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THE PRIMARY ASSOCIATION.

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary
of the organization of the General
Board of the Primary Association of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints. It takes the children of the
Saints at an early age as they are
capable of receiving religious in-
struction, and trains them in the prin-
ciples and ordinances of the Gospel,
and in lessons of morality, honesty,
truthfulness, fraternity and charity. It
supplements the work of the Sunday
schools so far as it relates to the little
ones, the older members of the Sun-
day schools being usually connected
with the Young Men's and Young Lad-
ies' Mutual Improvement Associations.
The impressions made upon
early childhood are lasting and influ-
ential.The Primaries take children under
their care from four years old to four-
teen. These juveniles are taught how
to pray in public and in private, to
invoke the divine blessing upon their
food at meals, to sing in solos and in
concert, and to display their talents
in various directions for profit and con-
solation at their regular gather-
ings.The first association of this kind was
started at Farmington, Davis County,
and was organized Aug. 11, 1879, by
Aurelia Spencer Rogers as its president.
On September 9, 1879, a Primary
association was organized in the Eleventh
ward, Salt Lake City, with Louise B.
Felt as president. Other associations
were very soon formed, and the work
spread until in 1881 it had extended
into twenty-four States of Zion,
with a total of 6,915 members, who
had held during the year preceding
2,532 meetings. The good work
progressed until a General Board was
organized June 19, 1889, with Louise B.
Felt as president, Matilda M. Barratt
and Clara C. Cannon as counselors,
and Louise B. Felt, president; Lillie T.
Freeze and Josephine R. West, coun-
cillors; and May Anderson, secretary.At the annual conference of the offi-
cers of the Primary Association, held
in this city June 9th, 10th and 11th,
1905, an account of which was crowded
out of our pages, there were reported
625 associations out of a total of 655,
with a total of 24,000 and local officers
numbering 4,725. The total enrollment
of members was 12,248, of whom
36,169 were boys and 26,080
were girls. Most of these
associations are graded, and 25% of
them have libraries of their own. They
hold regularly weekly meetings in all
the wards and have special meetings
at stated periods, of state and local
officers. They also arrange for en-
tertainments in the respective wards,
and make regular reports to the Gen-
eral Board.At the recent conference of the offi-
cers of the Primaries, the services
were exceedingly interesting and pro-
fitable. Addresses were delivered on
stated subjects suitable to the occa-
sion, discussions were had on the les-
sons presented, and vocal and instru-
mental music of a high class was en-
joyed. One of the pleasing features
of the conference was the exhibition
of handwork prepared by the children
of the Salt Lake Stake Primaries, super-
vised by Mrs. Walter J. Lewis, consist-
ing of plain sewing and darning, orna-
mental and fancy work, which was
collected by President Arthur H. Lund
in a very interesting address, who en-
thusiastically the idea that spiritual de-
velopment was first in importance in
Primary instruction, and that this need
not interfere with encouragement in
handwork, which should be so conducted
that utility should precede the orna-
mental.On Sunday morning President John
R. Winder gave some most excellent
instructions, and expressed his hearty
approval of the work being accomplish-
ed by the sisters in training the chil-
dren of the Saints, so that they might
grow up to be useful members of so-
ciety and also have faith in God and
be inclined to obedience to his com-
mandments. On Sunday afternoon the
Primary associations assembled with
the Mutual Improvement associations in
the Tabernacle, and took part in the
exercises, and were represented in a
public address by Minnie Loveland
Snow.On Monday evening the General
Board gave a reception and banquet inthe Twenty-second ward meetinghouse,
which was a delightful occasion. A
splendid feast was enjoyed and Presi-
dent Smith addressed the assembly in a
fervent and touching manner, en-
couraging the officers of the associa-
tions and the General Board in their
great work of juvenile instruction and
inspiring them for future and further
efforts. The other speakers were Sis-
ters Emmeline B. Wells, Ruth M. Fox
and Edna Barker, who spoke on
timely topics. Solos, duets, Japa-
nese and fancy drills by little
girls and a fine cantata by the Twen-
ty-second Ward Primary Association made
up the program. It was a grand oc-
casion and gave renewed impetus to
this excellent organization.The organ of the Primary Associa-
tion is called "The Children's Friend,"
and was started on January 1, 1902, un-
der the auspices of the General Board.
It is a very useful and interesting
periodical, displaying much literary
talent, both original and selected, and
has a subscription list of over 4,000, which
is gradually increasing. Its offices are
in the Templeton building, where Sis-
ters Louise B. Felt and May Anderson
may be found busy with their good
work.The Primary associations of the
Church should be appreciated and en-
couraged by parents and attended by
the great body of the children of the
Latter-day Saints. It has a special
mission to perform, the fruits of which
are already perceptible in the conduct
of those who attend its meetings, and
which will be more fully apparent in
the after lives of the boys and girls
who receive the instruction and train-
ing which these associations impart. All
the officers and teachers are to be
commended for their gratuitous and
splendid labors of love.

THEY WANT PEACE.

Many of the friends of the Scandi-
navian nations are anxiously looking
forward to the further developments in
the existing crisis. The question of the
probability of an armed conflict is still
discussed. We do not believe, how-
ever, that there is the slightest ground
for fear in that direction. There was a
time, years ago, when ill-considered
threats were heard on both sides of
the peninsula, but since then wiser
counsels have prevailed. From the ex-
pressions we have seen in the Swedish
press, we judge that the Swedish peo-
ple will heartily second King Oscar in
his endeavors to preserve peace even
at the cost of his Norwegian crown.Nya Dagbladet Allehande, for instance,
takes this view: "The Norwegian gov-
ernment has exceeded its rights, but it
acted undoubtedly in the belief that
it did so for the benefit of the father-
land, and no Swede will try to compel
Norway to remain in a union which
appears to have become a burden."Svenska Dagbladet calls attention to
the fact that the leaders of the political
movement in Norway have, for
months, endeavored to create the im-
pression both at home and abroad,
that there was danger of an
attack from the eastern neighbor-
hood, but this the paper charac-
terizes as an attempt at "painting
ghosts and the wall," and ridicules
the loud assurances of a determi-
nation to fight and die for the threat-
ened liberty, while it is evident to all
that there will be no call for the ex-
ercise of that form of patriotism. The
attempt at stirring up a spirit of war,
the Dagbladet continues, "must sooner
or later disappear as a bursting bubble,
before the complete equality of the
Swedish government, and the abso-
lute love of peace as expressed by the
public opinion of the people."This, we believe, reflects the general
sentiment in Sweden. The Swedish
riksdag will meet in a few days to
consider the situation, and the prob-
lem before it will be to effect the sepa-
ration with as good grace as possible
under the existing circumstances.
Friends of the Scandinavians are
also counseling the two nations to
patch up their differences and stand to-
gether. They point out that the land-
hungry empires may some day take ad-
vantage of the isolation and help them-
selves to slices of territory, as they
have done before. This may be true.
So far, however, neither Russia nor
Germany has manifested any undue
haste in accepting the existing condi-
tions, and it is to be hoped that the
forecasts of disaster may prove with-
out foundation.

RUSSIA'S NAVAL LOSS.

One result of the naval battle in the
Korea straits is that Russia, according
to reliable estimates, has lost its rank as
the third of the naval powers and
been relegated to the seventh place. Be-
fore the war, the naval powers ranked
as follows: Great Britain, France,
Russia, Germany, United States, Italy,
Japan and Austria. The order now is:
Great Britain, France, Germany, United
States, Italy, Japan, Russia and
Austria. This classification, however,
takes the Black Sea fleet into the ac-
count, but the ships of that squadron
are of an inferior type, and would be
of little use in a conflict with modern
battleships.Some have thought that the victory
of Japan calls for a mad competition
among the naval powers, for an in-
crease of their navies. They argue that
the rise of a new naval power in the
Orient is more of a menace than the
growing power of Russia. But this
opinion is, fortunately, not shared by
all. A naval expert, writing in the
Westminster Gazette, is quoted to the
effect that the disappearance of the
Russian fleet has created an ideal op-
portunity for a general reduction of
armaments. This view is supported
by influential British periodicals. The
Yorkshire Post, says the New York
Post, argues that the mistress of the
seas can reduce her naval expendi-
tures and take the lead in urging a
universal limitation of war fleets. This
is also the view of the Liberal Speak-
er, which recalls the fact that a few
years ago Mr. Goschen offered to re-
duce the English shipbuilding pro-
gram, if Russia would cut down hers.We do not anticipate, however, that
the opportunity will be seized in the
interest of a general reduction in navy
building. Russia will in a few yearshave regained her naval rank, as far
as tonnage goes, for money is always
found for war purposes, no matter how
poor a country may be. Public opinion
is not influenced enough for disarmament.
But the friends of peace should
not lose the chance of pointing out the
folly of binding unbearable naval bur-
dens upon the heavily taxed nations,
merely because Russia has lost her
military prestige.

LUNACY INCREASING.

The state lunacy commission of New
York reports an appalling increase in
insanity in that state, and more par-
ticularly in New York. It is custom-
ary with some to ascribe all manner
of ills to immigration, and it is, there-
fore, not surprising to learn that this
increase in the number of mentally de-
ficient is being attributed to that
source. Dr. Spitzka, it is claimed, in-
sists that the principal cause of this
increase is the mental port of entry
of immigrants. He believes that if
some method could be devised to get
the European immigrants out into the
country, where they could get fresh
air and have more favorable surround-
ings, New York's list of insane cases
would materially diminish. There is
not, he says, the slightest fear that the
people of New York are going crazy.
The doctor, though evidently an immi-
grant, or a descendant of one, has not
acted on the suggestion he makes re-
garding newcomers.The fact is, however, that complaints
of increase in mental diseases come
from many parts of the world simulta-
neously. A similar condition has
been noted in other large eastern cities,
and in some European countries, and it
is supposed to be due to the fact that
the demands made by modern condi-
tions of life are too exacting for the
capacity of a great many human minds.
The strain is too great for them.Japan has the terms if Russia has the
price.Outside the city limits the speed limit
is limitless."All quiet on the Potomac." The
mimic war is over.According to reports, Oyama has a
strangle hold on Linkevitch.A Fourth of July without fire crack-
ers would be a cracker jack.There is such a rise in real estate
that rain cannot put it down.Howard Gould's Kilkenny cat affair.
It turned out to be a kitten.When a man is fined for fast driving
it shows that a fool and his money are
soon parted.Ventilation in the New York sub-
way continues very bad. Why not try
taking the lid off?M. Witte says that General Trepoft
is the dictator of Russia. And the czar
is only the typewriter.Utah's Lewis and Clark exposition
building is not big but beautiful. "A
thing of beauty is a joy forever."The chief reason that so many col-
lege graduates cannot obtain their
thoughts lucidly and well is that they,
as well as most other people, generally
lack the thoughts.Major Weaver is putting the public
good before party. What an old fash-
ioned ideal! It is a recrudescence of the
one time honored but now generally dis-
carded notion that party was a means
to an end and not an end in itself.St. Petersburg newspapers declare
that Russia's worst enemies are the
United States and England. Nonsense!
Her worst enemy is Japan, who has
licked her very nearly to a finish. But
the press of a defeated country cannot
be blamed for feeling sore at any and
everybody."If the world would abandon the stu-
dy of disease and crime and devote its
self to the study of wealth, health and
love, criminals, cripples and poverty
would cease to exist," says Mrs. Ed-
dy. There is no need to exhort the world
to the study of wealth; already it gives
more thought to that subject than any
other. Is it not true, in fact, that this
study of wealth, when carried too far,
creates criminals?

GOOD DEEDS UNRECORDED.

Washington Post.
"The revelations of municipal rotten-
ness in many American cities, the ma-
lign spread of the tipping evil—which
is a form of dishonesty—and the rapidly
growing desire to 'get rich quick' by
any means that does not lead directly
to the penitentiary door, all reveal dis-
heartening weaknesses of character in
American life. If the developments as
published day by day, were to be taken
as a standard of the moral tone of the
entire community the inevitable con-
clusion would be reached that the whole
country was going to the dogs. But
the evil that men do is blazoned from
the house of shame, while the good is rarely
mentioned. It is humdrum and com-
monplace to perform one's daily duty
and be honest. There is no news in such
conduct."

MARRIAGE AND REPENTANCE.

Boston Globe.
A young man and a young woman
were to be married and a matinee.
"Let's get married and surprise every-
body," said the young man as they left
the theater, and they did. Perhaps a
few months from now they may get a
divorce and nobody will be surprised.

CITY OWNERSHIP AND POLITICS.

Pittsburgh Dispatch.
It is plain that successful municipal
ownership of any important business is
possible only when municipal politics is
thoroughly reformed and purified. Long
before that stage of purification can be
attained, intermediate progress might
easily bring us to a point where opera-
tion by corporations could be success-
fully regulated for the public benefit.

"AGING" A REG.

London Mail.
A good deal of fraud is practised in
selling antique "Kashas," "Duch-
ton" and similar rugs, for there are
hardly any of these which are more
than 15 years old. They are aged
artificially, but you must understand
nevertheless, that these rugs are well
made of the very finest wools, and thenative dyes used are pure and good.
When they have been made they are
laid in the village to the butcher, the
baker and the candlestick-maker—to
say only in fact, in whose house there
is plenty of traffic. Here the carpets
are tramped upon and made to look
old. They are afterwards washed in a
running stream and then dried in the
sun. And by these means the rugs get
a certain gloss which is much ap-
preciated. What may be called a genuine
"antique" is thus manufactured and
sold in the bazaar for 10 times or 20
times the price for which it could be
bought in London.

LINVITCH'S POSITION.

San Francisco Chronicle.
The meager news received of late
from the scene of operations indi-
cates that Oyama is strengthening and
making more complete the cordon he
is establishing around Linkevitch's army.
The London Telegram's Tokyo corre-
spondent reports that Linkevitch is in a
hopeless position and practically sur-
rounded. If so, it is very clear that
any idea of his negotiating peace with
the Japanese army should put in jeopardy
the advantage which he has gained. His
claim to be looking forward to the
attainment of a great triumph by
Oyama on land in the near future as
Oyama obtained in the Strait of Korea
over Russia's sea forces.

CORRUPTION IN AMERICAN CITIES.

New Orleans Playmate.
The political corruption of cities in
the United States is the most striking
feature of the American system of gov-
ernment. The greatest numbers of
voters in our cities are respectable
citizens, highly esteemed and believed
to be upright and honest in every way,
and yet too often the men who are
elected to office are tricksters, jobbers
and wholly corrupt; nevertheless, they
are elected by these same worthy citi-
zens, either by votes cast outright for
them or by failing to vote and thereby
silently consenting to such election.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The July issue of Suggestion contains
a variety of matter devoted to drugless
healing, nature cure, psychic research,
suggestive therapeutics, auto-sugges-
tion, the cultivation of will power,
memory and personal magnetism and
allied subjects. The editor holds that
right mental attitude has a very im-
portant effect on health, happiness and
success.—1020 Drexel Boulevard, Chi-
cago.The following is the list of contents
of Out West for June: "When Spring
Comes to the Desert," illustrated by
Shardul M. Hall; "Redemption," poem,
by Kathryn Jarboe; "Mending
Wilds," illustrated by Margaret Trelli;
"The Shalako Dance," illustrated by
Mrs. W. H. Bartlett; "A Hopi Prayer,"
poem, by Harrison Conrad; "The Hide
of Lean John," by Clara E. Hamilton;
"Labor is Prayer," poem, by Charlotte
Perkins Gilman; "In the Mysterious
Quarter," by Edward Felton Wheaton;
"The Oasis," poem, by Theresa Russell;
"Some Criminal Captures in the Early
Sixties," by J. E. Pleasant; "The Old
Siam," poem, by the editor; "The
Southwest Society," Archaeological
Institute of America; "The Sequoia
League, To Make Better
Landscape," and "The Which is a Western
(review) by C. A. Moody.—207 New
High street, Los Angeles, Cal.The opening article in Health Culture
for June is on "Living in Tents." This
is an illustrated paper of timely in-
terest. Other subjects discussed are
"Food for Brain and Brawn," "Mental
Causes of Disease," "The Corseted
Woman," "Back to Nature," etc. This
magazine always offers some common-
sense suggestions regarding the care
of the body and the preservation of
health.—111 West, Twenty-third street,
New York.Medical Talk for June gives space to
brief articles on the following topics,
among others: "The Habit of Blam-
ing," "Scientific Marriage," "Secret
Medicines," "The Modern Plague,"
"Outwaded Consumption," and "De-
fense of the Business Woman." It is a
magazine always filled with practical,
helpful reading.—Columbus, Ohio.The feature of Amalee's for July is
David Graham Phillips' serial, "The
Deluge," which is now approaching its
end. Next in importance is Kathryn
Jarboe's novelette, "A Gentleman of the
Highways," an eighteenth century ro-
mance, filled with exciting adventure.
Francis Metcalfe has a clever and origi-
nal story of studio life in New York,
appropriately named "A Little Child
Shall Lead Them." A charming story
of a horse is "Brown Betty," by Grace
S. Richmond. Churchill Williams con-
tributes another interesting automobile
story in "The Lady and the Lorry." A
strongly dramatic love story by Bar-
oness von Hutten, author of "Pam," a
successful new novel, is called "The
Boy and the Girl." Mortimer has a
humorous story of typical New Eng-
land life in "The Despot." Among
other contributors are Frank Dempster
Smith, Theodore Garrison, W. Wil-
fred Campbell, John Vance Cheney,
Una Hudson, Robert Stewart, Charlotte
Hecker and Margaret Houston.—New
York.

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