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A SPLENDID ADDRESS.

The vast audience present at the Tabernacle services on Sunday appreciated very much the eloquent and scholarly address of President Schurman, of the Cornell University, on the development of religious thought. That is a thoroughly practical and timely subject, and it was handled in a masterly manner. The sermon was of the instructive, edifying kind that an intelligent Latter-day Saint audience thoroughly enjoys.

The entire address was notable, but two thoughts presented were especially so. One was on religious toleration. The speaker called attention to the fact that the principle of religious liberty, as embodied in an Article of Faith of the Church, is the basis of modern, advanced belief. He traced the history of toleration back to Cromwell and the Puritans and paid his tribute to the Baptists as the heralds of religious liberty.

Our age needs to have this subject presented to it as forcibly as possible. For, although the principle of religious toleration is accepted as true by almost everybody, yet, so firmly have religious prejudices taken hold of the human heart that comparatively few men and women in fact apply it to their conduct towards their fellow-men. With many of their religious hatred comes as natural as race hatred. And if it is not hatred it is unwise zeal, by which they are prompted to antagonize and, in a way, make war upon, those who entertain different religious views. Believing as did Saul, the persecutor, that they are doing God a service by trying to compel His children to be "orthodox." Comparatively few have learned to respect, honor, and love their fellow-men notwithstanding their differences in faith. They are too apt to look upon their own particular brand of orthodoxy as the only one that can claim consideration, forgetting that it is but one of many, and that, "now we see through a glass, darkly," that in this sphere, "we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." The subject of toleration is therefore timely. Without it there can be no rapid advance in civilization. Intolerance, when it is permitted to divide citizens in classes antagonizing each other will inject poison into the spiritual life of those who entertain it. It will hinder civic progress and retard scientific research. To live in intolerance is to grope about in the dark, stumble and fall. Let there be light. Let the light of freedom shine from every pulpit. It is the only way to further the interests of truth.

The Church has embodied this principle in its Articles of Faith. It is with us regarded as fundamental of a truly Christian life. And this is another proof that the Church is not an isolated phenomenon in the religious world. It builds upon the principles of truth for which the advanced thinkers in all ages have labored and suffered, certain of final triumph. And religious liberty is one of their corner stones.

Another thought presented was the Fatherhood of God and continuous revelation. The speaker expressed the opinion "that physical science, history, evolution and other agents have demonstrated that there is a God, but that he is not a judge who will punish one because he does not believe in a certain creed or dogma, but rather that 'God is a Father, and we are His children.'"

Then he proceeded to read the ninth Article of Faith, as follows:
"This article says: 'We believe all that God has revealed— I do; all that He does now reveal— I do; and we believe He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God.' I do."

We commend this acknowledgment by an impartial scientist of the possibility of continuous revelation, to our friends who continue to hell the Latter-day Saints for believing in, and proclaiming, that God has actually spoken to men in our age and generation, as He did to former generations through Moses, Isaiah, Malachi, John the Baptist, and the Apostles of the Son of God. If they, too, would admit that there is no proof to be found anywhere that the heavens have been sealed up to all revelation, and that consequently, it is rational to believe that God "will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God," they would be less prejudiced against the Church. For that is, after all, the great and distinctive difference in the faith of the Church and that of other denominations that generally condemn the Prophet Joseph unheard. And yet, what is more rational? If God exists and we are His children; if our needs of guidance to life eternal are the same in this age as always, why should it be absurd to believe that the All-merciful speaks to His children through His servants as He did formerly? Let the entire subject of revelation be considered, and we believe all rational men and women will admit the importance of the truth embodied in this sentence: "We believe He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

Concerning the theory of evolution, Biblical criticism and other subjects with which scientific research, in its many branches, is engaged there is

be different opinions, as long as science falls short of actual demonstration. But no one can deny the importance of religious toleration, and no one should deny the necessity of Divine guidance in the search of all truth.
"Truth indeed came once into the world with her divine Master, and was a perfect shape most glorious to look on; but when He ascended, and His apostles after Him were laid asleep, being brought down a wicked race of deceivers, who, as that story goes of the Egyptian Typhon with his conspirators, how they dealt with the good Osiris, took the virgin Truth, buried her lovely form into a thousand pieces, and scattered them to the four winds. From that time ever since, the sad friends of Truth, such as darts appear, imitating the careful search of Isis, went up and down gathering up limbs by limb still as they could find them. We have not yet found them all, Lords and Commons, nor ever shall do, till her Master's second coming. He shall bring together every joint and member, and shall mould them into an immortal feature of loveliness and perfection."

These lines from Milton's "Areopagitica" are as appropriate today as they were when first penned by the immortal bard.

FOR PRACTICAL FARMERS.

The Agricultural College of Logan offers a practical and very carefully arranged winter course, to which we take pleasure in calling attention. The following will give a good idea of the course: Dairying, Jan. 5 to Jan. 30; Forestry, Jan. 5 to Feb. 27; Sugar Beet Growing, Jan. 5 to April 15; Irrigation, Jan. 5 to April 15; Road Construction, Jan. 5 to April 15; Domestic Science and Arts, Jan. 5 to April 3; Commerce, Jan. 5 to April 3; and Mechanic Arts, Jan. 5 to April 15.

For practical farmers, stock raisers, fruit growers, dairymen and poultry men, the College will conduct a so-called state farmers' round-up, which consists of a two weeks' course in farm problems. The first week, Jan. 11 to Jan. 16, will be devoted to Live Stock. The second week, Jan. 18 to Jan. 23, to Fruit Raising and Farm Crops. Dean Carlyle and Prof. Olsen, of Colorado, as well as leading experts of this state will assist. The College authorities invite actual farmers to attend, and the admission is but nominal.

The courses have been arranged to suit the needs of the State. There are many citizens, young and old, in this State who should avail themselves of the opportunities offered to give three weeks to two months to the study of practical subjects.

The State Farmers' Round-up, to be held from January 11th to January 23rd, is of special importance to all classes of farmers.

RADICAL TREATMENT.

State and county officers are unanimous in their declaration that the proposed stockade will not be permitted to be operated. This is well. Salt Lake cannot afford to tolerate schemes so vile that other cities, where they have been tried, have discontinued them as a menace to public morals, and if the "American" City officials are insensible to, and defiant of, public opinion, it is a matter of congratulation that other officials are prepared to take the matter up in earnest. The stockade should be abated, if possible under the law. It should not be permitted to be opened for the purpose contemplated, or for any unlawful purposes. With the wide advertising it has obtained, it is morally certain that, should it ever be thrown open, curiosity would draw to it thousands, just as foolish crowds are attracted to a spot where a murder has been committed, and many would be caught in the net.

It is silly to say that strict police surveillance would protect the innocent from the temptation. No police surveillance would avail. The stockade is not constructed for the protection of innocence. It is built to make money for the investors. And if it is permitted to operate, no other question will be considered. The investors will see to that, even if they have to take the police department into their confidence.

But the reform efforts should go further than to the hunting down of the women and the closing of the cribs. If the intention is to purify the City everyone interested in the renting out of property for unlawful purposes should be dealt with according to law. The owners of the property should also be exposed. Then it might not be a bad idea to have someone on the lookout for the contemptible creatures who make it their business to accost strange women in the streets, or in public places. To make an example of some of them would have a salutary effect. A few women deputies with proper escorts at a convenient distance might not be a bad scheme. It is certain that the evil demands radical treatment. Now that the public is aroused, let the authorities do their full duty. But if they will not, let the voters remember them at the next election.

AN EXPERT'S RECOMMENDATION

The "News" is in receipt of the following letter from H. H. Langdon, food expert, dated New York, Dec. 16:

"Editor, 'News,' Salt Lake City, Utah.—I note in your Nov. 30th issue that Miss Lord, daughter of Mr. Hyrum Nelson, was made ill by partaking of food in which poisonous ptomaines had developed. It is certainly appalling to learn how rapidly ptomaine poisoning cases have increased since the enforcement of the pure food law. 12,312 cases of ptomaine poisoning, 439 of which were fatal. Prior to the enactment of the Pure Food law, borax and boric acid were used on meat, fish, fowl, sausage, oysters, etc., consequently such food which readily becomes contaminated was kept in an hygienic, healthful condition.

"The Pure Food law compels truthful labels on all articles, packages, or containers of food. A truthful label, however, upon meat, fish, fowl, sausage, oysters, etc., will not prevent them from spoiling so that conditions are favorable for the propagation of poisonous germs. Thus, while the Pure Food law compels truthful labels, it does not, on account of prohibiting preservatives, insure that food will reach the consumer in a pure, healthful condition; neither does the label prevent perishable articles of food from deteriorating when in the consumer's hands so as to become a menace to health and life.

"The authorities should realize the above facts and amend the laws so that preservatives would be permitted on all

articles of food that favor the propagation of poisonous germs.
"Yours very truly,
"H. H. LANGDON."

"Cornell, I yell."

"After me the deluge," says Mr. Carnegie.

Will the Mayor now proceed to stock the stockade?

Mr. Schwab a genius? Monte Carlo thought differently.

Look not upon the light and the wine when they are red.

Santa Claus' stock in trade is fast being depleted. Shop early.

For cabinet positions many are stumped and few are mentioned.

It shows poor judgment to fight the Devil with fire. That's his element.

John L. Sullivan is a plagiarist as well as a pugilist. He says, 'Matrimony is hell.'

There is talk of cutting cable rates. Dewey should be able to give a few pointers on it.

Judge Gary and the steel trust magnates will not rise up and call Andrew Carnegie blessed.

A man in New York makes a living by writing obituaries. He is said to have a dead cinch.

Not the hackneyed salutation of summer but the greeting of winter: Is it cold enough for you?

If Fehring escapes the vengeance of the night riders it will be because he bears a charmed life.

Those who pretend to know say that Mr. Rockefeller would rather have his leg than a tooth pulled.

If at this season you don't see what you want, what you want must be very much out of the usual.

The Senate treated those three special messages as though the President were a dead lion. There could scarcely be a greater mistake made.

If as much were expended to develop the ways of righteousness as is wanted to develop the waterways of the country what a truly great country we would be.

Mr. Charles Crane is sending out to his friends a beautiful Christmas card containing some excellent mottoes and sentiments. Thanks, and compliments of the season!

A smallpox scare seems to be due every two years, about the time the Legislature is to convene. A compulsory vaccination law might stop it. There must be somebody who will not be happy till he gets it.

"Who will chop the wood in the future for all the lawyers and physicians?" asks the Atchison Globe. What a question! By the time the wood gets here there won't be any wood to chop, the forests are disappearing so rapidly.

"The Tribune is firm in its belief and insistence that the old 'revelation,' commanding the practice of plural marriage, should be expunged from the book," says the organ of the Pseudo-American party. And no doubt it is also "firm in its belief and insistence," that the entire "Mormon" people should be exterminated. The organ, however, does not openly advocate the elimination from the Bible of the history of Abraham, or of David, nor the genealogical record of our Lord and Redeemer. Why not?

"Is Milton much read today outside 'English courses' and the cloistered calm?" Asks the Boston Transcript. Probably the answer would be in the negative. But would not the answer be in the negative if the same question were asked concerning any great classic? Everybody knows Shakespeare, a great many talk about him and some read him. The great names of our English literature are great influences, and so far as they affect the course of intellectual progress and development, that after all is the main thing. Those who do not make some acquaintance with the masters of English literature miss much, more than they realize. If they do not mourn their loss why should others?

WHERE CASTRO WAS WISE.

Pittsburg Gazette-Times.
President Castro of Venezuela, who evidently shares the opinion of a brother plutocrat that it is a disgrace to die rich, has discovered a more practicable short cut toward the goal of poverty. When he went to Europe it was with the avowed object of having some expensive surgical operations performed. But he has changed his mind and announced yesterday to the merchants of Berlin his intention to invest extensively in haberdashery. He issued a public invitation to tradesmen to lay before him the choicest samples of neckwear "from which he will choose a costly and resplendent array," and furthermore declared: "I am willing to spend a quarter of a million dollars before leaving Berlin." In this way he hopes to get rid of as much money as he has indulged in the luxury of an operation for appendicitis, and with much less inconvenience to himself. The surgeons are sad, but the haberdashers are delighted.

AMBITIOUS ARGENTINE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
The progressive Argentine republic, stirred to action by the military and naval preparations of her neighbor, Brazil, is herself considering the project of largely increasing her national defenses. The real intentions of Brazil in ordering a number of modern war vessels have been kept pretty well concealed; there is certainly no reason to suppose that she intends to use them in aggression against Argentina. The urgent concern of the great nation to the south is easily explained. The Argentine chamber of deputies, corresponding to the house at Washington, recently passed an act authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000,000, the bulk of the money to be spent in warships. The senate, however, acting in accordance with the recommendation of a special armament commission,

cut this estimate in half, authorizing that \$38,000,000 be spent. The matter has now to be threshed out between the two houses of congress.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Cupid's Almanac and Guide to Heart-lure is a unique publication, the character of which is indicated in the title. It is said to be compiled for Dr. Cupid, by Oliver Herford and John Gail Clay, and it is dedicated to lovers and lovers of lovers. It is a dainty little almanac, full of exquisite wit and humor and containing some beautiful illustrations.—Houghton Mifflin Co., 4 Park St., Boston, Mass.

Women and matrimony are arraigned in a novellette in Young's Magazine for January, by Elizabeth Goido, entitled "The Marriage Mart." That under the conditions of marriage is a grotesque and ironic farce in which love has no place, is shown in the career of lovely Ina Mertens, who goes campaigning for a husband with cool, disguised deliberation, and admits that she is willing to sell herself for a mansion, an opera box, a diamond necklace, and a husband on the side, as it were. Mrs. Mertens is pictured as a type of modern, incapable of honor or love or true feeling, a sort of dowager auctioneer, routing the charms of her flesh-and-blood merchandise and frowning at the impecunious bidder. There are a number of other stories, clever and otherwise—114-116 East Twenty-eighth St., New York.

"Mr. Dooley" once remarked that all Christian Science needs is a little more science and that all science needs is a little more Christianity. This remark was prophetic of an extraordinary condition existing in the United States today which Ray Stannard Baker reports in the January American Magazine. The church is taking up the healing of the sick, and medicine is taking on the color of Christianity by acknowledging the mind and religion as aids in effecting cures of the body. In the same issue of the American Magazine (which, by the way, now appears in a new type dress and with better illustrations) William Allen White begins a new series of political articles entitled "The Old Order Church." It is the great Kansas journalist at his best. What are the solid results of all these years of agitation and exposure through which we have just passed? Mr. White is going back and sorts out what is tangible. He proposes now to put into lasting form the facts which ought to be preserved. Other contributions to the same number may be summarized briefly. Stewart Edward White tells a story of boy life—really a great one. Will Irwin describes the New York Sun. Eleanor Gates reports the facts about a new meat which may soon feed the millions. David Grayson interviews a sober churchman. Mrs. McKee Rankin recalls memories of John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln Colcord, James Oppenheim and many others tell stories. "The Interpreter's House" and "The Pilgrim's Script" are full of good reading.—441 Fifth Ave., New York.

Morgan Robertson contributes to the Christmas number of Harper's Weekly, one of his stirring stories, "Kismet"—a tale of two men and of their rivalry through life, until they meet as mates of the same ship. Captain M. B. Stewart contributes a humorous story of life at West Point, with a delightful love interest. In "The Affair of the Carpathian," van Tassel Sutphen leads us into the future, showing the "hold-up" of an ocean liner by a aeroplane. L. A. Newcome contributes an account of an American girl in "The Falcons." It is a story of crime, and the heroine is the master criminal "Aber Grayson" and "The Girl," by Randolph Hartley, is a humorous tale of frontier life, with a sub-current of pathos. Philip Dormer Chesterfield contributes an amusing article entitled "Little Brothers of the Rich," showing, under a satirical treatment, the injustice which is done to the millionaire, whose possession of wealth is often based, ipso facto, as evidence of criminality. An essay by Louise Collier Wilcox, entitled "Christmas Carols," contains many quaint and charming examples of these old songs. A feature of this issue is "A Last Will," by Williston Fish, in which the testator bequeaths all the non-material and yet essential things in the universe to all humanity.—Harper & Bros., New York.

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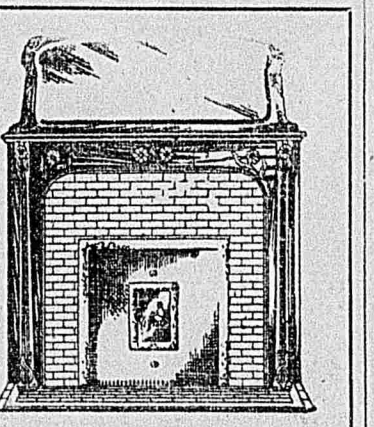
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