

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, February 26th, 1893, Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding.

The choir sang the hymn commencing:

Lord, Thou wilt hear me when I pray;
I am forever thine.

Prayer by Elder Henry P. Richards.
The choir sang:

Again we meet around the board,
Of Jesus, our redeeming Lord.

The Priesthood of the Seventh Ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

ELDER THOMAS HULL

addressed the congregation. He spoke of the necessity of divine inspiration for those who instructed the people in the principles of the Gospel. The Latter-day Saints enjoy a blessed privilege in the opportunity they have of assembling one day in seven and uniting one with another in praising the Lord and by partaking of the Sacrament renewing their covenants with Him. The Sabbath is a day when they can lay aside the cares of worldly strife and turmoil, and come together in peace and holiness to receive a renewal of spiritual strength. This assembling is a happy type of that which is to come, when the Saints who are perfected through their faithfulness will be eternally united in the love that prevails in the heavenly kingdom.

The partaking of the Sacrament called to the speaker's mind the occasion when the Savior assembled with His disciples and brake bread and gave to them, and they also partook of the cup—an ordinance which He directed should be observed in commemoration of the offering of His life for the redemption of mankind. In partaking of the Sacrament, the Saints pledge themselves to remember the Lord and keep His commandments. When they go forth in the labors of the week do they forget the solemn covenant made each Sabbath day to walk in the Savior's footsteps and live as He did? His life was one of humility, charity, gentleness, and love for all. To take upon ourselves such a life, it is needful that we be in harmony with His example; that we put away evil speaking and give voice to peace and kindness for each other; that we seek to be honest and upright in all our dealings; that we be patient under difficulties, and follow the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all things.

When the Savior was about to depart from earth He promised His disciples to send to them the Comforter. This Spirit we should also seek to be in possession of, as it will, in the midst of the allurements and temptations of the world, enable us to be true to our Father in heaven, to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and will fill us with the testimony of Jesus. It rests upon those who harmonize their lives with the principles of the Gospel. Though we are weak and have our faults and make mistakes, yet by following the guidance of this Spirit we may overcome error and be led into all truth.

The requirement on the Saints is that they regulate their lives by the example of the Lord. When we do this the Holy Ghost will be with us to sustain us, and even in the darkest hour will fill our hearts with peace, and love, and joy. We are living under peculiar circumstances. For many years the people in these valleys were free from the presence of the vices of the world, and children could grow up in freedom from the temptations which abound in modern civilization. But now association and contact with the world is such that the greatest care is necessary that children be not thrown in the way of temptation. It is necessary to heed the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we may have wisdom in our present position. There rests on parents a grave responsibility to instruct their children in the principles of the Gospel, and to instill its spirit into their families, that their homes may be indeed the sanctuary of God. Then when our families go out into the world they will have strength to resist its evils and to abide in the liberty with which Christ has made them free. The speaker prayed that the Saints may be blessed so that they may live as worthy members of the Church of the Lamb.

ELDER JOSEPH H. DEAN

was the next speaker. He said that if the Elders of Israel lived in harmony with the truth, when they were required to act in their sacred calling they would not be unfruitful in the things of the Lord. In the meetings of the Saints the congregation should not leave the speaker to himself, but should pray and exercise faith in his behalf that they may receive through him the word of the Lord.

Elder Dean dwelt upon the sacrifice made by the Lord for the redemption of man, the offerings made by Israel in ancient times in token of the Great Sacrifice, and the ordinance commemorating it, instituted by the Savior and taught to His disciples. He also pointed out the necessity of engaging in this ordinance in an acceptable manner, for if the Sacrament was partaken of by unworthy persons, these ate and drank condemnation to their souls. When there are ill feelings between individuals these should be made right, and all become fully reconciled. If our brother or sister has aught against us we should go and have it made right. If, when we do this, the other party will not be reconciled, we should call in another, and so on until the desired reconciliation is effected, or all means exhausted according to the Church rule in such matters. When we have done all in our power in conformity to the law of God, then we are justified. It takes moral courage to confess our faults, but such courage is necessary in developing a Saint.

There is need of repentance among the people today. We are willing to ask the Lord to forgive us, but sometimes it does not seem so easy to forgive our brethren and sisters. Yet as we forgive we shall be forgiven. We have now before us an event to which we have looked with joyous anticipation. That is the dedication of the temple. To be properly qualified to engage in that sacred duty we should appear before

the Lord with clean hands and pure hearts. We should be fully reconciled to our brethren and sisters, if there has been any ill feeling. We should cease evil speaking, if we have been guilty. We should repent of all our sins, that we may have our record clean.

There are many who put off repentance as long as possible. They seem to think that because there is much "joy over one sinner that repenteth" they will create a great sensation in heaven by the magnitude of their repentance, and they go on making a dark and sinful record. This class will find out their mistake. The Lord will judge men by their works, and if they put off the time of repentance, thereby sinning away the day of grace, the harvest will close and their souls be not saved. The man who sins cannot blot out that fact. He may repent, but the fact of his commission of sin remains; therefore we should be careful to do no wilful wrong, for we cannot change the record. Excuses will not avail to set aside the law, for justice will claim its own. It should be the earnest endeavor of all the Saints, old and young, to make a clean record of honest, upright, truthful, righteous lives, that their minds and bodies may be pure and holy, and that the Lord may delight to manifest His power and grace unto them. The time of greatest necessity for such a life is the present.

Elder A. M. Cannon announced the Stake Conference on Saturday next, in the Assembly Hall, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., and on Sunday in the Tabernacle at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m.

The choir sang the anthem:

Unfold, ye portals everlasting.

Benediction was pronounced by President Joseph F. Smith.

SALT LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will convene in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, March 4th, 1893. Meetings will be held as follows: Saturday at 10 a. m., and 2 p. m., and Sunday at 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

A general attendance of the Priesthood and people is desired.

The Stake organizations of the Relief Societies, Sabbath Schools, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, and the Primary organizations are requested to have their reports ready in time for the conference.

ANGUS M. CANNON,
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,
CHARLES W. PENROSE.
Stake Presidency.

An unprovoked and shameful attack was made on Peter Nicholson last week. Mr. Nicholson, as all know, lost his sight some time ago, caused by a piece of steel lodging in one of his eyes. He can just make his way around slowly with the aid of a cane. He called at the residence of a certain woman to acquaint her with the death of Henry W. Smith, which occurred at his residence last Sunday night. The woman accused Mr. Nicholson of ill-treating the old man, and when he indignantly denied the accusation she struck the poor blind man a cruel blow in the mouth, loosening several of his teeth.—*Carson County Journal (Wyo.)*