

## UNITY AND HARMONY IN THE CHURCH.

Address Delivered at the Seventy-Fifth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday April 9, 1905, by

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My brothers and sisters, the meetings of this Conference, so far should have brought to the hearts of all present unlimited joy and satisfaction in seeing the unity with which the Latter-day Saints have come together and transacted the business pertaining to the Conference. In the opening remarks of President Smith, he made us of that simile of the Apostle Paul, wherein the Church of Christ is compared to the perfect body of a man—a man in whom the mental faculties and physical powers are in harmony; one without blemish. You know that when a man is at war with himself, when the flesh wars against the spirit, when the yearnings and the great desires of the heart are denied by an inexorable will, there is internal strife, and that individual, if he be conscientious, suffers the pangs of living hell. And with a man so strife, quarreling, false accusation, partiality, we know what the inevitable result will be, unless it is checked. As in a man where this internal strife exists, if it is not checked, distress must follow, so if these conditions are not checked by a family, the head of which is the patriarch, or the state, or the nation, is dismembered and destroyed. It was this condition which disrupted the French people to such an extent. It was their civil strife and fratricidal revolution, wherein they fought and slew one another, wherein the blood of nobles and peasants flowed until the people gave way under the weight of it. The same thing also distracted our own great and glorious country during the civil war, wherein citizens of the same country, who had previously fought shoulder to shoulder against a foreign power, were themselves turned to deadly enemies. There is telling what might have happened—worse than did happen—had it not been that the eye and the hand of God were over this goodly land, wherein He raised up a man, whom I verily believe was inspired to guide the ship of state that he might bring her back to peace on the shoals and rocks of slavery and secession. I believe Abraham Lincoln was raised up to do God's will.

I have rejoiced in hearing the patriotic sentiments of the brethren who have spoken, showing forth their love and loyalty to the country of which we form a part, too, lost my country. I know that the Latter-day Saints love this nation. However, I see dangers today in this land of freedom and liberty, just as there have been dangers in our midst in times past. There are those who abuse the great privileges of freedom and liberty, and prostitute them, and talents God has given them, and use them to the hurt of their country and its people, rather than to the good and blessing of the land and its inhabitants. Abraham Lincoln, the man who held together our country, through whose wise and statesmanlike counsels the south were again united in the bonds of brotherhood, was put to death by an assassin. Of course, he who committed the rash deed was put to death also; but I ask you, were the ends of justice met when the murderer was himself put to death? Was the life of the one equal to the life of the other? Not at all. The ends of justice were not met when the slayer of Abraham Lincoln was put to death than recompence would be made if the combined debt of the world were to be paid with a counter-penny. Another of the noble men of America, whom I hold dear to the nation, James A. Garfield, was assassinated by the hand of an assassin, and this assassin also was put to death. But were the country and the people compensated for the loss of President Garfield by the death of his slayer? No. And in later times, as recently in fact

### RETURNED MISSIONARIES

Elder Neil Madsen of Riverton, Salt Lake City, was through this city, May 23, 1905, on his return from the Scandinavian mission, for which he was set apart on April 22, 1903. The conferences of Aalborg and Aarhus were his fields of labor. There are, he reports, prospects of a good harvest of souls in both fields.

Elder Niels P. Thompson of Sandy, Salt Lake county, returned June 9, 1905, on his return from the California mission, for which he was set apart April 15, 1903. The conferences of San Francisco and Los Angeles were his fields of labor. These districts of the California mission the Gospel is making some progress.

Elder George B. Ward of Iona, Blaine county, Idaho, arrived in this city June 9, 1905, on his return from the Southern States mission, for which he has been laboring since April 14, 1903. The conference of East Tennessee and Alabama. He reports that the work is progressing nicely in these districts, and the Elders are making friends. The spirit of indifference is the main obstacle to contend with.

Elder Lemuel Hardison Redd of Bluff, San Juan county, passed through this city June 10, 1905, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was sent April 28, 1903. The East Pennsylvania conference was his field of labor. The great part of his time in this conference was spent in the city of Baltimore, Md. The Elders have made a good many friends, but few converts. The condition of the conference is good.

Elder John H. Archibald of Cardston, Alberta, Canada, arrived in this city June 10, 1905, on his return from the Eastern States mission, to which he was assigned April 22, 1903. The New York conference was his field of labor. He labored in Delaware county and the city of Albany, N. Y., and Tompkins, Oneida counties. Elder Archibald was released from the mission with the remains of Elder Joseph S. Gill, who died June 2 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elder James Calvin van Leuven of Grover, Uinta county, Wyo., passed through this city June 10, 1905, on his return from the Eastern States mission, for which he was set apart June 6, 1903. The conferences of New York and North West Virginia were his fields of labor. The work in the last named is progressing nicely. The Elders have made a great many friends. There are good prospects of many baptisms this summer.

Elder Ezra F. Woolley of Preston, Oneida county, Ida., passed through

Discussion in the Family, Church or Nation Can End Only in Disruption—Loyalty of the Saints—Who are the Real Criminals—Justice of God Absolute. But That of Man Foul—Instigators of Crime the Real Criminals.

are spent in behalf of the people and in defense of righteous laws and justices?

My brothers and sisters, there is but one true justice done among men, who is promptly taken and executed for the crimes of men and your angels. What recompence made for the death of this man? Put the life of this foreign anarchist, this man with the unpronounceable name, in the scales with the life of William McKinley, whom he slew, and would the scales of justice be balanced? Not at all.

Men were not created to sin, but, in my estimation, they were not the real murderers.

The real murderers are the perfect body of a man—a man in whom

the flesh wars against the spirit.

They are men who live in this country of freedom, who have vouchsafed to them every privilege of liberty, and who, in their various avocations,

some occupy puppets, and some speak from public platforms; they are the artists who picture nobles men before the community as flunks incarnate; they are writers who describe them as being monkeys, who are being tickled, cruel and unmerciful, as no man reaches out to the poor, to oppress mankind, and to have dows into their own hands the proceeds of the work of the laborers. Christ said upon one occasion that he who looked upon a woman to lust after her he committed adultery already in his heart; say the men who looks upon another with malice in his heart, and who, by speaking and writing, incites the feeble-minded and vicious to strike the blow which takes from the country her noble men whom they hate, in fact the murderer. Such men commit murder in their hearts, and commit no less murder in their acts. So with the man who covets that which does not belong to him; in the court of Almighty God, he will be deemed a thief, just as though he put forth his hand and took that which belonged to his neighbor. And when the Lord is in His courts on high, dispenses justice, and the guilty are the vicious individuals who have been induced to take the lives of good men, through the lies that have been circulated about their victims, will be found no more guilty than will those who commit the murder in their hearts, and commit no less murder in their acts. Those who are the leaders of the pack, who incited the criminals to strike the deadly blow. This is what I believe. Today, in our land of boasted freedom and liberty, whenever the President of the United States attends a public function, or goes abroad, he must needs be surrounded by a corps of secret service agents, detecting spies, who comes to pass that the shools and roads of slavery and secession. I believe Abraham Lincoln was raised up to do God's will.

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May God bless us. May the Church of Christ never be less united than it is now. We are in the trials of life, and we are a part, we have gone through trials of internal strife, but we do not have them now. In early days, in our weakness, we saw the witnesses to the Book of Mormon, who had stood shoulder to shoulder with the Prophet Joseph Smith, turn away from him, and oppose him. We have seen his cause languish; we have seen members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles leave the Church and lead away many others. That was our internal struggle, but we have overcome it. It has been proven that God is over us, and His word permits no life for external power to destroy. His work in the earth, no more than He permitted civil strife to destroy this great country, over which He has had His all-seeing eye from the very beginning. Let men do what they will; let those whom Elder Bidwell dignified by comparing to the wind do my mind, you could surpass them more consistently to the penury fine, which makes only a noise howl all they will, we will go right straight along, doing the will of Almighty God, and He will justify and vindicate me in the eyes of men, in His own due time. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and make you ever as faithful and even more faithful than you are today, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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victorous Japanese soldiers, that men can on a vegetable and fish diet, and drinking boiled water, outrun, outfight and outlast an army armed with intoxicating drink. The old idea that a good soldier must be a swashbuckler, and that an officer could not be a gentleman unless he drank wine, is passing away. The Emperor William of Germany gave it a staggering blow to recent news when he attributed the Russian defeat at Mukden to "immorality and drunkenness," saying, "My army tells me that the officers sent out and took possession of all the champagne in the place."

To the statement of the leader that "there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain."

The program of Revelation is the program of the theologian, reformer, socialist, scientist, humanitarian. Would the balance of the world be better able to carry out this program? Financial orders that lay death benefits are naturally anxious to defer the death of their members as long as possible.

Sixty-four of the chief benevolent societies in America exclude saloon-keepers and bartenders from their membership.

There is no more organization of any size that has not placed some ban upon intemperance.

Two admit only total abstainers.

Two admit habitual users.

Two exclude drunkards.

This proclaims that both alcohol and death and pain go together.

Army hospital statistics prove the same thing. George White, governor of Roosevelt, we have an upright friend; and we know that in the last days he has done much for the welfare of the government, and the greatest friendship toward him. There are no men in the nation more friendly to him; and they will remain just so long as he remains true to the cause of humanity. Furthermore, we will have to do something for us. We are of the same true, every, even though all the world should prove unjust to us. We are a true people. I believe that President Roosevelt is a man who has the courage of his convictions. He is fairly well acquainted with us, and he is not a man that is moved by public clamor or popular pressure. He holds his ground honest and true stand by his great policy of a "square deal to all men," and that will accord us our portion of the "square deal." I do not believe he is the weak and vacillating man that a predecessor of his was who knowing our cause, said, "You are right, but I can do nothing for you." I believe he is a man who, so long as he believes our cause is just, will be willing to do something for us. We as surely will do all we can to sustain him, and all other good men. I believe these are the sentiments of the ten thousand Latter-day Saints who have gathered in Salt Lake today. I believe they are the true sentiments of every member of the Church, and we will demonstrate it in the future, as we have done in the past.

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