SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Speakers at the Tabernacle Yesterday were Elders J. H. Gibson and H. J. Grant.

Divine services were conducted in the Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25, 1894. Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding.

The choir sang congregation sang:

The opening exercises were followed by Elder George R. Walker.

The choir sang:

The Sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of the Aaronic Order.

ELDER JOSEPH H. GIBSON,

of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, addressed the congregation, and said he felt in the management of God's power among the people. He believed that in the future, more than in the past, the power of the Lord will be manifested. God does not bless men in one direction and neglect them in another, but He works for the salvation of His children according to their diligence in keeping His commandments. The Latter-day Saints cannot boast in numbers nor in strength, as a community, from a human standpoint, but the source of their power is the Lord, the Hope of the nations. If we were to judge the strength of a nation by its military defenses the strength of our own nation would be surpassed by that of some of the nations of Europe. Yet there is no nation upon the earth that receives more respect than does the United States. Our strength does not depend upon our armies, but upon the observance of our citizens. The patriots were inspired with a faith to meet the threatening dangers to which our country was exposed — to a people with a government famous for its military achievements and on whose soil the sun is never known to set. But the speaker mentioned that today the little republic of Switzerland in Europe was in a very strong position. The principle and the character of her people have enabled them to withstand successfully the conflicts that have been going on between other European nations. This, therefore, should give us courage. We need not think that numbers and the strongest armies of a country insure its security. How much more have we reason to think that the Latter-day Saints who be enabled to fulfill the high destiny intended for them. This people have grown from a city (Nauvoo) and from a county to a state, and we are called to become one of the United States.

We may notice that the men who wield an influence in our country are not always of great physical proportions, but men of character. This character with them is carry out His purposes. The man who becomes proud and arrogant will not be successful with the Lord. Humility is the very foundation of Man's success either in the world or in the Church. Each man and woman can become a hero or a heroine among the human family. It is no great test of courage under extraordinary circumstances to meet danger. But it requires supreme courage to face death when alone.

We are apt to look back on the history of the past and admire the examples of the brave men of history, and we are prone to worship the heroes of the past and disregard those heroes who live among us. The speaker said he would not wish to detract from the worth of men in the past, but there are as great men in the world today, and the Latter-day Saints would do well to seek counsel from their leaders.

The same gifts are in the Church today as there were in the days of the Savior. It has been said that we are losing these gifts. Not so; but among the humble men and women of God they still exist; and if they are developing it is our own fault. If the Latter-day Saints will be humble and faithful, seeking to advance the interests of God upon the earth, they will make their mark in the world. Let them remember that God works with a humble people, and he will enable them to become victorious over the obstacles which beset them. It is not in their numbers but in the principles which govern them is their strength to be found.

ELDER GEORGE J. GRANT,

of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, also spoke. He thought the fact that that there is a tendency to worship the heroes of the past. It is said that "a prophet is without honor in his own country." The same thing may be applied to our homemade articles. He illustrated the tendency to be prejudiced against such articles. It is an easy matter to find fault. A fool can lead a horse down but it takes a wise man to lead him up. We should not engage in criticising the acts of others. It is our duty rather to encourage good among our fellows. We should encourage and respect those who are called to labor in responsible positions among the people. We all have the power to accomplish great good. We should not allow our prejudices to prevent us from any duty. The Latter-day Saints have been advised to make home industry. But we cannot act when sometimes by impulse.

Elder Angus M. Cannon announced that the quarterly Stake conference will commence in the Tabernacle on Friday February 23rd, and continue services will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Elder Zemro T. Talmage announced that owing to the Stake conference service the tabernacle choir will not meet on Sunday next.

The choir sang:

The benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

Church University Theology Class.

At the usual time the class numbering 1,200 students assembled in honor of Dr. Jas. E. Talmage in his lecture on the Hebrew articles of faith. Leaflets containing a synopsis of the lecture considered were distributed among the students.

After the opening prayer by Bishop Preston, historical questions relating to circumcision and the laws of Moses were considered. The lecturer then finished the consideration of the seventh and proceeded to the eighth article of faith, which reads as follows: "We believe the Bible to be the word of God so far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

Defining the word "Bible," it was stated that the Greek Bible should be translated "Books" or "a collection of sacred writings" and not "the book" or "the sacred writings." Although the Bible is called a record of God's dealings with his people, it is not the only record of God's dealings with the people. The Bible was compiled by the authorities of the church. The speaker explained the Bible, showing the difference between it and other sacred writings. It was stated that the Bible is a collection of many records. It was also stated that there are many expressions contained in the Bible which are not in accordance with the revelations given to the prophets of God. The speaker said that the Bible was not to be considered as an infallible record in the literal sense of the word, but it was stated that it was the most valuable book in the world. It was stated that there are many things in the Bible which are not in accordance with the revelations