

PRESIDENT JOS. F. SMITH TALKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Tells His Auditors in the Thirty-First Ward Last Night "You Can Do Anything You Want, Republican, Democrat or Anything Else—I Never Tried to Turn Anyone."

The Thirty-first ward meetinghouse was filled to overflowing last night on the occasion of the annual session of the Mutual Improvement Association. President Joseph F. Smith and President Anthony H. Lund were the speakers and were listened to with great attention for 30 minutes after the usual time for closing.

Both speakers alluded to existing conditions, President Lund counseling his hearers to be united in all things and to stand together as one against those who sought to overthrow the Church.

President Smith devoted his concluding remarks to politics. He declared that he had never sought to influence any man in his political ideas and deplored the fact that some men seemed to have politics on the brain. They were to be pitied.

PRESIDENT SMITH'S ADDRESS.

President Joseph F. Smith in the preface to his address endorsed the remarks of President Anthony H. Lund and exhorted the young people present to profit by the example of ancient history and the legends of mythology because he affirmed history often repeated itself.

Continuing he said that there was nothing in the world so great, grand, good and necessary as the gospel of Jesus Christ. "There is no bigger thing on earth," declared President Smith with striking emphasis, "than that which is called Mormonism." The speaker said that men might be blackened the characters of the followers of the gospel and speak all manner of evil against the truth, but the truth remained. "The Devil takes the truth," declared the speaker. "It is his business to fight the truth and his fights it all the time." Continuing the speaker asserted that if the wicked, the corrupt, the vile and the unwholesome of the earth were in love with the gospel it would then be in order for the saints to think that they were in danger and have fear for the outcome, but just so long as all them so long could the saints rest assured that they were being persecuted for righteousness sake. The wicked, stated the speaker, hate the righteous. That they were deadly opposed to righteousness, he declared, was because their own corrupt lives were in danger of being laid bare and exposed in all their hideousness through coming into contact with good men and pure women. Comparisons were odious and an unclean individual in the company of an upright man or woman was a defilement. President Smith then paid his respects to scoffers and those who resorted to ridicule and said that never would make the truth null and void, for this was impossible.

BEARS HIS TESTIMONY.

President Smith then bore his testimony regarding the Prophet Joseph whom he knew when a child. The Prophet he characterized as a pure, honest, God-fearing man who would never willingly give pain to any man, one who would not have done anything against anyone except in self defense and as a last resource. The Prophet Joseph's view of things was to let every man believe as he pleased unmolested, provided he did not interfere with the rights and peace of his neighbor.

From speaking of the attributes of Joseph Smith the speaker proceeded to address his hearers on filial duty and referred touchingly to his own mother and the trials and tribulations which he followed her for years throughout the time following the death of her joining the Church in Canada. The oft-told story of the events at Kirtland and the subsequent expulsions from Missouri and Illinois were dwelt upon in detail, and through them the speaker said, his mother never once complained or murmured. "They were thankful that they had their lives and the Gospel," he said. "They did all this because they had received from the Lord a knowledge of the truth." Continuing, he said that his mother was a woman of faith and one who believed in prayer and that he had time and time again seen her prayers answered. Continuing he related the incidents leading up to his first mission and the testimonies he received and how, day by day, he learned to know of a surety that the Gospel is true. "There is no greater thing in life than the plan of life for the living and salvation for the dead," he said prior to exhorting the young people present to learn the truth. God is Truth, he said, and all that pertains to virtue, honor and all the good things of life are contained in truth. No matter how much man may ridicule, lie, malign and attempt to tear down, truth still remains.

ADVICE TO THE YOUNG.

The speaker said that he wanted the children to learn this and the young generally to bear this in mind. He wanted the young to honor their parents and love their neighbors. I want you boys and girls to be broad enough to love your neighbors," said he, "and pity those who speak against the Lord's anointed. They don't need your curses; they are very curious. We should try to lift them out of their darkness."

Continuing, the veteran Church

leader exhorted his auditors to always a respectful attitude towards all men and to manifest a spirit of courtesy and kindness on all occasions. When one sees a drunken man wallowing in the gutter, he declared the speaker, one should not be tempted to kick him lower and deeper into the mire but should rather take an attitude of sympathy toward the unfortunate and endeavor to uplift him to better things.

SLANDERERS ADMONISHED.

President Smith then declared the spirit of falsifying, backbiting and bearing false witness. He declared that if there were such in the midst of the saints that it was not meet for others to follow the example and strike back in the same manner. Their example should not be followed but should be removed, rather should be improved. If then you are on to instance men in the Church with whom he was acquainted who were the soul of honor, men who would not dream of attempting to take advantage of their fellows in business or do anyone an injury. They had never hurt anyone yet they were held up to calumny and ridicule.

WARNING TO BOYS.

Specifically addressing the boys and young men present he warned them against saloons and the contracting habit of drinking. Those who persisted in the habit, he declared would eventually become estranged from those who sought to love them, from their parents and own kin to eventually become the associates of drunkards, gamblers and adulterers by their own choice.

The tobacco habit also was declared and every bad habit formed had to be overcome. Idiots and imbeciles were the heritage of those who persisted in bad habits and violated the laws of life said President Smith who thanked God that he had a large family every one born sound in mind and body. He desired to impress on the audience that this he said in no boasting spirit but simply that he had tried to live according to the light and truth.

The speaker declared that God had blessed him and his family and not a single member had ever lacked shelter, food and shoes to their feet. "I have never robbed a man of a single penny," he declared, "and God has blessed us."

WHAT IS POLITICS?

"And now I want to say just a few words in regard to politics," said President Smith in conclusion. "You need not be afraid, whether you are a Republican, Democrat or anything else, for will not say anything that will trouble you."

"True politics is only another name for the wisest policies of government, whether municipal, county, state or national. If you can find the policy that will preserve the rights, liberties and your home from being eaten up by taxation and plundered, that policy is the best of all the time."

"But it is deplorable to see any man get politics on the brain. It is a terrible disease. Some men even seem to put politics above their religion, and they would sooner be eternally lost and see their church destroyed before they would modify their politics. They are talking of something they know nothing about, and they spread disunion and trouble."

NEVER TRIED TO TURN ANYONE.

"I do not propose to let politics strike in on me. It is a good thing to keep politics on the surface so you can decide what is best to do, and to do what is right."

"You can do anything you want, Republican, Democrat or anything else. I never tried to turn anyone. I never lose your head; keep your mind clear."

"Let us seek God's kingdom and God's righteousness first and last, for the greatest thing in all the world."

PRESIDENT ANTHON H. LUND.

President Anthony H. Lund, who was first speaker, congratulated the assembled saints on the splendid representation at the meeting and went on to state that it was a man's duty to attend meetings so that he could gain strength and help from a good spirit. Taking as his text Nephi's iron rod the speaker exhorted one and all to hold fast to the good. Then he dwelt upon the beauty of temperance for a time. While the overcoming of bad habits was a meritorious thing the speaker maintained that a man was the better off if he had no bad habits to begin with. President Lund urged his auditors to become thinkers and to meditate on the things of God; to harbor no hard feelings against any man, not to covet his neighbor's property when worldliness and money grabbing are prone to take hold of a man.

Summing up the speaker maintained that a tender conscience was the best monitor.

Continuing he said that history repeated itself and then went on to enumerate of instances where people divided and then themselves were torn asunder by dissensions, the notable instance being the siege of Jerusalem when the besieged, were split up into factions and one faction opened the gates to the invaders who captured the city, invaded the sacred temple and killed and despoiled the defenders, even those who by the opening of the gates made it possible for the victors to take the city.

"If all had united against the common foe," said President Lund, "they would have held the city, for at least a considerable time."

"You can draw your own conclusions from this incident," added the speaker after a pause.

President Lund then cited other instances taken from history and the scriptures where men had been tempted to go astray, and declared that history was being repeated in this day. He urged the saints to maintain a united front in the defense of sacred places and concluded his remarks with the prayer that the saints stand as one against those who sought the overthrow of the Church.

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DESERET IN THE TOILS.

At 2:30 yesterday morning, Clifford Port Collins, aged 35 years, a deserter from Fort Collins, gave himself up to Sergeant Johnston and Patrolman Harris. The young man admitted he deserted from the army several weeks ago. He was taken into custody by the officers and locked in the city jail. This morning Harris turned him over to the authorities. For Douglas Johnston and Harris will make a little easy money by the arrest as there is a reward of \$50 for the capture of a deserter.

TEMPERANCE THEME OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Well Attended Meeting Held Yesterday at First Congregational Church.

FARMING LOCAL OPTION BILL

Measure Will be Presented to the Coming Session of the Legislature.

The Young People's societies of the Salt Lake Evangelical churches held a well attended temperance meeting yesterday afternoon, in the First Congregational church. Every Munford of the Salt Lake Christian union told how 400 members of the young people's societies were backing up the movement to abolish the saloon, and said a local option bill would be presented to the next legislature. Rev. L. S. Bowman, of the Immanuel Baptist church said:

"The question of the anti-saloon movement is a vast one. All kinds of experiments have been tried in past years to cope with the evil. No license, high license, the dispensary and state prohibition have all been tried, but none of those methods accomplished all that was desired. The local option movement is one of larger scope and has been found to be more successful. Fifteen hundred saloons have been wiped out in Illinois alone in the past few months by local option. The best way of attending temperance is by a great system of educating the people up to its benefits and advantages."

"Unless the moral sentiment of a community is back of local option, such legislation would not have the desired effect and would be practically null. Big cities such as Chicago, New York or Boston are not ripe for temperance, but Salt Lake is. The temperance movement here, if properly conducted and vigorously pushed, will be crowned with success. I hope to see the day when there will be national prohibition in the United States. I hope to see the time when that curse of humanity, the saloon, is wiped off the face of this great country. We stand committed to no party or no candidate in this temperance movement in Salt Lake, but we will commit ourselves to the man who has the moral backbone to fight the saloon and fight it to the end."

Rev. P. A. Simpkins of the Phillips church said:

"This temperance has neither political nor religious significance. It is a movement for the whole people, for their betterment and their uplift, and is and ought to be above partisan politics. It is the moral backbone of the great moral question which enters into our public life. There is no use of enacting legislation behind which there is no sentiment. Morals can be regulated by laws, but they cannot be legislated into the people. The sentiment of every right-thinking and good-thinking man ought to be behind the temperance movement, and they ought to endorse the values gained by advanced temperance legislation. The big brewers of the country have given their assent to the betterment of the liquor business. They acknowledge recently that part of the saloon business had fallen into the hands of unscrupulous men, men without morals. They have expressed their desire to wind those men out of the business. We think the best way is to abolish the saloon evil entirely."

"We believe that we can achieve legislation that will solve the saloon evil here. We think that the saloon and low saloons—and there is no question but that they exist—can be eradicated. The temperance movement here, if successful, will be the salvage of many lives which are annually wasted because of the poisonous stuff which unscrupulous saloon proprietors sell. Local option will not only mean a salvage of lives which are annually wasted, but it will mean a saving of money and a saving of time. We are ready for legislation that will drive the dives and dens out of existence."

The speakers were assisted by Rev. P. B. Short, Samuel Russell and N. D. Corser, with a musical program that was much admired.

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ADDRESSES THIRD WARD M.I.A.

A large and attentive audience listened to the address of Dr. J. W. Payne at the conjoint session of the Third ward M. I. A. His subject was, "A Royal Occupant of a Royal Throne," taking the third chapter of First Corinthians for his text and dwelling particularly upon the words, "Ye are God's temples," the speaker showing that these temples which are men and women, are to be given to God and used to glorify him as they would. He also showed how men are to be given to God and used to glorify him as they would. He also showed how men are to be given to God and used to glorify him as they would.

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NOVEMBER WEATHER.

Local Observer Tells of Past Occurrences for Thirty-Four Years.

The following data, covering a period of 34 years, have been compiled from the weather bureau records at Salt Lake, Utah. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

The month of November for 34 years has shown the following:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 41 degrees; the warmest month was that of 1899, with an average of 46 degrees; the coldest month

was that of 1880, with an average of 30 degrees; the highest temperature was 74 degrees, on Nov. 6, 1898; the lowest temperature was -2 degrees on Nov. 29, 1896; the earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Sept. 22; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, Oct. 18; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 23; the latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, June 18.

Precipitation—Average for the month, 1.38 inches; average number of days with 0.1 of an inch or more, seven; the greatest monthly precipitation was 5.81 inches in 1875; the least monthly precipitation was none in 1904; the greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.58 inches on Nov. 18, 1875; the greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1844-5 only) was 9.7 inches on Nov. 24, 1892.

ROW OVER LANDLADY

Mike Guilfoyle entered a plea of guilty to a charge of battery before Judge C. B. Diehl yesterday afternoon. The complainant was Ralph Smith, who accused the other man of having beat him up. Both reside at the same boardinghouse, 366 West Second South, and it was alleged that Guilfoyle became angry because Smith went out often in company with a woman. The case was continued until tomorrow morning for the passing of sentence, in order that further details of the case could be gleaned by the court.

GRADE PROTESTED.

John R. Winder, Jr., the Episcopal church, by Morris L. Ritchie, senior warden of St. Mark's cathedral, and other property owners on the north side of First South street between Second and Third East streets, have filed a protest with the city recorder against the cutting down of the sidewalk grade in front of their property, as proposed by the plans for grading of the sidewalk made by the city engineer. Protestants allege that the enforcement of the grade will make longer steps necessary and put them to heavier expense. They have already put down a protest with the city recorder against the cutting down of the sidewalk grade in front of their property, as proposed by the plans for grading of the sidewalk made by the city engineer. Protestants allege that the enforcement of the grade will make longer steps necessary and put them to heavier expense. They have already put down a protest with the city recorder against the cutting down of the sidewalk grade in front of their property, as proposed by the plans for grading of the sidewalk made by the city engineer.

AUTO HITS YOUNG WOMAN.

An automobile accident that fortunately did not result seriously, occurred at the intersection of Main and Second south streets yesterday afternoon. The machine was being driven by C. O. Smith, of 30 north State street. Accompanied by his wife he was driving down Second South street and when at the intersection, Miss Pauline Kurz, a stenographer for E. H. Peirce, stepped directly in front of the machine. Smith saw the car approaching and in the hope of missing the young woman, the auto struck her, however, knocking her to the pavement. The machine struck the car and for a few moments there was considerable excitement. Miss Kurz was picked up and sent to her home, 215 west North Temple St. Aside from being badly shaken and slightly bruised, she was not injured. The machine suffered but little damage.

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