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## GENERAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 18th, 1888, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City.

The officers and members of the Church are respectfully invited to attend.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,  
In behalf of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

## A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

In these times of strikes and combinations of working people for protection against the encroachments of employers, it is refreshing to see and note one example of generous regard for fair play and the equities that should prevail as between the capitalist and his employees.

About two weeks ago the operatives at the Social Mills, Woonsocket, Rhode Island were agreeably surprised at the notice, with their pay, that their wages had been advanced five per cent. There had been no "strike" nor any demand or request from the work people for an advance of prices for their labor. It was a spontaneous act on the part of the proprietors.

The same course was pursued by the Social Company to their employees at the Nourse and Glorie Mills. Altogether, two thousand hands were affected by this advance. The cause of this voluntary act was the activity of the market and the low price of cotton, which raised the profits for the mill business.

How many capitalists are there in the country who would be likely to give their employees any portion of the benefits of an improvement in the returns of their business? Not many.

The usual method is to grind down labor to the lowest notch it can bear, and cast it aside when it becomes weary, and old and profitless. In some parts of the old world there are firms which make it part of their system to advance wages whenever merit or experience shows an increase to be either fair or desirable, and when old age comes, to pension off or continue in some easy position the faithful hands that have been long devoted to the interests of the house. It is a good, wise and Christian method, and, no doubt, brings material advantages to those who practice it.

A willing worker, a hand that is stimulated by a lively interest in the business and the employer, must be more valuable than one uninspired by such considerations. There is too little heart and sentiment in the relations between employer and employee, and too much of a cold, calculating, mercenary principle that regards those who labor more as human machines out of which so much service can be had for so little money, than as living souls, sons and daughters of the same Eternal Father as ourselves, men who hold the money-bags.

Should the Social Mills Company at some time experience a reverse, and it should be necessary to make a reduction in wages that the business may be conducted without loss, is it likely that when the working people are informed of the fact and asked to accept a less price for their labor they will strike or refuse to accede to the terms? No, when they remember the fairness and good feelings that prompted the advance. Operatives are not insensible to gratitude nor oblivious to fair treatment, and they are not any more blind to justice than to injustice.

There should be mutual understanding and confidence between capital and labor. They are interdependent. There ought to be no conflict between them. And the harmony which should exist, we believe, would be more likely to prevail, if the employer and the employee were to be drawn together in mutual interest and sympathy instead of divided as generally at present. While the capitalist feels that so much brain and brawn can be bought for a low figure, and that he should get as much out of both as he can for his money, and the wage-worker feels that he is squeezed down to the lowest remuneration and forced to labor to the full extent of his power, cut in prices when practicable will be the policy on the one hand, and shirking of work when possible on the other. Both are wrong and detrimental to business and to society.

The system of profit-sharing, which is under trial in many places, seems a fair way of uniting what have been diverse interests. It works pleasantly when there are any profits to be shared. How it will operate when business appears to have been conducted at a loss remains to be determined. Will working people be willing to share in losses as well as in profits? "It is a poor rule that only works one way." We like the story of the Social Mills Company and commend it to the consideration of all employers; and we believe that a vast deal of trouble, loss and bad blood could be avoided, if those who profit by the labors of others would deal by them with fairness and treat them with that regard for humanity and Christian principle that should animate all men and women who claim to be civilized.

## WHAT ABOUT THIS?

We came across this paragraph in the columns of this morning's issue of a local contemporary:

"Leading real estate men" are advocating the moving of the cemetery to some more remote part of the city. Its present location is a nuisance, and where fashionable residences naturally tend. It might be well to advocate the matter and see what the people think of it. Surely, if it is to be moved it should be done soon."

This advocacy is another link in the chain, the chief material of which has been "cheek," that has been woven by "leading real estate men" in this city during the last few months. The objective point of impertinent intrusion is transferred, it appears, from Capitol Hill to the home of the dead. Has it come to this, that the real estate business is to be so far "up the ground" as to reach the remains of the departed? It is singular that a public journal can be found that would so far countenance such a suggestion as to favor the advocacy of the matter to "see what the people think of it." Is it presumable that the people are an aggregation of idiots and have no reverence for the dead? And if the cemetery is to be moved "it should be done soon." What for? The sake of filling the pockets of a few "leading real estate men" by widening the field of their speculation,

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