

Stephen S. Ballinger second counselor. These were also ordained High Priests.

The Moroni Sunday school occupied one hour and thirty minutes Sunday morning, and was addressed by Elders Teasdale, Lund and Peterson. There were also singing and exercise on the Articles of Faith, conducted by Elder Lewis Swenson.

After the usual closing exercises of singing and benediction conference adjourned for three months to meet in Ephraim.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

THEORY, BUT NOT PRACTICE.

I frequently drop into the Salt Lake City Tabernacle Sunday afternoons. Pardon me, everybody, if what I am about to write should seem to be irreverent or presumptuous, and accept my assurance that I have no feeling that I am either, while I am conscious of a desire to be neither the one nor the other.

I go to the Tabernacle meetings sure always that I will hear something I will enjoy and which will do me good. In every instance the choir, Mr. Stephens and the organ satisfy me. The preaching is not always satisfactory, but as I have no right to complain I never do so. Many speakers I cannot hear well; other are more like educated parrots than inspired men, but some there are to whose speaking I like to listen. One of them is President George Q. Cannon. I can hear him quite well and he is never conscious of trying to be an orator. He is a good thinker-on-his-feet, and while I cannot always agree with him, I like to hear him.

I heard him last Sunday afternoon. His sermon was a practical talk to the people, full of kindly advice and helpfulness. He dwelt at some length upon the importance of the Latter-day Saints loving each other and keeping alive that spirit which allowed no class distinctions, or such at least was the meat of his thought. It was advice that ought to be acted upon by every man, woman and child on earth, and no kingdom of God, or the era of perfection, can ever be realized among men until it is put into practice.

I went to the Tabernacle again in the evening, and aiming to get where I could hear all without being in the way of anyone who had better right there than myself, I asked a person in authority there if the seats were reserved. His reply was, "Not that I am aware of," and of course he knew. I therefore held down a good seat. When the house was well filled below, an elderly woman came in who wanted a front seat. In those benches arranged diagonally in front of the stand were gentlemen and ladies, but there was room for many more. This woman appealed to the person who had informed me that seats were not reserved and he refused to admit her to one of those empty seats. She was not fashionably dressed or indeed even "well dressed," and I could not but feel that it was her appearance that caused her to be refused a seat. I thought of the woman's farthing and the Master of the meal tub with so little in it, and could not but compare the preaching of the afternoon with the practice of the evening. There was no room for the poor woman beside me, so I gave her my seat and found a much less satisfactory one, thinking that the exhibition of authority and snobbishness I had seen was quite the way of the world, but, none the less, contemptible.

CHARLES ELLIS.

BOOK OF THE PIONEERS.

The semi-centennial commission held a meeting at the Deseret National bank Wednesday, Chairman Clawson presiding. The meeting was an

interesting one as at it the matter of making a report to the Governor and Legislature was under consideration. The grand accomplishments of the commission in the success of the big Jubilee will make the report a valuable one. The copy that is intended for the Governor of the State will be accompanied by two magnificently bound volumes of books containing beautiful illustrations and finely printed matter descriptive of Pioneer history.

The first volume consists of 411 page s. The cover is of the finest Russian morocco, artistically adorned with gold and silver ornamentations designed by H. W. Naisbitt, Judge C. C. Goodwin and Judge Colborn, engraved by E. J. Swaner. The front lid has as a central ornament a large silver plate of diamond shape upon which appears a perfect fac simile in gold of the Pioneer monument encircled by a flattened surface silver band upon which are emblazoned the words, "Honor to Whom Honor is Due." Directly above this figure is a representation of a bunch of grapes, and immediately below is the State seal also in the yellow metal. On either corner of the lid is a design in silver expressive of the agricultural products of the State while the obverse cover fully as beautiful suggests in finely engraved letters in close proximity to that emblem of industry the bee hive, the manufacturing interests of Utah.

The first illustration of the book is a splendid steel engraving of President Young. This is followed by a picture of the unveiling of the Pioneer Monument by President Woodruff; Chairman Clawson's address; address of Governor Wells to the Legislature; appropriation of that body for Semi-Centennial expenses; names of the Jubilee commission; names of delegates appointed by the Governor to invite President McKinley to the Jubilee; the address to the President; the President's reply; names of the 143 original pioneers; names of the 28 pioneers belonging to the original 143 who were living at the time of the celebration; and autographs of all living Pioneers of 1847 whose patronymics begin with letters running from A to L inclusive.

The second volume is similarly bound and ornamented, and its covers are symbolic of the mining interests and natural products of the State. Among its contents are President Woodruff's likeness, photographs of the Pioneer group taken in front of the Assembly Hall during the Jubilee; Hall of Relics; history of the Mormon Battalion; President Woodruff's badge with descriptive article; autographs of 1847 Pioneers whose names commence with letters ranging from M to Z.

All of the work on these magnificent volumes which will be deposited in the archives of the State was done by Utah artists and reflects great credit upon their ability and upon the excellent taste of Chairman Clawson and the commission, under whose supervision it has been done.

NEWS NOTES

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 22: "Billy" Green, the speculator, received a telegram from Echo, Utah, yesterday, announcing the death of his brother Thomas. The body will arrive from the west tomorrow and the interment will take place at Council Bluffs.

William Dixon, a prominent man of Sacramento, Cal., while visiting the Sacramento pipe works Wednesday afternoon had one of his arms caught in some belting and the arm was so badly injured that it will have to be amputated.

Surrounded by his wife and children

and a number of intimate friends, Captain J. F. Chapman, whose recent sickness became alarming only two days since, passed quietly away at daybreak Sunday at his home on Ninth avenue and Eleventh street in East Oakland, Cal.

Fred Howard, who confessed that he was one of the three masked men who recently robbed several persons in the store of B. Ferant, Sacramento, Cal., was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Hart to fifteen years' imprisonment at Folsom.

The traction cable of the Smuggler-Union Mining company's tramway at Telluride, Colo., broke about noon Tuesday, precipitating cable and buckets, for a distance of about a mile, down a hill, and wrecking everything in its way. The loss will be several thousand dollars.

Frankie Robbins, aged 19 years, attempted suicide at the home of her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Cory, 224 Devine street, San Jose, Cal., Wednesday afternoon, by taking corrosive sublimate. Miss Robbins had been in bad health for some time, and was supposed to be mentally affected.

The sad intelligence of the death of two prospective gold seekers attached to Will E. Fisher's party, while endeavoring to shoot the dangerous White Horse rapids, has spread gloom among the employes of Lachman & Jacob's cooperage, San Francisco, where the unfortunate victims were employed before they started on their search for gold in the frozen north.

The trustees of the Oil Producers' association of Los Angeles, Cal., are considering the advisability of another shut-down of the wells. The move has again become necessary on account of the lack of storage capacity and the over-production due to prohibitive freight rates to interior points. The daily production is now about 4,000 barrels and the net consumption not over 2,500 barrels. The shut-down will doubtless be ordered for Saturday next.

A telephone message was received at Ukiah, Cal., Friday evening by Sheriff Johnson, giving information of a peculiar homicide at Bear Harbor. Henry Sutherland was stabbed and completely disemboweled, and although it is said there were three eye-witnesses to the killing, nothing was adduced at the inquest to establish the identity of the murderer. Deputy Sheriff Hatch left Friday night for Brice land, Humboldt county, whither it is said that a man named Mains, suspected of having committed the crime, had fled.

J. Pronzini, a baker of Livermore, Cal., has exploded a mild sensation by announcing that sixteen wedding cakes have been quietly ordered of him within the last few days by Livermore young men for immediate delivery. He was not sworn to secrecy, it seems, and made the announcement before he realized that it might be distasteful to his customers. Nothing has been known there of approaching weddings and the gossips have been pleased to circulate a rumor to the effect that a wholesale marrying has been worked up and planned for without the general public having been let into the secret.

A suit for divorce was commenced at Stockton, Cal., Wednesday by Mrs. Mary Eliza Johnson Howell against M. D. Howell, the man who became notorious through his three sensational trials in the United States court for counterfeiting and passing counterfeit money. The divorce action was commenced on the ground of habitual intemperance, though it is said the attorneys considered other grounds for some time, but concluded to confine the issue to the charge given. Summons