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RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The October Semi-annual Conference of the Relief Society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city, commencing Thursday, October 7, 1909, promptly at 10 a. m. and at 2 p. m. All officers and members of the Society are cordially invited, also the presiding authorities of the Church, Bishops and other brethren interested in Society work; and the General Board of the Y. L. M. I. A. and of the Primary Associations. It is desirable there should be a large representation present, as the conference will be one of unusual interest.

An officers' meeting will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city on Tuesday, October 5, at 2 p. m., and it is hoped all officers of the Society will attend this important meeting.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH,
General President.
IDA S. DUSENBERRY,
Counselor.

ENCOURAGING SOCIALISM.

The growth of socialism in Germany is not to be wondered at when we consider the narrowness of some of the governmental practices of that great nation.

Prest. Lund remarked on Sunday in the Conference that one young man had been banished from Germany for the offense of singing in a meeting of the Latter-day Saints. All such displays of petty tyranny fan the flames of discontent and feed the slumbering fires of unrest.

It is this kind of government that makes men think that even such a civilization as that of Germany is a decadent one. They begin to believe that all civilization is a disease and that the tree of life is not bearing good fruit. They apply to the whole fabric of government the words of John the Baptist and seek to have "the axe laid unto the root of the trees." They argue that the tree must be cut down and burned, that the diseased limb is putrid, and that way must be made for something better. They seek to give to the words of Lowell a new and perhaps an anarchistic meaning:

"The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;
Then let it come; I have no dread of what
Is called for by the instinct of mankind;
Nor think I that God's world will fall apart
Because we tear a parchment more or less."

Rev. Wm. Thurston Brown of this city, a candid and able writer on socialism, holds that "any man of intelligence and courage knows that our civilization is a failure. He knows that it is miserably inadequate. It is a putrid corpse." So too Edward Carpenter, whom Mr. Brown declares to be one of the clearest minds of England, puts his philosophy into an essay entitled, "Civilization—Its Cause and Cure." He sees in our civilization a malignant disease, tyranny of society in its domination of the weak by the stronger.

One favorite quotation of socialistic writers we can heartily endorse. We would also commend a study of it to governments and individuals that seek to deny the right of free speech and common liberty to those who are not orthodox. It is from Lowell, and was written over 60 years ago. That it should require quoting to such a nation as Germany is a continual surprise:

"They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think;
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three."

CLERGYMEN IN POLITICS.

We hope Rev. Dr. Goshen will be permitted by his congregation to remain on the Republican ticket, and that the other parties will give him their support. No better candidate can be selected from his ward, and his election would be a gain to the city administration, and the entire community.

It is perfectly true that no minister should be a party tool; nor should the pulpit be turned over to political agitators. But it is also true that every American citizen has a duty to perform as a citizen.

The idea that ministers of the gospel have no business to take any active interest in public affairs, while saloon and dive keepers are eligible for every important office, is of recent origin and absurd in the extreme. Did Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, and others, hesitate to take part in public affairs? Did the Puritan preachers of the early days of his country hesitate to mould public opinion from their pulpits? The fact is that in those days the ministers were potent factors in the events that led to independence and freedom. John Adams says that Rev. Jonathan Mayhew fired "the morning gun of the Revolution," referring to his sermon against the stamp act. "This suggestion of a more perfect union, for the common defense," says Bancroft, "originating with Mayhew, was the first public expression of that future union which has been the glory of the American Republic, and it came from a clergyman on a Sabbath morning, under the inspiration of heaven."

Of course, if Mayhew were living here in Utah he would be told to "preach the gospel and not meddle with politics," but he would probably reply that a religion too good to apply to the affairs of a city is no good at all.

Rev. Jacob Green, a Presbyterian clergyman of New Jersey, was elected a member of the Provincial congress, and was chairman of the committee which drafted the original constitution of the state. Rev. John Witherspoon was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was for six years a member of the Colonial congress, where he sat in full clerical dress. Rev. Manasseh Cutler who is said to have been one of the most learned men this country has ever had, was a member of Congress four years, and he rendered the country invaluable services.

This is enough to prove that the hysteria about clergymen taking an active part in public life is a very recent malady. Our forefathers were not afflicted with it. They accepted gratefully the services of good, patriotic men, without regard to their calling, or occupation. But for this fact it is doubtful whether this great Republic would have been called into existence.

We do not advocate the admission of partisan politics into the pulpit, or the turning over of any church to partisans for the promulgation of political doctrines instead of the principles of the gospel. But we believe that every church member, the minister included, has a duty to perform as a citizen, as well as a church member. And this position seems to be unassailable.

NATURALIZATION PROBLEMS.

It is growing more and more difficult for foreigners to secure American citizenship. The law provides for the naturalization of persons belonging to the "white" and "black" races, and Mongolians have therefore been excluded, but an effort is now being made to bar out Hindoos, Turks and Armenians, too.

Some time ago a Hindoo who lives at Santa Rosa, Cal., applied for naturalization papers. His case will be passed upon by a San Francisco court. At Los Angeles a Turk named Sheishin applied, and the government attorney in that district contended that all Turks should be excluded on the ground that they are Mongolians. The court reserved its decision, apparently to study the question of races. Another case is that at Fresno, where Matros Hagopian, an Armenian, attempted to secure naturalization papers on the ground that he was a free white person, and his petition was resisted. The petitioner insisted that he was not born a Turk, that Armenia is a Christian nation and that his allegiance to the Turkish throne had been given unwillingly." The court put the case over until December.

It is difficult to see on what reasonable ground Turks and Armenians can be denied citizenship. If they are to be excluded because of their Asiatic origin, all Semitic nations would have to be turned away as well. The Armenians, though often conquered, have preserved their distinct type and their civilization, which is Christian, and they cannot be excluded because of their Asiatic origin. If the term Turks is applied to all Turkish subjects, then Greeks, Albanians, and a number of other nationalities under Turkish rule must be included, but how could we refuse to naturalize a Greek because he comes from Macedonia, or Constantinople? There are Turks and Turks. Some of them are, no doubt, of Mongolian origin, but others are not. Hindoos are, perhaps, neither white nor black, in the meaning of the naturalization law. But that cannot be said of Turks, or Armenians. With the exception of the Tartars and some other nationalities under Turkish rule, they are white.

For diplomatic reasons it may be necessary to exclude as many Asiatics as the law will permit, since the Japanese and Chinese are in the prohibited class, but the true American policy is to give to the naturalization law as liberal a construction as possible.

IT HAS NO PROOF.

The Tribune still insists that it has proved that the Prophet Joseph and the Patriarch, his brother, were slain by members of the Church. The paper quoted from sermons delivered by Presidents Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, and others, but there was not one word in those quotations that contained the proof the Tribune pretended to have. In the sermons referred to we were told that apostates were instrumental in bringing about the martyrdom, and that is true. As for the identity of the instruments through which the plot was carried out, we have quoted John Har. Gov. Ford, and Orson Whitney. And nothing the Tribune can say affects the testimony of history.

"While the Governor was at Nauvoo, haranguing the Mormons on the enormity of the crimes committed in destroying the Expositor press and placing the city under martial law, a portion of the disbanded Warsaw troops, one or two hundred strong, led by Levi Williams, a Baptist priest and colonel of militia, returned to Carthage, stormed the jail, and with the connivance of the guards, shot to death Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and all but fatally wounded John Taylor." That is the testimony of history as to the identity of the murderers. That apostates were actively aiding other agitators in bringing about the tragedy is not denied. The Tribune asserts that it has evidence to show that Church members were the actual murderers. That is not true. There is no such evidence anywhere.

As is well known, the Tribune has been accused of having brought about the Tennessee massacre, and the evidence presented some years ago in the Salt Lake Theater by the late Elder John Nicholson in support of that charge was conclusive, but neither the speaker, nor anybody else did maintain that the murderers of the Mormon Elders were Tribune employes. We refer to this so as to illustrate to the somewhat beclouded intelligence of our contemporary the difference between instigating a murder and actually executing it. The instigators may be even more culpable before the bar of Eternal Justice than their miserable tools, but that is a proposition different from the one the Tribune, inspired by hatred to the Church, is trying to prove.

Orville Wright's motto is excelsior.

The Fair is more than fair; it is fine.

Optimism is no good unless reinforced with work.

The crop of sorrow and disappointment never fails.

Horace's Sabine farm has been found. Back to the farm.

The cross man is a double cross to those who have to live with him.

Building up hopes and building up a fortune are entirely different things.

Greater New York Republicans are singing "Our Bannard is still there."

The demand for a-dollar-a-word articles has hardly met expectations.

What Commander Peary doesn't know about the North Pole will fill Dr. Cook's book.

The doctors appear to think that milk and not the love of money is the root of all evil.

Some people act as though they would like a choice from a greater variety of evils.

The man who is constantly picking flaws finds that his pickings do not amount to much in the end.

The poorest investment a man or firm seeking public patronage can make is to presume on good nature.

Participants in and spectators of the Hudson-Fulton celebration say that a Half Moon is better than a whole moon.

No doubt Commander Peary's "proofs" will be corrected, blue pencilled and a revise called for before they are accepted.

"Should a good husband be given an evening out each week?" asks the Philadelphia Press. If he will promise to stay good he should.

The only reason that the great multi-millionaires leave such vast estates when they die is because they cannot take them with them.

Here is a hit from the Boston Herald at some of the bigots: "Some exchanges are protesting because he seems to consider himself President of the whole country, including Utah."

We would commend to the organ of the Pseudo-American party and to all the enemies and detractors of the "Mormon" Church the words uttered by President Taft in an address made Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic school Portland, Or.: "We can be very certain that those who are loyal to their church are certain to be loyal to their country."

At Los Angeles Lieutenant-General Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., retired, advocated compulsory military service. Distasteful as the idea must be to Americans it is the logical result of the hue and cry for a big army and a big navy with which the land has been filed for the past few years. And if we are to have compulsory military service how much better off will Americans be than the standing-army-cursed peoples of Europe are? The advocacy of compulsory military service should be supplemented with the advocacy of a military dictatorship.

TAFT IN UTAH.

Philadelphia Press.

President Taft is showing that he is a more versatile man than has been supposed. In Salt Lake City he revealed himself as a capital preacher. He found his text naturally and properly in Holy Scripture and delivered a homily or exhortation on the subject of pleasant speaking. "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger," is one of the wise sayings attributed to King Solomon. It is a statement of universal truth which President Taft wishes to bring home to the American people, who as a general rule with Anglo-Saxons generally have failed to appreciate. President Taft is himself a splendid exemplar of the policy and practice which he enforces in others. It is a good Sunday lesson for the American people. He would have us take example by the Oriental and Latin races and cultivate gentleness of speech and courtesy in manners, to abstain from attributing bad motives to those who differ with us, to avoid denunciation of our fellow-men. He reminds us that a man's life with his family is not made out of grandstand plays, but of little acts and self-restraints that go to make up a man's character. We may learn, he tells us, from the men of southern climes to "introduce into our lives more courtesy and more politeness, more real, genuine desire to make everybody happy by the little things of life, which, after all, constitute nearly all there is to life." These are familiar truths, that are apt to be slighted, perhaps, because they are familiar. They have been preached often, but not in the same way, from such a distinguished preacher, or from such a large stage for the President addressed practically the people of the entire United States. A soft answer is the way to maintain foreign goodwill and domestic peace and joy. It is a much neglected virtue, recognized and respected by Solomon, and recommended strongly to the American people in the excellent Sunday sermon of President Taft.—Philadelphia Press.

Chicago Record-Herald.

President Taft's little lay sermon at Salt Lake City furnishes an interesting sidelight on the present administration. After all that has happened since March, no blinded standpatter and no ruthless malefactor will mistake the plea for the "soft answer" for a plea for general softness and dubbiness. There is to be no lack of firmness in dealing with abuses; only, the President believes in making sure you're right before going ahead. He believes that the possessor of the big stick can afford to be charitable, cheerful and affable, for what is more eloquent than fact, and what is more convincing than action following deliberation and mature judgment?

St. Louis Times.

President Taft, from the pulpit of the huge Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, on Sunday delivered a real sermon which was worth consideration. "A soft word turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger" was his text from the Proverbs of Solomon. Aside from particular significances, there is broad general sense and amity in the idea which the magnificent King thus embalmed. There is every reason why this big country should dwell in full brotherhood of feeling, each part with its fellow. Once in a while the other folk hold back and are reluctant to concede, but in the main we dwell in the same tents together. Mr. Taft is there, with the diplomatic salve, though at times he can be firm as a rock, and as immovable as the everlasting hills. He understands how to breed conciliation without becoming unctuous, which of itself is a fine art.

Troy Press.

President Taft has created much criticism by making addresses in Mormon Tabernacles in Utah. In their greatest temple at Salt Lake City he was introduced to an immense audience on Sunday by Senator Smoot, and "cheered to the echo," as the reporters say. He also reviewed 20,000 Mormon Sunday school pupils. As religious liberty is one of the fundamental principles of our Republic, and Utah was admitted into full-fledged sisterhood with the other states despite the stain of lawlessness and polygamy well known to the Republican Congress which adopted such action, the objection is based upon sentiment rather than reason. Officially, at least—whatever the actualities may be—Mormonism has placed its ban upon polygamy, and agreed to adhere to the monogamic system of marriage. So long as it conforms to the laws of the land, it has the same legal standing as the Jews and Gentiles of the country.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

Nature cannot be outraged with impunity. Though a generous giver, she is a hard bargainer, and invariably, in the long run, the man who works too hard, who crowds the work of 40 years into 20, and burns his candle at both ends, will find that he will accomplish less by attempting to overmatch or cheat nature, than by accepting her own terms. The mind is monarch of the body; but, if it ever so far forgets itself as to trample upon its slave, the slave will rise and smite its oppressor. In all likelihood, the man who toils and moils at business, without relaxation or enjoyment, through the best years of life, with the hope of retiring at last and making the evening of life all holiday, all play, will never retire, except into an untimely grave. The proper remedy for a period of unhealthy living is not working double tides, not an hour or two occupied in drawing off the remaining strength of an overtaxed system, but now and then an entire day or week or month given to renovation and merely physical improvement. Vacations, frequent holidays, though but for a day, are the true savety-valves of business and professional men; and he who grants himself occasional rest will not only live longer, but do more work than he who drudges from January to December.

JUST FOR FUN.

Trouble for Pa.

"Where do they wind you up, Miss Skreeker?"

"Wind me up?"

"Yes, pa said you sang mechanically."—Houston Daily Post.

A Chance for Him.

"I don't know what to do with my son, there seem to be so few opportunities for him. There is no place for a man who is needed and yet has no friends."

"I don't know. Why not make him a baseball umpire?"—Baltimore American.

Like Father, Like Son.

"Does your son profit by your examples?"

"Thunder, no! Why, he wants to get married!"—New York Herald.

They Will Not Laugh.

"Whenever I try to make a speech everybody laughs."

"I know how to fix that."

"How?"

"Try to say something funny."—Cleveland Leader.

"A Kentucky couple," said Mrs. Simpkins, "got married a few days ago, after a courtship which had lasted 50 years." "I suppose," replied Mr. Simpkins, "the poor old man had become too feeble to hold out any longer."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Father: "Bobby, I'm surprised to see you crying because a bee stung you. Brace up and act like a man!" Bobby: "Y-yes, an' then y-you'd gitsome a l-lickin'. Y-you told me w-what you'd do to me if you e-ever heard me u-usin' that kind of l-language."—Chicago Daily News.

"'Taint much use o' arguin'," said Uncle Eben. "If youse talkin' to a man dat has no sense dan you has, de best thing you kin do is to keep quiet an' listen. An' if you'se talkin' to one dat ain' got as much sense as you has, you's wastin' yoh time tryin' to pass around amuchure education."—Washington Star.

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