

undertaken to go deeply into the subject discussed, but believe that retrenchment as proposed is a farce, and when we find most of our so-called "reformers" and "repealers" are found hanging around the saloons of the city it makes honest, law-abiding citizens think. I am not superstitious, but it is a fact that the three R's are not very popular in this country. "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" defeated Blaine for the Presidency. Since then this alliteration has been under a ban. Let Salt Lake see that it is kept so, by defeating the hidden purpose of those who are now crying "Reform, Retrenchment and Repeal."

PECCAVI.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 30, 1896.

PRIESTHOOD MEETING.

The monthly Priesthood meeting of the Salt Lake Stake was held in the Assembly Hall Saturday at 11 a. m., President Angus M. Cannon and his counselors presiding. After the regular opening exercises, the roll was called, showing the following attendance: Two high counselors, Elias Morris and W. C. Duobar, of the presidency of the High Priests' quorum, sixteen presidents of Seventy, fourteen home missionaries and two Patriarchs. All the wards of the Stake were properly represented except the Thirteenth. The First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth quorums were properly represented. Members of the sear-priesthood were present from a great number of the wards. On the recommendation of their respective Bishops, seventy-three brethren were unanimously authorized to be ordained to the office of Elder.

Elder Cannon gave instructions to the young men who had been thus authorized, urging them to a faithful appreciation and careful observance of their duties. A canvass of the city wards was made with reference to the Utah kindergarten association, each ward pledging its support to the movement to the extent of its ability, and some of the county wards offering their assistance.

Elder Willard Done stated that it is the intention to organize in the Latter-day Saints College a theological class for the benefit of the young men who expect to go on missions. Free instruction would be given at such hour as would suit the applicants.

Elder C. W. Peorose urged correctness and completeness of statistical reports, that the conditions and changes in the various wards may be fully understood. He also advised the fostering of the community interests of the Church without consideration of mere local conditions. He especially recommended the support of the kindergarten movement. The necessity of complete preparation for the responsibilities of life was emphasized. The proper reporting of marriages performed was urged upon the Bishops.

Elder Joseph E. Taylor recommended the Bishops to keep a oversight of the responsibilities placed upon the members of their wards that no injustice may be done.

Adjourned to meet in quarterly conference at 10 a. m. on Saturday, March 7, 1896.

"OLD FOLKS" DAY.

AMERICAN FORK, Jan. 31.—Long before old Sol tipped the eastern horizon on the morning of January 30th might have been seen rustling around our quiet little town T. Barratt, J. Tracy and Wm. Grant, in active preparation for one of those never to be forgotten days on which our old folks are gathered together, to talk of "Auld Lang Syne" and partake of a bounteous repast. Vehicles of all kinds were readily furnished by the good citizens to convey the old to and from the Opera house. Among the veterans were Bishop W. B. Preston, General R. T. Burton, George Goddard and wife, C. R. Savage and wife, W. C. Dunbar and wife, of Salt Lake City; Patriarch George Halladay, of Santaquin, and Mrs. Hallman, of Provo.

At 12 m. meeting was called to order and all joined in singing O, My Father, during which might be seen many a tear which the inspiration of the hymn brought forth. Prayer was offered by Elder George Halladay, of Santaquin.

A report presented by the secretary showed that ten had been "called home" since our last meeting.

At 12:30 the curtain was raised and revealed a handsomely decorated room, containing tables well spread with the bounties of life. One hundred and twenty veterans and mothers in Zion sat down, and after a grateful blessing by Bishop Preston, did ample justice to the feast prepared. After this a play program was rendered which called forth alternately laughter and tears. At the close a present tendered by Dr. J. B. Cooper, to the eldest lady and gentleman present, were carried home respectively by Mrs. Grace Wrigley, aged 85, and Geo. Spratley, aged 78. All were conveyed to their homes in peace and safety.

Thus passed one of those happy days when not only the old are made happy but the young also in ministering to their wants. In conclusion, I will say that every city, village and hamlet in Zion should dedicate one day in the year to making the old folks happy that blessing, joy and peace may dwell in our midst.

LEO T. SHELLEY.

TORRENS LAND LAW.

Since the introduction into the Utah Legislature by Senator Allison, of Ogden, of a bill contemplating the enactment of the Torrens land law, a good deal of discussion has arisen among attorneys, real estate men and title companies as to its merits. The system went into effect in Illinois on the 20th of the present month. Concerning its operation the Chicago Times-Herald of the 21st inst. says:

"The Torrens system of land registration was placed in operation in Cook county yesterday. From the number of applications filed with Registrar Samuel B. Chase, it is evident the popularity of the law has not been overestimated. When Mr. Chase discussed the operation of the Torrens law before the board of county commissioners he said that a careful estimate

indicated that probably 2,000 applications would be received during the first year, which, with search fees, should make the receipts about \$42,250. This would be an average of seven applications for each working day. How close this estimate will be it will require several months to prove, but the first day was highly satisfactory to the friends of the system. Eight applications were filed before 3 o'clock by the following persons:

L. A. Seeberger, Riverside, Ill.; T. H. Wilson, Freeport, Neb.; W. J. Lukens, 1150 Granville avenue (two applications); August Allen, 1693 Spaulding avenue, north; W. A. Lawrie, 64 Michigan avenue; Theo Proulx, 915 West Fourteenth street; E. Sipperly, 215 Dearborn street.

"When Mr. Lukens made his first application," said Registrar Chase, "it was with the idea that he would have to bring the abstract

Application No. 1.

Certificate No.

APPLICATION
FOR

CERTIFICATE OF LAND TITLE,

To Samuel B. Chase, Registrar of Cook County, Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK, }

I hereby make application for Certificate of Land Title, and do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the answers to the questions herewith, and the statements herein contained, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(1st).—Name of applicant Louis A. Seeberger.

Age 32 years. Residence Riverside, Cook Co., Ill.

of title down to date. When told that he need only furnish an ante-fire abstract he immediately asked for another blank in order to place a second piece of property under the action of the law.

"The original placing of a piece of property under the provisions of the law costs the owner from \$20 to \$25, but every subsequent transfer will cost but \$3. This system makes it possible for a bargain to be made, the money paid over and the transfer completed in a single day. It will be as easy to dispose of property by means of a registrar's receipt as it is to sell a car load of grain through the medium of a warehouse receipt.

"The registrar's department is entirely distinct from the recorder's. As soon as property is put under the operation of the Torrens law it is checked off the books of the recorder."

"Will not all property, in time, be dropped from the recorder's books?"

"Not to my life nor in yours. The law is optional. It is not probable that it will ever grow so much in favor as to become compulsory. There are now 770,000 pieces of property separately taxed in Cook county, and taking no account of subdivisions which will be made in the future, and figuring on the basis of 10,000 original applications a year, it would take seventy-five years before all the property in the county could come under the new system."