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THE CONFERENCE.

The general conference that ended on Tuesday was a time of spiritual refreshing and strengthening in the faith, as is always the case with the gatherings of the Church. The number of conference visitors continues to increase. Interest in the glorious work in which the Saints are engaged deepens from time to time.

Unity and harmony prevailed throughout. This is a natural consequence of the fact that the leaders of the Church have absolutely no other ambition, no other aim in life than the furtherance of the cause of the Redeemer, which is the salvation of the human race; and another equally well established fact that the Saints have full confidence in the men whom the Lord has made leaders and shepherds of the flock. Where mutual love and confidence exist, there must necessarily be unity and harmony.

The addresses delivered in the conference meetings, and also in the meetings of the various auxiliary organizations and associations, such as the Relief society, Sunday school union, the Priesthood meeting, and the numerous missionary reunions, were all appropriate and instructive. Many practical subjects were discussed. Among these were the Word of Wisdom and temperance, obedience to law, the necessity of unity, peace, the proper spirit in which to partake of the Sacrament, and similar topics. The reports from the mission fields, Sunday schools, and other reports showed progress all along the line.

The musical exercises were, as always, a very much appreciated feature of the conference.

We are not mistaken when we say that the Saints who attended this gathering were benefited spiritually. They have a stronger testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and they are better prepared to fulfill their every-day duties for having mingled with their brethren in these meetings.

FOR TEMPERANCE.

President Smith's statement at the opening of the Conference that the presiding Authorities of the Church "are in harmony with the movement towards temperance," and that the people should decide this question by reasonable and conservative measures that will effectively diminish the crimes due to drunkenness, ought to find a ready support among all classes of people.

There can be no doubt that the people of this nation are slowly becoming aroused to the enormity of the loss in money, in happiness, and in true manhood and womanhood, that the present traffic in liquor actually represents.

If safe and conservative measures for the restriction of this traffic shall be resisted and defeated by the liquor interests, then the people are justified in resorting to extreme and drastic methods.

When once public attention is fully centered upon the evil of saloons, these places will be put under restrictions more or less severe, according to the nature of the resistance these interests interpose to block the needed reforms.

We might remind the proprietors of the liquor business that the saloon is an institution difficult to defend.

A St. Louis contemporary remarks in humorous vein that though fifty orators are said to have gone out of Chicago to defend the saloon in the Illinois local option campaign, yet the friends of "the legal drink" are already shaking their heads. They argue that where the danger of saying the wrong thing is so great, Marc Antony himself would hesitate to say anything. It is not like a political campaign. In politics anyone with good lungs can do something. There are certain well-known platitudes and catch phrases which have never failed to sway someone. Moreover, the crowd is wholly made up of men, "who are not very bright as a sex, and are easily deceived into what is not good for them. But the liquor issue is one in which speaking upon the saloon side is inexperienced. It is not served by axiomatic truisms of proved effectiveness. The crowds are largely made up of women, which is a menace, for these are mentally keen as a sex, for the most part married, and moved by a whole-hearted contempt for the as-severations of man."

We think the wisest course is to contend for the strictest possible regulation, if prohibition cannot be obtained by popular vote. For restriction would be a good introduction to prohibition.

LET REASON REIGN.

The stockholders of East Jordan Canal company, we understand, will soon hold their annual meeting, and it is rumored that some of the leading owners of stock are trying to work up a sentiment against the City. The purpose is, we are told, to exclude from the board of directors all who are known to be in favor of a fair and square deal for the City in the matter under discussion between the City and the company. The City, it is thought, must have the use of the canal, and it is supposed that by some skilful maneuvering an exorbitant compensation can be secured.

We know not just to what extent the rumors referred to are true, but we hope the majority of the stockholders will be just and fair. The City owns

one-fifth of the interest in the canal, and is clearly entitled to representation on the board. To deny one-fifth of the stock direct representation would be an outrage. The City has not acted selfishly in the matter. The farmers have had some benefit of the City's portion of the water and will continue to have that benefit as long as the City has more water than it actually needs.

The offer the City has given the company for the use of the canal seems to be very liberal. It has offered to enlarge the ditch without cost to the company, and to keep it in repair afterwards, and, besides, to pay \$1,000 a year. This, the stockholders themselves admit, is a very liberal offer. It would be a great saving to those interested. They would have no more assessments to pay, and yet have all the rights and benefits they now have. Prudence and reason should govern in such matters and not greed.

Should condemnation proceedings be instituted, the owners of the canal would, in all probability, obtain much less for the use of it than they are now offered. The advantage to the City of abandoning the lower canal and turning the water into the East Jordan canal would not be so great as to warrant an exorbitant price. This is a fact that the courts would recognize. We hope the stockholders will not listen to anything but reason. Any other course would be to their own disadvantage.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

The passage in the House of Commons by a large majority of a resolution favoring unqualified local self-government for Ireland brings this ideal of the Nationalist party much nearer possibility than it has ever been before. It is supposed that the government is willing to follow it with proper legislation.

The significant fact to note is that victory always follows a just cause for which its champions are willing to work earnestly and make sacrifices. Ireland has gained its point inch by inch. Irish propositions, at first branded in England as revolutionary, are now accepted as conservative. At present it is thought that a Home Rule could pass the House without serious opposition, whatever its fate might be in the upper division of Parliament. It is supposed by some that Home Rule legislation would be only an opening wedge for an agitation for complete separation. This is the view not only of some English statesmen but is shared by some of the sons of Ireland, who cling to the thought of union, and are ready to fight against Home Rule to the last ditch.

But they may be mistaken. Home Rule may be the very cure of the dissatisfaction in Ireland with English supremacy. And with this dissatisfaction entirely removed there would be no cause for an agitation for separation. The cause of liberty is progressing in the world. The advance may be slow, but it is certain.

TO FIGHT DEATH.

Next September an international congress on tuberculosis will be held in Washington, and there is now a movement on foot to secure the use of the new congressional office building, or part of the Capitol, to house the congress. There should be no serious objection to the request made of Congress for the courtesy, especially as international congresses on tuberculosis in other capitals have been taken care of by the governments.

The crusade against tuberculosis is one of the great movements of our age against the fierce enemy of mankind. The gathering will bring together the leaders in the movement from every part of the world. In every land, preparations are under way for participation in the congress and in the exhibition that will be illustrative of what is being done, the world round, to annihilate the "white death." France alone has a committee of over 150 of which former President Loubet is honorary president. Great Britain's plans for representation are being arranged by a committee of 250, which numbers among its members public officials like Bulstrode, whose recent report on Tuberculosis has made his name familiar to every student of the tuberculosis problem; pioneers like Phillips of Edinburgh, the founder of the first tuberculosis dispensary; humanitarians like the Countess of Aberdeen, the inspiring leader of the movement in Ireland.

The interest manifest in Europe, in Asia and the American republics in this congress indicates that it will be one of the most interesting and most effective ever held.

A RECIPE FOR GREATNESS.

"Talent," says Goethe, "is developed in solitude; character, in the rush of the world."

Genius is content to be alone a good deal of the time. Books, thoughts, nature, are sufficient companionship for high class minds.

Mediocrity craves company, and will seek it indiscriminately. It is like the deer or the herd, acting with it and thinking like the other members on the drive.

Strong animals live and hunt alone; the dependent and inferior kinds, in droves or packs.

Weaklings among young men frequent billiard tables, haunt corner groceries, save money only for theater going, card parties, or excursions. Those with mental power go into society for relaxation only, never for occupation. Such young men are at work, usually alone.

The country produces more great characters than the city, in proportion to the relative populations, probably because the countryman must live in more or less of seclusion and isolation. Astronomy originated with shepherds; Milton did his greatest work in the solitude and seclusion enforced by his blindness; Bacon became a leader in scientific thought when compelled to retire in disgrace from society; Beethoven's best work was done in the solitude of deafness; Schopenhauer ridiculed the progress who herded together in close rooms as if unable to get "enough of each other's snub-nosed company."

A western contemporary gives this advice:

"Get out in the park and walk and think. Get up in your bed room, and

read, study, write what you think. Talk more to yourself and less to others. Drop your club, your street corner, your gossiping boardroom table. Drop your sheep life and try being a man. It may improve you."

But after you have thought out something, test its value by letting people know of it. All individual improvement is measured by its worth to mankind. Genius that does no service to its fellowman loses most of its value. "He that is great among you, let him be your servant." Do not hide your light under a bushel, but let it "so shine that men may see your good works."

This is the addition which we would suggest to the otherwise sound advice which we have just quoted.

If at first you don't succeed, plunge again.

Made into meat, live stock is much higher.

The new British cabinet will not be Chippendale.

And now the smelters are in Marshall array.

April showers and the florist bring May flowers.

The modern slaughter of the innocents is the shooting of the birds.

A woman should think a great deal of her husband but say very little about him.

The ambassadorship to Germany is now new lighted on a heaven kissing hill.

"The horse must go," says the autoist. The car should always but often it doesn't.

In the matter of the Delaware presidential candidate, the Gray dawn is breaking.

In these days of electric lights those who use candles and coal oil still stand in their own light.

The law's delay is splendidly illustrated by the delay in publishing the revised laws of Utah.

"I hear the wild goose honking," sings John Burroughs, the poet naturalist. He, haec, honk.

Mr. Cleveland has now beaten the three score and ten standard by a year. May he beat it by many more years!

"Are we fit to hold colonies?" asks an exchange. Guess we are. We fit for them, won them, and still hold them.

Sleep may be a relic of barbarism, but as Sanchez Panza said, "Heaven bless the man who first invented sleep."

If Tolstol is a man without honor in his own country, it is his own fault, because he declined honors that were to be bestowed upon him.

"England and Ireland have been united almost since Ireland had a history," says the San Francisco Chronicle. Simply bound together not united.

A New York policeman has been carried to a hospital because he keeps on laughing and will not stop. Not he who laughs last, but he who laughs longest laughs best.

To get the soil in Central Park in to the right condition so that grass will grow luxuriantly, department of agricultural experts advise that potatoes be grown in the park. If the advice is followed, of course Irish potatoes will be planted.

Elder George Matson of Springfield, one of our Pioneer subscribers, was among the conference visitors. Notwithstanding his 80 years, he is still hale and hearty. He helped in building some of the first houses in this City, and he took an active part in the early work of development of Utah.

Counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has filed suit in the New York supreme court for the annulment of her marriage with Harry Kendall Thaw, the ground for asking for the annulment being that Thaw was insane at the time of the marriage. Establishment of the fact of marriage should procure the desired decree.

A COMPLEX LIFE DECREED.

A. C. Benson, in the Cornhill. The point is not what a few philosophers happen to like, but what humanity likes, and what it is happiest in liking. I should have but small confidence in the power that rules the world if I did not believe that the vast social development of Europe, its civilization, its network of communications, its bustle, its tenser living, its love of social excitement was not all part of a great design. I do not believe that humanity is perversely astray, hurrying to destruction. I believe, rather, that it is working out the possibilities that lie within it, and if human beings framed to live quiet, pastoral lives they would be living still. The one question for the would-be optimist is whether humanity is growing nobler, wiser, more unselfish; and of that I have no doubt whatever.

PAIN IN A BURIED ARM.

Louisville Herald. "Of all the queer tales I ever heard about people having feelings, sometimes pain, in amputated limbs, one of the strangest was an incident which occurred in the case of an uncle of mine in Mississippi, just after the Civil war," says a lady living on the south side of the city. He was hunting, and when climbing a fence the trigger of his gun caught in one of the rails, the gun was discharged and his arm was mangled in such a way that amputation was deemed necessary. In those days, or even then, if surgical assistance had been immediately available, he might have recovered, but gangrene set in and the operation was supposed to be the only means of saving his life. After the arm had been placed in a box it was buried in the family burying ground. A day later the owner of the buried arm felt what he declared to be a sharp pain on the outer side of the arm, and insisted that in nailing up the box they had driven a nail into his arm. The family were entirely skeptical and endeavored to reason with him on the absurdity of the thing, but he was not to be reasoned with. He insisted that there was a nail in his arm and that they must go and take it out. At last, solely to pacify him, some of the family went to the burying ground, dug up the box and pried

it open with a hatchet, and there, sure enough, was a long nail which had missed the side of the box, turned in almost at a right angle, and sunk an inch of its length in the arm. It was drawn out, the box reburied, and upon the return of the party to the house they found my uncle quietly sleeping, for during their absence the pain had suddenly ceased. Why he felt the pain of the nail in the buried arm and did not feel that of the shot, no one could explain, but certain it was that the pain was instantly relieved, though that could not be explained any more than the other."

WOMAN'S KINGDOM.

Harper's Weekly. What we have actually seen with our own eyes is a large number of young wives of men making anywhere from four to ten thousand a year, who do no manual labor, who have not more than two or three children whose household ordering requires not more than an hour or two of daily attention, who find that clothes can be more economically bought ready made, and who, therefore, do not do the household sewing, upon whose hands time hangs heavy, and whose lives are often most unprofitably spent. Many take refuge in card-playing, in vying with others in giving social entertainments, in novel-reading or in pursuing a superficial culture which results in nothing. There would seem to be no doubt but that in this country, at any rate, there is too large a leisure class, and it is a leisure class without the wealth for philanthropy or the training for responsibility.

JUST FOR FUN.

Remembered Him. Fellaire (formerly Rusty Rufus)—Well, what do you want? Tufford Knutt—You wuz kind 'nough to ask me, to give me a dollar, an' a kick. Ef the two go together, sir, I'm ready for 'em again.—Chicago Tribune.

What Did He Give? The druggist had just filled a prescription. "I'd like a copy of that prescription," said the customer. "Guess you'll have to get it from the doctor," replied the pill compiler. "I could never read his writing."—Chicago News.

Less Apt to Break. "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," quoted the moralizer. "Yes," rejoined the demoralized, "It's safer to drink out of a tin bucket."—Chicago News.

A Difference in Bleat. As the pastor of the Zion's Hill church looked down at his parishioners, to whom he had been giving thirty-five minutes of sound doctrine, his face took on a less benignant expression. "Brethren an' sisters," he said, "I want to warn you against one thing, an' dat is tinkin' every man dat don't hab jes' de same views you got is a no-count religionist."

"I don't want to hear so much talk about 'wolves in sheep's clothing' as I been hearing. You don't want to settle it in y' own minds dat a man's a wolf in sheep's clothing jes' because he don't bl'at exactly like you do."—Youth's Companion.

Her Habitual Excuse. Lady (formerly telephone girl)—Porter, why didn't you call me as I instructed you? Sleeping Car Porter—I did, ma'am; as sure's you're born, I did. I said "Seven-thirty, ma'am," an' you said, "Line's out of order."—Pick-Me-Up.

The Wrong Man. Emaciated Beggar—Mister, would you please give a poor feller a quarter to keep him from dyin' in the street? Stranger—You've struck the wrong man this time. I'm an undertaker.—Judge.

Please Excuse It. Hex—I wonder how many American girls have married foreign counts. Lex—I don't know; but those who haven't are countless.—Philadelphia Press.

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