SUNDAY SERVICES.

Elder Moses Thatcher and Presidents Woodruff and Cannon the Speakers at the Tabernacle.

At the Tabernacle yesterday afternoon Elder Moses Thatcher first addressed the congregation. He said nearly a year had elapsed since he last had the pleasure of meeting with the Latter-day Saints in that building. After months of illness through which he had passed, he greatly rejoiced at being once again with them. He was especially grateful for the privilege of partaking of the sacrament and of bearing his testimony to the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that we had again received the Gospel of the Son of God in its primitive purity, in its simplicity and plainness, and while we might be surrounded by trying circumstances of a temporal nature, yet we had much cause for rejoicing and very much for which we should be thankful. During the past two months we had heard much concerning the trying financial condition in which the people had been recently placed; indeed that seems now to be the all-absorbing subject. The so-called panic through which we were passing, and which came upon us so suddenly, naturally caused the people to reflect very much on their temporal condition. He had sometimes thought that we might experience a shrinkage in the value of our spiritual wealth and possibly notice it less, and make fewer comments than we had done on witnessing the strain in our temporal affairs or the shrinking in that which is perishable. To his mind this should not be the case with the Latter-day Saints, for they had in the past become accustomed to what was called "hard times," having drunk to the very dregs of poverty. More than once they had been deprived of all their earthly possessions for the sake of their religion, and while they might have complained and murmured, still in the midst of it all we were rich in the things of the kingdom of heaven.

Notwithstanding the stringency in money matters, and the difficulties which had surrounded us, we had greater reason to be thankful than any other people on the earth; for we had the Church of God, with Apostles and Prophets, together with all the gifts, graces and blessings that characterized the Church established by the Lord and his Apostles in the meridian of time. We had a First Presidency who held the keys to "bind on earth" and it is "bound in heaven." We had all the gifts of the Gospel enjoyed by the early Christian Church; we had those things which, if faithful in observing, will enable us in the hereafter to pass to our inheritances—thrones, powers and principalities. We had the keys by which we might seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, with the promise that all things shall be added. We had the spirit of prophecy in our Church, with power to heal the sick. Nothing was omitted, neither were any good gifts withheld, that were enjoyed in the Church established in the beginning of the Christian era. God had planted our feet in these now pleasant valleys; out of the wilderness He had brought forth abundance. Here in these mountains the people were well clad and abundantly fed notwithstanding that many were out of employment. The spirit of the Lord has brought about the great suffering felt by the masses of the people. There was a purpose in all this. When tested by the things permitted to come upon us, and we withstand the trials, we would come out fairer and brighter; we would see the sunshine of prosperity come more. Should we be asleep, indifferent, or unconcerned and not profit by the lessons of the present? Were we not able to discern that we should not reach that degree of perfection in temporal matters which were desirable if we followed after the methods of the world? The speaker then dwelt at some length on the slavery of debt, which he said was applicable alike to individuals and nations. Individuals or communities, to be free and independent, must be lenders and not borrowers. God designed that His people should be a free people, but they could not be free while in debt.

President George Q. Cannon was the next speaker. Referring to the recent trip made by the First Presidency and members of the Tabernacle Choir to Chicago, he testified to the kind manner in which all were treated wherever they went. It had been an interesting journey, and the choir had passed the most sanguine expectations.

President Wilford Woodruff added his testimony concerning the kind reception given and the good feelings entertained by the people towards the First Presidency, the Choir and their friends in going to Chicago, while there, and on their return home. The speaker felt grateful to God for His great goodness in bringing about such a wonderful change in the hearts of the people of the East towards the Latter-day Saints.

Maricopa Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, convened at Mesa, Arizona, Sept. 17th and 18th. Both days were characterized by a large attendance, and all were highly pleased, edified and built up by the rich spiritual feast received.

Among the speakers were Elders Warner Allen, a recently returned missionary from South Carolina, and [illegible] Sorensen, from Denmark; both performed successful missions and reported a general good time while away. During the conference a variety of subjects were spoken upon by the Elders, exhorting the Saints to continued faithfulness. Especially was the subject of educating the young in the things of God and the Gospel of His Christ dwelt upon. The reports from the Bishops and officers of the Stake show the people generally to be in a healthy condition, both spiritually and physically; a renewed effort is being put forth by all to fulfill the law of God, and to do their part in the building up of God's Kingdom and the establishing of righteousness upon the earth.

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St. John's Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the St. John's Stake of Zion was held at the Union ward at Springerville, Apache county, Arizona, on the 3rd and 4th of September, 1893.

Conference commenced at 10 a. m. on Sunday the 3rd. There were present on the stand, the presidency of the Stake, a number of the members of the High Council, Patriarch H. J. Platt and the Bishopric of the wards.

Elder David K. Udall expressed joy at the privilege of meeting in conference and stated that the presidency had visited all the wards in the stake during the last quarter, except the Ramah ward, and expected to visit that ward during the coming month. He was pleased to note the good spirit that prevailed amongst the Saints for improvement and the desire to live their religion. The condition of the Saints was satisfactory, both temporal and spiritual.

Elders Wm. H. Gibbons, H. J. Platt, J. N. Heywood and George H. Crosby occupied the remainder of the time in the forenoon, encouraging the Saints in works of righteousness, and Elders Heywood and Crosby as Bishops reporting the condition of their ward. In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered, and the time was occupied by the Bishops of the wards, and Elders E. A. Noble and E. N. Freeman. The wards were very favorably reported, and the financial condition of the people seemed to be somewhat better than for some years past.

There was a Priesthood meeting held on Sunday evening at which there was a good attendance, and much good instruction was given.

The speakers on Monday were Elders Hyrum Chapman, A. V. Gibbons, Prime T. Coleman Jr., Wm. H. Gibbons and David K. Udall.

During the conference the Saints were encouraged to make use of and study the Bible more thoroughly. They were also advised and encouraged to take steps to complete the St. Johns Stake Academy. The conference was a very enjoyable time, and the Saints felt that it has been a time of rejoicing and strengthening of their faith.

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