

FIRST GREAT COMMAND STILL BINDING ON MANKIND.

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ELDER REED SMOOT.

I am indeed pleased, my brethren and sisters, for the privilege of addressing this vast audience this afternoon, for a few moments. It seems to me that the spirit of this Conference has been one of teaching the people concerning the material interests of life, and I know of nothing better to speak of, as such instruction reaches the daily lives of all the people.

There is a saying that cleanliness is next to Godliness. I hope I may be the means, through the spirit of God, to bring the attention of our people to the necessity of cleanliness. If I had time I would like to go into the subject far enough to include cleanliness of the mind, cleanliness of the body, cleanliness of the surroundings, cleanliness of city and town. I hope that the bishops, and presidents of stakes, when they go home, will see that the attention of the people over whom they preside is called to this subject. I wish that every family in Zion understood the value of cleanliness in the home. I have often said that a clean home does not, of necessity, mean a mansion; no matter how small the home may be, the father and mother, and particularly the mother, should be interested in keeping that home free from all filth. The father should keep clean the doorway, the outhouses, the barns, the sidewalks, and all that pertains to the home surroundings. The mother should see that the inside of the home, though it consist of but two rooms, is kept scrupulously clean. I can not stop to tell you of the thousand benefits that would result from so doing. I know that people would be healthier; children would love their homes more, have more pride in them, enjoy more the beauties of nature, and learn more of the joys of life. I also trust that they can teach all to be clean in person, clean in their associations, and pure in their thoughts.

I remember, when I was a small boy, President Brigham Young was passing one of his tours and arrived at a town in one of the southern counties. He had intended to stop there and speak to the people, but as he drove along the streets, entering town, he noticed the unclean condition of the surroundings. He drove direct to the Bishop's home, stopped his team and said to the Bishop, who stood in front of his residence waiting for him, the president: "Why Bishop, I see the same old dirty surroundings; I see the same old gates off their hinges; I see the same old broken down fences; I see the same old puddles of mud before the thinging office and your public buildings, just as they were when I was last here; and, inasmuch as I call attention to these defects when I was here before, and it has had no effect upon the people whatever, I do not think it necessary for me to stop this time. Good-bye, Bishop. Tell the people when they attend to these things and rectify them, I will stop next time."

I wish, my brethren and sisters, that we all could realize what it means to us as a people to keep our surroundings clean and pure. I assure you it is worthy our consideration and attention.

I read a synopsis of a speech that was made before the other day by a reverend gentleman, before the Young Men's Christian association.

NEXT YEAR'S FRUIT CROP— WORK FOR IT NOW.

It is said that the time to make hay is while the sun shines, and it is true for the most part. It is equally true that the time to make the next year's fruit crop is largely while the sun is shining this summer. Writes H. E. Van Derman in Green's Fruit Grower: "In the case of almost any fruit we can think of the fruit buds must be formed before the crop is produced. On these buds depends the success or failure of the crop. Other things may assist or interfere in its development, but there can be no fruit of any kind, nor in the smaller amount, unless the fruit buds are first formed. The blossoming and growth is merely the unfolding and future development of what had been determined and begun the previous year. In watching the opening of a peach blossom we can see that all the organs necessary to the formation of a peach are there. They were folded neatly, each in its place, and the next year, the brown scales that lay over each other in the most secure and delicate fashion. The same is true of the apple, although there are several embryo blossoms in each bud instead of one. The fruit buds of the strawberry are composed of several clusters of individual buds, which only need the warming influences of early spring to cause them to expand into fruitlets of flowers. The next year, the clusters of grape blossoms, coming as they do on the new wood of the current year's growth, would not have been enclosed in the buds from which they grew; but this is true. The buds were all there before the leaves dropped the fall before, although in a very minute form. And thus, we might go through almost the whole list of fruits.

In addition to the embryo fruits that must be laid up for the next year's crop there must be enough vital energy stored in the tree or plant to carry it well into or through the trying period of fruit production. As a matter of course, there must be plant food in the soil upon which its roots can lay hold, and water to dissolve it, or the whole effort for a crop will result in failure; but the fruit must have its origin the year before. No kind of treatment can make a fruit bud out of a mere growth bud that has come to maturity, so far as I have ever been able to observe or learn from others. But, growing buds may be so fed or stimulated that they will form the embryonic fruit within them. If they have the right conditions at the proper time, the tree or plant must first attain its normal stage of development, which we usually term its bearing age, before it will set fruit buds, and this is exceedingly variable. It is often subject to outside influences, and this is where the skill of the fruitgrower, may be shown and made to be of practical value.

Grafting, budding, dwarfing, manuring, spraying and tilting the soil, each in its particular way, is a part of the art of fruit growing. We not only determine and control the variety by the various methods of budding and grafting, but we often hasten the time of fruit bearing as well. Dwarfing, which is putting the desired tree on a slow growing root, has a most potent influence in the matter of early bearing, as furnishes food from which the whole structure is materially fed and strengthened. Plant food is more than air and water. It is composed of various elements of fertility, as potash, phosphoric acid and potash, and be-

He spoke to a large audience, and called attention to what he termed the three reigning sins of this great nation of ours, viz: gambling, intemperance, and moral impurity. I am pleased to state that I can say amen to all that he said in regard to these subjects. But there are other things which I believe are just as much reigning sins as the three he spoke of. We know that these three evils spoken of rob the home of its comfort. They rob the wife of a proper home, and the children of the necessities of life. They bring degradation and misery into the homes of millions of people. While I was thinking of these reigning sins, I thought of other evils which are the cause of many men gambling and drinking, and leading impure lives; upon one of these evils or causes I want to say a few words this afternoon.

GROWING EVILS OF CIVILIZATION.
One of the greatest evils of our day is that there are so many wilfully motherless wives. Closely connected with this is another, the wilful laziness of men who do not properly provide for their wives. Psychologists are studying these questions, and trying to solve the problem of why there is so much sin in the world today, so many men devoid of manliness, so many vicious scoundrels who have no other aim in life than to prey upon mankind. I have thought many times there certainly is a reason for this; and at least one reason is, there are no many children brought into this world by unwilling mothers, the offspring also, in many cases, of equally unwilling fathers. Every child born into this world has a right to a tender and loving mother, to claim this of the father and mother; but in the world today—and I fear it is creeping into our midst—mothers and fathers do not want many children. They "do not want to be bothered with them," as it is so often said. Coming home from the east last year, I was conversing with a man on the train, and he remarked to me: "Why, I would not take a million dollars for it; but I would not give five cents for another." I want to tell the fathers and mothers of Israel that the first great law God gave to mankind is as binding today upon the world as it ever was. I hope and trust that the people of this nation, and of this Church in particular, will live according to this law, and violate it in no manner. Let us, my brethren and sisters, show to the world that we love children more than we do ladpans. Let us show that we love our offspring more than anything else, so that as his president, who believes it the duty of all married people to become parents. I also rejoice that the wife God gave him is

thankful she is the mother of a number of children—not ashamed of one of them. He believes in rearing children, and in making the home an altar for our religious devotion. He believes in bringing children into the world by willing parents, and making Americans of them. I believe that this theory is pleasing in the sight of God. So I say to my brethren and sisters today, and I would that I had the power to say to the world, Stop "race suicide." If you don't want a family, don't get married. I hope that we, as Latter-day Saints, will learn from the experiences of the world the evil effects of "race suicide," and not pass through the experiences ourselves.

SCHOOLS FOR MANUAL TRAINING.
I have indeed enjoyed the practical remarks made at this Conference. Ever since I was twenty-two years of age, I have said on many occasions that, if God blessed me with sufficient means, I would some day establish a school of manual training, not have noticed the lack of this in our schools for many years. Many, perhaps, have said that I was a crank on this subject. But, I have been placed in a position, at the Provo Woolen Mills, where I have seen the evils that exist in the lack of manual education for our children. I can go to Provo today and put up a notice for common laboring men at a salary of a dollar and a half a day and the next morning, more than likely, there would be dozens of applications; but just let me post a notice that we want a competent finisher, head of a department, or a dyer, and there would not be a person in all of the state of Utah make application, that is qualified for the position. I desire to say to the people of Utah that it is not far distant when the manufacturing interests of this state will be the greatest of her industries. Are we preparing for this? I take it for granted that the smelters have today can get for the common laborers they want for two dollars or two dollars and fifty cents per day; but if they require a man who knows the business thoroughly and who could take charge of it, I guarantee that they can not find him here, but will have to look to some eastern city where people, through necessity, have learned that, in order to get along in this world, they must be thoroughly educated in some particular line or calling.

Before sitting down, I desire to say that I feel grateful to my heavenly Father for His special blessings to me, and I am also grateful to the people of this state for their confidence in me. I know that if we pray to God in earnestness He certainly will sustain us. The danger of our becoming lukewarm is not from without—the danger is within. I hope and trust that God will strengthen us; that He will make us honest, upright and honorable members of His Church; that we will never falter for a minute, nor ever have a doubt this is the Church and Kingdom of God. God bless us all, I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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No. 7—For Ogden and the west.....1:15 p.m.

No. 1—For Ogden and the west.....9:30 a.m.

No. 10—For Park City and all intermediate points.....8:15 a.m.

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