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### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.

It is fifty years since Lorenzo Snow was ordained as the Apostolic Bishop. Charles C. Rich, Franklin Snow and Penrose D. Richards were ordained the same day. Elders C. C. Rich and Franklin Snow have passed to the spirit world. Elder Lorenzo Snow is now President of the Church, and Elder P. D. Richards is president of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

The preservation of the lives of these valiant apostles in the arms of God, and their great influence in the growth of the church, and maintaining the traditions, principles and teachings through which they have passed is very notable and commendable. The presence of these and other veterans of the church and the benefit of their counsels are highly valued by those who have eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to understand, and we join with the hosts of Latter-day saints in the hope and prayer that they will be long preserved to guide the affairs of the church and kingdom of God upon the earth.

### THE MAN FOR THE TIMES.

We devote considerable space today to the memory of the great statesman and apostle of human liberty, Abraham Lincoln, the anniversary of whose birth occurred yesterday. Owing to what has been indiscriminately circulated by designing persons and disreputable papers, there are no people in this glorious land who regard Lincoln with greater veneration, and his work with higher honor than do the Latter-day Saints, or "Mormons," as they are commonly called.

The news of his martyrdom caused their hearts with sorrow beyond expression. Its effect upon that great leader of men and pioneer of the West, Brigham Young, is related by one of the most interesting portions of the biography. The services held in his honor at the deceased were reported in the Deseret News and the account is copied in another column today. The incidents in the life which are also given we are sure will be appreciated by our readers.

It is unfortunate that there is not more of the spirit of Lincoln among our public men today. That patriot understood fully that the worth of his high office required him to pay greater regard to the Constitution, his country, than any private views of his own or any personal interests of others. The preservation of the Union was his first consideration, and we can see him as the human instrument of Divine Providence in what he accomplished, as we view the supreme work as a divine inspired written instrument for his direction.

It is proper to remember on this occasion that Abraham Lincoln pursued a conservative policy in relation to our affairs in Utah. After a thoughtful consideration of all the allegations of the enemies of the church he came to the conclusion that his best policy was not to interfere in the concerns of the Mormons. We have to mind his statement after his 10th let him alone if they will not interfere.

Were this rule followed, there would never be any clash caused by "Mormonism." For, as President Brigham Young explained himself when commenting upon this statement, "We have ever been anxious to let them come further down preaching to them the gospel, and doing them good when they would permit us, and if they will cease interfering with us amply and satisfactorily, of course that will have no prevent our chance for conversion."

Among the illustrious men of the nineteenth century, Abraham Lincoln towers above all as the exponent of the principles of the preservative of the Union, the benefactor of the colored race, and the embodiment of the principles which will save the world. He was the man for the times. He filled his destined position and performed his appointed work. His example will be held up through the ages to come, and will abide in glory with the brightness of earth's suns and noble stars.

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

A letter from Idaho speaks of a seal which has recently been put on the front of the Deseret Tabernacle. It is dated Feb. 10, 1890, and it says, "The Tabernacle is the preservative of the works of rest, and unless that the latter-day saints do not follow the gospel in the particular institutions. The 'News' is prepared to expose. The salvation suggested in the letter quoted above, 'Gives much either with a holy kiss,' was merely a vision of the people and the period in their early times. It was not a commandment, nor part of the commandments of God, but the people, like the Greeks, made by the apostles in their fictions which were wise and which have not perished, had reference entirely to the people to whom they were written. Such as I Tim. v. 22, II Tim. iv. 10, Tit. i. 10, &c. The Maine seals each other by holding noses. The Greeks may have to conform in their estimates when among them. The French shake hands when they meet, or part. Any friendly salutation is more than this of similar institutions expressed by public guide. It is perhaps for

these reasons, and others that might be mentioned that the Lord has abundantly blessed and prospered the school.

The source of the institution was definitely impressed for the character of its first great teacher, Dr. Karl G. Maeser, whose wise planning is still bearing rich fruit within the walls.

Measures for future growth it provided a financial provision, and such as can be obtained by the Master's successor.

Leaving that, today the building has three fine modern buildings of its own occupied by nearly a thousand students. The internal growth has been equally marked. Laboratories of physics and chemistry, bounded respectively by the Hort and Biology families, were dedicated last November, and, since then the Peacock family have formed a mechanical laboratory which department now has the income of thousands of dollars for machines, apparatus and apparatus.

President Cluff is working for the school that it flourish, which it has done with a college and a secondary school, and is to-day a university composed of a school or more of allied colleges—mainly through the efforts of President Elmer. We have already mentioned his other mother, that is about Brigham Young. We know of no man that was, and is not, more popular than he.

A friend sends his regards to us to know whether he is selected for a display school, department, should be called on by the A. S. officers, before these names are submitted to the Board of Regents. The time is in the middle of next week, before the persons selected are spoken to on the matter. The Bishop has no objection to the selection of all organizations in the ward.

A friend in Minnesota asks how "Mormonism" explains Matt. xii. 5-8 and corresponding passages in Mark and Luke. "Mormonism" does not undertake to explain ancient scripture, but, nevertheless, the present word of the Lord for the present guidance of mankind. However, we will say that those passages of scripture in our judgment, are to be explained by the fact that it was practiced among the Jews in His day, and gave His reasons for declaring against it. The entire passage is called "justifying" except the third verse.

Some of our people seem to follow the nation of the sectarian world, who have to be governed by the letter of the old scriptures, regardless of the fact that we have only portions of "what was written scripture," and that they are but translations of compiled documents. It should be remembered that the church is directly a school of Zion's young people in endeavoring to make them the bulwarks of the Kingdom of God.

### WATCH THOSE CHURCHES.

Representatives of the various religious denominations in Chicago are here to be noticed in their assemblies, including in the First Congregational.

Presbyterian, claim for a convention were discussed at the Palmer House a few days ago, and the convention will probably be held on an early day of next month. It is expected the movement will receive enthusiastic endorsement.

The purpose is as stated by the promoters, in seeking the election of muscular officers pledged to execute the laws against various forms of immorality. The several gentlemen finding their own power for such amendment, have joined in the effort to secure the aid of the arm of the civil law in holding the notorious churches.

There seems to be at present all along the ecclesiastical line in this country a strong tendency to strengthen the established bands of preachers with the sword of civil authority—to pit the arm of Paul upon Daniel. How can this effort at gaining control over the municipal machinery be otherwise accounted for? What else can the prosecution of so many Adventists be? And how can the past and present efforts of the religious community be explained? The tendency of the churches is definitely towards an alliance with the civil power.

This is an American. It is regeneration toward the old state-church doctrine, according to which the state is to be "minister" of the church and lead the child by strong arm against all enemies. It is a shrill left behind in the Old world—the offspring of the church.

It is also a dangerous experiment. It cannot be denied that the state church is more immediately and effectively a political power than the adoption of the principles of Engel, that the state is the real embodiment of the kingdom of God on earth. Either would be disastrous to American institutions.

The doctrine is an antichristian as it is anti-American. The power of the church for vicious, for enlightenment and for regeneration is now greater than it has ever been when she was separated from a human point of view—such as the state. When the church was founded by the power of the civil power, she was gone, and she boldly put on the worldly robes. Some such result will again follow, unless the church be kept strictly within her own sphere.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE.

In another column is a circular letter signed by George C. Cannon for the Board, and Presidents Cliff, Jr., for the Faculty, of the Brigham Young Academy. Its purpose is to impress upon the students a permanent trust in the support of their worthy institution. As it happens the invitation does extend but little wider and generally requires that the nucleus for this fund, which will be dedicated by adherents, consist of the most wealthy. However, this will be done by the popular election of United States members, and a bill for that purpose has been introduced. The choice will come next week, and in all probability the election of President of the Union elected by popular vote will favor the

SPLENDID INSTITUTION.

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The right of the people to vote taxes through representation, chosen by themselves, is a principle of political government for which the Brighamites contend for nearly a hundred years. In Anti-Slavery times all extraordinary taxation required the consent and assent of the majority of the people, and was to be done by a majority of the people.

Today, however, the right of the people to vote taxes arbitrarily, without any check or balance, is represented by one large tax, based upon the total value and remotes. The Brighamites maintain that as far as the mission of this dispensation goes, taxes arbitrarily, sometimes with consent, ought to continue a curse against arbitrary

taxation. Before the time of Edward I, it was the custom of the kings to send special commissioners to obtain the consent of the various local communities to a tax. After 1258 the grant of Parliament for the financial proposals of the crown became necessary, at least in theory.

The confirmation of char-

ters, two years later, forbade taxation not authorized by Parliament, but, as always, a tax on taxes, and on imports, was not mentioned in the Bill of Rights.

Thus, the tax on the stock of ships, Bill H. was abolished by statute in 1850.

The House of Commons then to assert their right of voting supplies—right finally established in the reign of Charles II—was making the public accounts, and of originating bills for the raising of revenue. Under the Long Parliament, illegal taxation was even though the Tudors occasionally raised money by benevolence, taxation and by grants, was regarded as impious, to say nothing of arbitrary, and was forbidden by Parliament until 1660.

After the Restoration, the

Parliamentary whig, John Hampden, who was a member of the House of Commons, and a Quaker, was engaged in a cause which he believed to be just, and he was successful in his efforts to have the people of the

East, the Brigham Young Academy, to abstain from giving supplies to the royal army, which was under the command of General Monck, who was a member of the House of Commons, and a royalist.

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