

ning, we still existed as an organized community, possessing sufficient power to accomplish that which God has entrusted to us; and so, he said, it would continue to be with us, time only adding to our strength and developing the qualities peculiar to us.

The choir sang the anthem:

The nations bow to Satan's thrall.

Benediction by Elder George H. Booth.

THE FAIR.

The following is from the EVENING NEWS of Oct. 2:

There were but a few scores of people on the fair grounds this morning before ten o'clock, and most of these were busily engaged in arranging exhibits. After that hour, however, visitors began to come in, though there was nothing like a rush before noon.

From a variety of causes the work of arranging the exhibits was more backward than was generally expected. At eleven o'clock this forenoon it became plainly apparent that the whole of today would be insufficient to admit of the complete and proper arrangement of the displays.

There is everywhere evidence, however, that the work will be better done than it was last year. There is much better organization, and the displays, as a rule, promise to far exceed in excellence and attractiveness those of 1888.

THE GROUNDS.

The exposition enclosure outside the building has been admirably arranged for such exhibits as properly belong out-of-doors. The provisions that have been made for live stock are especially extensive and admirable. Around three sides of the enclosure is an unbroken succession of stalls for horses and cattle, constructed in a neat and substantial manner, and along a considerable space just south of the exposition building extends the pens for the accommodation of poultry.

The agricultural implement dealers had their displays well arranged this morning, in sheds just north and east of the main building, and their exhibits were very fine. In a tent east of the main building was a side show of trained seals, and on the south of it is a large restaurant where refreshments of all kinds may be obtained. This fills a want much felt last year.

On the grounds, during the fair, visitors will have an opportunity of seeing in practical operation an artesian well machine which will be engaged in sinking a pipe four and a half inches in diameter. The machine is sold by the Co-operative Wagon & Machine Company, and is operated by Messrs. Chapman & King. The same company will show a traction engine and thresher in operation, in charge of Mr. Allen A. Russell.

The electric light plant has a capacity of 175 lights, sufficient to thoroughly illuminate the building, grounds, restaurant, etc.

THE INTERIOR.

The arrangement of the exhibits in the main building at the present writing is entirely too incomplete to admit of a specific description. It is very evident, however, that the interior will present a richer, better organized and more attractive appearance than it did last year. The display of fruits, though still incomplete, is incomparably better than was that of 1888, and the exhibit of farm crops will also excel by far the previous one.

The third one south of the gallery is devoted to the fine arts, of which there will be a magnificent display when the entire department is all arranged. It will be shown what a remarkable development has been effected in local art, and that Utah may well be proud of her talent in this regard.

The florists of the city are engaged in a lively rivalry to make the best exhibits, and the result will be superb displays when all have their exhibits completely arranged.

Our mineral products will have much better justice done to them this year than last, and several branches of home manufactures will be splendidly represented.

In this connection it is proper to mention the magnanimity of Z. C. M. I. shoe factory. Owing to its superior machinery and facilities this institution had a great advantage in competing for prizes; but the manager has notified smaller manufacturers that Z. C. M. I. shoe factory would not compete for any premiums. This notice was given in order to encourage smaller manufacturers to exhibit their goods.

THE FORMAL OPENING.

Not until noon did many visitors arrive, and then the crowd was too small for the formal opening. A few minutes past twelve o'clock the band played a selection, and from that time on there was a steady and rapid increase in the number of people in the building and on the grounds.

At precisely one o'clock, after a tune by the band, His Excellency Governor Thomas, accompanied by Secretary Sells and the officers of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society, took seats on the musicians' balcony. Col. John R. Winder, president of the society, called the assembly to order, and announced that the formal opening exercises would now begin.

A stirring selection by the band followed this announcement, after which prayer was offered by Bishop Orson F. Whitney. The doorkeepers were instructed to close the doors of the main building, and the band played another inspiring selection.

Col. Winder introduced Governor Thomas, who said: "Ladies and gentlemen—On behalf of the officers of the D. A. & M. Society, I welcome you to this the seventeenth annual fair of the society. I am proud to say that it is the most elaborate, expensive and complete exhibit that ever took place in our Territory. The society is worthy of the highest praise for the pride and

interest it has taken in the development of the agricultural and manufacturing resources and industries of our Territory.

"The agricultural, horticultural and live stock interests of Utah have been remarkably well developed; and I congratulate the people on the magnificent display presented here.

"Providence has showered its blessings upon Utah, and has blessed us with a splendid climate and with resources of surpassing richness and extent. The live stock exhibit at this fair is the best the Territory has ever produced and will equal any in the west, numbers considered. Among our home manufactured goods are fabrics of splendid quality, including fine dress goods. Our woolen factories furnish employment, and help to consume the wool we produce, and I regret that there are not more of them.

"The display of fruits and vegetables is as fine as could be found in the western part of the United States. Considering the long dry season we have had, the exhibits in this department are magnificent.

"In all the other departments the exhibits are fine; one worthy of special attention is that of the ladies, where are shown many articles of domestic economy, proving the taste, skill and industry of the ladies.

"In another department you will see two pianos, one made in the last century, the other in our day. The comparison will show how wonderful has been the success of American genius, whose products are now being sent to all parts of the world.

"Let us encourage these fairs. They serve a double purpose; they bring the people together socially in a manner productive of much good, and they stimulate our agricultural and manufacturing interests. Agriculture is the basis of all industries. Let us encourage it and build it up, and aim to make our Territory first in agriculture, manufactures and commerce.

"A people who are well educated and masters of themselves, and a people who are masters of themselves are masters of the world. Let us then educate our children, and teach them to improve their surroundings, and especially to appreciate the blessings of our government, the greatest and best upon the earth."

Loud and prolonged applause followed the Governor's address. At its close Col. Winder arose and said:

"I now declare this, the seventeenth annual fair of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society opened."

The band struck up a lively air and the crowd began moving about. The opening exercises occupied just 20 minutes.

By the time the formal opening had been concluded the stalls for the live stock were mostly filled, making a display at once very extensive and remarkable for the superiority of most of the animals shown.

Time and space will not admit of a further description of the fair today, but those who attend to-