fondsy, . . January 6, 1979.

THE DRAMA AND ITS REGU LATION. THE following letter from the cole

brated actor whose name is signed rect it by law. thereto, in answer to a question has been copied into several of the

found your favor of 1st inst, but have been prevented from answer-

placed in the hands of actors who value their reputation and respect their calling, the stage would at least afford healthy recreation, if not indeed a wholesome stimulus to be a mere shop of gain-open to every huckster and immeral gim-

plainness. He strikes the hell de rectly on the head. A theat to which is "a mere shop for gale" cannot fail to be injurious to public morals. The question of the propries or impropriety of attending the different performances, which was the point submitted to Mr. Booth, is one that has provoked considerable discussion. There are a great many al Improvement Associations of the "Christian" teachers and "Christian" people who consider it a sign to go to a the to They other hand, a great many more individuals attend the theatre for amusement only, without any discrimination as to the character of that I which is presented.

We regard these opposite ways there are others who as righly deserve the title of lady or gentleman as any titled scion of nobility, or any honorable person who breathes the atmosphere of this planet. And while there are plays which are vile in their intent and pernicions in their effects, there are many others which convey lessons of purify and goodness, encourage proper feeling and right action, aud inspire disgust and abherence of struction which, in many instances. immorality and crime. The drama has been and can be made the most powerful and popular of teachers The principles which coght to govern mankind and which are enunciated from the pulpit, the platform and the prese, are, when Zion in all things.

Bishop Edwin D. Woolley next addressed the Conference. He endorsed the remarks of the previous conference of the Saints. impressive, and will leave deeper speakers in regard to the Saints marks upon the mind than when sending their children to "Gentile" conveyed in any form divested of teachers, for though they claimed

bines the elements of them all, and was in favor of their storing their in properly organized and wisely minds with knowledge from every regulated society will be regarded good source.

and utilized as the great recteative Bishop Robert T. Burton spoke

stage has been prostituted to evil. Many of the silly productions of the importance of having eff pretended wits that go by the name querums of teachers and priests or of faress are full of depthy suggestions that should never be at desire to bless and build up the uttered. And there are dramas and comedies in which vice is dressed up to such an enticing and attractive garb, and virtue is to bless and build up the Saints, by taking them as they found them and endeavoring to lead them along by kindness instead of attempting to drive them.

Bishop Edward Hunter referred made to appear so feeble and ridiculous, that minds not fortified by sound understanding and good pared very favorably with the judgment, are captured and carried others in that respect. He felt the away to the side of evil and become great importance of the duties develving upon the Saints in laboring lost to everything that is Godilke for the salvation of the living and and pure. What is called morfiliars the redemption of the dead. He ly "the leg drams," is one of the celebrate to the beauty of the organization of the church and more modern perversions of the suge, by cular vin relation to the setthe popularity of which indicates sling and morality of the age we live in. President David O. Calder, Nudlty is approached as closely as Nudity is approached as closely as in the blessings enjoyed by the possible without infraction of law, seints in being warned of great and indecency of act and senti- events about to transpire and the with this kind of performance as to for this coming. It was an indiproduce the very worst kind of efment are generally so associated coming of the Sen of Man, and in

ve liberty. In

In Utah this matter may be regulated in the interest of the great body of the citizens. Our theatres and public entertainments can be controlled to a very great extent by the leading authorities of the Church in the various Stakes and Wards. They can not only instruct In Utah this matter may be regufrom the editor of a religious paper, lated in the interest of the great "Dear Sir: On my arrival here I controled to a very great extent by cace. the leading authorities of the dressed a few pointed remarks to the conference, in the course of Wards. They can not only instruct which he referred to the charge

the introduction into public amusements, of anything tending to degrade the minds, manners, or morals of the community, and to encourage such dramatic entertainments as are calculated to promote virtue and a taste for that which will elevate, refine and ennoble.
There is much dramatic talent in the triffic of others.

"Yours truly,

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"We think Mr. Booth has exhibited, in this communication, one of the chief marks of fiters, exact, lence—brevity consists to the constant of the wine authorized in the chief marks of fiters, exact, lence—brevity consists to the constant of the chief marks of fiters, exact, lence—brevity consists to the constant of the consta ur own manufacture.

CJARTERLY CONFERENCE.

JANUARY 4th, 1879. At two p. m., as per adjourn-ment, the Conference reassembled

After the opening exercises, a report from the Young Ladies Mutu-Stake, up to December 21st, 1878, Statistical,—Number of members, 1,085. The amoristions held their who act upon it without reserve consisted of original es ays, reading

\$1,187.58; disbursed, for which a so called learned men who, when large portion had been denated to they gain a smattering of some the Temple,) \$1,030.21; on hand, few of the laws of God pertain-

notwithstanding the accounts indifference of many, and the individual differences that might exist.
He deplored the folly of some who
had gathered from Babylon for the
purpose of learning the ways of the
Lord and that their children might world, and yet would place their little ones under the care of those parents. It was of great importance that Sunday school teachers should be efficient and faithful, as others had not He regarded it as the duty of the Saints to deal with each other, and where advantage was taken, they should frankly speak of it, that confidence might be restored, for that which tended to unite the Saints, in any particu-

lar, tended to the prosperity of to have advantages above our own The drama has more force than schools in some particulars, they obtained their funds from the East by villifying the character of the music, or oratory alone. It compeople here. He was not opposed

upon the peculiar organization of the kingdom of God and its adaptaoblity to the circumstances of the people. He referred especially to of farces are full of double means the families of the Saints, filled ings, foul invendors and impact with the spirit of their calling and

Again, there are dramatic enter-ainments which, without containments which, without con-taining anything positively evil, are such a compound of nonsense duties of the servants tendent Goddard; tendent Goddard; pondent telegraphs that Senator Thurman told him, this morning, that we will endeavor to do bet-ter in 1879 than we have done in

tainments which, without containing anything positively evil, and the property of the property

Conference, with the following ex- schools to the minute, teachers to

was consequently omitted

Church in the various Stakes and "Having no literary ability whatever i must decline your flattering invitation; nor do I know how to aid the worthy cause you advocate; could I do so be assured it should be freely done.

"My knowledge of the anodern drama is so very measer that never permit my wife or daughter to witness a play without previously ascertaining its character. This is the method I pursue; I can suggest no other, unless it might be by means of a "dramatic crisor, whose taste or judgment aright, however, be frequently at fault; If the management of theatres could be dealed to speculators and placed in the hands of actus who upon the parents, but would not tell them that it was through the priestly intolerance of so called "Christians" that they had been driven from their homes into a wilderness and thus deprived of the advantages of a good education. He said it was scarcely necessary to recommend the Juvenile Instructor, for every Sunday School used it and he hoped advantages of a good education. He exhorted parents to the Juvenile Instructor we have a periodical that advantage and every children of a larger growth."

> Adjourned till 2 p.m. Dismissed by singing and prayer. January 5th, 2 p.m.

nference re-assembled. After the epening exercises, President John Taylor delivered a powerful discourse, showing that the Saints were indebted to the Almighty, and not to any superior intelligence of their own, for the knowledge they had received of the truth. All the people of the earth were of the family of God. He showed from the Scriptures that God did all that He could for the salvation of His children, but that He and ideas in well chosen words. He also urged the boys and girls to governed by law, and that if they were destroyed the boys and girls to the boys and girls to learn to write for the press, for disobeyed His laws and rejected His warnings. He deplored the folly of The Brigham Young addr seed the Conference. He sain there was a general disposition among the Saints Io do right and to labor for the building up of the kingdom.

of the glory they were auticipating. His remarks were reported verbawhose object was the conversion of President Angus M. Cannon said the children from the faith of their that it was complained that quorum eachers and others from Sunday they had opportunities of giving in schools at He trusted that such meetings would be held in future, as far as possible, at such times as would not interfere with any of the public gatherings of the Saints, He exhorted the Saints to refrain from round danging, for it was contrary to the counsel of the servants of God; and an influence should be used against it by those in authori-

ty. He exhorted the priesthood to be examples to the Saints in the principles they taught them. Conference adjourned sinc die, and was dismissed by singing and

WM. W. TAYLOR, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING. The monthly meeting of the Descret Sunday School Union (by permission of President John Taylor) was held Sunday evening, the 5th inst, in the Theatre, which was crowded to excess and many had to meeting was opened by the congregation singing,

Come let of anew our Journey pursus Prayer by Efder C. W. Penrose Anthem by the 15th Ward Choir. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Superintendent Goddard said the brethren and sisters would notice as it was perfectly right and propper that they should be. He called on Brother Mitchell, as a missionary to the Sunday schools, for a report. Elder F. A. Mitchell said that with Brother L. W. Richards, he had visited four of the city wards since the last meeting. He spoke very highly of the way they were con-ducted and the good condition they were in, and expressed the pleasure he and his companion had in visit-

The Union Glee Club then sang, O my Father thou that dwellest. The city and county wards were

th n called over. All of the city wards were represented and most most of the county wards The following resolution was then offered by Assistant Superin-tendent Goddard;

practicable in ceptions and additions:
The name of Orson Hyde was and the Foung to be punctual in omitted as one of Twelve Apostles, he having departed this life. an forbid the was omitted from the Home Misthis power. He can forbid the enactment of any play which is shown to be inimical to public morals. But it is seldom that his authority in this respect is exercised, and it is too much to expect that one man can properly control the theatrical repsesentations of a people. And when the public tiste is really deprayed it will be found yet. one of his counselors beinglordained to the Melahisedec Pricethood, and was consequently omitted ers. Punctuality, will give us character, sobriety will give us reputation and standing in society, and The presidency of the German family prayer will bless us all.

much anxiety to see them properly | Elder C. W. Penrose was then trained, and who charged ignorance called to make a few remarks on

> for they are published at a nominal price. A good feature of them is, that the sentiments expressed are those of our own faith. All our children should be taught music, as it has a powerful effect in training the soul in the right direction, es-pecially when combined with good sentiments. He hoped the cards would be well patronized. And there is another paper he would here ask the people to patronize, and that was the Woman's Expowrite for it as well as subscribe for it, and learn to advance their views our doctrines will yet be scattered

The third resolution was then put and sustained. The 14th Ward Sunday School

Never from Thee will we stray. Supt. Goddard in his characteristic way said that he had noticed he was sustained at the conference as one of the new tabernacle committee, and inasmuch as it is not quite finished, how pleased he was to see the number of hands held up of those who would like to have our monthly meetings held there. In that he could see a thousand dol-iars for the tabernacle, and he wished all those who would pay in one dollar or more during the comng month to their bishops for the tabernacie, without being asked for it, to hold up their hands, which was freely responded to. He made a number of cheering remarks, and thanked the choir s for their sweet

The congregation sang the Dox-Benediction by Supt. Goddard

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EASTERN.

Lynching. CHEVENNE, Wyo , 6 .- Last nigh t Carbon, Wyo., 25 or 30 masked men broke open the baggage car, and took out and hung to a telegraph pole Butch Charley, who was en rough to Rawlins for trial, charged with participation in the Widdowfield murder, last fall. He was a notorious character, and had been identified with a number of stage robberies.

NEW YORK, 6 .- Anna Dickinson writes to the morning journals the following: So many people want to know what Anna Dickinson pur-poses deing, and so many authoriz-ed and contradictory reports have been put fo circulation that I must beg space to give a general answer to it over my own name. That I have not been at work for the last year is solely in consequence of ill health. I purpose, in answer to almost Innumerable requests, to to the labors of the several Stakes and his counselors and the mis-in building the Salt Lake Temple, sienaries set apart to visit the Sun-stage, from platform, and later in the building the Salt Lake Temple, day schools, had been blessed, and in the season to do what I can upon the stage in a new piece of my own writing, and in an engagement already made. May I add that I hope my old friends will be half as glad to see me as I shall be to meet them. And that I wish one and all a happy year.

The Searlet Fover Seare. The World reporter interview The World reporter interviewed Dr. Barker on the question of the scarlet fever epidemic. He thought that the homes of New York need now be guarded with especial care against the terrible scourge. On the other hand, he shows clearly that there is no apparent danger of any epidemic, and no excuse for anything like a panic.

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