

## THE PROPER USE OF RICHES.

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I rejoice this morning in seeing such a large congregation before me. Zion is growing, and the people are trying to live their religion. In looking back upon the past year we see that the Lord has been with His work and blessed His servants in their labors. The missionaries abroad have been successful in reaching the people and in bringing many into the Gospel fold. They have met some opposition, but as a general thing our people are getting better known in the world. In Germany some of our Elders have been exiled, and others notified to leave; but the courts have taken it under consideration, and it is not yet decided whether our Elders will be exiled or not. When the officers are asked what objection they have to our Elders, they say they have nothing against their lives or conduct, but they do not like their religion, and they claim the right to say who shall be their guests. They have said this; but I believe that when they really examine the fruits of "Mormonism" and see the effect it has upon its converts, they will not be opposed to our people being in their midst. There are several lands where there is not perfect freedom of conscience, where there are state religions, and the people are not allowed to worship God in the way they believe to be right; but gradually prejudice and intolerance are giving way, and the most intolerant countries are yielding and allowing the people to believe as they please. In Norway we are not recognized as dissenters; still the police authorities and the people generally who have watched our course are pleased with it. The police of Christianity say that they have less trouble with the Latter-day Saints than they have with others; so we are tolerated there. For many years we have had a meetinghouse of our own in that city, which has been a great help to us. Last year we found that the foundations of the house were giving way, and we had to tear the house down; but it is being rebuilt, and this summer we hope that a better structure will be dedicated and that our people of that city can again have their own house of worship. The house in Copenhagen is giving general satisfaction, and many people are coming to our meetings. There is a project on foot for the building of a meetinghouse in Stockholm, which I hope will soon begin to be realized. A brother in that city offered a spot upon which to build a meetinghouse, and we believe that the brethren and sisters here, especially from the Scandinavian countries, will help to build such a house there. We have seen the necessity of having our own meetinghouses in branches where we have such large numbers of people in the Church. Stockholm, Copenhagen and Christiania each number several hundred of our people, and it will be a blessing for them to have a place of worship. I am disposed to say that this would also be well in cities like Berlin and other places, where our branches are growing to the extent they are.

We are pleased with the reports that

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come in from the different missions. Our Elders are laboring zealously, going from house to house, spreading their truths, preaching in the streets and halls wherever opportunities afford.

### ZION PROGRESSING.

In Zion the work is also progressing. The people seem more united, and a greater desire to attend meetings, to read the scriptures, to have stated many of the stakes, from the extreme north down to St. George, during the past year, and have found that the people are growing, and that the Spirit of God is in their midst. They show by their works that they are trying to live the lives of Saints. The tithing during the last year was up with the year before and even better. We commend the Saints for their fulfillment of this duty. President Smith in his opening address to the conference, gave us some good counsel. He asked the people to be honest and fulfill their duty to the Lord and to their neighbors. I am pleased to see that the people have met their obligations to the Lord as well as they have during the past year. There is much room, however, for improvement. We find that there is a large number, still on the books, of non-tithepayers. This should not be. A man who professes to be a Latter-day Saint ought to show it in his works. If he does not pay his tithing, he shows there is something wrong with him. He cannot have the faith which he professes to have; for if he did he would not be delinquent in this matter. It is a matter between him and his God. There is no compulsion. But a man who has covenanted with the Lord to do His will cannot feel that he is honest with the Lord when he refuses to obey the call He makes upon him. This law of tithing is not a new law. It is as old as the days of Abraham, and further back than that; but the first mention we have of it in the Bible is where Abraham paid his tithing. He believed in it; so did Jacob; and so did Israel. In our day the Lord has again revealed that law to His people and those who obey it have realized the truth of what Bishop Hunter used to say: "Pay your tithing and be blessed."

SEEK NOT WORLDLY RICHES.

I would say to the people, be honest one to another. Do not run in debt. The advice of the president yesterday was certainly wholesome. The Lord, in one of His revelations given very early in the Church, says:

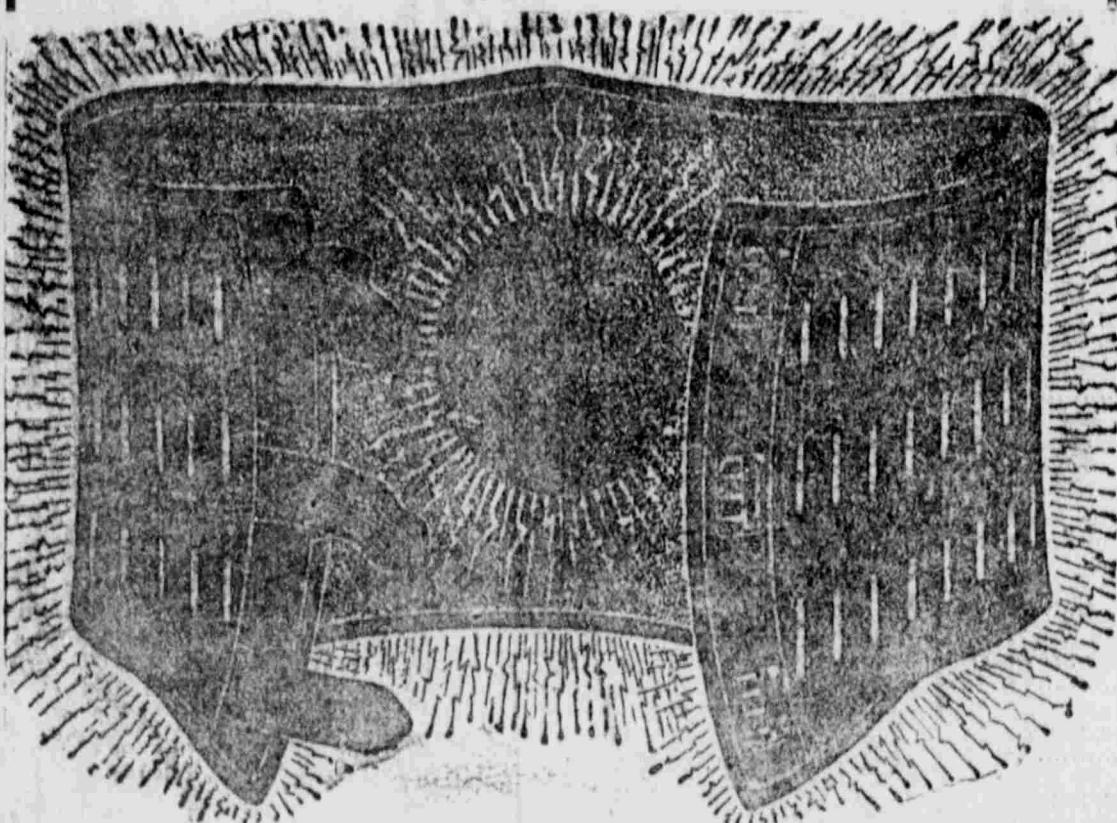
"Seek not for riches, but for wisdom, and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich; behold he that hath eternal life is rich."

The riches of eternal life we ought to seek, not the riches of the world. There is a raging thirst for riches in this land. The love of money is growing, even in our midst. We do not look upon wealth in itself as a curse. We believe that those who can handle means rightly can do much to bless their fellow-men. But he who is ruled by the love of money is tempted to commit sin. The love of money is the root of all evil. There is hardly a commandment but is violated through this seeking for

riches. I think, therefore, that it is timely advice to our people to guard against the growing tendency to speculation, and making investments when they have not the means wherewith to do it. It is not safe. We have prospered our times in the past. We hope they may continue. But it would be very unwise to build upon the future, and not stand on a firm foundation in regard to financial matters. If any one wishes to make investments, let him make them with his own means; not be too hopeful and borrow means beyond his ability to pay. If he makes investment with his own means and falls, he can still be an honest man; but if he borrows money of his neighbor that he is not able to pay, he may cause the financial ruin of his benefactor who trusted him. Now, brethren and sisters, let us not let the spirit of speculation take hold of us; for past experience shows that inflation is followed by depression, and many of those who are thought to be rich and prosperous, when such times come, may not be able to meet their honest debts. I would advise our people to guard against this thirst for riches, this wanting to get rich quickly. The old way of earning by our labor is the best way to become rich. It is true, we see some who engage in mining quickly realize fortunes; but we do not think of the hundreds and thousands who do not succeed. We find some that invest in certain enterprises that pay well, and we think that any enterprise which is started will do as well. This we can certainly say, will not be the case. We find some that invest in enterprises that are really needed and may pay their projects, but in the common run of business great returns cannot be expected. So let us stay on solid ground, and not venture too far out. The love of money is very marked in the world. The question is not, how much good will such an enterprise do? but will it pay? Now, even in business that should not always be the predominant motive. Many enterprises that have been started in our midst, and that have done a great deal of good, have not paid great dividends to the shareholders. Our Provisional factory has been a great blessing to the State; yet the owners have not realized great benefit from the investment. When it was first built, money was scarce in the state, and we used to turn our produce there and make exchange for woolen goods. Then we valued the institution perhaps more than we do now. I am glad to see that that institution is getting on a paying basis. We could mention several others that have been projected by our leaders that have not brought great financial returns to the owners. The question, how much good can we do with our means? should be before the question, how can we double our means? The Lord says, seek not for riches, but for wisdom. Let that be our seeking; seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you." Is the promise. He that hath eternal life is rich. Indeed, says the Lord, Let us seek for eternal life, and while we live here make our lives as useful as possible, and do what we can for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God upon the earth. God bless you all. Amen.

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### SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

Victims of biting manias are more numerous than is generally supposed. A Perce mentions investigations tending to prove that about 25 per cent of the children in French schools are nail-biters, and that these children often suffer from intestinal troubles. Owners of penholders seem to be especially afflicted, with special liability to appendicitis. Gnawing hair is mostly confined to the lower animals, but many unclean human beings have contaminated entirely of hair and wood, a hairy ball weighing about a pound having been taken from the stomach of a young girl of 11. Thread eating, to which little attention has been given, has been noticed in a girl of 15 in the extent of eating a third of a woolen flannel in four or five days, while she had previously eaten a whole one in 10 months. These habits are said to be hereditary and contagious by example.

Great quantities of gold exist in the desert sands of the southwestern United States. A detailed process of Thomas A. Edison, the air blast is used for separating the gold, the heavy metal falling almost vertically, while the sand and gravel are blown away. The material is handled at a cost of about eight cents per ton, and includes a dynamo on a truck, and a sand, pass it in a stream through a narrow slit, and in a few minutes the gold yielding a static charge that causes it to fly to a metal knob of opposite polarity. Samples of the gold-bearing sand of the desert yielded 12 to 15 cents of gold per ton.

Lake Chad, in Africa, is reported by two French explorers to be 15 miles long and 9 miles wide, yet only 25 feet deep in its deepest part; and only 15 feet in its eastern end. It has 20 islands, some barren, others only pasture land, and some covered with forests and millet plantations, and having a total population of about 50,000.

The influence of the wind on vegetation has been the subject of a report by Prof. J. Grun to Swiss geographers. The effect is a peculiar one, and is not on trees, and even the presence or absence of forests may be determined by the character of the prevailing wind. The wind acts especially as a drying agent, in this way giving a special aspect to many places. When the wind is almost always from the same quarter, the plants usually show greater development upon one side, trees are windward and the edges of forests, and trunks and branches are permanently bent to leeward. The deformation is most marked near the sea or in flat regions. The cherry, the plum, the walnut, the black poplar, the ash and certain pines are very sensitive to the wind, but mountain pines and certain fir trees are great powers of resistance, and these are recommended for reforesting windswept lands.

Recent investigations have shown that the odor of flowers is often increased by growing under colored glass, that some plants are fragrant only at night and others only during the day, and that the seasons affect the odor, and that temperate climates are more favorable than tropical ones. These perfumes powerfully affect the human organism, often producing a kind of intoxication, and sometimes even giving rise to serious nervous troubles. The odor of certain essences—such as cinnamon, lavender and eucalyptus—have proven powerful antiseptics, and flowers of certain perfumes quiet the nerves of invalids. Flowers harmful to the sick, on the other hand, are the violet, lily of the valley, and carnation.

The invention of important improvements in the ordinary microscope, giving a field of view and increased power. It is credited Prince Augustin Turbide, heir of two Mexican emperors. It is made possible to observe the whole of a small flower or insect instead of a small part, and better illumination is effected by a new method of projecting daylight upon the object.

Alloys of aluminum and magnesium are known to be superior to pure aluminum in strength, but they are less malleable and ductile. A more satisfactory metal is obtained by the Dutch Aluminum company. A mixture of aluminum with 2 to 10 per cent of magnesium gives a metal hardly to be distinguished from pure aluminum, and the qualities of this alloy are modified by passing several times through a rolling mill while heated to 400 to 500 degrees C. The treated alloy can be easily cut and filed, while it has much of the ductility and malleability of pure aluminum.

The resistance of the air to moving bodies of various shapes has been tested by M. Canovetti by attaching the body under observation to a carriage sliding down a wire, the wire being one of whose ends was 75 yards higher than the other. From the times of descent with and without the load, the resistance was calculated. Among other results, it was shown that more power was necessary for driving an aeroplane through the air than for propelling an automobile of equal weight along a road, and that the weight of engine necessary must make this form of ship impracticable.

In a long study of malignant cancers Captain Ross, a young medical officer in India, has found that the bacteria attending the disease develop only when the natural chlorine of the body falls below the normal. Adding to the chlorine of the food, especially by greatly increasing the common salt, he claims to have cured one patient in the desert treated, and to have benefited the others.

Stationary clouds to the leeward of mountain ridges have been little observed, the best known example being the "Heimdal" often seen over the Cross Fell range in northwestern England. On a recent visit to the Blue Ridge in North Carolina W. M. Davis noticed a similar cloud, which held its place, continually forming and dissolving, for more than an hour.

Civilization can be gauged by progress in the use of iron. In a recent paper to the London Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. J. H. Wickstead showed that the ore, was much employed for tools and weapons about 4,000 B. C., the time of the earliest records of accurately known date, and received great attention in the time of Homer, 800 B. C. Until about 400 years ago, however, bronze held the field for objects that could not be shaped by hand-hammering. The best authorities have discovered that the custom was discovered between 1500 and 1550, and from that time iron became as trustworthy as bronze, and was found by the ancients to be the best material for tools and weapons. It is remarkable that this discovery exactly corresponds with the revival of letters in England.

The sudden pushing out of great protuberances on the sun is not the travel of matter at enormous velocity, as is the view of W. H. Julius of Paris. He supposes that the visible chromosphere is a middle zone of gas, and that the protuberances are whirlpools in the outer layer made visible through abnormal disturbances by solar light having its origin in the lower layers.

In an investigation lasting 11 years, it has been proven that the effects of insects are transmitted to children with almost absolute certainty. Of 1,144 victims, the heredity was traced to heredity in 100; to bodily diseases, injury or shocks in 38; to starvation or poisoning in 18; to ignorance, bad surroundings or imitation in 8; and in only nine cases was the origin doubtful.

A better hygienic dust collecting vehicle, preferably driven by motor, is being sought by Paris authorities. It must open and close readily, yet allow neither dust nor refuse to escape.

The "chronophotographic gun" of Dr. J. M. E. is a new form of moving-picture camera, and is so arranged that when it is aimed the trigger is pulled by a cord which is 10 feet long, and is rapidly passed behind the lens while the shutter is in front of it. With this apparatus a number of interesting problems have been attacked. Currents of hot air in cold air give photographs when illuminated by the magnesium flash light, and when wooden objects of various shapes are placed in the path of the air currents, the pictures show how the wind circles about obstructions, slowing up and then increasing its velocity. The motion of water beneath surface waves is shown by reflections from silvered mirrors floating in the liquid in a plate-glass tank. The human voice is photographed by giving the vibrations into a glass globe containing a slender cylinder of glass, the vibrations of the voice showing the shape of the sound waves. The beating of the heart and the movements of the eyes in reading are other fascinating studies that have been begun with this apparatus.

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