Possibilities for Usefulness-Quorum Meetings-Missionary Service-Financial Aid, Etc.

HE LORD has placed in His

phitics resting upon each, Prominent among the quorums stand the seventy. This body of Priesthood tithing. has been designated by the Lord an cial witnesses" to the preaching of supposed to be men who are well nted with the spirit, doctrines, averament of the Church. The government of the has said. The Seventy are to the name of the Lord, under the the name of the Lord, under the low of the Twelve, or the traveling nations." It is highly necshment of so great a labor. ord the First Council of Sevenvisits among the various

stematic manner the doc-Gospel. They have also them to hold themselves to labor in all auxilliary orthat they may be useful suggestions have been the First Council to assist the presidents of the various quorums in bringing into active service the brethren m they preside. Wherever these recommendations have been red into effect a live, healthy quorum has been the result. Through the labors nts and others men can fre-

ments, are soon made a blessing and strength to their quorum, and to the work of the Lord in all of its depart-It is possible for men holding the Priesthood, to be widely engaged in Church labors aside from their quorum duties, and still meet all the requirements made upon them in giving their first allegiance to their Priesthood and

quently be brought from a condition of religious indifference to one of active

their Priesthood and honor its require-

confirmation of the above the Council of Seventy present that following report, which shows how usebecome. The condition of the quorum reported is very largely the result of its council being ever ready to carry into effect the suggestions offered by the presiding authorities of the Seventy. This report is commended by the First Council to the earnest consideration of all Sevendes as the answer, in part, of one live quorum to the question-Report of the Forty-eighth quorum of Seventy, presented in a special coun-

One over 70 and under 80 years; 2 over 30 and under 40 years; committee. over 20 and under 20 years.

gramman and a same GE LORD has placed in His we very much regret to report that we have 20 members in our quorum who have not filled missions, and whom Priesthood, and in the revela- we could not recommend for missions tions given in this dispensa- on account of their financial or physical tion He has made plain the responsi-blittles resting upon each.

There are only two members of our quorum who are non-tithe payers, and two who are part-tithe yers. Fifty-four members pay full

> The presidents have filled missions as follows: One in Norway, one in Germany, one

Gaspel among the nations. They in England, one in Wales, one in Samoa, one in the routhern states, and one in Twenty-one members, exclusive of the council, have been on missions.

Five are members or the ward of the Twelve, or the traveling Sunday school superintendency; 16 are such, in building up the Church dating all the affairs of the officers of the Y. M. M. I. A.; 26 are acting ward teachers; six are stake offi-cers in the auxiliary associations; four ortant duties be qualified by are home missionaries. All of the sionary fund committee, the organization of which was promoted by the

During the summer we hold our quorum meetings once a month. Dur-ing the winter we hold our quorum meetings once a week, at present on Monday evenings, in which we have class work, except the first meeting of the month. The program in our monthlishing good whether at ly meetings during the past summer and the first meetings in each month of the present winter has consisted of the present winter has biographical sketches, lectures on the apostasy, the restoration of the Gospel, the necessity of modern revelation, the Book of Mormon in the hands of a missionery, and subjects taken from the Documentary History of the Church; also summaries of the current events of the religious world having a bearing upon the latter-day work. Testimory bearing and extended as the current events. mony bearing and extemporaneous speaking to a scriptural text, singing, music, etc. To these meetings a special invitation is extended to the wives of the Seventies, and a general invitation to converte who desire to at tion to any others who desire to at-

The programs of the meetings held once a week during the winter seasons have been devoted to class work, in which we have studied the Ecclesiastical history, by B. H. Roberts, the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles of the New Testament, the Articles of Faith, by lames E. Talmage, to lecture 15, page 281. The council holds regular council meetings once a month on the third Tuesday evening of the month, meeting alternately at the homes of each other, taking our wives with us and making a part of the meetings a social affair. We have a quorum social once or twice each year. During the past year we have had an average attendance at our quorum meetings of about 50 per cent. We have held 27 quorum meetings.

We have remitted to the Seventies general fund for the year 1903, the sum 281. The council holds regular coun

general fund for the year 1903, the sum of \$27.50, being the full amount due col meeting held in Manti Jan. 18, 1904.

Including the council, which is complete in its organization, we have a sions. We have the sum of \$6.50 in chip of 58. Their ages ranging our local treasury for current expenses of the quorum. We have rendered some financial aid to wives of the misned range for years; 18 over 50 and 6) and under 70 years; 18 over 50 and sionaries, as a quorum, besides doing under 60 years; 20 over 40 and under 50 our part in the ward missionary fund

The Rabbis, who have a story for it must be regarded as a species of everything, say that before Jacob's exorcism. time, men never sneezed but once, and then immediately died. The patriarch, they affirm, was the first man in the whole world to die a natural death. Before him all men died by sneezing.

Of course, there is no foundation whatever for this story in the canonical Scriptures. On the contrary, indeed, the only Biblical reference to sneezing treats it, not as the signal of approaching dissolution, but as a righ of re- way turning life. The son of the Shunamits. | WAY it will be remembered, sneezed seven then "awoke.

sign of complete vitality.

This being so, it is the more difficult

to account for its well-nigh universal association with death and ill-luck. It is doubtless this widespread belief which induced the custom of attempting to avert the omen by some brief form The Irishman, true to his reputation

for making a bull out of everything suys: "May you live 1,000 years and never die." The German peasant space-Bonne Sante. Most of the Scandinavian mees ery out the equivalent of "God bloss yed," while the unlettered Kapir in his lowly

kraul covers his area with his has shouting at the same time, and at the very top of his voice: "Bakwiti," meaning "Spirits of my ancestors."

Arguing from this and other instances, Herbert Spencer was inclined to believe that specifing lik the more ciolent paroxysms due to epilepsy o hysteria, was originally accounted among primitive races a sign of demoniacal possession; and that fore, the exclamations called forth by his notice.

in this connection it is interesting to observe that among the Tonga islanders to sneeze when setting out on a journey is accounted of most evil aug-ury, while a sneeze during the return

journey is either thought nothing of or is regarded as a favorable ome Among certain primitive Hindu peoples a suceze in the morning will be sufficient to debar them from going on may journey that day or commencing undertaking.

t will be remembered, encoded seven imes at the prayer of Edsha, and ben "awoke."

Sheezing is connected with the contract of England, a good deal seems in depend upon the day of the week

Sheeze on a Thursday for something rigid observance

better

Specze on a Saturday, bad luck for to-Specie on a Sunday, your safety sock, The devil will have you the rest of

Pope Gregory the Great it was who draw up a form of prayer to be used by persuts sneezing, so as to avert from them its suppresed evil effect. This came afterwards to be known as the "Breezing Litany," and constituted a fractite invocation of the Statish adventurers, who, in the fifteenth century, set forth to effect the conquest of America, for the boys thereupon started to had him to the surface, But when his head

He was one day having an interview with the Mexican Cacique Guachoya, when the latter chanced to sneeze Thereupon his followers sprang to their feet, and, waving their arms wildly in the air, exclaimed excitedly: "May the sun guard you." "May his light never fall you," and so on through quite an extended formula.

When the Emperer Montezuma sacezal, everybody within hearing had to coase whatever business they migh have been engaged upon at the mo ment and stand motionless and will boved head while similar prayers were uld. Not to conform to the usage was to court instant death.

It is impossible that this potentate first thing a healthy nabe does, when it opens its eyes for the first time, is to sneeze on a Monday, you sneeze for danger.

Sneeze on a Monday, you keeze for "Arabian Nights," but high he been he would have found therein a story which would have found therein a story which would perchance, have caused him to reflect upon the disadvantages a letter. might conceivably follow a too of ceremonial etiquette of this kind.

The anecdote, it will be remembered, occurs in the history of the hunchback-Sneeze on a Friday, you'll sneeze for ed schoolmaster, who taught his schol are to clan their hands whenever he

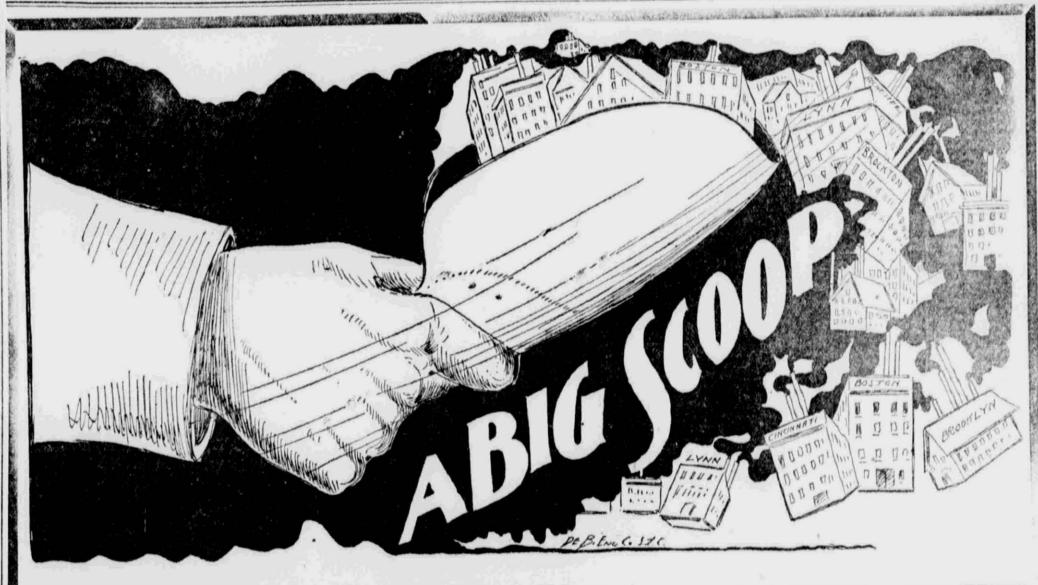
One day he and his pupils chanced

Imagine their astonishment when they found a similar invocation, already in use among the people of the New World. Hernando de Soto was particularly struck with the strangerness of the circumstance, and left a full account of how it first came under the people of the strangerness of the circumstance, and left a full account of how it first came under the people of the unfortunate pedation of the formula of the following people of the unfortunate pedation. unconsciously went the hands of his pupils, with the exclamation, "Long live our noble master," and down, of course, to the bottom of the 60-foot gogue.-Pearson's Weekly.

TO PEHEARSE CRIME



Accompanied by the Paristan hypnotist, the notorious Paristan rangler seeks to enter the United States for the purpose of giving exhibitions under hypnotic control of the murder for which Eyraud paid the extreme penalty in Paris. If she is deported the morbid sight-seer will be denied a bonne bouche.



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SNEEZE

Philosophy and Superstition of a Curious Act.

We do not succeed in our sleep because we shere. And the converse also holds good, strange though it may appearwe do not shore when awake, because

We sneeze Both snoring and sneezing are merely different manifestations of abnormal forms of breathing. So, too, for that matter, are sighing, biccoughing, yawn-

ng, and even laughing and stammersneezing, a vigorous contraction of the abdominal muscles, induced prob-ibly by some deep-seated but harmless species of nervous irritation, violently ejects a stream of air through the mouth and nose. It is bottled up, as it were, and explodes, and is expelled all together, like a charge of electricity

But during sleep there is none of this effex "bottling up." The accumulating ir is then expelled "in panny numand with more or less rhythmic ity; and the sneeze is converted

ently into the snore. may be objected that practiclly everybody sneezes, while, luckliy,

an mannen mannen mannen mannen mannen mannen mannen med good, nevertheless; for non-snorers are fitted by nature with a guilet and pharynx so constructed that what would be a full-fledged snore in others, is in their cases, attenuated and diluted

down to a gentle respiratory sigh—the very ghost of a snore, so to speak.

And here it may be observed that sneezing has no regard for times or seasons. Not infrequently, indeed, it seems to take a malicious pleasure in choosing the most inopportune moment

for exhibiting its power.

In such a case the impending catastrophe, it is said, may be averted, by pressing upon some branch of the fifth nerve, say, in the upper lip close under

This, however, is considered unlucky.
"Hinder a sneeze and you hinder a
life," says the Chinese proverb; and
nearly every race has some similar

The idea, however, would appear to me, not that you are not doing good to yourself by avoiding for the time being the threatened sneeze, but that you are intensifying a misfortune which is bound to happen sooner or later.

For everywhere, at all times, and among all peoples, the act of sneezing has been accounted an ill-omened one.

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but the explanation given above holds



The Marie Antoinette revival, forecast as the fashionable departure for the nex; season, so admirably suits Mrs. Depew's style of beauty that she was sought by the noted artist, Muller-Ury, who painted her portrait in the handsome costume brought by her from Pari s.