

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle Salt Lake City, Sunday January 15, 1893, Elder Angus M. Cannon, President of the Stake, presiding.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

High on the Mountain top
A banner is unfurled.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Albert W. Davis, of Centre Ward.

The choir next sang the hymn:

How great the wisdom and the love,
That fill'd the courts on high.

The Priesthood of the First Ward officiated in the administration of the sacrament.

ELDER B. H. ROBERTS

was the speaker. He said the task of addressing so vast a congregation was one from which a person would naturally shrink, especially if he remembered that he was talking to a people well informed upon almost every principle connected with the Gospel. But under the influence of the Holy Spirit it was possible that the Saints who came together from time to time might receive a portion of meat in due season and find in the remarks of the Elders instruction and encouragement which should enable them the better to perform the duties of life.

The blessings of the Gospel were a constant theme of enjoyment to those who partake of the spirit thereof, and those who had received these blessings never became weary in recounting the and advantages and privileges, and the inestimable joys which are secured to us through that system of truth which we had learned from the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It seemed exceedingly strange to him that all men and women did not become infatuated with it. What blessing, he asked, could be greater than the forgiveness of sin through a living, active faith in God; and he thanked heaven that unpardonable sins were indeed very scarce—that there were but few among His sons and daughters who were capable of so far transgressing that they got beyond the hope of forgiveness or the desire for it. The gift of the Holy Ghost was promised to all who received the Gospel—as directly to us in this day as to those who heard that same Gospel in primitive Christian times. The Lord had just as much to give to His obedient children in this dispensation as to those who lived in the ancient days; consequently those who obeyed the principles of the Gospel were entitled to the possession of the Holy Spirit, which, we were told, should bring to the possessor those gifts which God had committed unto him; it should quicken the recollection and bring to mind the law of God in the hour that one hath need to remember it. It was that Spirit which brought evil a better cleansing than even the baptism of water; it was the strength by which the Christian should prevail over his weaknesses and imperfections, until he stood as an approved son of God. When we came to take up the qualities

of this Spirit and considered what it did for man, did we appreciate rightly the treasure which we had in it? What was it not worth to the Latter-day Saint? What, indeed, would they take in exchange for it?

Elder Roberts mentioned some of the hardships through which the Saints passed in the early days of the Church, pictured the journey across the plains and the trials which they had since been called upon to undergo, and asked—was not the possession of this one great gift of the Holy Spirit, and the joy and happiness which it brought to them, an ample reward for all their toil; and would they not rather brave all the dangers over again than be deprived of it, having once tasted the sweetness of its influence? He thanked God that it had been his privilege to be reared among this people; but he never appreciated that blessing so much until he became acquainted with the world outside of these their settlements and their influence.

The speaker next adverted to the scenes of misery and wickedness which he had witnessed when moving about in the large cities of England, and remarked that the sins of Babylon which were being introduced among us today were making sad havoc in the midst of Israel. Had such been always present with us to the extent as now, this people would not have been so free from crime and sin as they were today. We owed very much to the favorable conditions by which we had been surrounded hitherto for the purity of our community and the excellence of its morals.

The marriage relation was referred to by Elder Roberts as a most hallowed association. It was one of God's eternal laws—the law by which not only the race of man is perpetuated but the law that obtained in the celestial worlds—and the law by which the race of the gods is perpetuated, for ever. Instead of having—as some persons would have it—an unholy association, it was one of the holiest of all.

In conclusion the speaker prayed that the Saints might understand these grand truths, and said that with these blessings running side by side with them come corresponding responsibilities and duties which must be rightly discharged.

The choir sang the anthem "Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth."

Benediction by Bishop Wm. B. Preston.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

The new Business Men's association, the rumor of a contest over the position of president or some other cause, had the effect of galvanizing the Chamber of Commerce with unwonted life and activity last evening.

About forty members assembled at the Board of Trade building at 8 o'clock, and several of them carried in their pockets proxies of forty-five absent members. There were thus eighty-five votes cast, and the election of Mr. Hubbard, who has been for some time past openly and energetically working for the honor of filling Colonel Donnellan's shoes, was consummated largely through the agency of the absentees,

many of whom would probably have voted for Mr. Wells, had they been present, but whose votes were cast for Mr. Hubbard by that gentleman's active representatives—his brother real estate men, Messrs. Gillespie & Kelsey. It was well understood that Mr. Wells had declined to do any canvassing to secure the presidency, the utmost his friends were able to induce him to say having been that if the honor came to him he would take it—he did not solicit it. Mr. W. H. Rowe had a number of proxies which were cast for Mr. Wells, but they were not quite half the number secured by Mr. Gillespie and his partner. Mr. Rowe himself secured the handsome compliment of being chosen first vice-president with no opposition, and Mr. Gillespie's proxies carried the way for Mr. Cameron as second vice-president against George A. Lowe. When the making up of the board was called, Messrs. Gillespie and Rowe went into combination, and throwing their proxies together, elected the board named below. Mr. Rowe stated that Mr. Wells would prefer not to serve on the directory this year, which is the reason none of the proxy combination vote went to him, although nearly every member present gave him a vote.

PRESIDENT DONNELLAN'S REPORT

President Donnellan's report of the labors of the Chamber for the last year was read by himself and is herewith given in full:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 12, 1893.
To the members of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce:

Gentlemen—The year just closed has been a prosperous one for Utah and Salt Lake city. Our merchants have enjoyed an active and profitable trade. Our city has grown largely in population, as is witnessed by the fact that upwards of 1200 new houses have been built and occupied during the year; besides at least 600 apartments and offices in the upper stories of business blocks. This shows a healthy gain in the population of the city, which is now estimated by every test short of actual census to be nearly 65,000.

The volume of business of the city as shown by operations of the clearing house, amounted to \$94,000,000, which was a gain over the previous year of \$12,000,000. The only business that languished during the year was the dealing in real estate, and yet the sales for the year amounted to nearly \$8,000,000.

Many fine business structures have been erected. Nine elegant modern school houses, with all of the latest appliances for heating and ventilation, have been built, at a cost of about \$400,000.

The University of Utah has, at large expense, been equipped with new apparatus in the department of geology and the school of mines, also in the chemical and mathematical departments. This institution is now prepared to give a full university course of instruction, and is entirely free to residents of the Territory. The great Brigham Young university is about to commence operations in a building which is just being finished. All Hallows' college has doubled its attendance during the past year, drawing its students largely from the surround-