

Written for this Paper

THE REORGANIZED CHURCH.

I have read with much interest the dispatches relating to the recent conference of the "Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints," and fully agree with your editorial based upon the information obtained by telegraph. The spirit of your article was kindly, and therefore not of a character to wound the feelings of the class to whom it referred. The people who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, established under the direction of God, by Joseph Smith, are necessarily interested in the members of the family of that great Prophet, and regret to see them assume a false position. The same sentiment is entertained toward their followers, who, although deceived, are, doubtless, in most instances honest.

I desire space in order to direct attention to a special point connected with the present predicament of the "Reorganized Church." In doing this it is pertinent to introduce a paragraph from the revelation claimed to have been received by the president of that organization relating to an alleged vacancy in the first presidency:

My servant, David H. Smith is in my hand; and his bishopric shall be continued for a season; if he fully recover, he will enter again the work. If I take him to myself, another will be appointed in his stead when the quorum is filled.

For further elucidation the following from a dispatch is also inserted:

The revelation in dispute says that the supposed vacancy in the presidency was not a vacancy in the eyes of God. David H. Smith, who was the third member of that body, is not dead, as had been supposed by many of the council, but is insane, and is now confined in the Illinois asylum and has been so confined for the last twenty years.

The position taken in the above quotations is that insanity and confinement in an asylum for an indefinite time does not disqualify a member of the first presidency from retaining his office.

For the sake of truth and in all kindness, I must here present the logic of such a proposition:

(1) If insanity does not disqualify an ecclesiastical officer from occupancy of an exalted position in a church, continuous and confirmed mental aberration would not be a bar to eligibility for selection for and election to a similar position.

(2) If the proposition applies to one member of the quorum of three at the head of the organization, it necessarily likewise would apply, under similar conditions, to the other two.

(3) If the principle has application in relation to the first presidency or any one of them, it would logically operate with regard to every other office and officer throughout the entire organization.

One of the most regrettable features of this most unphilosophical and illogical assumption is the claim that it came from God. The real revelations given by that Holy Being show that in the conduct of His work He moves in unison with the natural laws of economy and adaptation. This course is made especially prominent with regard to men who figure conspicuously as instruments in His divine hand for the

attainment of His purposes. Nothing could be more in conflict with the economy of God than the position assumed in this alleged revelation and attributed to Him.

There is not a true Latter-day Saint in this region but deplors the terrible affliction of which the man who figured so conspicuously in the recent proceedings of the Re-organization is the victim. As a body they also regret that so many worthy people should continue to labor under false conceptions of the nature and identity of the work which Joseph Smith the Prophet was the instrument in the hands of God in founding. It is hoped that the recent proceedings under consideration will stimulate thought in such in the direction of truth and consistency.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

BRIEF LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Farr's woolen mill which has been closed for a number of years has been purchased by a practical manufacturer Mr. Hervey Platt. The mill is a two-story mill, having two sets of cards and 660 spindles, and is situated on Ogden river. The water is of good quality for scouring wool. Some men were set to work yesterday, and it is expected that by the first fifty or sixty hands will find steady employment.

MOAB, Grand Co., Utah,
April 8th, 1895.

We had a "nipper" here this last week. It commenced to blow great gusts from the south on the 4th, then on the 5th blew icebergs from the north; then the night of the 5th killed the most of the fruit; can tell better in a few days. The apricots were in bloom, peaches had commenced and some pears were also in bloom.

O. N. WARNER.

Some time last fall a young man, Carl Bergstrom, of this city, was killed by a falling rock in a lime quarry. An account of the accident appeared at the time in the NEWS. Friends of the deceased have been endeavoring to gather some money for the benefit of the widow and the children, with the result that \$222.35 have been obtained in donations ranging from 25 cents to \$6. The committee in charge of this charitable work wish to express their appreciation of the willingness with which friends of the stricken family have responded to the call for donations.

The Territorial board of equalization last night issued the following circular to county assessors:

"For the year 1895 the board recommends that range cattle be assessed at \$3 per head, sheep at \$1.50 per head, horses, mules, swine and milch cows at their cash value.

The board expects that the returns from each county will show that the assessors have assessed accordingly, and in making assessments of live stock the assessors are requested to bear in mind that the yearly returns of the shipment of wool show that a large proportion of the sheep in the Territory escape assessment. A similar condition it is believed, exists in regard to range cattle.

Concerning real estate, the board believes that many acres of land escape taxation. By careful use of the plat

counties are required to furnish, this will be avoided.

The board again earnestly calls attention to the necessity of diligence being exercised in assessing all property subject to taxation, as the needs of the Territory are great."

At the meeting of taxpayers in the probate court room Wednesday afternoon the following financial statement, prepared by the selectmen, was presented; it shows the actual cost of running the county in 1894, and the estimated cost of running it in 1895:

EXPENSE.	Actual cost 1894.	Estimated cost 1895.
Salaries paid officers.....	\$ 30,510 70	\$ 25,000 00
Paupers, insane, etc.....	30,964 47	25,000 00
Books, stationery and printing.....	2,829 15	2,000 00
Jail and prison.....	6,438 38	5,000 00
Gen. mis. expenses.....	17,208 47	10,000 00
Criminal prosecution, inquest and interest.....	2,186 52	1,750 00
Roads, rivers and bridges (not including State road).....	34,631 92	10,000 00
Total cost of running Salt Lake county 1894, (except State road and joint building).....	\$ 124,780 56	\$ 74,750 00

	Est. Cost 1895.
Extra expense to be incurred in 1895 in addition to general expense of the county in previous years:	
Taking census, estimated.....	\$ 4,000 00
Investigation.....	5,000 00
Maintenance J. C. & O. B.....	6,000 00
Interest on \$333,000 at 8 per cent.....	27,400 00
Cost of bond election.....	1,500 00
Grand total for 1895.....	\$122,290 00

RECEIPTS. (1894.)	
License.....	\$ 1,141 25
County tax.....	104,586 35
Fines and forfeitures.....	228 80
Real estate redemptions.....	20, 39 69
Pauper, rent and sundries.....	65 30
Total.....	\$126,033 39

RECEIPTS. (1895 EST.)	
Licenses.....	\$ 12,000 00
County tax.....	104,000 00
Redemptions.....	15,000 00
Miscellaneous.....	2,500 00
Total.....	\$129,500 00

OBITUARY NOTES.

SAMUEL ELLINGFORD.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, April 9, 1895.—Samuel Ellingford, of Armdon ward, died April 9th and was buried on the 6th at Armdon; born March 23, 1828, at Beraford, Shuffolk, England; baptized February 22, 1850, by Elder Ebenezer Gilles; emigrated September 19, 1877, to Richville, Morgan county, Utah, and came to Idaho in 1885. He was ordained an Elder in May, 1857, and a High Priest in August, 1884. Bro. Ellingford was one that was always at the front when needed; he took considerable interest in helping the poor, in or out of the Church, and his past kindness will be long remembered by the Saints in and around where he has lived.—[COMMUNICATED.]
Millennial Star, please copy.

HANNAH HEATH.

Sister Hannah Heath died at Swan Lake, Bannock county, Idaho, after a lingering illness of dropsy, on Sunday, April 7, 1895. Deceased was the wife of Presiding Elder Geo. Heath, and was a native of Broad Hinton, Wiltshire, Eng-