upon the platform and delivered the following words of welcome:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor and it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this city of the five streams on behalf of the people, with their ladies and friends. You are here by invitation of our city government extended to you by Mr. Chief Devine, one of Salt Lake's all the available men of Salt Lake city. It is a matter of regret to us that we are not in all respects ready to do the high honors of representative and Christian women, such as we feel you to be, but we do what we can and we hope you will be satisfied with our efforts.

You speak of the great distances that we have to traverse in our travelling. Distance is nothing, time and the means are the great factors, those of health, which the railroad and the Pullman have so greatly ameliorated, so that we can do in a few days what it used to take us weeks and months to do. We have prepared a special train for you, which will carry you to the lake we can.

Notwithstanding all this, we will endeavor to make your visit to our Lake City an interesting one. You will find some men and women with genuine souls and willing hands, whose hospitality is as boundless as humanity, who will endeavor to be always out and who will vie with each other to every good work.

These people will take you to Salt City and many homes in the garden overlooking the lake to the east and to the Dead Sea of America on the west. You will visit with them at the great Tabernacle and listen to the organ of magnificent and grander music than is possible to be heard in any other city outside. The workers and such of you as may spare the time shall go with us to the heart of the Wasatch mountains and make personal inspection of the great silver mines of the world. All these and much more shall be given you, so that after the deliberations and work of your conventions is finished, you may return to your homes with the satisfaction that you made no mistake in visiting the city of the Saints, ladies and gentlemen. I bid you thus welcome to our city and trust that the business which has brought you together will have a most useful and pleasant termination.

President Roberts introduced Chief Humphrys for the response. "Its your turn," he said, "now a fitting response may be made in the eloquent strains of welcome by Governor Wells and Mayor Glendinning. I call upon a man whose family of speech fits him for the task to which I now assign him."

CHIEF HUMPHREY'S REPLY.

"Mr. President, His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Mayor of Salt Lake City, ladies and gentlemen and fellow citizens: I must confess that the position assigned to me this morning by the president of this association is indeed a very harrowing one, from the fact that I am fully convinced that no finite words that I may be able to muster can in any substantial degree convey the appreciative sentiments of the members of this association, to regards to this very eloquent, erudite and kindly greeting.

"I might say to those gentlemen, or through those gentlemen to the people whom they have the honor to represent, that this is the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Association of Fire Chief Engineers of this country. The object of this association is that of spending the vacations allotted to only the municipalities we serve in the best possible way; for the purpose of mutual improvement, to counsel with each other and to cheer to learn from each other methods and means whereby we can pursue our calling and vocation with a greater degree of efficiency. Coupled with this is a social feature that predominates in all organizations of this character, a sentiment that binds us together with the ties of friendship and a condition from which emanates greater efficiency in the vocation which we follow.

"I would indeed, I presume, to superfluous upon my part to attempt to say anything with reference to the devotion of firemen and their heroic efforts at all times and in all seasons in response, as the distinguished orator has said, to the call of duty and the dictate of humanity and we do daily and every day risk Universal millions worth of accumulated property. This is the theme and yet that theme pal notwithstanding the fact that we are in every place within the limits of our country, yet we are thus by the fidelity, the devotion and unselfishness of our calling, but of the world.

"It is not for me, ladies and gentlemen, that our association is a great extent a social one. We feel that we owe to the people, from to the east, from to the south and east we are come to the West. For years past we have spent our last good dollars in the interest of the fire department of this city. I am glad to say that we have no regrets for the expenditure of the money, as it caused thousands to come together, and landed finally in the Gentiles of Utah. We feel that both this and our own people by the expenditure of our money have gained a great deal of good. We have met with a hearty welcome wherever we have been, and we have met with a hearty welcome wherever we have been, and we have met with a hearty welcome wherever we have been, and we