### DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1901.

cal upheavals drove officeholders from

every branch of the service, but Miss

Berard remained West Point's post-

mistress from the time of her appoint-

ment until 1897. No one attempted to

have her removed until soon after the

beginning of Mr. Cleveland's first ad-

Prof. Berard died in 1846, leaving a

widow and several small children. When

that little remained for his family

Friends at Washington obtained the

postoffice at West Point for Mrs. Ber-

ard and when she died her daughter

One morning early in President

Cleveland's first term a formidable

looking letter arrived for the postmis-

tress. It was a notice of her removal,

with instructions to turn over the office

to a new postmaster, who would pre-

sent credentials within twenty-four

hours. The appointee was a Newburg

man and a leading light in the state

Democratic machine. He was on time,

with papers showing his authority, but

Miss Berard refused to give up the of-fice until her friends had a chance to

see the President. The Newburg man

was inclined to take forcible posses-sion, but when he saw several soldiers

with fixed bayonets walking in front

of the house he decided to wait.

ministration.

succeeded her.



piscourse delivered at the General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Tabernaele, Salt Lake City, Friday Afternoon, October 5, 1900, by

ELDER A. O. WOODRUFF.

Individual Responsibility of the Saints - Neglect of Duties of the Priesthood Deprecated-Baneful Effects of Bad Example - Officers Should be Wisely Selected - Saints Should Not

Take Their Hands From the Plow.

fel very grateful this afternoon that the Lord is mindful of his people. I thank him for the prosperity that is atunding the Latter-day Saints, for the perty that we enjoy, and for the maryous way in which he has operated upon the people in many sections of the eria to bring about the freedom that his servants enjoy today. In standing before you this afternoon I feel very tumble, and I pray that the power and impiration of God may rest upon me that I may be led to give forth the words that he would have me speak on his eccasion; for he knows the hearts of this people and the teachings that will be best adapted to their needs. I tave greatly enjoyed the instructions ave been given here today. I do not know that I even heard President now speak when his voice sounded ester or more forceful than it did this morning, and this reminded me of the change that ofttimes comes over men thange that offlimes comes over men when they are called of God to certain pations. In many instances their balls and their minds seem to be re-norated and renewed by the power of God within them. I felt in listening President Snow's words to glorify the name of our Eternal Father for his moness and for the abundant maniestations of his approval of this peo-

There is a matter that I have thought of a great deal of late in connection with the work of our Heavenly Father, and that is the individual responsibility which the Latter-day Saints are under. doubt very much if in our different lings we appreciate this as we ought There is too great a tendency a the part of those who bear the Holy hathood to try to shift responsibility to the presiding officers of the wards the Stakes of the Church. Did we think of the fact that every one is should be as interested in the k of God as our brother or our sis-We ought not to ur to shift reinsibility onto some one else; but we bught to secure a clear conscience be-fore God by faithfully discharging the duty whereunto we have been called, be that duty ever so humble.

Every quorum of the Priesthood is necessary in the Church of Christ. If were not, it never would have en given to us. I have alarmed at the dis-

My beloved brethren and sisters: I we have heard tell of a Teachers' quorum, those Teachers were not doing their duty? And where Bishops allow this condition to exist, they as well as the Stake Presidents are taking upon themselves responsibilities I should not like to assume

Stake Presidents and Counselors, High Councilors, Bishops and Counselors ought to have the guidance and the inspiration of the Spirit of God in the selection of men to fill offices. Because a man holds a certain degree of priesthood, does not follow that he will make a good Teacher or a good Priest, or that he will make a good man to instruct the people on the Sabbath day, Bishops and counselors and Stake officers should study this matter. They ought not to send Teachers into the homes of the people who will visit for two or three hours and never do any teaching. They ought to send men out who are filled with the Spirit of God, who will go into the homes of the Saints and with them, and who will make a pray study of the people under their watchcare. Such brethren, when they see a member of a family who is not a tithe. payer, will labor with that member upon that point; and if there is member who is not an observer of the Word of Wisdom, they will labor with that one upon that particular point, and so on. They will find all the defects and weaknesses, and in the spirit of love and kindness they will labor with those brethren and sisters who are delinquent and will try to reform them. We send out many Elders into the missionary field and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to carry the Gospel

abroad. . Is it not just as important that these quorums of the Priesthood should be active and allve to their duty, and that the members of those, quorums should prize the office they hold sufficiently to keep the commandments which God has given them, in order that their example may be good before the people? We find Stake officers and ward officers who do not observe the Word of Wisdom. They have their cup of tea or their cup of coffee, or they are given to smoking, and perhaps in some instances to drinking, and yet they are tolerated. My brethren and sisters, in speaking

not honor the Priesthood that God has conferred upon me sufficiently to let tosist in indulging in these things and setting a bad example before the people ought to have at least sufficient in-terest in the work of the Lord to give up his position to some one who will prize and magnify the position that God has called him to. I do not believe that men who are living in open violation of the commandments of God prize their calling. They may think they do; they may think that they love the work of the Lord; but their very acts show that the Lord; but their very acts show that they do not. When it comes to laying aside their little cup of tea as Relief Society workers or as other workers in the Stakes of Zion, some cannot do it, not even for the sake of the example. I feel, my brethren and sisters, that this is an important matter. Every Deacon, every Teacher and every Priest ought to ask himself the question whether or not he is magnifying the Priesthood that God has honored him with. For it is an honor to be a Dea-con in the Church of Christ. It is a greater honor than any that can be conferred upon men in the political world, because this work that we are engaged in is God's work, not the work of man, and God will honor those who honor the positions that are given to them in His Church. Now, where Teachers are not doing their duty, shall the President of the Church be held rethe President of the Church be held re-sponsible? Would it be manly for the Bishop of a Ward to say that the Pres-ident of the Church is responsible be-cause his ward is not up to the mark in fulfilling the obligations that the Lord has placed upon them? It appears to me that this is not the spirit of the Genel. The spirit of the Genel is for exto me that this is not the spirit of the Gospel. The spirit of the Gospel is for ev-ery man to do his duty and not try to shift any responsibility onto somebody else. We are told that we are agents unto ourselves, and that we ought to be engaged in bringing to pass much righteousness. When we are placed to preside over a Ward it is not necessary to go to the President of the Church to ask about every little matter but wa to go to the President of the Church to ask about every little matter, but we are entitled to the spirit of God and to the revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ in our calling. If we are ener-getic and are working in the calling whereunto the Lord has called us, he will reveal many great and important things unto us, and he will bring to our minds many suggestions and ideas with regard to the government of our ward regard to the government of our Ward. So with presidents of Stakes and High Councils and other officers of the Church. I am interested in the work of the Lord. I would like to see these quorums of the Lesser Priesthood in a good ac-tive condition. It is thought by some that we have concentrated our energies that we have concentrated our energies too much upon Sunday school work or upon Mutual Improvement work, and we have not given that attention which we nave not given that attention which we ought to do to the quorums of the Priesthood. If we have erred in this direction, we cught to correct it and la-bor diligently to see that every quorum is in good live condition. No Stake of Zion can be up to the mark whose quorums of the Priesthood are inactive. the mark whose quorums of the Priesthood ane inactive. Inactivity is death, and there are too many dead members in the Priesthood. The man put pooquesid siqu ul mois ilim oum put pooquesid siqu ul mois ilim oum pue pooqiselid siqi ul moif ilim oqa come to the front is the man who labors. And as with the man, so with the quorum. The Stake President who will develop himself and his Stake is the one who is actively engaged in his calling. If he is not thus engaged, in-stead of growing he will wither up, and his Stake will suffer. Now it appears to me that the progress of the work of God in the wards and in the Stakes is of greater importance than the feel-ing of any man or woman; and it would is of greater importance than the states is of greater importance than the feel-ing of any man or woman; and it would seem to me that Latter-day Saints who actually believe that this is the work of the Lord, when they know that changes can be made which will bene-fit the work of God, they will not feel hurt or that an injustice is being done by such changes. I believe that some consure has been merited by some Stake officers for not making changes that ought to have been made. I believe that if they had made these changes manfully and under the influence of the spirit of God, and explained to those affected why they were necessary, the brethren would not have felt half as example they know is bad, are soft shouldering upon themselves bens found in those Stakes. If a true of the general authorities church, it is also true of the Bishops or officers in any of the Bishops or officers in any of the heir duty? Do you believe, my a will be fastified in whose Stakes an or a Teacher's quorum, and it

but to go all the way, doing the will of our Father from day to day so far as it is made clear to us. Our labor for salvation reminds me very much of an experience that was brought to my attention this season by a colony of our people going into Wyo-ming. I heard of one or two of them who became discouraged before they got to the Summit in Parley's canyon, and one or two more became discour-aged when they got to some other summit; while others turned back as they were going or after they got there. Now those people did not receive any reward. Their time was thrown away. Others, after they got there and en-gaged in the toil which was necessary

to settle up any new country, became discouraged and they also left. And others will leave. This has been the of the officers of the regular army, history of the settlement of all our new was stricken with paralysis late Tuescountries. I am toid that at least onehaif of the people that went to Cache Valley in early days returned because day night at her home on Hackensack Heights, Hackensack, N. J. She is in they did not think they could live there, in listening to Brother Judd York Herald. Miss Berard is 74 years Brother Ricks, Brother Card and other brethren who are having experience in this same line, I can sympathize with them, for our experience is similar to the late Claudius Berard, who was professor of French at the military acad-There are some people who theirs. emy from 1815 to 1846. turn back all along the way. So it is on our journey and search for salva-

tion, Some are afraid of the water; they dare not go into the water to be baptized, Then there are others who after they are baptized are atraid of something else. They cannot make the sacrince, as they consider it, of paying their titning. They cannot keep he word of Wisdom. They cannot be honest, or virtuous, or truthful. The result is, we find one turning off here, and another there, and leaving the ship Zion. Now, only those are penefitted who continue in their search tor salvation, and in their journey toward eternal life. Only those receive a reward who pass through the hardships and the discouraging conditions and continue in the way of life unto the end. If we turn back any time before then, our labors have been in vain and we will not receive the reward. We are told that blessed is the man who endureth temptation, for he shall re-ceive a crown of life which the Lord

has promised. My brethern and sisters, whatever position we have been called to occupy in this Church, or whatever quorum of Priesthood we are members of, the only way we can receive the promised reward is to labor constantly and to eep the Spirit of God. If we will do this, we will love the work of God more every day of our lives. I thank God that this has been my experience. I have felt better every day in the labors which the Lord has called me to perform, and my pleasure in them increases. I know this is the case with all men and women that work to bring about righteousness. Those who en-dure trials and temptations, those who are full of zeal and of the Spirit of God from morn until night, you will al-ways know just where to find them. Great and glorious will be their reward

I thank the Lord for the testimony I have that this is his work. I receive new testimonies every day of my I know that God is with this peoife. ple, and I know that He will bless everything that is undertaken as indi-cated through the Prombet of God. It is enough for us to know that the Lord has indicated through His mouthpiece what should be done, and it is for

us to give heed unto it. May God grant that we may have His Spirit in this way I do so with the feeling that I would expect to be dealt with if I did the testimonies we have received; that not honor the Priesthood that God has conferred upon me sufficiently to let to-bacco, whisky and other things that God has forbidden alone. I feel that any officer in this Church who will per-sist in indulging in these things and the work which is a little delinquent, and see to it that it is brought to the front, in order that every department of the Priesthood may be united. It is possible for the Presidency of the church and the Apostles to be united to a man, that the president of the quorum of the Apostles car say to the Presidency of the Church that nothing in righteousn ]] can be required of these men that will not be done, so it is possible for the to be said of the Seventies, and of the High Priests, and of the Elders, and of every department of the Priesthood, if all men rid before the priesthood. if all men will labor to bring this re-sult about. God grant that this may be the case; that we may be encour-aged, and that the blessings of God may attend every effort which we put forth toward the upbuilding of His kingdom. I ask it in the name of lacus Amar Jesus. Amen.



#### Miss Blanche Berard, Who Held the Position at West Point, Now a Paralytic.

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Miss Blanche Berard, who for near- a strong protest was made by the millly forty years was postmistress at West Point, and who is known by nearly all parts of the country poured in on the President. Miss Berard's friends began work at once, and, it is said, J. Pierpont Morgan hurried to Washington and used his friendly offices. When Presi-dent Cleveland learned the true situation he rescinded the Newburg man's a critical conditions, says the New appointment, and the aged postmis-tress gained a signal victory. She was renominated in January, 1897, for four old. She is the youngest daughter of years, and the senate quickly confirmed the appointment. Three months later, on March 14, 1897, she resigned so as give her care to her sister, who was onfirmed invalid. Administrations changed and politi-

When Miss Berard's father was proessor in the academy she was the eigning belle at West Point. Grant Sherman, Sheridan and many othe generals who took conspicuous parts in the civil war never failed to call on her henever they visited West Point.

Early in life Miss Berard had a sad romance. She was a great favorite among the cadets, but of all who visited the little cottage at the foot of the hil one only was more than a friend, Soon after he was graduated he was detaile to West Point, and report had it that he and Miss Berard were to be married, his affairs were settled it was found It was his duty occasionally to take troop of cadets through the moun tains. Before going one day he called at the Berard cottage. Miss Blanche went to the door and saw him mount a restless horse. She warned him to be careful. He turned in the saddle to re ply, when the animal plunged and the oung officer was thrown headlong. One foot was caught in the stirrup and he was dragged a long distance. He died the next day. Miss Berard never gave encouragement to another suitor.

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gard of duty shown by many men to have been honored with the Priesthood of the Son of God. Especially is this the case in the Lesser Priesthood, and in many instances it is to be found among the Elders and Seventies. This ought not to be. I feel that we will never arrive at the condition which we would like to attain until there is a renewal of interest in all the quorums i the Priesthood, Our heavenly Father placed each quorum in the Church perform an especial labor. The duty the Deacon is different from that of Feacher, the duty of the Teacher frencher from that of the Priest, the is different from that of the Priest, the duty of the Priest is different from that of the Elder, the duty of the Elder from that of the Seventy, the Seventy from that of the High Priest, and the High Priest from that of the Apostle. In some of the Stakes we discover that such an officer as a Priest has not been hard of the homes of the prevale. eard of the homes of the people have ever been visited by Priests, and they We never heard of a quorum of iesis in their Stake. The quorum of ichers is almost as badly neglected ome quarters; as also is the quorum

there is a great and a grand is for the Deacons, the Teachers and a Friests to perform, as well as for the Elders and the Seventies. If we are abless and the seventies. If we are fulfill in the Lesser Priesthood, i an we expect to advance? If we as fulfill the duties whereunto God (alled us, how can we expect him beau with greater things. There of them in the Church who to young man in this Church who been honored with the Priesthood icon and has been faithful in arging the duties of that calling, what has been honored with some er calling and Priesthood. This is This is also of the Teachers and Priests. The salways room for advancement b the Priesthood of the Son of God. We Eternal Father will always honor the who honor Him and His author-

fel that there are officers of Stakes wards who have taken upon them-is a grave responsibility in main-This a grave responsibility in main-ting men and women in positions in a Church who have not magnified twen appreciated the callings where-to the Lord has called them. And far that in some instances whole the have suffered by the example the memember of the Stake Presiden-of the High Council, or of some are organization of the Priesthood, in have pointed to a brother who per-is has been retained as a councilor or as a Stake stident, who has not honored the sthood that has been conferred up-

testand, who has not honored the destand that has been conferred up-him, and whose example has not an and they have justified them-test evil conduct by reason of such amples. The presiding officers in the stand wards have been lengent in angles. The presiding officers in angles. The presiding officers in ats and wards have been lenient in ats and wards have been lenient in any instances. People have been of Wisdom; others have been tol-traid who have not observed the end of Wisdom; others have been tol-traid who have not paid tithing, and I others who have violated other is of God; and this course has been lowed in some instances because of desire of the brethren to keep these the in the Church and save their is. The question is, is it better to intain officers in the Church under in feelings, than to make changes let would benefit the people in gen-lit And is it not a fact that those interest in the work, are assuming a at responsibility? President Smith at Cannon or President Smith at Cannon or President Smith at Cannon or President Smith at the therefore send the Apos-e and the Apostles never go except into these Stakes authorized to per-m of the stakes suborized to per-m of the stakes suborized to pere sent ny the Presidency, these Stakes authorized to per-certain labor, and if they, on ac-of lenlency, retain men in office of lenlency, retain men in office example they know is bad, are

# President Hays in the East.

Chicago, Feb. 7 -- President Charles M. Hays of the Southern Pacific system passed through Chicago today, en route to New York for a conference with the Morgan-Harriman interests.

The Record tomorrow will say: "It is claimed that the Eastern trip of Mr. Hays has reference to a plan which will make him the common executive head of the Union and Southern Pacific sys-tems Paradout Part of the Union Pacific systems, President Burt of the Union Pa-cific being elevated to the chairmanship the greatest efficiency of operation could be secured, vast economics could be introduced, and the advantages of the recent deal could be developed to the utmost. The headquarters of both roads, it is rumored, will be in Omaha."



of the Cuban postal service, who is accused of fraud, is waiting with increased interest since he has threatened to make revelations that will show that he is innocent, and that he is being prosecuted to conceal the frauds of others in higher official positions,





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