

time before he was released to return home. He and Elder Jensen called at the house of a widow lady in York County, South Carolina, who was friendly to the Elders and occasionally entertained them, with the intention of remaining there over night, but felt impressed after staying a short time that it would not be safe for them to do so, as a member of the Church who had been in her employ had been obliged to leave only a short time previous, because of the threats made towards him. The Elders resumed their journey about 4 p.m., and three hours afterwards a mob of about seventy-five men surrounded her house and demanded that the Elders should be delivered up to them. The lady informed them that her friends were not there and refused to tell where they were, and as a result she and her hired man, neither of whom were members of the Church, were subjected to a severe castigation with hickory withes, every member of the mob inflicting upon them one stroke each. The mobocrats all had handkerchiefs tied over the lower parts of their faces as a disguise, but the lady, when assaulted by them, snatched the masks off three of them and recognized them as neighbors. The assailants also threatened that if the lady attempted to prosecute them they would kill her. The mob then proceeded to the house of an old gentleman named Robert Linear, who lived about three miles distant, and who belonged to the Church, and gave him the same number of stripes, at the same time warning him against entertaining the Elders any more. They happened to find in his house a Book of Mormon and some other church publications which his sister, who lives in this city, had sent him as a present, and these they appropriated.

At last accounts the lady who was mobbed, and who had as a consequence left her home and gone to live with friends about nine miles distant, was feeling none the less friendly to the Elders or their doctrines, and was taking steps to have the perpetrators of the outrage brought to justice if possible.

Elder Johnson returns in good health and is thankful for the experience gained and the testimonies acquired during his absence.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, Nov. 24th, 1889, commencing at 2 p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang:

Praise ye the Lord! 'tis good to raise
Your hearts and voices in His praise.

Prayer by Elder S. J. Sudbury.

The choir and congregation sang:

Come, let us anew our journey pursue,
Roll round with the year,
And never stand still till the Master
appear.

The Priesthood of the Eighteenth Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER GEORGE F. GIBBS

said the experience of the "Mormon" Elders is always pleasant if nearly always hard. It seems very hard upon a young man to be called upon to leave his home and go forth among strangers to preach the Gospel of salvation, of which, perhaps, he knows comparatively little, or, as an inexperienced speaker, to be called to address a congregation such as this. But there is one thing which the "Mormon" Elder learns from his youth, and that is to place his faith and confidence in God his Heavenly Father. Hence, under all proper circumstances, he is always ready to respond to the calls that are made upon him. He learns also to have faith in those who preside over him, realizing as he does that they are men who walk circumspectly before God. It is because of the existence of this faith that the Latter-day Saints are enabled to live in a united condition. Were it not for this principle, simple as it is, it would be impossible for us to maintain the name and standing which we hold in the earth today, to withstand the opposition of the world; and it is because we can testify from the knowledge which God has revealed to us that the men who preside over us are His servants and qualified to speak His will unto the people that we place reliance in them.

I am thankful that the Latter-day Saints have confidence in those leaders whom God has placed to preside over them, and as long as this continues I have no fear as to the result.

May the God of Israel always strengthen their hands and make them competent to fill the high position which they are called upon to occupy. I pray that God will bless Zion and her people, that He will pour out His Spirit upon them, and direct all things for her future good.

ELDER AURELIUS MINER

said he never witnessed the administration of the Sacrament without being very deeply impressed with the character of Him whose death and resurrection they celebrated. As the children of God we have inherited His attributes, though in an undeveloped condition at the present time. The plan of the Gospel comes to us for the sole purpose of cultivating and developing those attributes which have lain dormant within us. Brother Gibbs has spoken of the unity which prevails among the Latter-day Saints, and it would be strange indeed to me if this did not exist. We are, however, not to labor for ourselves alone, but in the interest of the whole human family, whether members of the Church of Christ or not. If we can draw men to a knowledge of the truth it is our bounden duty to do so, and thereby bring them to a higher state of perfection.

This Church was organized by the authority of the Great Jehovah. If then it is God's Church it is subject to His control and government; and the Apostle Paul tells us He has

placed in His Church first Apostles, then Prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists—for what purpose? To rule as tyrants? No. Not simply to hold positions of honor and to receive the homage of the people, but to labor diligently. They are placed there to carry on the work of the ministry, for the perfecting of the Saints, and for the edifying of the body of Christ. I pray that we may be continually enlightened by God's Holy Spirit, and continue to increase in knowledge and wisdom in all things.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

then addressed the congregation. The truths that we have heard set forth this afternoon, he remarked, are so plain and easily understood that it seems very strange anyone should entertain any doubt concerning them. Brother Miner has spoken to us regarding the form of the organization of the Church of Christ, and the purpose which God has in view in placing certain officers in His Church. Now it is a remarkable fact—reading from the beginning of the Old Testament to the end of the new—that whenever God has had a church, or a people, or a servant whom He acknowledged and recognized He invariably communicated His mind and will unto that church, people, or servant. When the people were living close to the Lord they had prophets, revelators, teachers who were inspired of God, and it was always a mark or evidence of the departure of the people from Him and of His displeasure toward them when there was no communication through inspired men.

This fact is abundantly sustained by the evidence of scripture. When Israel transgressed the laws of God and turned to idols, and God became displeased with their conduct, they ceased to receive communications from Him; but when they repented and turned again with full purpose of heart to the Almighty, confessing and forsaking their sins, He pardoned them, continued to manifest His favor toward them, and to make known to them His mind and will. This was strikingly illustrated in the case of Saul, who while enjoying God's favor possessed the spirit of revelation and prophecy. But when he fell into transgression and broke the Divine commandments God withdrew Himself from him, and on the eve of his last battle he sought to obtain knowledge through the witch of Endor. It is said there was no Urim and Thummim, no prophecy in the land, no dream or vision, and Saul therefore had recourse to this method of obtaining knowledge concerning his future course. So throughout all the centuries before the appearance of our Savior upon earth, it was always a mark of God's displeasure when communications from Him ceased.

It is very strange—when we have the evidence of the Bible that every man of God of whom we have any account received communication from the heavens—that in