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CONFERENCE NOTICE

The 80th Semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, October 2, at 10 o'clock a.m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

When the Conference adjourns on Monday afternoon, it will be until Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 10 o'clock a.m.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, October 4, commencing at 7 o'clock.

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 5, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHON H. LUND,

First Presidency.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene at the Tabernacle, Sunday evening, Oct. 3, at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The October Semi-annual Conference of the Relief Society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city, commanding Thursday, October 7, 1893, promptly at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. All officers and members of the Society are cordially invited, also the presiding authorities of the Church, Bishops and other brethren interested in Society work; and the General Board of the Y. L. M. I. A. and of the Primary Associations. It is desirable there should be a large representation present, as the conference will be one of unusual interest.

An officers' meeting will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city on Tuesday, October 5, at 2 p.m., and it is hoped all officers of the Society will attend this important meeting.

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General President.

IDA S. DURENBERRY,
Counselor.

RETRACTS, IN A WAY.

The Tribune, this morning, explains that it was victimized by an inaccurate reporter in the matter of the story about Governor Spry having refused to enter the Unitarian church on Sunday until almost compelled to do so, and expresses regret. Charity only prompts the acceptance of this explanation. But even when the blame is laid on the reporter, the fact remains that but for the malice of the sheet to whom connected with the Church, it would not have printed that report about the Governor of the State. If such a story had concerned ex-Senator Kearns, or Mayor Bradford, it would not have published it. It was malice that prompted the publicity to it in this instance. The paper may regret that it was misled by a reporter, and failed to make a point, but as long as it has no word of apology for the malice that inspired the publication of the falsehood, its repetition does not cover the main transgression.

Of course, as far as that particular story is concerned, the paper has admitted its falsehood. But yesterday, people who had read the Tribune went among their friends and told them how Governor Spry and Senator Smoot had insulted the President of the United States, and outraged the sentiment of the religious part of the community by refusing to enter a Christian church in which the President was worshipping. And these friends told other friends. Even "American" policemen were heard to circulate the falsehoods about the Governor of the State. That is known. Now, are these circulators of the Tribune report going to see their friends again and tell them that they lied to them? Hardly. The story is out, and it will go on. It is easy to scatter the seeds of noxious weeds along the road, but it is impossible to gather them all up again after they are sown out. Falsehood travels miles while truth puts on the boots.

We are sorry that the Tribune deems it necessary to circulate falsehoods as the quiet support of its cause, for as long as the paper holds that attitude strife is going to continue in this community to its detriment. But we do not, by any means, blame the paper alone. Those who initiate its policy and who support it in its evil designs are equally responsible.

CONSERVING NATIONAL HEALTH.

A loss comparable with the destruction of the national resources is the waste of natural vitality from unnecessary sickness and preventable disease. The greatest waste known is perhaps that of life and vital energy.

A bulletin issued by the committee of One Hundred on National Health,

tells of Prof. Fisher of Yale, holds that the national government and the states should steadfastly devote their energies and resources to the protection of the people against disease.

These public health functions, it is claimed, should be exercised by the national government — investigation, spreading of information, and administration of measures tending to eradicate and prevent disease.

The government, says Prof. Fisher, "should remove the reproach that more pains are now taken to protect the health of farm cattle than human beings." It should provide laboratories for research, prevent the transportation of disease from state to state, provide for the protection of the interstate railway passengers from infection by fellow-travelers, prevent the pollution of interstate streams, disseminate information as to the prevention of tuberculosis and other diseases, illustrate the dangers of imperfect sanitation and of impure air, foods, and milk.

The States too should regulate the hours and character of child and female labor; make sanitary inspection a reality, especially in schools, asylums, and prisons; supervise the sale of drugs; keep the streams pure.

The towns should keep clean their streets, promptly remove household garbage, abate smoke, street-dust, and noxious gases, prevent infection by flies and mosquitoes, guard the water supply, establish filtering stations, inspect building laws.

Prof. Fisher holds also that safer protection against school epidemics is attainable. Better ventilation, light, and cleanliness in the schoolroom, the discovery and correction of adenoids (growth in the nose and palate) the relief of eye-strain, and the provision of suitable play grounds, are measures similarly urged upon school boards and city councils.

These comprehensive plans should be adopted. First, however, public opinion must be aroused in their support. Ten years ago, the sanitary code of Great Britain was read by a lady member of the legislature in this State in an endeavor to secure the enactment of similar provisions here; but the measure was trimmed and diluted in committee till it lost most of its force.

When people are educated, even as to the dangers from fleas and garbage; when the schools give lessons on the fly and the mosquito as part of their regular program; and when legislators think less of politics and more of the public welfare, then such steps as those advocated by the health scientists can be taken by the law and followed by the people.

MILITARY GLORY FADING.

There is, perhaps, no stronger evidence of the growth of anti-militarism than the refusal of young men to serve in the ranks, in the old countries. Some years ago such refusals were few, and far between. They were severely punished. Now a report by the French war department states that in 1884 there was a total of 4,567 young Frenchmen called to the colors who refused to respond. During the present summer this number rose to 11,382. The offenders are imprisoned, but when the French Parliament meets in the winter a general amnesty is voted for all these anti-militarist young Frenchmen, and court-martial are usually frightened from bringing in a verdict against such disobedient young soldiers by the loud clamor raised by the politicians.

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AGAIN THE TRAGEDY.

"Apostle Smith says: 'The men who were in his [Joseph Smith's] bosom, shared his confidence, and professed to be his warmest and best friends, were the men to treacherously shed his blood. Does not that identify the murderers in a most satisfactory way? Does not that show that they were Mormons?'" — The Tribune, Sept. 27.

No, it does not show that the murderers of the Prophet and Patriarch were "Mormons," and George A. Smith never said they were. It shows that in the opinion of the speaker, apostates were co-operating with those who were instrumental in bringing about the martyrdom, just as Judas was in bringing about the tragedy of Calvary, though others were the actual murderers of the Son of Man.

It is on record that Governor Ford, after having promised the prisoners the protection they were entitled to, was told by a soldier that, "the soldiers are determined to see Joe Smith dead before they leave here;" and that he replied: "If you know of any such thing, keep it to yourself."

The story of the arrest of the Prophet for the purpose of murdering him is told by Governor Ford. After having stated that he received the report that the Prophet had fled, he says:

"I immediately proposed to a council of officers to march into Kanesville with a small force then under my command, but the officers were of opinion that it was too small, and many of them insisted upon a further call of the militia. Upon reflection I was of opinion that the officers were right in the estimate of our force, and the project for immediate action was abandoned. I was soon informed, however, that the conduct of the constable and guard, and that I was perfectly satisfied that a most base fraud had been attempted; that in fact, it was feared, that the Mormons would submit, and thereby sacrifice themselves to the protection of the law, and very often the hostile attitude of the other sex.

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An Open Letter to The "Hierarchs."

Gentlemen: Assuming that you have the great power in Utah affairs that the Salt Lake Tribune credits you with, it is indeed a mystery to me that you don't exercise it, and relieve the community of this great tragedy of a political party, so-called "American." You may, perhaps, have never figured out how easily it could be accomplished. I will give you a prescription which I will guarantee will prove effective in putting that "bunch" out of business, and will also guarantee that so long as my policy is strictly adhered to, the Tribune will forget to furnish its readers with that daily nauseating mass of "Mormon-Rhodes-Boast." Here is the prescription:

Fourth: Be sure to consult all of the "small fry" in this so-called party like Moreson, Darmer, Newton, Armstrong et al, and should they desire certain positions, throw out the so-called "American" ones, and give the patriots a chance, and you will never again hear of the so-called "American" party.

In support of my claim that this prescription will effect the cure, I would desire to have you refer back to the time when Tom Smoot (2) was in the Senate and when "Joe" was district attorney. We then had no American party. The Tribune tried to be a newspaper, and everything was lovely. Yes, indeed, that is where the "Trib" is at present.

Second: Compel Governor Spry to appoint as their successors a couple of real Americans via Thomas Kearns, H. J. Dunphy.

Third: Compel United States District Attorney Booth to resign in favor of Joe Lippman. This will make

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