

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, December 18th, 1892, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang the hymn beginning.

Sweetly may the blessed Spirit
On each faithful bosom shine.

Prayer by Counselor Joseph E. Taylor.

The choir sang the hymn:

Glory to God on High;
Let heaven and earth reply.

The Priesthood of the Twentieth ward officiated in the administration of the Sacrament.

APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN

addressed the congregation. He explained the duties of the Latter-day Saints in regard to keeping holy the Sabbath day, and said that one of the requirements made of them was to come together on that day to partake of the emblems of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Sabbath was a day of rest and of worship, and the Saints should of all people keep this in strict remembrance. There ought to be a spirit of reverence for our houses of worship; but there was sometimes a certain degree of freedom indulged in among the young that should not prevail. He referred to the restless moving about which went on during the service in some of the ward meeting houses in Zion, which was an annoyance both to the speaker and the audience.

It was not necessary or desirable that the Latter-day Saints should wear a solemn countenance, that they should appear sad or sorrowful, or have sanctimonious ways. The Gospel of Jesus Christ did not call for this, but was intended to make us happy and light-hearted, and to comfort us. But he had sometimes thought that we were now and again too indifferent to what we professed in this regard. We should not give offense unnecessarily to the world; because we were preachers of righteousness—men who were called upon to win souls to Christ and save the world. The Spirit of the Lord would direct us if we sought for it aright. It was a monitor in the hearts of the Latter-day Saints, to regulate and preserve them. The Holy Spirit never led men astray; it did not prompt us with falsehood, but revealed to us the truth of the present and opened our minds oftentimes to see some truths that were yet in the future. Position, Priesthood, authority—these were not enough to secure a man's salvation; but he who had received the greatest responsibility and authority in the Church of Christ ought to be the most willing and humble. The greater the responsibility placed upon a man's shoulders the greater was his obligation in doing the will of God; the more gentle, kind, patient and long-suffering should he be. By their example in all things—in temperance, purity, prayerfulness, humility, and the hallow-

ing of the Sabbath day—the Latter-day Saints would give proof of their sincerity in a way that was stronger than anything they could proclaim or preach to the world. Let the good fruit be seen; for we must always be judged by our works. Let the Gospel which we had espoused be carried out in our daily life and conversation—in every place of worship, in every place of business, in every place where an Elder of Israel was to be found, bearing such a testimony to mankind that the world would stand aghast before it.

Too few of the Latter-day Saints came together on the Sabbath day to worship the Lord, and many often took advantage of small excuses to stay at home. There should be something of a reformation in this respect. The record of the Latter-day Saints should be above suspicion; it should be shown that what they professed they fully carried out in their daily life. If they all did this, peace, happiness and fellowship would reign even more abundantly than it did now.

Apostle Lyman deprecated the spirit of fault-finding with our neighbor, which he said was unprofitable for us. Let us seek rather to correct our own imperfections and not magnify the shortcomings of others, or parade their faults before the world. Let us not try in any way to injure one another, but be charitable towards all. The Latter-day Saints, as a people, possessed a great many virtues, and by the side of one of their faults there might be counted ten virtues if they were but sought for. Our hearts should always be large and warm enough to forgive those of our brethren who had been transgressors. Our hearts should not be set upon riches or any worldly thing which would turn our thoughts from God.

PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON

said it was pleasing to see so many Latter-day Saints present that afternoon, despite the severe weather. He mentioned that an expensive heating apparatus had been purchased for the warming of the Tabernacle, and that steps would be taken hereafter to make the building more comfortable than had been the case today. He made this statement in order to encourage the brethren and sisters to attend the meetings during the winter season.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Glorious is Thy name."

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

IT HAVING been decided that there shall be first and second class restaurants at the World's Fair, the phase of Americanism which insists that one man is as good as any other if not a little better, would seem to have received an invitation to assert itself.

THE FOLLOWING lines were written by Richard Brinsley Sheridan many years ago and referred to England. How well they fit Utah this year the reader will discover at once:

January, snowy; February, flowy; March, blowy;
April, showery; May, flowery; June, bowery;
July, mopey; August, croppy; September, poppy;
October, breezy; November, wheezy; December, freezy.

The Woman's Sphere.

By One of the Sex.

The Story of Adam and Eve.

(CONCLUDED.)

You know, dear children, I told you about the beautiful garden of Eden, and of all the fruits and flowers and birds that were there. But there was no one there to look at the flowers nor to listen to the singing of the birds; and so our kind Father in heaven said to those about Him, that he would send a man and a woman down to this earth to have children and thus to people the earth. So Adam was brought here, and he forgot all he knew about the life up in heaven, and became like a little child. When he had been here a little while, our heavenly Father said he would send down the woman who was to be Adam's wife, and they lived together a long time in peace and innocence, Adam and his wife Eve. There were no thorns on the flowers, nor any weeds to grow up and choke them out, all the animals loved each other, and were just as peaceful and quiet as could be. None of them wanted to kill, and the lion was just as tame as your pet kitty. They all had plenty to eat, fruit and vegetables, for there was no kind of murder in the world. Now, our Father told them very solemnly that they were not to eat the fruit of one tree that grew in the garden, and that was the fruit of the Tree of knowledge of good and evil. If they did, they should surely die. So they lived like you, just as innocent and as ignorant as little children, not knowing good nor evil, for they had not eaten of the Tree of Knowledge. But you see it was necessary that they should know something of good and evil, for that is why they came to this earth, though they had forgotten all that. Now, the devil was very anxious to get this man and woman to serve him. He did not know all the plans that had been laid in Heaven for this earth, but he had heard our Father tell Adam and Eve that they must not eat of the Tree of knowledge, and he thought if he could get them to disobey that command he could lead them captive, that is, could make them mind him all the time and thus lose their chance of going to heaven. That is what he thinks about my darlings around my knee, and he comes and whispers in your little ears for you to disobey mamma and pappa, to fight and quarrel, and to say naughty words.

As I say, he thought he could make Adam and Eve his slaves if he could get them to disobey the law given them by their Heavenly Father. So he went up to Adam and talked with him, and Adam told him to go away, for he did not intend to disobey his Father in heaven. Then the devil, or Satan as his name is called, took upon him the likeness of a serpent, you know what a serpent is, a snake. And he went up to Eve, and talked very smoothly and graciously, and she listened to him. He told her that she ought to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge; she told him that her Father had told them that if she ate thereof, she would die. He answered her that she should not die. That was a lie, you see, but the devil was full of lies, and he told her if she ate of that fruit she should be as the gods were, knowing