

I have a few reflections in relation to our schools throughout this Territory. The minds of the young are like a sheet of white paper, they will receive any impression that is made upon them. Our children are our heritage from God, and our duty, as Latter-day Saints, is to teach them the fear of God, and to educate them in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in every truth, teaching them faith towards God, and that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Fathers and mothers are responsible, in this respect, for their children. Mothers are their first teachers, and every mother should teach her children to pray. Every father and mother should see to it that the early training and education of their children are not neglected in the family circle, by the fireside; and as they grow up and begin to move out and mingle with the community, parents should know the company they keep, and see to it that they go not with the unbelieving, profane or corrupt. And when the time comes to send them from the parental roof and from the care of the mother, to prosecute their studies, it is the duty of parents to see that they are not placed under the influence of persons, male or female, who are unrighteous, who do not pray, who do not exercise faith in God, who do not believe in his revelations, and who do not seek to strengthen, in the hearts of the young, faith towards God, and sincere devotion to him; and all who neglect this most obvious duty will, sooner or later, reap the fruit of their evil sowing and neglect. Nor should we, through cupidity or a pretence that we are unable properly to provide for our children, send them to schools where, we have every reason to believe, every opportunity will be used to poison their youthful minds concerning the testimony of Jesus and the holy religion we have embraced.

I honor and respect all men in the enjoyment of their religious rights, and in their religious views, feelings and faith. It has been my custom, from my youth, to honor, respect, and reverence every class of religionists in the world; no matter how ridiculous some of their ideas or practices might seem to be, if they were sacred in the minds and feelings of their devotees I honored and respected them, knowing that this devout feeling in the human heart is the foundation of all true religion. While I would labor to correct error I would never trifle with that which was sacred in the hearts and feelings of my fellowmen. I can honor and respect clergymen, teachers and religionists of every class who are in our midst for legitimate business, and who mind their own business, and have sense enough to let other people's business alone. But there are persons who come among us, as avowed missionaries, not to preach the gospel of the Son of God for the salvation of men, but simply to be tools of corrupt persons and those who hate God and his word, to marshal every element of discontent and to consolidate them in opposition to God and his Kingdom; who set themselves up for this express purpose, and then go to the Eastern States to lecture on "Mormonism" and the "Mormons," and tell the most abominable lies that ever issued out of the mouths of mortal men, misrepresenting us in every particular, and circulating every exploded lie ever originated in the bowels of hell concerning us. They appeal to the sympathies of the ignorant and prejudiced to raise money to support them, sometimes in preying upon our wives and children, and to establish schools in our midst for this express purpose. And occasionally they offer our children free schooling with the money contributed as the reward of their lies and infamous misrepresentations of this people. Will the elders of Israel say they can not school their children unless they place them in the care of such infernal hypocrites, liars and whoremongers? I say, God forbid. Will we make it a test of fellowship? What fellowship have such elders of Israel with God? They are ignorant. I would that they might learn righteousness.

Let us establish and maintain good schools in which to educate our children; and let parents wake up from that apathy with which the minds of many are beclouded. And if we have any bishops or trustees who have not the revelations of the Holy Spirit enough to discern the spirits of men and wo-

men whom they wish to employ as teachers in their schools, let them humble themselves and repent of their sins until the Holy Ghost enlightens them sufficiently to enable them to select men and women to place in charge of our children, who, instead of sowing the seeds of infidelity and damnation in their hearts, will lead them in the way of life. We have fed and sustained men in this city, and they have been considered among our best school teachers, and almost all pupils who have been under their tuition a few years have turned out infidels. There are still men of this class employed in our schools in this and other cities in the Territory. They are enemies of righteousness, and they are leading away the hearts of the innocent and unsuspecting.

Say some, "Oh, we must cultivate science." What has science to do with this? Science and every true principle pertaining to the heavens and the earth belong to God and his people. Infidelity is not science; it is the absence or opposite of science; it is a lack of capacity to comprehend the great Ruler of the universe, who has established all the immutable laws made manifest in science, whether it be in the heavens or on the earth.

Away, then, with those who have no faith in God, who cannot ask his blessing on their efforts, and who do not set the fear of God before the eyes of children. My advice to every soul in Israel in all the land, who has a son or a daughter, is, if you do not know that they are under the custody and care of praying, believing, devout teachers, take them away and teach them at home. Amen.

ELDER JOHN TAYLOR

asked for a show of hands to see who were willing to be identified with the United Order. A forest of hands went up.

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reminded those who held up their hands as a signification that they were willing to identify themselves with the United Order, that the act was of the nature of a covenant, and that he who put his hand to the plow and then turned back was not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. The object was to build up Zion and become one, that the Savior might deign to visit us.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The choir sang:

Awake! put on thy strength, O Zion.

Benediction by Elder CHAS. C. RICH.

FOURTH DAY.

SUNDAY MORNING, May 10th.

Singing by the choir of

My God, the Spring of all my joys,
The life of my delights.

Opening prayer by Elder GEO. B. WALLACE.

The choir sang:

All hail the glorious day,
By prophets long foretold.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG, JR.,

said he had received a great deal of instruction during Conference, relative to the United Order, yet as it was with us when we first embraced the gospel, we could not all at once understand the purposes of Jehovah, and it was not expected that we would understand fully this great co-operative system at the commencement. It was sufficient for him to know that the man at the head of Israel was in that position by the will of God to cause him, the speaker, to join it heart and hand. With regard to the reasons for our not entering sooner into this Order, they were similar to those that prevented children at school taking a sudden jump from the fourth reader to a stage of education far in advance of that—they had not been prepared to receive it. As far as he had been able to observe, however, the people in the settlements he had visited were prepared to enter upon that grand co-operative system. It was in our power to build up the kingdom of God, and it could be done by taking the counsels of those appointed to lead us. We needed not to care for the revilings and ridicule of the wicked, for the time would come when those scoffers would vanish like dew before the rising sun. They served a master, who, as soon as he got them in the position he wanted them to be in, would desert them.

The speaker continued for some

time showing that the United Order was the grandest plan that ever had been instituted for the amelioration of the human family, and that it would accomplish all that had been predicted for it, according to the faithfulness of the people. He also bore a powerful testimony to the truth of the great latter-day work, and predicted the final triumph of the Kingdom of God.

ELDER ALBERT CARRINGTON

delivered a discourse on the religious and political condition of the world, in which he declaimed against the worship of gold, which had obtained so universally in the earth, and especially in the nation in which we live.

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made some closing remarks in which he exhorted the Saints to fulfil every duty incumbent upon them; that the proper way to pay tithing was when the property to be tithed was received by the individual. There was, however, but little use of paying tithing unless the person doing so had faith in the principle or law. We moved forward into the United Order of Zion, and we should do so whole-souledly, putting aside selfishness, corruption and dishonesty, and seeking to love our neighbors as ourselves. Those who were in debt should seek at once to discharge their liabilities. The speaker would far rather wear a pair of wooden-bottomed shoes that he rightly owned than a pair made of the finest materials that some merchant had to present a bill for that he could not pay. With regard to wooden bottomed shoes, they had been proved to be far more conducive to health in damp weather than leather, preventing rheumatism, colds, sore throats, etc.

President Smith mentioned a large number of branches of industry that could be successfully carried on in this Territory, such as the manufacture of clothing, hats, caps, wagons, furniture. His remarks were strictly instructive and practical.

Adjourned till 2 p.m.

The choir sang:

Sing loud to God our strength.

Prayer by PRESIDENT JOSEPH YOUNG.

AFTERNOON.

With all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song;

was sung by the choir.

Opening prayer by ELDER JOHN TAYLOR.

Singing by the choir of—

Arise, my soul, arise;
Shake off thy guilty fears.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the vast congregation of Saints.

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addressed the Conference on the education and culture of our children, and adverted to the necessity of setting them suitable examples, which had a powerful effect upon their minds. He desired the Bishops and leading Elders of the various settlements to impress upon the minds of the people the value of Sunday schools, and advise them to patronize them. He considered that the *Juvenile Instructor* was a valuable aid in teaching children. The *DESERET NEWS*, *Herald*, *Ogden Junction*, *Provo Times* and *Beaver and St. George Enterprises*, published by our brethren, should be remembered and encouraged. The *DESERET NEWS*, besides a large amount of useful information concerning current events, in the world, published the discourses of the Church leaders, and should be taken by the families of the Saints. The *Woman's Exponent* was also a well edited and useful publication, and should be sustained. Every enterprise that was entered upon, that did not have the influence and aid of the ladies, would necessarily be tardy, and therefore their help was needed in every good work.

He desired the Bishops to counsel the brethren, not natives of this country, who had not yet obtained their naturalization papers, and who were entitled to them, to immediately take steps to get them.

From 100 to 150 men were wanted to go to St. George, to help to put up the walls of the Temple there, that it might be ready to receive the roof by Christmas, and if this were done it would not be long be-

fore the font would be dedicated and the holy ordinances of the gospel administered there.

A children's jubilee was in contemplation by superintendents and others interested in the Sunday school movement, in which it was expected that from 7,000 to 10,000 children would take part. Songs had been specially composed by the brethren to be sung on the occasion. The undertaking was laudable and should be encouraged by the Saints. It would be held in the New Tabernacle.

President Smith then made some remarks regarding common schools, and advised parents who sent their children to them to visit them, and see how the little ones were situated there. He commented on the necessity of having the school-rooms properly fitted up for the comfort and convenience of the pupils. As there was plenty of timber in the mountains and mechanical skill among the brethren, there was no necessity for sending to the States for benches.

If the brethren who were entering branches of the United Order met with questions that they could not solve, they should put them in writing and send them to the Presidency for answer.

He concluded by returning his thanks to the leader of the choir, the singers and organist, who had contributed so much to the pleasure of the Conference by their sweet music.

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delivered a discourse on the subject of the education of children, and made remarks bearing on the United Order, showing that Zion could only be built up by a people of one heart and one mind. He also spoke of the designs and purposes of God, clearly indicating that the only sacrifice required of the Saints was to dismiss from their hearts the power that sought to destroy every principle of light, truth and virtue, and be governed by the Spirit of God. He pronounced a blessing upon the brethren who had spoken during Conference, those who had prayed, also the choir and its leader, the organist, the Latter-day Saints generally, and all the honest hearted people on the face of the earth.

Conference adjourned till the 6th day of October, at 10 o'clock in the morning, to meet in the New Tabernacle, in this City.

The anthem, "Gloria," was sung by the choir.

Benediction by PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH.

The attendance throughout was probably larger than that at any previous conference since the organization of the Church. At the last meeting, Sunday afternoon, the huge building was filled in every available part. Owing to the great and important step upon which the church is entering with a view to the building up of the Zion of God on the earth, the proceedings of the conference were of the most intense interest to every true Latter-day Saint. A powerful spirit was manifested and the speakers were blessed with the spirit of inspiration, and the hearts of the people gladdened and made to rejoice.

Congress and Cannon and a Circumstance.

The committee on elections in the House decided unanimously that our excellent but much-widowed friend, the Hon. G. Q. Cannon, was constitutionally entitled to his seat. Whereupon an innocent and inoffensive gentleman from said committee moved for powers to send for persons and papers to prove that said Cannon had too many wives. As there is nothing in the Constitution prohibiting a constituency from sending a man of sixteen wives, provided he has not been convicted of bigamy, the House marvelled much at the innocent and inoffensive gentleman's extraordinary proposition. By the bye, the fun of the i. and i.'s opposition comes in on the fact that he does not object to a member having a quantity of wives, but to his being married to them. We will not say this gentleman is pumpkin-headed for two reasons; it would not be polite or parliamentary, and then we should owe an apology to a very useful vegetable.

Speaking of opposition to our Cannon, a good story is revived anent one of his bitterest opponents. It seems when this enemy

of the polygamous followers of Brigham Young first came to Congress, his orthography, like his knowledge of constitutional law, was somewhat defective. Meeting Julian, the Indiana statesman, on the Avenue one day, he asked for his address. This was given, and the enemy of man entered it solemnly in his memorandum book. The next morning, a little after daylight, the boarding-house where the chaste opposer of polygamy boarded with his wife was aroused, and the boarders listened in dismay to the noise of a fearful row in the Congressman's room. In a few minutes he emerged with his nose broken, his eyes blackened, and his blonde locks torn. He appealed for help and a committee of investigation was improvised, and the poor fellow stated his case. His wife had taken offence at an entry in her better-half's memorandum book. She claimed that the entry meant the address of some vile woman. It read: "July Ann, 339 E street; meet to-morrow at 8."

When this was translated into Julian, Hon. Julian, M. C., a man and no woman, the jealous wife not only subsided, but put a poultice to her one-eyed one's nose, a raw turnip to his eye, hot water to his feet, and a warm brick to the small of his back. But Julian is known to this day as July Ann.—*Washington Capital*, May 3.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Congress proposes to eject George Q. Cannon, the Utah Delegate, from his seat because he is a polygamist. If Congress should eject all members of that body who practice something even worse than polygamy, unless common report is a common slanderer, it would present whole rows of empty benches.—*Omaha Herald*.

The Utah Contested Election Case.—The sub-committee of the House Committee on Elections, to which was referred the contested election case of Maxwell against Cannon, the sitting Delegate from Utah, this morning made a report, which was unanimously adopted by the general committee, to the effect that under the order of the House by which the matter was referred to the Elections Committee, the latter are without sufficient jurisdiction to fully investigate the case, and that under this order they can only express an opinion as to the constitutional qualifications of the sitting member for a seat in the House. They report that in their opinion Mr. Cannon was duly elected, and that he possessed the usual constitutional qualifications so far as age and residence are concerned. Mr. Hazleton, chairman of the sub-committee which made this report, will, as a member of the House, ask that the House appoint a special committee to investigate the charge that Cannon is a practical polygamist, and to decide whether, if this charge is sustained, he is eligible to a seat in the House. The House will doubtless adopt a resolution to this effect.—*Washington Star*, April 30.

THE TWIN RELIC.—Mormonism lifted its head in the House of Representatives for a moment yesterday on the report of the Committee on Elections that a certain Mormon Delegate was properly returned from Utah, but that the committee deemed it right for the House to investigate whether the gentleman was a polygamist, and whether, if so, he is eligible to sit in Congress. This invitation to face the music on so important a point is not relished, however. Congressmen do not see how they can just now make much money, or much political capital out of the Mormons.—*N. Y. Herald*, May 1.

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