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WHAT WAS SAID.

Elsewhere in today's "News" will be found a stenographic report of Elder John W. Taylor in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, Oct. 7. The report is published in justice to the speaker, who claims to have been both misquoted and misrepresented.

We have also been permitted to publish in full the remarks of President George Q. Cannon on the same occasion. President Cannon said:

"The remarks which have been made by Elder John W. Taylor have been exceedingly painful. No doubt there are conditions existing in our settlements, and in this city, that we would be greatly gratified if they could be corrected. It is too true that there are births after the marriage that are unknown. We have such cases brought to our attention. In some instances the first children are born a little quicker than these astonishingly. We deplore this very much, and take every step we can to have a reformation in this respect, for such conduct is not according to Godliness and the principles of the Gospel, as Elder Taylor has told us. But we have repeatedly spoken for the First Presidency that there should be any mention of any particular place as being worse in this respect than others, for we have no reason to believe that this is the case. Therefore, it was with regret that we heard mentioned Bankers Finley or Rhodes Valley. The saints in those places—many of whom I know to be good, faithful people—would feel, to a certain extent—I won't say disgraced, but hurt by a public announcement of this kind in this general Conference. We think that when the Elders speak concerning sin and evil things, it is not a wise thing to mention either the names of individuals or of wards or places. It was done by Elder Taylor. Now, what has been said by him, or that which he had heard somebody say, it may be true; as he says, and it may not. He himself characterizes it as an exaggeration, and the mention of the place should have been left alone because it may be an exaggeration, and we have no reason, as the First Presidency to think otherwise—to think that Kanaka Ranch is an exception to the report. Such cases may arise in all the Stakes, but every pains is being taken to repeat and correct these to teach our young people how immoral and how wicked it is to do any such thing. Marriage is easy. Every Bishop is authorized to marry; and if the young folks cannot go to the Temple, they can be married by the Bishops or by the Elders in their wards, and there is no need to commit sin. It is contrary to all our principles to have practices of this kind prevail among the Latter-day Saints. I do not know how the congregation felt, but I know how we felt concerning the allusion to the choir. We know that there is a fine body of young people connected with the choir; young ladies of purity; some of our own daughters perhaps. When we know to be pure, and to consider a few of them as being unvirtuous, throws a reflection upon the whole choir. I do not know how they feel, but I know that most feel very much hurt, and I was very sorry myself that Brother John W. Taylor felt called upon to speak of this. It was only a report; somebody mentioned it, and you know how gossiping tongues—there are gossiping tongues who love to dwell on evil. You will find people continually who are harping on the wickedness and the corruption and immorality of the people, and how we are all going to the devil, or nearly so; that we are a bad people, getting worse, instead of better. I do not believe that. I believe that the Latter-day Saints are striving to get better, although there is sin among us, and it needs to be discovered and denounced in strong language. But we should not take up a body of people and mention some as being corrupt, because it throws a reflection on the whole body. I have no doubt that the young ladies of purity must have felt greatly grieved this morning to have heard this allusion.

"We have felt as though there should be something said on this subject, so that the congregation would understand our feelings. Another thing: When one of the Twelve talks in this strain before the congregations of the Saints, other men in the settlements take lesson from it and they also will talk and mention names and congregations. This is not wise under the circumstances. Before I take them apart talk to the Bishop of Nephi; talk to the president of Nephi Stake; ask him what the situation is, whether these things are true or not. Talk to the leader of the choir and find out who has been heard. If there are any virtuous people, let it be known, let them be found out, and I have no doubt that the leader of the choir will be only too anxious to know if there is anything of this character, that those who are guilty of this sin should be had their sayings in the choir are no longer needed.

"I speak in this war with the utmost respect for my brother, Brother John W. He has been misled some way by men in this matter. You know he is very zealous man, and he feels very strongly, but in mentioning these names we have felt that they overstepped the bounds of wisdom."

THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference just closed has been one of excellent refreshment, as are edifying to the gatherings of the Latter-day Saints. The instructions given were divinely inspired, calculated to make the people on the rock to persevere in the course followed in the present. Such cases may arise in all the Stakes, but every pains is being taken to repeat and correct these to teach our young people how immoral and how wicked it is to do any such thing. Marriage is easy. Every Bishop is authorized to marry; and if the young folks cannot go to the Temple, they can be married by the Bishops or by the Elders in their wards, and there is no need to commit sin. It is contrary to all our principles to have practices of this kind prevail among the Latter-day Saints. I do not know how the congregation felt, but I know how we felt concerning the allusion to the choir. We know that there is a fine body of young people connected with the choir; young ladies of purity; some of our own daughters perhaps. When we know to be pure, and to consider a few of them as being unvirtuous, throws a reflection upon the whole choir. I do not know how they feel, but I know that most feel very much hurt, and I was very sorry myself that Brother John W. Taylor felt called upon to speak of this. It was only a report; somebody mentioned it;