allison sang the solo, "Calvary," after which the choir

rendered the Christmas anthem "Wonderful Counselor."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder George Goddard.

## THE GARZA TROUBLE.

ST. LOUIS, Jan 1.—The *Republic* has received the following special at 1 a. m. from Rio Grande City: Captain Hardie reports by courier: "I struck a camp of about two hundred of Garza's men on the 29th inst. at sundown in the dense chapparal near Garza's ranch, with no casualties on our side. Captain Brook's company of rangers and Troop A, Third Cavalry. Lieutenant Beach and Short are with me. Captains Bourke and McKay are also here as volunteers."

Captain Bourke and McKay returned to this place last night and the following report was made to the department headquarters: "Hardy has a company of Texas rangers and a force of deputy marshals under Deputy Marshal Van Riper, a posse under Sheriff Haines of Carrison, and some Mexican trailers, sent by Gen. Garcia, of the Mexican army, two companies under Beach and Short, just down from San Antonio. The bandits scattered in the chapparal and I don't think they will fight much unless caught in the toils. McKay and I left this morning after a fight, and came across to Pinemo, twenty miles and back of some ranches. The great danger is that these bandits will break into small squads and plunder travelers. They have a perfect organization, a good system of signals, know the country, and, being without uniform, can turn themselves into innocent ranchers and herders in five minutes. There is great need of wagons and trailers who know the country and the people. It is the opinion of the officers that there should be a general round-up of ranchers from Polisto Blanco, west. Hardie marched his command from 3 a. m. until sundown on the 29th over fifty miles, but it was impossible to bring the outlaws to lay in the darkness. Captain Niel's company of rangers arrived last night from Alice. Captain Brito's of the rangers telegraphs from Edinburg, fifty miles south: An armed party is at Arguellost, twenty miles below here, and Sheriff Clouener, and myself, in combination with Colonel Manero's cavalry, will raid them tomorrow night. Can you or a deputy marshal with United States troops meet us tomorrow at Edinburg? The Blanco is very large, and a large number are needed to guard the river front."

It seems that Garza is making no attempt to cross into Mexico, but is collecting his forces at the side to defy the United States troops. Several outlaws who crossed the river, and one of Captain Brito's prisoners that escaped and swam the river were captured by Mexican soldiers yesterday and are now in jail. A detachment of troops arrived this morning with Sexto Longoria, a prisoner, severely wounded in the leg, which will necessitate amputation. He was shot in the recent fight between United States troops and the bandits, and is one of the men who invaded Mexico with Garza in his first raid. He was formerly a United States Deputy Marshal, and is now re-