

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

At the Tabernacle services yesterday, Sunday, Aug. 13th, after the usual preliminary exercises,

ELDER JOHN MORGAN,

of the presidency of the Seventies, addressed the congregation. He had been called to the stand, he said, without any previous preparation and wished to be led by the Spirit of the Lord in saying something of mutual interest. The Lord has set apart one day of seven as a day of rest and of worship. Nature bears testimony to the necessity of keeping the Sabbath day, by demanding rest from physical and mental toil, and every Saint who has any experience in the matter knows the value of that day. Isolation from the body of the Saints and the holy ordinances has a tendency to weaken our faith. It takes all the influences of the Church to keep us from walking in forbidden paths. The purpose of our gatherings is therefore that we may be better fitted to live in accordance with the Gospel. To gain this end more knowledge and higher intelligence is required than that which emanates from mortal man alone. It takes the inspiration of the Almighty.

The Saints have in past times often been surrounded by adverse circumstances, some of which have had a tendency to retard their progress. There has always been a conflict between light and darkness. The Saints have been misunderstood from the beginning and such condition is likely to prevail until light has gained perfect victory, which will be when Christ comes again and people shall see eye to eye. It is certain that a culmination of the purposes of our heavenly Father shall take place. Mankind was planted on this earth and has a varied history but the last events will, according to all prophetic declarations, be much more momentous than any preceding ones. We are now living in a most important age, one of which it has been said that the work will be cut short in righteousness. When about half a century ago a few people arose and classed themselves as Latter-day Saints, few could believe that these should soon be renowned all over the world. But it has come to pass, and all so rapidly that it has been difficult to follow the events, though the leading ones were clearly told beforehand. History has followed prophecy. And our case is parallel with that of former Saints. Their history was clearly outlined beforehand, but they did not understand it till it had transpired. And this applies equally to the future. All is foretold. "Blessed are they that fear Him, for they shall walk in peace forever." Those who listen to God's voice and give heed to the admonitions given shall have peace and all other blessings. We have seen through a glass darkly, to a large extent. Hence we have stumbled and reaped the reward of our shortcomings. Let us acknowledge this and feel a greater necessity in the future of being filled with the Spirit than ever before, because of the existing conditions. Babylon is preparing for its downfall. We can see the writing on the wall

and know its purport. The recent insignificant quarrel between France and Spain has demonstrated how little it takes to ignite the mine on which the world stands and how easy an explosion may occur. The world moves very rapidly now. Events follow each other swiftly.

Concerning the present financial trouble the speaker observed that it may, perhaps, not last so long as some anticipate, but then, he said, are we prepared for the wave that may follow? We have long been told that there shall be a famine, not of money but of bread. Some think this impossible with the present means of communication. But what of the condition recently reported from a neighboring city, where thousands had to be fed by the municipal authorities, although there was grain enough? In the city of New York it would take but four days to exhaust all the supply of food there is, should the means of communication be cut off. The speaker said he believed the Saints ought to be prepared and make provisions for the season during which labor is always scarce. It behooves every man that can give employment to do so, to the laborers, and it behooves these to act wisely and be satisfied with such labor and wages as can be provided during these times.

The most prosperous time here was when there was no money in circulation. Then the laborer could not spend his wages as soon as he got them. He received something with which to build up his home, and most of those who were here during that time are prosperous today. We may have to come back to that time, and if so, it would be to our benefit and blessing.

Then there are many young men who have prepared themselves for callings in which there is not much demand. They are partially useless. At the same time there are thousands of acres of land waiting for cultivation. Why not occupy them and obtain independence? God requires of the Saints wisdom in all such matters, for He has given them a trust above all others; He has given to them to regenerate the earth and make it fruitful from end to end. We cannot succeed in our mission except by giving heed to the advice of God. If we will do this, the glory of Zion shall rise above that of all nations, but if we fail, the fate of Babylon shall surely overtake us. The speaker concluded with an earnest appeal to the Saints to heed the counsels of the Almighty.

Life insurance statistics prove that Sweden has had "hard times" for the past twenty months. The amount of new policies issued was on the increase until the year 1892; but the total for that year was only \$11,254,500 against \$11,915,200 for the year 1891. On the other hand the amount of policies cancelled was \$6,048,810, which is nearly fifty-four per cent of the amount of new policies issued during the year. Only fourteen per cent of the insurance cancelled was due to deaths, the remaining forty per cent being lapses. The reports of four of the oldest companies show that forty of their policy holders committed suicide during the year, while the greatest number of suicides for any previous year was only fourteen.

DEATHS.

REISER.—In this city, August 3d, of heart disease, Magdalena S. Reiser, in her 57th year.

BEARDSHALL.—William Beardshall, of Fairfield, in this city, August 10th, of cirrhosis of the liver.

GRIEVE.—At New Pittsigo, Scotland, on July 13, 1893, Christina Mathers Grieve, aged 51 years.

FELSTED.—In the First ward, Aug. 8th, 1893, of dropsy, William Felsted, born May 3rd, 1814.

MCCOONEY.—In Salt Lake City, August 9, 1893, James Edward, beloved son of John H. and Kathleen McCooey, a native of Ireland; aged 3 years, 2 months.

LARSEN.—At Bear River City, August 5, 1893, Martin Larsen, born in Sweden, July 15, 1822. He emigrated to Utah in 1877, and died a faithful Latter-day Saint in full fellowship in the Church.

RICHARDSON.—At Brighton, Salt Lake county, August 4th, at 11:15 a.m., Albert M. son of Albert and Lucy M. Richardson; aged five months and nine days, having been born February 13rd, 1893.

HIGLEY.—In this city, August 10th, after an illness of three days, Arthur Mortimore, son of I. M. Higley and the late Annie Rutherford Higley—aged 20 months, 16 days. Funeral private.

BURGESS.—In the Sixteenth ward of this city, at 9 a.m. Monday, August 14, 1893, of inflammation of the bowels, Alice Louisa, daughter of Charles and Maria Burgess. The deceased was born in the Fifteenth ward, Salt Lake City, May 22, 1881.

PETERSEN.—At Junction, Piute county, Utah, August 2nd, 1893, Maria M. K. Petersen, wife of Jorgen O. Petersen; born in Denmark June 6th, 1836. She endured many privations on account of her religious convictions and died in full faith of the Gospel.

WARE.—Mrs. Rachel S. Ware died at 6 o'clock last evening at the residence of her niece, Harriet A. Hardy, No. 330 north Third West street, at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 12 days.

The deceased has been paralyzed for the past three and a half years.
Keene, N. H., papers, please copy.

MILLER.—At American Fork, Aug. 1st, 1893, Alexander Miller, aged 57 years 4 months and 24 days. Born at Clackmannanshire, Scotland, joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Omaha, Nebraska, in the year 1860; settled in American Fork, where he has resided ever since. He leaves a wife and five sons to mourn his loss.

UNSWORTH.—In Ainsworth, near Radcliffe, Lancashire, England, July 15, 1893, James Unsworth, aged 67 years, lacking seven days, of an abscess in his right side. While Mr. Unsworth never joined the Church, his family have made the Elders welcome to their home for upwards of five years and have shown kindness in many ways to the Saints.—*Millennial Star*.

WEBSTER.—Hannah Webster, wife of William Webster, departed this life August 1st, 1893. She was born in Bedford, England, March 5th, 1818, immigrated to Utah in 1855. She was the mother of ten children, thirty grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. Deceased was a member of the Relief Society and had lived in Kaysville for thirty-eight years.

FELSTED.—August 8, 1893, at Salt Lake City, aged 83, William Felsted. Deceased was born at Chigwell, Essex, England, and died a faithful Latter-day Saint.

Funeral was held in the First Ward meeting house August 10th. Addresses by Bishop Warburton and Elkers Thorup, Wallis, Booth, Steel and Siddoway.
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THOMAS.—Ann Thomas died in Lehi, June 13, 1893 of age. She was the wife of Joseph Thomas, and was born May 21, 1819, at Trarbach, Pembrokeshire, South Wales. She was baptized in 1851, and emigrated to Utah in 1878; she was the mother of ten children, seven sons and three daughters. She was well and favorably known as a midwife and was very successful. She had great faith in the ordinances of the Gospel and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection.