

## RELIGIOUS.

## Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, July 5th, 1891, commencing at 2 p. m. President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

Do what is right, the day-dawn is breaking,  
Hailing a future of freedom and light.

Prayer by Elder Henry P. Richards.

The choir sang:

Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell,  
By faith and love, in every breast.

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

## APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT

was then called upon to address the congregation, the following being a brief synopsis of his remarks:

I am pleased that I have once more an opportunity to be with the Saints. It is always a source of pleasure and satisfaction to me to assemble with the people of God and listen to His servants, or, when called upon to speak, to add my testimony to theirs to the truth of the faith we have espoused.

The more I study the plan of life and salvation as revealed in this last dispensation through the Prophet Joseph Smith, the greater is my gratitude to my heavenly Father for the light and knowledge He has given me, and it is always a pleasure to me to bear testimony to this divine work. I have noticed that the more faithful an individual is in discharging his duties, the more joy he has in bearing his testimony. But if he becomes lukewarm in the performance of his daily duties, he will always find it difficult to bear his testimony in the congregations of the people of God.

Sometimes, by consulting our feelings, we are led to neglect our meetings and remain at home, feeling justified in not partaking of the Lord's supper, because we think we need to rest from the cares and labors of the week days. But I testify that the oftener we yield to this feeling, the less we realize the necessity of coming together; and the oftener we gather with the people of God the more we feel the importance thereof. The Lord has commanded us to come together and to remember Him at all times; and only by keeping this commandment can we become strong and fortified against all temptations and evils which we may have to meet in the battle of life.

I rejoice, as I mingle with men of the world, in the glorious truths revealed to us, and I pray constantly that my mind may not become darkened, but that I may keep the covenants made with God.

Many men in the world do not think of the future. They want to be successful in the affairs of this world, desiring to be looked upon as honest and good men, from a worldly point of view, but the question of God's revelations to mankind is a matter of no interest to them. To me it seems to be the most important thing to learn the mind and will of the Lord and then to labor with all strength to do that will.

It is true that to live in accordance with God's laws requires much diligence and even sacrifices. And it is also true that it is not natural to men to make such sacrifices, but those who have been most blessed by God have been those who were willing to give their time, their talents, their all for the Lord. Their experience has been that by so sacrificing their all, they have received more strength, more of the Spirit of the Lord and have been better enabled to accomplish the will of God.

On the subject of kindness one towards another, the speaker said he had sometimes thought that many persons were afraid of speaking a kind word to another, as if by so doing, their whole supply of kind words would soon be exhausted. With temporal things this may be so. If a man, for instance, has one hundred sacks of grain and gives away one, he has only ninety-nine left, and so on. But in distributing kind words and deeds, the opposite result is obtained. The oftener we speak kindly and do acts of kindness, the better prepared we are to do so in the future. As we labor in any given direction for the benefit of our fellowmen, the more will we be enabled to do so. No individual has ever performed a beneficial act for his fellowmen but that this act has brought down upon him the blessings of heaven. To labor for others gives a joy and satisfaction which cannot be gained by laboring only for ourselves. It is because the Saints are laboring for their fellowmen, for the salvation of the world, that they have the Spirit of the Lord with them.

It behooves us to be anxiously and diligently engaged in the good work and to do it with all our strength and all our might. We have the power within us to work and we should not be sloven, thereby forfeiting the promised reward.

We have received a testimony of the Gospel and the knowledge that we are engaged in the work of God. Now, we must diligently labor in this work and not sit still, waiting for the Lord to do what we ourselves can do. Some people seem to think that this work will go on whether they take a part in it or not. This may be true. The work and plans of the Almighty cannot be stopped by our neglect. It will continue to go onward and forward, but unless we exert ourselves in the cause we will certainly lose our reward. For we will be rewarded according to our individual efforts. It is not knowledge, nor mere profession in words, that will be rewarded, but diligent, active work.

It may be that we sometimes are misunderstood and misjudged by our fellowmen, when we try to do our best. Men will condemn as selfishness what really is sacrifice on our part. But if we can only have the testimony of the Spirit in our hearts that we have been doing God's will, we need not fear the misconstructions that men may put on our actions or motives.

I realize that all who hold responsible positions have a right to the inspirations of the Spirit. And this is better than any other knowledge that can be obtained. Life eternal is the

greatest gift to man, and this gift can be gained only by walking in the light of the Spirit and keeping the commandments of God.

## PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

then delivered a discourse on practical religion, showing that in the Church of Christ are to be found all the gifts necessary for a human being to overcome weaknesses, conquer all temptations and be made perfect as a follower of our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The choir sang:

Look up and put your trust in God.

Benediction was pronounced by Apostle Abraham H. Cannon.

## THE SPENCER-ROSSITER PARTY.

The Spence-Rossiter party of Salt Lake excursionists to Europe arrived at Liverpool early on the morning of Thursday, June 18, after a prosperous journey by land and ocean. The travelers were satisfactorily treated by the officials of the respective railroads—Union Pacific, Chicago & Alton and Erie—all the way to New York. Some who came over the Denver & Rio Grande route to Kansas City reported that they were also treated with uniform courtesy.

A pleasant feature of the overland portion of the trip was a brief visit to Independence, Jackson county, Missouri, which is situated about ten miles from Kansas City. It is reached by cable car and dummy train. The former is taken at a point in immediate proximity to the railroad station at which we arrived from the west. It runs over rolling ground, climbing steep hills and descending abrupt slopes, giving the passenger an opportunity to view the verdant surrounding region. At the terminus of the cable line the visitor to Independence boards the dummy cars and is soon rolled into the heart of the location designated by the finger of prophecy as the central spot from whence shall radiate the future glory of Zion.

Shortly after reaching Independence we met with Mr. Thomas Lloyd, of "The Reorganized Church," the members of which are commonly known in Utah as "Josephites." He is a nephew of Brother W. J. Lloyd, of Salt Lake City, concerning whom he made many kindly inquiries. Mr. Lloyd was quite courteous and was good enough to accompany the party about town and show them leading points of historic interest, but as our stay was necessarily limited we were compelled to confine our attention almost exclusively to the chief attraction to all good Latter-day Saints—the Temple lot, dedicated and consecrated in times of great peril by the heroes who were instruments in the hands of God of establishing the Church of Christ in the latter-day dispensation. On this sacred spot is yet to be reared a holy house unto the Most High, which will be filled with his glory, while a pillar of fire will surround it by night, and a pillar of cloud overshadow it by day.

While we were being conducted around the little town by Mr. Lloyd, we were joined by Mr. J. A. Roblison, who, we were informed, presides over the Independence district of the Reorganized Church. He did not manifest the comparatively mellow disposition of the first named gentle-