

manufactory in the city of Norrköping, "Sweden's Manchester," were completely burned to the ground the other night. The loss is heavy, amounting to many hundred thousand crowns.

There is no important news from Christiania. New messages have been exchanged between King Oscar and the radical leaders, and it is believed that the latter will be forced to confer with the Swedish Riksdag in regard to the solution of the union question. A new ministry with Steen at the head is likely to be organized.

Prof. F. A. Dählgreen, one of the famous Eighteen of the Swedish Academy, and widely known as the author of "Vermlandingarne," a Swedish play which has often been performed in the Scandinavian settlements of the United States, died at the age of 78 years.

YOUNG LADIES' CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of Salt Lake Stake was held yesterday, March 5th, in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall, President Mary A. Freeze presiding.

Meeting convened at 2 p.m. Singing, "Come let us anew." Opening prayer, Mrs. L. S. Cartwright. Singing. Roll call. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Clara S. Carlyle was the first speaker. She asked, Do we realize the importance of the mutual improvement work? We are not too young to know why we are Latter-day Saints. We do not know what we may be called upon to do in this life and we should always have burning within us the love and testimony of God's goodness to us. Let us then use our influence to get the young ladies to attend these meetings that they may learn more of God and His ways.

Mrs. Maria Holt appealed to young mothers to attend association meetings, for they have many difficulties to contend with, and can obtain comfort and assistance. They can see and understand their duties and can learn more of God's goodness by attending the meetings. They can learn better how to bring their children up in a righteous manner, that they may become honored and useful members of the Church.

A duet, "Life's Dream is Over," was very sweetly sung by Misses Maud and Herma Pratt.

Counselor Nellie C. Taylor said it is not the number present that makes a good meeting but the Spirit of God that we feel. We cannot have too much spiritual food, for the more of Jesus' spirit we have in our hearts the happier we are. Let us love our God and we will love each other. It behooves us to read good books, first the Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants. If we read nothing else, let us read these; but, young ladies, do not waste your time in idle gossip; rather educate yourselves by reading good books. Shakespeare, Emerson, Milton and many, many others should be familiar to us. We should read the newspapers and become conversant with the affairs of this and other countries. We cannot afford to be an ignorant people. Do not read the trashy literature that is so common. You are better without it. The speaker ap-

pealed to the young ladies to associate with young men worthy of them and never to marry a young man to save him. If a young man will not keep the commandments of God before you are married, it is not often that he will do so afterward. Remember, marrying a man to save him is walking on dangerous ground. She referred to the feeling growing in our midst against childbearing and said, "Young ladies, don't dare to say you do not want children. You rob yourselves of the choicest blessing and bring upon you the judgments of God."

President Mary A. Freeze said it is only by the aid of the Spirit of God that we can reach the hearts of the Latter-day Saints. No one can say that Jesus is the Christ without the Holy Ghost. When a person disbelieves the mission of Christ, that person lacks the Holy Ghost. When we have sufficient of the Holy Ghost with us we will be obedient to the Priesthood of the Lord. We should reverence His Priesthood. Many men have worn out their lives teaching this people. We should not do or say anything that will grieve the Spirit of God; if we do it will leave us. Only the pure can possess this Spirit. The watchmen are sounding their warning voice; if we disregard their teachings we run a great risk. She urged the young ladies to read the Bible more than they do. It is a good thing for the young to quote from this book. Read it prayerfully, every day, a little at a time, and it will not take long to read it through. She closed by exhorting the young ladies to study the Gospel, that the love for it may grow and increase in their hearts.

Mrs. Ellen Clawson said she felt to sympathize with young mothers. They have many trials; but they should always consider that they are doing the will of God in bearing children. This should be a comfort to them.

Miss Edith Sampson related some incidents in the life of our Savior, and urged the young ladies to follow the example set by Him.

Mrs. Jane Freeze thought the young ladies should appreciate the blessings they receive, for none of us have fewer blessings than our parents had.

After singing "Guide us O thou great Jehovah" and benediction by Mrs. Phebe C. Young, the meeting was adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Opening song "All is well;" prayer Elder Jos. E. Taylor. Singing, "Redeemer of Israel." The officers of the Stake organization of the associations were presented and unanimously sustained by the conference.

Miss Sarah Eddington gave an address, her subject being "Our Inheritance."

Counselor Mattie H. Tingey said we came here to help to elevate and redeem mankind. God has given us greater light than those in the world, and He requires much of us. Let us then be up and doing His work at all times.

The solo, "Just as I am," was beautifully sung by Miss May Price.

Address, "Woman," by Miss Aggie Gardner.

Dr. Maggie C. Shipp testified that no such thing has ever benefited her so much as attending the Y. L. M. I.

A. She urged those present who do not belong to identify themselves at once with the organization that they may derive the benefits from it. Do we realize that everything that is pure and holy is embraced in our religion? Let us set our aim high and live so that we can not be found fault with. Let us not grieve the Spirit of the Lord by finding fault with His servants.

Elder Jos. E. Taylor, of the Stake presidency, requested the young ladies to use their influence with the young men who line these walls, smoking their tobacco, on meeting nights, to forsake their wayward habits; if they refuse to keep the commandments of God do not associate with them. He closed by invoking the blessings of God upon all.

President M. A. Freeze asked the young ladies to attend the coming general Conference with prayerful hearts, that they may understand the instructions given.

After singing and benediction by Mrs. Mary P. Young, the conference was adjourned for three months.

MARY A. FREEZE,
President.
LIZZIE S. CARTWRIGHT,
Secretary.

FEW OFFICIALS—LOW SALARIES.

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I notice in the News that lawyers seem to be fixing up things to suit themselves. One said he thought a judge ought to have \$5,000; if they fix out so many judges and at such high salaries it may defeat it altogether, as I have heard several men talk like voting against the State if they get salaries too high. I think if any of the officers get \$1,000 a year it is enough. Joseph Smith said pay senators two dollars a day and let the office seek the man instead of the man seeking the office. I think if we can get the salaries low and get prohibition, that we will get rid of some undesirable company and as far as having so many judges, why won't the district or circuit judges answer for the Supreme judge as they do now? I am in favor of woman suffrage and I am in favor of one dollar being worth as much as any other dollar, whether it is gold or silver or paper. I am in favor of all officers, senators and all others, being elected by the popular vote of the people. I believe in sustaining home industries and making everything we need as much as we can. I would like to see this people lay aside so much party business and be one to the extent of putting the best men in the office that are needed, but I am not in favor of too many officers nor too many laws either. I don't believe in these high salaries. A man may work hard on a farm and if he makes from \$300 to \$500 a year he does well. Then why should there be such a difference—for one man to do but little and get \$5,000 a year while another man works hard and gets \$300? Since we have been asking for statehood so long, I would not like to see us lose it through extravagance, which we are liable to do if they have the salaries too high. I guess this is enough.

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