SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder John Henry Smith the Speaker at the Tabernacle Yesterday Afternoon.

At the Tabernacle services yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, Elder C. W. Penrose presided.

The congregation sang:

Lord, we come before Thee now.

Prayer by Elder William McLachlan.

The congregation sang:

O my Father.

The Sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of the First Ward.

Elder John Henry Smith, one of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, addressed the congregation. He said in the course of his labors during the past year it had been his lot to visit the Southern Utah, where he had been in "the ends of the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The question of religion is the one as well as in the present, was a question of great moment to mankind. If God had given law and ordinances to govern and control mankind, it was a matter of great concern to the children of men. Those who had been led to believe in the Gospel, who regarded themselves in the light of a better class, because of opportunities at their command to acquire an education according to this world.

In mingling with people everywhere many were found to profess kindly that they did not believe in the divine mission of the Savior, but that it is attributed by crazy and sincere individuals to satisfy their ambitious desires.

In regard to preaching the Gospel to every creature, it was a matter of great concern to the human family because of the results which would follow from its teachings, and in so far as it would affect the children of men. How many have prayed to worship something representing a power beyond the grave. He might pray to a supreme being, or bow down to wood and stone, or he might worship saints. He evidently believed in some supreme power and that there were some requirements made of him by whom he should reconcile his conduct in this life. Man felt that there was some responsibility resting upon them in regard to their obligation to a Supreme Power. Many, however, maintained that a belief in a Supreme Being and that He has given certain laws to be observed, has a withering effect upon the human mind. If such thinkers were correct in such a view, then it is well that their views should be adopted. The speaker himself had observed, in conversing with men regarded as great thinkers, that they, in regard to revealed religion, that they struggled very much to themselves. The latter other passed off only upon religion because of the many inconsistencies which were evident in professed religionists. The latter view, however, was a shallow one, and should not be taken as a standard to pass judgment upon religious truth.

I the world had been with at the Greek Church, without the Catholic Church, without the Luther and other reformers, perhaps it would be such today, that the strong would have power too weak. It might have been that there had arisen a throne of the powers, yea to rule. Men naturally sought to secure power to themselves, desired to greatly their own desires and to subjugate their own ends. Considering the confusion that existed in the world it was religion that first came to be found and in legal religious public. Had God in mercy not sent forth the Gospel, it would have been impossible for the human race. Happy would it be if men would at a greater extent in the world than it really does.

The speaker said he was a believer in a Supreme Being who was powerful as Almighty, as a being who dwelled within the human breast, something which taught men that they were good and what they had done. This principle should direct them. While such a belief as all the religions in the world, he believed they were based all upon a misconception, from a wrong carrying out the intentions of the Almighty in regard to his children. Wherever the dispensation of God has been taken root, it has produced good results and has been beneficial. The Roman Catholic Church was the best of women that was in power, other that, who were and continued pious, and who labored in accordance with the Divine Inspiration. It was not wrong for people to have what might be called the best service, regardless of social ties.

Man should continued inquiry and look after the principles that might have existed in Eden's first home with angels, and could not have been made in vain, and could not be made in vain, and would be the world today that has ever been known in the past.

The speaker desired his hearers to think of the question of religion. There were men and women in the world today as sincere and earnest in the service of their religious views as many Latter-day Saints, and it is not given them the same to be the great world. The principle of right was observed, and it is required of the Latter-day Saints to do their part faithfully in seeking to carry out the purposes of the Almighty [illegible]

The speaker said the Gospel was the power of God unto salvation.

"The angels sang the news of peace."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Samuel A. Woolley.

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