DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Monday, April 27, 1896.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elders John Nicholl and R. H. Roberts the Speakers.

The usual Sunday service held in the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon were presided over by president of the Stake, Angus M. Cannon.

Choir sang:

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Prayer was offered by Elder Thomas Cutts.

Choir further sang:

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Elder John Nicholl was the principal speaker. He dwelt [illegible] Zion, was the first speaker. He dwelt [illegible] faith and prayers of their ancestors while he addressed the speaker. He knew [illegible] of himself he was [illegible] to edify and instruct the Saints. He knew that of all the people upon the face of the earth, the Latter-day Saints were the most favored. Speaking of their having spiritual guides who would warn and guide them aright if they would yield obedience to the teachings given unto them. The most remote Saints were guidanced by the spirit manifested, he said the speaker and found it so in the nations of the earth, and he believed the same rule applies to the Saints residing in Zion. As the result having God moves in a methodical way, He wishes to operate upon the speaker and upon the minds of the members in the stake of the times. Every thing was moving along in the order decreed by His people and he could hear whence had God would not direct His people, if they would seek Him aright. The speaker alluded to a conference in the stake of Utah at the present time as compared with the conditions of affairs but a few years ago. What a vast change! The result had been made to blossom as the rose. Prejudices against the Saints has been always and the people of Utah were being recognized by the government as they had never before been recognized. In comparison Elder Nicholl note been being to the truthfulness of the truth and exhorted all to press onward for the crown which was in store for them.

Elder R. H. Roberts was the next speaker, the topic by reading from the epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, commencing with the second chapter of the second epistle. He read the passage because it [illegible] very important subject and one in which the Latter-day Saints were interested. It was a prophecy showing that before the coming of the Christ man, Lucifer would be upon the earth, and many should fall because of the influence which he should bring to bear against them. The Father is going to Eighteen called His apostles together and warned them to watch the Book of Christ, because He knew that after His departure grievous wolves would enter into the flock and carry destruction in their wake. These predictions were not confined to the writings of Paul, but they were to be found in all portions of the New Testament, thus leading one to believe the writer great a doubtless would on the social or a large number of prophecies would remain unfulfilled.

The speaker touched upon the strain in order to introduce a subject which had been discussed at a too length quite recently. Certain charges had been formulated setting forth the particulars why the Latter-day Saints could not consistently recognize the religious body, as other Christian denominations could do. What answer did the Prophet Joseph Smith receive when he went into the woods and inquired of the Lord, which of the denominations was calling was right? He was told that they were all wrong, but they drew near unto Him with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him; they taught for doctrine the commandments of men having a form of Godliness, but they denied the power thereof. The Lord afterwards had organized His Church upon the earth, through the instrumentality of the boy Prophet who supposed He was alone, at that particular time. Why then should the Latter-day Saints not be entitled to the distinction of being the only true worshipers on the face of the earth? The Father (Hymn) [illegible] and their conduct it was well pleased. Therefore in view of these facts arising from God himself, why then should the Saints be counted the class which they claim to be, that the religion to that the religion of the only acceptable worship upon the earth, and that God had spoken from the heavens and had established His Church with all the gifts and blessings which belonged thereto.

The speaker then turned partly [illegible] and had, which from the [illegible] would not allow to stand, to state to their position. In the night of Oct. 7, 1838, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints had been organized under God's own inspiration and they were fully entitled to the claim which they made, in saying that they belonged to the only true Church. None of the religious denominations in the earth had the authority possessed by the Latter-day Saints. The Priesthood of God had been restored, and its power would descend in blessings upon the heads of the children. Upon what grounds is the Priesthood here claimed? Simply because God had taken upon Himself the responsibility of the salvation of the dead and to perform. Missions also were to be established upon the face of the earth in accordance the obedience of the earth and God had taken simple provisions for their salvation if they would but give heed unto the laws which He had laid down. It had been said by certain sects that the Latter-day Saints had charged that all those who embracing the faith which they had rejected, would be lost in Lucifer. Today the speaker said, was entirely foreign to the truth. Charges made on such grounds, but they could stand and speak, and quote sufficient authority for it, that if the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed unto Joseph Smith, was rejected, they would bring themselves under great condemnation. Where there was a law, there would the people be judged by law, where there was no law, no law would apply to the judgment. Where there was no charges of bigotry and sectarianism in the [illegible] It there was a church to exercise that and so such characteristics, it was certainly the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

If there Protestant denominations could not accede unto the Latter-day Saints the title of Christians, there was one thing all could do, and that was to which wedge each other as children of the same common wealth, as children of the same God, and all work together for the benefit of each other, and to advance the interests of the State and government of which they formed a part. Such efforts would bring about the spirit of the Gospel and harmony would reign and blessings should do.

The choir sang the anthem:

Song of the Redeemed.

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Minoru Pratt.

COL. HUGH A. THEAKER.

Words of Praise For the New Commander of the Sixteenth Infantry at Fort Douglas.

The Advocate (Neb.) County News of Friday, April 24, has this to say of Col. Hugh A. Theaker, the new commander of the Sixteenth United States Infantry, recently appointed to succeed General Pearson who has gone to the Philippines and their conduct it was well pleased. Therefore in view of these facts arising from God himself, why then should the Saints be counted the class which they claim to be, that the religion to that the only acceptable worship upon the earth, and that God had spoken from the heavens and had established His Church with all the gifts and blessings which belonged thereto.

The Saints were called upon to witness and testify, which term the young and aged