

## RELIGIOUS.

## Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, May 15th, 1892, commencing at 2 p. m., President Wilford Woodruff presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.

Prayer was offered by Elder W. C. Dunbar.

The choir sang the anthem:

O, Lord, God of Israel, the Lord is our Redeemer.

The Priesthood of the Twelfth ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

The Tabernacle was crowded in every part, a large number of the Presbyterian party now on their way to Portland, Oregon, were present.

COUNSELOR CHARLES W. PENROSE delivered the following address: I have been requested to speak to the congregation this afternoon, and I rise to do so with pleasure, and also with some timidity. This is generally felt by our brethren, when called upon to speak in this large meeting-house, from the fact that it is not our custom to prepare discourses for the occasion. So, like my brethren who are called upon from time to time to occupy this stand, I have to rely upon the faith and sympathy of this congregation, and upon the Holy Spirit, which I pray and desire may rest down upon me and upon all who are present, that our minds may be mutually enlightened, that we may be able to understand that which is brought before our attention.

We have met this afternoon as is our custom on the Lord's Day, to partake of the Holy Sacrament, to worship before the Lord, to sing His praises, and to be instructed—to have our minds drawn away from the common things of life and directed towards the object of our salvation towards God and His Son Jesus Christ, and to those things which have been revealed to us for our edification and obedience.

The Latter-day Saints are a body of worshipers who believe in God. They believe in the God of the Bible. They believe in Jesus Christ. They believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God. They also believe that all men and women who dwell on the earth are the sons and daughters of God; but in a special sense they believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. His only begotten Son according to the flesh. They believe also that by obedience to the commandments which God gives through Jesus Christ all mankind may be saved, and that without obedience to those things they cannot be saved and exalted in the presence of the Father. The Latter-day Saints believe that in these days, in the nineteenth century, God has manifested Himself again as He did in times of old; that Jesus Christ who died on Calvary has revealed Himself, and that He has re-established His Church in the same form and after the same pattern in which He established it when He dwelt on the earth in the flesh. They believe

that there is but one Gospel of Jesus Christ, one true religion, and that if people desire to obtain the blessings of God in this life, and to dwell in His presence, to enjoy the fulness of His glory in the next life, they must be obedient to that Gospel. At the same time, they accord to all persons, everywhere, the right to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, to worship as seems right in their eyes; to believe that which commends itself to their judgment; to form religious societies, to publish their opinions, to preach what they think is right, to build up their societies according to their best judgment for the good of mankind, to be perfectly free, so far as conscience is concerned, and in the spreading forth of principles which they may believe to be right, no matter how erroneous they may seem to us, and to do all things that are deemed to be religious, so long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others.

I have with me this afternoon a small card containing the Articles of Faith of the Latter-day Saints, which I will read to the congregation, as there may be many present who are not acquainted with our doctrine. No doubt all people have heard something about the Latter-day Saints, or "Mormons," as they are more commonly called. They have heard, no doubt, a great many very foolish things about us, a great many erroneous things, because I know that misrepresentations have been made concerning us, our faith, our designs, our course of life, and our objects in being here in these mountain valleys. These misrepresentations have been scattered broadcast throughout the world. "Falsehood," we are told, "will go a league before truth can get its boots on," and this has been the case very much in regard to the people called "Mormons," or Latter-day Saints. The term "Mormon" is not the name we should be known by. The disciples of Jesus Christ, the members of his church, in early days, so we read in the New Testament, were first called Christians at Antioch. I do not know where the Latter-day Saints were first called "Mormons," but this is the name by which they are generally known in the world, because they believe in the Book of Mormon. It would be just about as reasonable to call us Pauls or Peters, or Jameses, or Johns, because we believe what Paul wrote, what James wrote, what Peter wrote, and also what Mormon wrote. But our proper title is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is His Church, built up according to His directions, and we are called Latter-day Saints to distinguish us from the former-day Saints. The proper name by which the members of Christ's Church were known in the olden time, if we may believe the Bible, both the old and new testament, was Saints. Those who believe in God and keep His commandments, who live for Him and for the truth, are called Saints; and we are desirous of being Saints, of striving to be Saints. We do not pretend to be very much better than other people in the world, but we are joined together in the Church of Jesus Christ in order that we may become Saints, be prepared for the presence of God, to en-

joy His society and the society of His son Jesus Christ, and all the good, the noble and the best of the earth who will be saved in His glory. So the proper name of this Church is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and these are the Articles of Faith of that Church as arranged by Joseph Smith.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that, through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that these ordinances are: First, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of Hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by "prophecy, and by the laying on of hands," by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive Church, namely, Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes. That Zion will be built upon this continent. That Christ will reign personally upon the earth, and that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul, "We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."—JOSEPH SMITH.

I think if these articles of our faith were scattered a little more extensively throughout the world, the erroneous ideas which a great many people may have entertained concerning us would be somewhat corrected.

As I before stated, we believe that there is but one true religion. We believe that because there is but one God for the inhabitants of the earth to worship, when they worship anything but that one true God they commit idolatry. We believe that this one true God has a religion which He desires the inhabitants of the earth to follow, which He revealed in former times for their guidance, and which