

TRIBUTE TO THE RELIEF SOCIETY

Prest, Joseph F. Smith Commends
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AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Two Sessions Were Held, One This
Forenoon and Another This After-
noon—Interesting Reports.

One of the most interesting Relief society conferences in many years was commenced in the Assembly hall at 10 a. m. today. It was presided over by Mrs. Bathsheba W. Smith, president of the organization. The forenoon session was devoted wholly to the giving of, and listening to, reports from officers of the different stakes. The subject matter related to increased membership, renewed activity and storing of grain for days of need, and other matters of like importance. The singing was directed by Prof. C. J. Thomas, who is slowly recovering from his long siege of sickness.

The attendance this afternoon, was like that of the morning session, rather larger than usual. The lower part of the building was almost filled, while there was a strong sprinkling of people in the gallery. The society was honored this afternoon, with the presence of Prest. Jos. F. Smith and Elder John Henry Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles. The first speaker was President Smith, whose remarks were listened to with rapt attention as he outlined the purposes and good work of the Relief societies throughout the Church.

President Smith opened his address with the statement that he had run in for a brief period only; that he had been so busy with the press of duties that always come like a flood just before each conference. He said he could speak only for a few moments after which he would beg to be excused. He said that he was informed that a large number of those present were of the active membership of the Relief society. Wherefore he knew that he was addressing those who were much interested in the work of bettering the condition of their fellow men and women, those who represented a body of influential women. Said he, "Very much devolves upon you; very much is expected of you in the building up of Zion and the establishment of proper domestic relations and spirit in the home. The Relief society is one of the most effective organizations in the Church. Its work is of vital importance to the mothers and daughters of Zion. The influence of its acts reaches from nation to nation, and from continent to continent. It is associated with the performance of mighty events—events that affect the welfare of the people throughout the world. Its mission includes charity, love, mercy, and kindly ministrations to the poor, the sick, the afflicted, and those bowed down with the weight of years, and those whose hearts are torn with sorrow. It looks after the fatherless and the motherless—little ones who have been bereft of parents. It is your duty, my sisters, to see that they are cared for. It is your duty to help educate the children, to enlighten the mothers and daughters of Zion. As I have said, the Relief society is one of the most important organizations in the Church. There is no other organization which exists not only through time but which invades and extends through the domain of eternity. The influence of the Relief society upon the family organization is very great. It will be far beyond this vale of tears, beyond this stage of action. The family organization," said President Smith, "is deficient in many vital matters—between husband and wife, between parents and children. It is the duty of the Relief society to enlighten, to ignore, to see to it, as far as it can, that the wife is a good wife, a wise and prudent mother; that she not only helps her husband but that she rears her children in the fear of God. In the generation of His name, and with respect for His laws. It is the duty of the Relief society to see that the children who are without parents are provided with homes, but that their spiritual and temporal needs are also looked after; that so far as possible all deficiencies are compensated for. When you do this you can rest assured that the Church is behind you, to encourage you, and to hold up your hands." President Smith said that he recently visited a settlement of the Latter-day Saints not 1,000 miles from Salt Lake where there was an epidemic of sickness in the nature of malarial fever. He arrived in the town late at night, and was immediately requested to accompany some of his brethren to administer to the needs of the afflicted. In short order they set out on their errand. In the first home they entered they were met by a neat, matronly woman with a basket on her arm. Inquiry developed the fact that she was one of the sisters of the Relief society who had come to take the place of one who had been at the post of duty during the day, and who in turn would be succeeded by another on the morrow. In caring for the mother who was very ill, in undressing and putting the little ones to bed, after the evening prayer had been said, and in getting something for the worn out and hard working husband to eat, further inquiry developed the fact that this was the kind of work the Relief society had been doing among the sufferers of the entire town. It was the kind of work that was being done everywhere, and for which it would be blessed beyond the comprehension of man. But this was only one of the duties that it was performing. It did many others and did them well. And great as this work was, there was other work that was still greater than the temporal care of any one. It was their spiritual welfare and salvation, and for that all should work unitedly.

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With the arrival of the Rio Grande Western train from Sanpete valley last night with a few short of 400 passengers on board the advance guard of the army of conference visitors commenced to arrive in Salt Lake. All day today the trains over the Oregon Short Line and the Rio Grande Western have been bringing in their quota of visitors from the north and south with the result that by this afternoon there were about 1,300 strangers within the gates.

The real rush, however, will not commence until tonight, when big delegations will come in, those from nearby towns coming in tomorrow and Sunday. From reports received from agents all along the line the seventy-third annual conference will prove a big one from a passenger standpoint, all of which goes to show that there are good times prevailing.

The operating departments of the various roads have extra rolling stock down the line at points where it can be utilized and every step necessary has been taken in the direction of handling the crowds with dispatch and in comfort.

TO TEAR UP OLD TRACK.

Steel Between Fairfield and Ironton To Be Torn Up in the Near Future

It is on the cards that the work of tracklaying on the Leamington cut-off for the route to the south, which is being carried through Ironton via Garfield branch will be in order as soon as the ballasting is completed. The grading is now about all completed and there remains possibly 50 miles of tracklaying yet to be done. As soon as this is completed the existing track on the Tintic branch between Fairfield and Ironton, which will be abandoned, the Tintic business being handled over the Leamington cut-off.

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TO ORDER ROLLING STOCK.

General Manager A. C. Ridgway of the Colorado-Atchafalaya Construction company, has left Denver for the east, and during his absence he will place orders for engines and balling cars to be used on the Moffat road. It is believed that the American Locomotive works and the Baldwin company will be given the contracts for the engines.

Cheap Rate to St. Louis.

The Rio Grande passenger department announces the putting on of a rate of \$35.50 to St. Louis and return, April 25-26 on the occasion of the dedicatory exercises on the site of the next world's fair. Quite a number of Utah people are expected to go to St. Louis on this occasion, including Gov. H. M. Wells and his staff.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

Assistant General Traffic Manager S. H. Babcock of the Denver & Rio Grande returned this morning from a trip to Denver.

There is a general conference of Erie despatch men now in session at the Knutsford.

F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, is expected to arrive in Salt Lake tomorrow.

L. E. Myers, general manager of the Pullman, Peckin & Terminal road, with headquarters in Chicago, is numbered among the visiting railroad officials today.

Commercial Agent Claude Williams of the Milwaukee returns from the coast this afternoon.

It looks as though the Wabash troubles will be settled without any resort to a strike.

Charles A. Parker, chairman of the Colorado Railroad association, will become assistant traffic manager of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, May 1.

The water lines as yet have not raised the rate on wool in sympathy with the eastern lines. Should they continue to stand pat they will have all the business they can handle.

B. T. Sweeney of Seattle, and C. W. Colby of San Francisco, both representing the Erie Despatch, are in the city.

E. H. Harriman is to get a valuable land and cash concession from President Diaz of Mexico on condition that he build a railroad in lower California that shall extend its entire distance north and south and have a connection with the main line of the Southern Pacific in California. A company will be shortly incorporated in Mexico to build the proposed line.

At a meeting of the directors of the Rock Island in New York yesterday, M. Warren was elected first vice president to succeed S. A. Parker, resigned. The resignations of J. M. Johnson, third vice president and F. E. Haynes, as treasurer, and assistant secretary of the company, were accepted. George H. Crosby, secretary of the company, was elected treasurer to succeed M. Warren, and now holds the office of treasurer and secretary and H. E. Yarnell was appointed assistant secretary and assistant treasurer with headquarters at Chicago.

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