

gested that the children take up a labor with the officers and teachers who do not attend regularly.

After singing by the choir, Elder Benjamin Goddard pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned for one month to meet at the same place at 7:30 p.m. The Union ward Sunday school was requested to furnish the singing at the next meeting.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

President Angus M. Cannon was the presiding officer at the Tabernacle services held Sunday afternoon.

Choir sang:

Glory to God on high,  
Let heaven and earth reply,  
Praise ye His name.

Prayer was offered by Elder Elias Morris.

Choir further sang:

Ye simple souls who stray  
Far from the path of peace.

Elder Edgar Best, who recently returned from the New Zealand mission, was the first speaker. In commencing he asked an interest in the faith and prayers of the brethren and sisters, because he realized that in and of himself he was not able to address such an intelligent congregation unless assisted by that Spirit. In preaching the Gospel to the nations of the earth, the Elders in general found it a great task—more especially so in lands where a new language had to be acquired. His experience among the Maoris was attended with much joy and he had found that the people in that part of the earth, were well versed in the Scriptures, in fact more so than some of the Elders were upon their arrival in the mission field. Elder Best felt that this was a great work in which the Latter-day Saints were engaged and he felt to urge all to faithfulness that they might consistently be able to ask God's blessing upon them. In conclusion he bore his testimony in the native tongue and asked God to bless all present.

Elder Samuel H. Wells of St. George who had recently returned from a mission to Texas, followed. He appreciated very highly the opportunity of meeting with the Saints at home, but could not say that he felt very comfortable in occupying the position of a preacher. He realized that, comparatively speaking, he had just began to peep into the great beyond, or the glory of the work which God had revealed in the latter days. The people of the South, were a kind, hospitable, energetic people and he felt that in some instances the Saints at home were hardly as sincere and devoted as they. Though the mission had but shortly been opened in the state of Texas, quite a number of earnest, energetic and prayerful people had been baptized into the Church. The people of Texas, generally speaking, were full of love and respect for their fellow beings and the Elders from Zion were treated with respect and kindness in their travels throughout the state. Elder Wells testified that he did know that the Gospel of Christ was true. He had proved it to his utter satisfaction. The blessings which had been pronounced upon him prior to leaving home had been literally bestowed in his behalf while away, and his prayer was that the youth of

Zion would awake to the duties devolving upon them that they might profit by being raised under the droppings of the sanctuary.

Elder Lorenzo Snow of the Council of Apostles was the next speaker. He said that things often happened in our midst which were very much unexpected and which often brought sorrow and remorse to the hearts of the people. So it was in the death of Elder Abraham H. Cannon. His sudden and unexpected demise caused a vacancy in the Council of the Apostles, which without serious reflection, looked as though it would be difficult indeed to fill. The calling of such men as Elder Cannon from our midst, led the Saints to look in wonder and amazement, for they could not see why such things should be. But God was at the helm of this work. He had certain purposes in view and He would pursue His own way in bringing those purposes about. The Saints believed and knew that after passing from this earth, they had another work to perform. They knew that they were living in this probation simply to prepare themselves for that other work which was required at their hands. Therefore, it behooved them to strive diligently while here upon earth to make a good record—a record which would do them honor in the life to come. In this State there was every opportunity for the people to improve and to help build up the kingdom of God. The Saints were here to enjoy themselves—to secure enjoyment from doing good and living pure, upright lives before God. There were certain gifts that followed the Gospel. The gift of faith, for instance, was something which led us to go forth and perform certain acts. It was that spirit with which the young men were imbued in going out to preach the Gospel. They felt that in going to perform that duty, certain blessings would be poured out upon them and they left their homes willingly and cheerfully to enter into God's service. In conclusion, the speaker urged the Saints to learn to be contented and promote happiness while sojourning here upon the earth.

Elder Heber J. Grant, also of the Council of the Apostles, next occupied the pulpit. He rejoiced in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He knew it was true and that knowledge gave him joy and happiness. In listening to the young Elders make the statement that they knew Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, he appreciated the fact that that knowledge had been given to them because of their having done the will of the Father. This testimony was a blessing to the Saints, but in order to retain it, it was necessary to feed and nourish it, or it would wither and die just as a tree would for want of sufficient moisture to keep it alive. The Saints who had received a testimony of the Gospel should lead lives which were above reproach, for they should be the best people upon the face of the earth. The Saints should aim to live lives of purity and uprightness, and should try to improve upon every talent that God had blessed them with. Men might at times doubt the testimony of the people of God, but if the latter lived lives consistent with their knowledge and profession, then would their testimonies grow within them and their careers and

teachings would have a great bearing among those with whom they associated. In proportion to the diligence that the Saints exercised with regard to their religion, just in that proportion would they be blessed. The harvest would be equivalent to the energy displayed in the sowing. Elder Grant knew that we were engaged in the work of God; he knew that blessings were in store for the people of God, and he therefore exhorted all to diligence before Him, that their labors would be pleasing in His sight.

Choir sang the anthem:

Hark, hark my soul.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Rodney C. Badger.

### NEWS NOTES.

The sale of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad under foreclosure proceedings, which was scheduled to take place on the 8th, and was postponed until July 28th, will be very likely again put off until August.

Mrs. Emma Tolfree, wife of J. H. Tolfree, who has charge of the railroad eating-house on the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Mojave, Cal., died Monday evening from the effects of carbolic acid swallowed on the impulse of the moment or while temporarily insane.

Edward F. Tracy, went to his mother's home in San Francisco Monday afternoon in an intoxicated condition. She reproached him, which so angered the young man that he drew his knife and slashed her face and nose. He immediately left the house, but was arrested later in the day.

Reverend Anna Shaw delivered a lecture Monday night at Unity Church, Los Angeles, the proceeds of which are to be added to the fund for the relief of Miss Phoebe Cousins, who has lived on the charity of strangers in this city for some time. The collection netted \$110.

There was filed in (the office) of the secretary of New Mexico, Lorion Miller at Santa Fe on last Monday, the articles of incorporation of the Gulf, Rio Grande & Pacific Railway and Construction company, the preliminary organization which will result in the building of the railroad from Deming into the Mexican Republic as projected by the surveys and plans of the companies organized for the same purpose in 1890 and 1892, and also now mentioned as surviving from El Paso.

Lee Tie, a Chinese clam dealer doing business in San Francisco, was assassinated in the doorway of his place about 12:30 o'clock Monday morning. Two shots were fired at the murdered man, only one of which took effect, striking him in the back of the neck, passing clear through and embedding itself in the floor. The other bullet was found in the frame of the door. Lee Tie, who was about 38 years old, was a member of the Sam Yip company and was on his way to the society rooms when shot. He had left the rooms a few moments before to go after a bottle of whiskey and was returning when killed. His murderer escaped.