

ing a total of seven hundred and eighty souls, being an increase of seventy-two during the past year. A report of the tithes paid in 1895 was also given, showing an increase of ten per cent per capita above the previous year.

Impressive addresses were made by Elders Card, Wolf and Williams of the Stake presidency, Patriarch Hinman and other leading Elders of the Stake, speaking of the gift of tongues and interpretation thereof, of prophecy, so freely poured out upon the Saints recently in this region, and encouraging the Saints to a continuance of diligence and faithfulness, especially in the care of our children, in guarding them from the snare the adversary is continually setting for them, and leading them by precept and example in the ways of purity and righteousness; of the necessity of strictly observing the law of tithing, that the blessings of the Lord might be continued unto us, and the land be sanctified for our sakes; the strict observance of the Word of Wisdom; the necessity of a full and complete organization of the different helps and governments necessary in a ward, of wisdom being exercised in regard to the gifts of the Gospel, to guard against the inroads of the adversary, of our duty in complying strictly with the laws of the land, the payment of our obligations, and living in peace and unity.

The attendance at the conference both days was unusually large, the weather being remarkably fine; the Spirit of the Lord was poured out to a great degree upon speakers and hearers and caused a time of general rejoicing.

SYLVESTER Low,
Stake Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The usual services at the Tabernacle Sunday were well attended and were presided over by President of the Stake Angus M. Cannon.

Choir sang:

Do we not know that solemn word
That we are buried with the Lord?

Prayer was offered by Elder C. W. Penrose.

Choir further sang:

Inspirer of the ancient seers
Who wrote from 1 book the sacred page.

Elder Le Roy C. Snow, who will shortly leave home to take up a labor in the Swiss and German mission, was the first speaker. He felt that if any one who ever occupied the pulpit needed assistance from God, it was he, and accordingly he asked for the faith and prayers of those assembled. He knew that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was true. He had received such a testimony. The power of the Priesthood was greater to the Latter-day Saints than anything else that could be bestowed upon mankind upon the earth. He was proud to bear the name of a Latter-day Saint, and in obedience to a call that had been made of him, was going out into the nations of the earth to bear the testimony of the truth, which he had received. The work of the Elders among the people of the earth would avail nothing were it not for the spirit of God which accompanied their teachings. A great difference exists between the teachings of outside denominations and those of the Latter-day Saints. The

doctrine of the Saints was identical with that taught by Jesus Christ himself; it was revealed in these latter days that all nations might be taught the word of God in its purity, by men having authority to pronounce blessings upon the heads of those who yielded obedience unto His laws and commandments. In conclusion Elder Snow bade the Saints of Utah farewell, and hoped they would exercise their faith and prayers in his behalf.

Elder Alfred Ridgway, a recently returned missionary from Australia, was the next speaker. He felt pleased to stand up and bear his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel or the plan of salvation as revealed from heaven in these latter days. He hoped that all assembled had come together to be fed spiritually, for he knew that if they came with that object in view and strove for such a result, they would have their desires gratified. His labors in Australia had been a source of joy and satisfaction to him. The love of God had burned in his heart, and when the time came to return home, it was almost as much of a task to do that as it had been to leave home. He felt that his home was there, having become so greatly attached to his labors in bringing souls unto Christ. The restoration of the Gospel in these last days was wrought about by revelation—something which the different religious denominations of the world did not believe in. The taking of the Gospel from the earth necessitated its return, and it could only be restored through revelation. Through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith the Gospel in all its ancient purity and holiness had been revealed to those living in this dispensation. Modern revelation would have to be believed in, before they, not now of our faith, could become recipients of the Gospel which the Latter-day Saints had espoused, and gained the blessings which followed obedience thereto. The Australian mission is prospering, the only drawback being a lack of Elders to carry the glad tidings to the people of that land. Numbers of cities in that land had not been privileged with visits from Mormon missionaries, and unless such visits were made to those cities, the people residing therein would perish. Prejudices had been allayed there to an alarming extent and the people of Australia had opened their hearts and their homes to the preaching of the doctrines of Mormonism.

Elder Frank L. Beattie felt it a great privilege to stand up and bear his humble testimony to such a large congregation of Latter-day Saints. He had recently filled a mission in the Southern States—a labor which he had greatly enjoyed. When called to leave his home to go forth and explain the principles of the Gospel to the people of the South, he had not a testimony of the work, because he had not applied himself to it. He knew now, however that God lived, and that He was a rewarder of those who would diligently seek Him. He urged upon the parents to teach their children the principles of the Gospel, that they might know that the work was true. The Saints should not only be bearers of the word, but doers of it

too. It was absolutely necessary for the Saints to yield obedience to the instructions which were laid down to them from time to time by the authorities, because the Gospel of Jesus Christ was of divine origin, and it was just as essential that we yield obedience to the laws laid down, as it was for the followers of Christ to yield obedience unto Him in ancient times. The speaker was pleased to know that this church was presided over by a Prophet, Seer and Revelator, who together with his counselors and the quorum of the Twelve Apostles were able to pronounce blessings upon the Saints, which would be poured out upon them in rich abundance if they would but yield obedience to God's laws and commandments.

Elder Heber J. Grant, in addressing the Saints assembled, stated that it was ever a source of joy and satisfaction to him, to listen to the humble testimonies of returned Elders. The speaker realized that the assertion, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the only true one upon the face of the earth, was a bold one, but it was verily true. When Joseph Smith inquired of God which was the true church, he met with the answer that none were recognized by Him. This was sufficient to prove that they had all fallen away from the truth and that that church which had been organized by the Prophet under the direction of God, was the only authorized religious denomination existing upon the face of the earth today. If parents desired their children to possess a knowledge of the divinity of the work of God, they must teach them the first principles of the Gospel from their youth up. Such a testimony would not come to them unless they sought for it. Nothing much was accomplished without labor, and unless the children of the Saints were taught in the ways of the Lord, their knowledge of the Gospel would be very limited. The book of Doctrine and Covenants required the parents to look after the spiritual welfare of their children, and if they failed to give heed unto that commandment, the sin would rest upon their heads. In conclusion the speaker made an earnest appeal to the parents to observe the duties devolving upon them with respect to the training of their children that they might be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The choir sang the anthem:

Israel's sons with one accord.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Henry P. Richards.

FEBRUARY WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Service of the Weather Bureau, Utah Section; J. H. Smith, Observer and Section Director, Salt Lake City, Utah. Meteorological Report for February, 1896.—February, 1896, was warmer than usual, with moderate extremes of temperature, and considerably less than the normal amount of precipitation. A moderate cold wave spread over the State on the 7th, when the lowest temperatures recorded during the month occurred. The weather was somewhat stormy from the 2nd to the 6th, and from the 26th to the end of the month. With the exception of the 11th, when the