

placed it to his mouth. Almost immediately the act was discovered. Dr. Davis of Tooele, twelve miles distant, was telephoned to and he prescribed an emetic which was promptly applied. It disclosed the gratifying information that none of the tincture had reached the child's stomach. The little fellow's mouth and throat, however, were frightfully burned, though the injuries will not prove fatal. The case was one that excited considerable alarm and now that serious results are not anticipated all concerned are rejoicing.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, Sunday, July 16, 1893, commencing at 2 p. m. Elder Albus M. Cannon, president of the Stake, presided. After singing by the choir, prayer was offered by Bishop Wm. B. Preston. The choir and congregation then joined in singing the hymn, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," after which the Sacrament was administered, the Priesthood of the First ward officiating.

Elder Orson F. Whitney was called to address the congregation. He read from the fifth chapter of St. Matthew, 11th to 17th verses, and 48th to 49th verses. Said the speaker: There are to the student of the Scriptures three great facts that stand out prominently. First, that God, from the earliest times has had a chosen people on the earth. Second, that He has worked through that people for the salvation of mankind. Third, that having revealed to that people His will, He has required of them a life superior to that of the nations around them.

God chose Abraham and his descendants, that in them all nations of the earth might be blessed. He did not exalt Israel merely for his own sake. It was not only for the salvation of Abraham's children that God chose them for a peculiar people, but it was for the salvation of the whole world. Abraham understood this, though apparently all his descendants did not. He was chosen to be the father of the faithful, that a lineage might be provided for the Son of God, the Savior of mankind. And not only was Jesus preordained as the Savior before the foundation of the world but Abraham was also preordained for his mission, as well as many others to play their parts in the great drama of Time. Abraham, in offering Isaac, typified the great offering of the Son of God by His Father. Proving faithful he was promised that his seed should be as numerous as the stars. In Jacob, the son of Isaac, was this promise perpetuated, and from him came the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

The speaker traced the history of the house of Abraham down to the days of the Savior, showing how the Almighty had shaped events with a view to fulfilling His purpose of blessing all nations. The coming of Christ was a fulfillment of the promise of Abraham that in him should all the nations of the earth be blessed.

The Savior taught the Jews to love their enemies—a new doctrine to them. They had been taught for centuries to hate their enemies, to exact an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth; to practice the law of retaliation. It was no wonder, therefore, that they were astonished at His doctrine, when He required them to be perfect even as God, who sends His rain and sunlight on the evil and on the good. Christ did not tell the people that what their ancestors had done under the teachings of Moses was wicked and vain, that the law of Moses was wrong. But He told them he came to fulfill the law. It had done its work, and a new or higher doctrine was to supersede the old. It was a declaration that the work of the Lord is progressive and must go on to perfection.

This was not the first time that men had been taught to love their neighbors and do unto others as they would that others should do unto them, but it was a new doctrine to the Jews. Confucius had taught it to the Chinese centuries before. God sends great men into all nations to teach them truths essential to their salvation, truths that they are fitted to receive. An example of this kind was Mohammed, who turned the idolatrous sons of Ishmael to the worship of one God. Mohammed was not a Prophet such as Moses or Isaiah, but he had a measure of truth for the people to whom he was sent, and they received according to their capacity.

Some might think it presumptuous for mortal men to aim to become perfect; but that was the doctrine of the Savior. If Christianity, or as it is now called, Mormonism, means anything, it is that men and women, the children of God, may become like their Father and Mother in heaven; that the difference between them is merely a matter of education and development. It was to further this development that the Savior taught His disciples to love their enemies and not hate them. We are not expected to become perfect all at once, but are required to advance and approximate toward perfection day by day.

The Lord told the Israelites, through Moses and the Prophets, that if they kept His law they should be free, but if they did not they should be scourged, brought into bondage, and carried into captivity. Their history from Joshua down is one of scourges and bondage for their wickedness, and of deliverance and freedom when they turned again to the Lord. The words of the Prophets were fulfilled. Israel eventually was taken from his own land and scattered among all nations. A small portion only was left in the promised land, for a lineage through which might come the Savior. Not only was the house of Israel scattered on the eastern hemisphere by the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, the taking away of the Ten Tribes and the final dispersion of the Jews, but a portion inhabited the western hemisphere. Of these the Book of Mormon gives a history, and the American Indians are their descendants. God was in this scattering of Israel. It was done for the good of all nations, according to His promise to Abraham. The Prophets not only foretold this dispersion, but predicted that in the

latter days Israel should again be gathered. These, the Saints believe, are the latter days, when the Jews will rebuild Jerusalem, when the children of Joseph will build up Zion on the American continent, when the Ten Tribes will be led back from the north, and Israel gathered from every land. It will take the whole scope of time to fulfill the word of God through the Prophets. Christ is to come in His glory, and it was necessary as a preliminary to restore the Gospel—the old religion, not a new one; for Mormonism claims to be the everlasting Gospel. Joseph Smith, a lineal descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, was chosen to be a Prophet in this dispensation on the same principle that Abraham was chosen to stand at the head of his dispensation.

A work is in progress to prepare the world for the coming of the King of kings and the advent of the Millennium. The past prepared the way for the future. God is working through His people, the Latter-day Saints, who are descendants of Abraham, gathered out from all nations to bring about His purposes. Their work is one of peace, good will and salvation, not merely for themselves but for all men. They are expected to be a light for all, the salt of the earth, saviors of men. They have their faults, but they are sincere, and their mission is for the good of man and the glory of God. His purpose is not to exalt any one nation and trample the other under under foot, but to lift up all mankind. He has worked to this end from the beginning, using not only Prophets and Priests, but poets, philosophers, statesmen and great men in general. He was with the religious reformers, such as Luther and Wesley; He was with the patriot founders of this nation, and will perpetuate the eternal principles upon which it was founded. He is paving the way for a reign of peace and righteousness, freedom and equality, culture and civilization, such as the world has never known, and a higher law than that of retaliation, the Gospel of love, must be practiced by those who are to be His chosen agents in bringing it about.

The choir sang the anthem, "Unfold ye portals everlasting," and benediction was offered by Elder Henry P. Richards.

OBITUARY.

BROWN.—At his father's residence in Mill Creek, July 12th, 1893, at 8 p. m., Frederick Gilbert Brown; aged 13 years and 8 months. Seldom has the insatiable destroyer in his remorseless career struck down so bright and so promising a victim. He was an unusually intelligent and interesting youth, greatly beloved by his friends as well as his immediate relatives. His sickness, resulting from inflammation produced by an injury over the stomach and involving the whole abdomen, ended fatally after more than two weeks' duration. The little boy was a firm believer in the Gospel, died in full fellowship and greatly beloved in his neighborhood. The blow is all the more severe he being the only son in a family of eight.

Funeral services will be held in the new brick school house opposite the I X L store, Mill Creek, Friday, July 14th, at 1 o'clock p. m.

DEATHS.

TANNER.—In the Tenth ward of this city, July 15, 1893, of cholera infantum, Ordetta Lare, daughter of Lewis W. and Mary Angelina Tanner; born July 11, 1892.