

long as they were permitted to lift their voices among them.

That the divine mind has not changed on this all important subject is known to the Latter-day Saints from the fact that the servants of the Lord in this age were again charged with the mission of inculcating to them the doctrine of unity. Again and again they have been exhorted to exhibit that oneness that was characteristic of the Church during its Pentecostal stage of existence, and only by attention to this command was the great latter-day work carried on to victory among difficulties and opposition almost unparalleled.

It should be evident to all that the ideal state of the Church on earth is not unattainable, as our Christian friends are fond of asserting. It will be admitted readily that it cannot be achieved on any one human creed, or even on the teachings of the Bible, as long as each bishop and priest, and each church member claims the authority to interpret them according to his own proclivities or genius. But if the Christian world today, like Israel of old had as its guide a Moses, privileged to commune with Jehovah; or Apostles empowered to settle all questions of doubt in the name of the Lord, because guided by that Spirit whose office it is to lead the Church in the path of truth; and if the Christian world would listen to these men as did the ancient people of God, the whole matter would be settled. The genius of denominationalism is to follow men who themselves are groping in darkness to some extent; it leads to endless division. The genius of true Christianity is to follow Christ Jesus as the shepherd; the result is "one faith, one baptism, one Lord" and, we may add, one Church.

Here is the true remedy against the evil of religious division. It was stated by ancient men of God that in the last days communication between heaven and earth should be established after an interval of darkness and confusion. "In Mount Zion and Jerusalem shall be deliverance." The work of uniting the scattered children of God is no man's work, but it will be accomplished by divine interference, by the restoration of the gifts of the Church, the holy Priesthood, and the Gospel in its original power and purity.

A WORTHY COMING EVENT.

Our Welsh friends, whose taste for music and whose skill in the divine art need no praise from us, are preparing a grand event for the 4th and 5th of October next, the same being a musical festival, the "first annual Elatedufod," with prizes to the amount of nearly \$2,000 for the successful competitor, and the competition to take place in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. As we understand it, the design is to exclude no nationality or creed from taking part in the exercises; the purpose being to stimulate the musical and literary talent which, while already recognized, is believed to exist far more plentifully in a still latent condition in the population of the Rocky Mountains.

The News applauds the object sought to be accomplished by the able and energetic committee who have

this matter in hand, and has nothing but words of encouragement for the means they have decided upon. The event deserves to be a memorable and successful one in every sense, and we shall be pleased to note from time to time the detailed features of the occasion and the names of the aspirants for the honors there to be won.

A LIFE'S VALUE.

Last Monday night a man named Gorman was shot to death by a policeman on one of the principal streets of Chicago. The incidents of the tragedy are thus pathetically told by the *Dispatch*:—

Gorman had been out of work several months and was penniless. He had left a wife and child in St. Paul, and received a telegram Monday that the latter had died. He tried to borrow enough money to buy a ticket to St. Paul to see his dead baby, but failed. An attempt to pawn his revolver proved unavailing. He offered the \$18 weapon for a \$9 railroad ticket, but was refused. He spent all day Monday trying to beg, borrow or raise the necessary money. At night, crazed by desperation, he attempted to rob a saloon keeper, met with resistance, was pursued and shot to death like a hunted wild animal.

And all this in a city of 2,000,000 people, with wealth and influence on every hand! Thousands would have gladly given him the pittance he asked if the facts had been known, but the truth was established too late. It is a cruel world, my masters.

PROMISE TO JUDAH.

Last Tuesday, July 9th, which in the Hebrew calendar is the seventeenth day of the month Tammuz, the fourth of their ecclesiastical year, was generally observed among orthodox Jews all over the world as a day of fasting and prayer, in accordance with a common custom. It is the anniversary of the beginning of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans under Titus, in the year 70 of our era.

On that day the people were driven from worship in the temple, portions of the walls were torn down, the altars were despoiled of their rich adornments and the Torah, or Ten Commandments. After burning the Torah and destroying the ark, the Romans set up a great cross in the Holy of Holies, where the ark had been for centuries. After this there was no more burnt offerings, no more incense, no more worship in the great temple. Twelve days later, on the first day of the month of Ab, which is July 21st, in modern reckoning, the great fire which consumed the temple and a large portion of the city of Jerusalem was started. This event is commemorated annually by nine days of fasting and prayer, beginning July 21st.

This was undoubtedly the greatest calamity that had befallen the Jewish nation, and no wonder that it is slow to fade away from the memory of the people. The fact, however, that it is still a cause of prayerful mourning indicates that the loss is not irreparable. The great lawgiver, Moses, predicted that disobedience to the law would be followed by the desolation of the land

of their fathers, but repentance and a return to the covenant would bring forth new blessings. "Then the Lord, thy God, will turn thy captivity and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations whither the Lord, thy God, hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the utmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord, thy God, gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee. And the Lord, thy God, will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers." Deut. 28:1-5. This is the promise to Judah that will be fulfilled speedily.

DANGEROUS SECRET SOCIETY.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* notices an Oakland organization that calls itself The Independent Order of Eternal Vigilance. Its members are pledged to war against what they call the great "conspirators" in America, by which term they seem to refer to capitalists, "therwise designated as "goldbugs," plutocrats," etc. The chief of the order is one Abraham Huff, a writer on economic questions, who for a long time has endeavored to impress on the public the idea that he knows a good deal more about such matters than he dares to publish. It is supposed that the new secret order will be made the soil in which to plant the precious seed of this superior knowledge, so long reserved for some favorable opportunity.

The preamble adopted in one of their secret meetings, by accident or otherwise has fallen into hands for which it was not intended. There may have been a spy present. It reads in part as follows:

Friends and brothers, the methods of the usurpers are mysterious, deceitful, unscrupulous and treacherous beyond comprehension, concocted in the dark and carried out on a scale of political debauchery and corruption unrivaled only by pagan Rome in her decadence, or Christian France previous to her revolution of blood. The charges against George III preferred by our forefathers previous to our perilous revolution of 1776 are just as applicable to the reigning dynasty of today.

The Constitution of the country is declared a failure. The "Eternal Vigilantes" say:

This was once supposed to be the invulnerable bulwark of American liberty, but it has proved, alas, too much like pie crust, made to be broken, a rope of sand, a delusion and a snare to the unwary, a solemn mockery.

Further:

The disclosures will be presented only to those initiated into the order. These will show the diabolical nature of the whole scheme to overthrow the Republic and render it a nation of landlords and tenants, in which freedom would be impossible—facts which for prudential reasons could not be given to the public with safety.

The preamble concludes:

Do not flatter yourselves that the gathering storm will pass by and leave you unharmed. We do not know what a day will bring forth. Be not deceived. I will require the most heroic efforts wisely directed and persistently adhered to to rescue the nation and people from the