SUNDAY SERVICES.

Three Speakers Occupied the Stand at the Tabernacle Yesterday Afternoon.

Religious services were conducted in the Tabernacle yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, February 11th, Elder Joseph E. Taylor, of the Sixty presiding, presiding.

The choir sang:

"Do the minutes hang upon you?"

Prayer was offered by Elder George G. Bywater.

The choir sang:

"Voice of rare welcome we pursue."

The Sacrament was administered by the priesthood of the Nineteenth ward.

Elder H. S. Young first addressed the congregation. He expressed his belief that there are many good people on the earth who, though not identified with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will gain salvation in the life to come. But he was pleased to know that the Latter-day saints have received the Gospel in its fulness. Since the restoration of the Gospel in this age more tangible evidences can be had of the truths of Christianity than could be obtained for many centuries. Joseph Smith, the speaker testified, was divinely called and instituted in God's hands to usher in the Gospel in its dispensation. To him and two others the golden plates from whom the Book of Mormon was translated. To corroborate the truth of these incidents God has not left the world without witnesses to testify to these facts. Men known for their integrity testified that they had seen and handled the sacred plates from which the Book of Mormon was produced. Despite the unanimous testimonies with the Gospel affords, the saints are not yet in a fit condition for the commencement of God's purposes upon the earth. Nevertheless, they are His covenant people, and great are the responsibilities which rest upon them. All feelings of hatred should be suppressed, and they should cherish in their hearts love towards God and man. The saints should live lives of purity; they should set a good example before all that the world may know and acknowledge that they are indeed the people of God.

Elder A. W. Ivins, of the presidency of St. George, next spoke. He said that if the Latter-day Saints are anything they are a people of destiny. How manifold has the over-ruling providence of God ever been them. There are many who, like the Latter-day saints, believe in God the Eternal Father and in His Son Jesus Christ, but the Latter-day Saints believe that the voice of God has been uttered from the heavens in this age, that John the Baptist appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and conferred upon them the Aaronic Priesthood, that the angel which Jesus in the Isle of Patmos saw in prophetic vision flying in the midst of heaven with the everlasting Gospel has appeared, and that another great epoch in the history of the world has been ushered in. The Gospel is being preached, and as a result israel is being gathered from the different nations of the earth. Notwithstanding the fact that the Latter-day Saints have been trained under different religious influences and in different languages, yet they have received of the same Gospel and are being gathered into one. The Saints believe in what God has revealed, in what he is revealing and that He will yet reveal many things in the future. The testimony of Lehi Book of Mormon serve to strengthen the faith of the Saints in the Bible. The former gives evidence of the divine authenticity of the latter. Wise men since Luther's day have wrestled with the scriptures, yet not two of them fully agree in their interpretation thereof. But the inspired Joseph Smith, though unlearned in the things of the world, was able to divine mysteries, so that he could interpret correctly the Holy Scriptures.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, said that God is doing a marvelous work among the children of men. A prevalent idea abroad is that the Latter-day Saints are a narrow-minded class of people—that they believe those who will not accept of their religious faith will be eternally shut out from God. This is a very mistaken idea; for the Saints believe that very few will be forever doomed from the blessings which the plan of redemption provides. The heathen, who died without the law, will be judged without the law. The speaker would wish to see the Saints endowed with a greater knowledge of the breadth of God's mercy; for many of them are narrow and contracted in their religious views. It is the duty of the Saints to walk in the path marked out for them, that they should preach the Gospel by example as well as by precept. They should not view sanctimoniously those who fall into sin, and hold them up to public exposition, but rather encourage them to repentance and lend them their sympathy. Too many of us are selfish and would have to resort to legislation in order to preserve the peace and the welfare of the people. The spirit of love and kindness should be exercised by parents toward their children. In this way they will often be more successful in turning their erring sons and daughters to repentance.

The choir sang:

"Daughter of Zion, awake from thy slumbers."

The benediction was pronounced by President Joseph F. Smith.

Church University Theology Class.

The sixteenth session of this class was held at the Assembly Hall, 12:00 p. m., nearly 1200 students being present. Leaflets containing a synopsis of the lecture were distributed at the door. After the opening prayer by Elder H. E. Richards, two interesting questions were mentioned of some length. The lecturer, Dr. J. E. Talmage took special pains to explain every point bearing upon the topics in question and as a free conflict resulted the subject was finally set aside.

With words of gratitude to God for the success attending this theology class, the lecturer was neared of the appreciation felt by the instructor of the interest taken as shown in the attendance and cooperation. Yet owing to the fact that answers given from the collection of the large self questions only with difficulty be found by one and not at all by many hundreds, it was announced that the review of lessons in form of oral interrogation would be discontinued until further notice. This should not be undertaken in an away with, but rather to encourage individual questions, which would tend to encourage in writing on subjects under consideration in the class.

The sixth article of Faith, the great topic of study in the Church organization, was then taken up by the subject. It points as follows:

"We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

"The principles on which we established by Christ and constituted by His Apostles, first received attention. Scripture (as it was referred to verifying the existence of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, high priests, seventies, elders, priests, teachers, deacons, and special officers as seen in the experience of the Church of Christ. The beautiful comparison of a present body, made by Paul was referred upon in detail, showing the adaptation of each part for its mission and without either of which there is no sympathy. The necessity of these officers in the Church is crucial test of the Church of Christ.

The necessity of the church and the restoration of divine authority were then considered, as of aiding a divine quest and conclusive proof that God is pleased as well as actual mercy.

Lastly the general speaking question, and some questions with various aspects of power, rights to organization, etc., were then defined, as also the force in government. Primary organization in Mormon Improvement Association, Sunday Schools, Relief Society, etc., as being being a setting to the organization known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After benediction by Elder Geo. Halliard the class adjourned for the week.

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