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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-fifth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, October 5th, 1894.

The officers and members of the Church generally are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Conference.

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JOSEPH F. SMITH,
First Presidency.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS:

Thursday, October 4th—Relief Society conference, Assembly Hall, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, 5th—German meeting, Assembly Hall, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 5th—General Priesthood meeting, Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

Saturday, 6th—Tabernacle Choir concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 7th—Scandinavian meeting, Assembly Hall, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, 7th—Sunday School Union, Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

LESSONS OF THE FAIR.

One great lesson which the people of Utah may learn from the Exposition of their manufactures and products now in progress, is the boundless possibilities which may be accomplished by a united and determined purpose, intelligently pursued. Aside from the zeal, pride and exuberance that usually characterize [illegible], the fact stands out [illegible] striking relief, as one gazes upon the various exhibits that go to make up the Exposition, that the people of this commonwealth have made wonderful progress in producing and manufacturing at home the supplies, articles and commodities which are used and required by man in a high state of civilization. Notwithstanding the fact that we are not up to the standard that we should be, there probably is not another community in the world, having a population similar to that of this Territory, that could make such a showing of the work of their own hands and brains, and the development of the natural resources existing in their midst, as is exhibited at the Fair now being held in this city. Where is the people, numbering not more than a quarter of a million souls, who can place on exhibition in one aggregation, such samples taken from the soil, mine, loom, factory and workshop, all produced at home, as are being shown at the Utah Exposition this year? If the highest element of greatness in a people is the power of self-sustenance, Utah's position in this regard is an advanced one.

Another lesson illustrated by what is seen at the Fair is this: If the people will demand home made goods, there are capital, enterprise and skill that will quickly respond in the effort to supply that demand, and the requisite raw materials are at hand in abundance.

Still another lesson is the educational effect of the World's Fair, which is probably reflected in this one, and is, in many ways, shown in the character and arrangement of the exhibits. From this is drawn still another lesson: Expositions of this character, properly conducted, have a marked educational influence upon the people, and stimulate public sentiment in desirable channels.

We trust that the people of Utah will, in visiting the Fair, study the lessons it imparts, and experience, in consequence, a renewal of public spirit and patriotism which will impel them to spend their money at home, and thus encourage in every way enterprises that tend to furnish employment and create wealth for our own people.

THE RELIEF SOCIETY.

The general conference of the Relief Society will be held tomorrow, October 4, in the Salt Lake assembly hall, three meetings having been appointed—10 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m. This society, organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith over fifty-two years ago when the body of the Church was in Illinois, now comprises more than five hundred branches, and includes in its membership nearly every woman numbered with the Latter-day Saints. The business of the conference will be the usual order of such gatherings—the hearing of reports of work done, considering plans for the future, and giving of general and special instruction in the particular lines in which the society operates.

That the organization has achieved a vast amount of good among the Saints is well known to every person who has associated with the people and has learned of the way in which the officers and members of the society operate. Their care for the sick, the afflicted, and the poor; their labors in imparting moral instruction to mothers, wives and daughters, and to the young of both sexes; the encouragement they give to the weak and weary and those who feel faint-hearted to press forward with renewed hope and courage; and the motherly religious counsel which is carried by them in every home where they have access, marks them as messengers of mercy, love and salvation to humankind.

Broad as has been the field in which the Relief Society has operated, there is yet a broader field before it; systematic as has been its work, there is room for a more thorough application of that system. And that the highest aims of the society may be filled, every woman who has membership in the Church should bend her energies to the accomplishment of the glorious purpose of the institution. It is not sufficient to be merely a member of the society, and respond to its calls for means to aid the distressed. Such responses are actions that heaven smiles upon, but the constitution of mere material necessities of life is not all that is needed to bless the people. Today there is greater opportunity than ever before in its history for the officers and members of the Relief Society to extend the scope of its work in imparting knowledge among the people. Most of its active agents are those who have had experience in rearing families or in training the little ones, in the principles of truth; they have received a testimony of the Gospel restored to earth in this dispensation, and they know of its divinity and power. The knowledge and experience thus possessed should be made as effective as possible in every branch of the organization, and in every department of the society, to more fully and deeply impress upon the mothers, wives and daughters of Zion religious truths that will be of avail in preparing them and their families against the flood of infidelity and immorality which threatens the nation at large. The Relief Society has a mighty work in its divine mission, diligently prosecuted in the past and full of hope for successful fulfilment in the future, of aiding to maintain virtue, integrity, honesty, and truth in the earth.

In the matter of more than spiritual or moral instruction the society also has its work. In the making of pleasant homes a vast amount has been accomplished, and the good work is going steadily on. There is, for instance, in the Fair a suggestion of how this is being carried out. There are straw hats all the way from St. George, made at the instigation of Relief Society workers; and there are numerous other articles of similar nature in different departments of home labor. The cause of local industries has received great encouragement and a strong impetus from the society, which may be relied upon for further energetic efforts in this line.

Looking over the field then, the Relief Society is a power among the Saints that could not be dispensed with without suffering irreparable loss. Therefore in its field it should receive every aid and encouragement available. There should be found none in all the land to raise his hand against it or his voice in depreciation of its efforts. It is engaged in whole-souled work for the blessing and salvation of mankind. In carrying out its great design, may the choice blessings of heaven rest upon its faithful, devoted workers, the noble Mothers in Israel!

MORMONS NOT HATERS.

A contemporary speculating on the "Mormon vote" in the coming elections express great admiration for "this people," and points out that whatever faults they may have been charged with, deficiency of manliness has never been one of them. It adds: "This people have ever been good friends and brave haters."

This remark is evidently intended to be complimentary, but in the latter part it is nevertheless likely to be misleading and calls for a few words by way of comment. It is a fact that the Mormon people from the beginning have endeavored to be true to their friends as to themselves and their God. Their history proves that they are imbued with that spirit of unselfishness which is essential to friendship and which in emergencies has led to sacrifices for the benefit of others without which the great work done by the Saints would have been utterly impossible. It is the very essence of Mormonism—which is nothing but pure Christianity—to be true in that regard for fellowmen which binds the human family together and ultimately will result in perfect union and harmony.

It follows that the Saints cannot be called "haters," whether brave or otherwise. Hatred is a passion as foreign to the true profession of Mormonism as to the early followers of Him who proclaimed the doctrine of that love which is universal enough to embrace even enemies. It cannot be denied that the Saints sometimes have passed through trying ordeals and found themselves in positions where it would have been but natural to others to "hate." But this people have ever endeavored to view themselves and their fate as resting not in the hands of man, but of a superior power, and as to those who may have misunderstood their motives and perhaps imagined themselves at only bound to follow a policy of aggressive opposition, nothing but the kindliest feelings ever have been entertained on the part of the Mormons. They have been able to maintain those feelings because they have always felt that the day would come when their work would be better understood and the opposition cease. The Mormons, then, at the present time can hate nobody. There is positively no cause for it.

Still, there is a hatred which is just and right by Divine precedence. If truth is perverted and honor trampled in the dust; if human weaknesses are appealed to and corruption planned, all for selfish ends, every true Saint who understands the principles of his religion may be counted on as a brave "hater"—not indeed of the persons or parties to whom such proceedings may be due, but of the practice itself. Purity in religion always has been the glory of Mormonism, and this necessarily carries with it a demand for purity in everything else, including morals and politics, for men is but a unit, and from one source both pure and impure water cannot flow. The Mormons are a Church. The members as such have different views and preferences in matters not pertaining to worship, but it is certain that each will use his rights as a citizen with full consciousness of the fact that the exercise thereof, like all other earthly transactions, brings responsibility with it before the Supreme Judge of all mankind.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE *American Agriculturist* has made a new departure by issuing a western edition weekly from its San Francisco house. This edition contains matter of special interest to western agriculturists. The latest issue devotes considerable space to this Territory, one of the chief illustrations being designated "A homestead in Utah, the youngest star in the American constellation." A page article on Farming in Salt Lake valley is contributed by Nicetta Hansen.

THE October number of the *North American Review* contains many articles on timely and interesting topics by distinguished writers. It opens with two articles entitled "Issues of the Coming" Elections, in which the principles on which the two great parties will go before the nation in the approaching Congressional campaign are outlined with precision and authority by the Hon. William L. Wilson and ex-Speaker Reed respectively. "In The Catholic Church and the Saloon," the Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland explains the meaning of Mgr. Satolli's recent decision regarding liquor dealers which has caused so much discussion. "The Municipal Problems of London" are dealt with by the Lord Mayor of London, the Right Hon. George Robert Tyler. Sir Edwin Arnold writes of "Astronomy and Religion;" Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo on the necessity for "Reorganization of the Personnel of the Navy;" J. Henniker Heaton, M. P., discusses "The Transatlantic Mails;" Senator James H. Kyle, of Dakota, chairman of the Senate committee on education, considers the question, "How Shall the Indians be Educated?" and other well known writers discuss topics prominent before the public.

AN IMPORTANT new book on municipal administration, entitled City Government in the United States, by Alfred R. Conklin, formerly an alderman in New York city and a member of the assembly, is to be published immediately by D. Appleton & Co. The author describes the different departments of the chief municipalities, their methods and the past and present abuses. Other works announced by this same publishing house are Woman's Share in Primitive Culture, by O. T. Mason, of the United States national museum, the first volume in the Anthropological series; and the second and concluding volume of Edgar S. Maclay's History of the United States Navy, covering the period from the war of 1812 to the present.

"THE AMERICAN Republic has now lasted more than a hundred years; and little Switzerland maintains a precarious existence by favor of powerful neighbors jealous of each other; but the so-called republics of Greece, Rome and Italy, and two French republics, have perished. Mexico and the republics of Central and South America are insecure and ineffective governments. On the whole, in spite of our instinctive faith in free institutions, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the auguries which can be drawn from history are not favorable to the real permanence of any republic." Thus writes President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, in the October number of the *Forum*, in discussing the question, "Will the American Republic endure?" Mr. Eliot then proceeds to give his views as to how the inquiry may be answered in the affirmative. His article, with one by F. H. Geffcken, "Is the British empire stable?" and a list of others on live topics, make an excellent number of the magazine.

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