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FULLY APPRECIATED.

The permanent residents of Salt Lake City ought to have heard the expressions of appreciation and commendation of the Tabernacle choir and organ, from our visiting friends of Los Angeles, as they emerged from the building and grounds on Tuesday evening. To say that they were highly delighted and enthusiastic over the music with which they had been entertained, is to speak lightly of their sublimity. There are many people in this city who place at the true value the ability, training and general excellence of the Tabernacle choir, and the eminent ability of its leader, Evan Stephens, and also the splendid instrument on which our own J. J. McMillan displays his taste and talent so frequently.

But the masses who attend the Tabernacle services and are accustomed to hear the grand productions of the masters and of eminent home talent, fail to fully appreciate the musical banquet which are so frequently offered gratuitously for their delectation. It is something like the adage: "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." And the people who are favored continuously from week to week with the splendid efforts of our choir and the organ accompaniment, become so accustomed to its excellence, that they are somewhat like persons who are regularly fed on the most dainty edibles and look upon them as a matter of course.

The citizens of Salt Lake, however, turned out in great numbers to hear their concert, to welcome by their presence our good friends from southern California, and also to express their admiration for the projector of the Salt Lake Route, which joins the two splendid cities in commercial and fraternal union. Elder John Henry Smith was quite happy in his words of welcome to the guests, and the whole entertainment was of a very pleasing character, making a good impression upon all who were present, and adding one more laurel to the wreath which crowns the triumph of our choir and organ.

We hope that our visitors will often hear the echoes of the music of Tuesday evening, after they reach their homes and think over their experiences in the City of the Saints; and we trust, too, that our home friends will duly appreciate the efforts put forth, in a public spirit, by the Tabernacle choir in regular Sunday worship, and in the musical treats which they frequently provide for general entertainment.

AS TO "CHURCH" INSURANCE.

"Where is the 'Church' insurance office?" is a question that has been put repeatedly by several persons to elevator boys and others by visitors during the last few days. When they have been told that there is no such office, or "I never heard of any such place," they appear quite surprised. An effort has been made, with as little success as reality, to create the impression abroad and to newcomers here that the "Mormon" Church has gone into the life insurance business, and the inference has been drawn that it is of no use for any other similar association to attempt to do business in Utah. We will say, for the benefit of persons who are making inquiries, that there is no such association or company here as a Church Insurance firm or organization.

As an excuse for the untruth that has been published, reference is no doubt made to a new company called the Beneficial Insurance company. It is not a Church institution. The Church owns none of its capital stock. The Church does not direct it or manipulate it in any way. It was started by three live young business men who saw the advantages of such an establishment, both to the company and the public, by retaining within the State the aid of a number of gentlemen as the profits that might accrue from its careful management. They enlisted investors, and among others obtained the subscription of fifty shares each by President Joseph P. Smith and his counselors. When the company was fully organized, President Smith was selected to act as president of the association, and being pressed to accept the position, he did so. This, however, was an individual matter and had no connection with the Church as a body. The shareholders had the right to choose their president, and he had a perfect right to accept or refuse the position.

These are the simple facts in the case.

The company has made a good start. It

the cooperation of a large number of

active men in different parts of Utah

and the regions surrounding, some of

whom are Church members and others

are not. It is purely a business organization. It does not prohibit or hinder

the establishment of other and similar

institutions. Nobody is required to take

part in it by insuring or otherwise, and it will stand on its own strength

and merits like other commercial concerns.

The stories that have been circulated,

for petty and malicious purposes, are

utterly false but are samples of the

stock-in-trade which is being put before

the public from virulent anti-

"Mormon" sources. They deceive a few

people at home and abroad, but are

either laughed at or despised by rational

and fair-minded people of every

class and creed.

LOOK TO THE HOME.

The so-called juvenile court may be

a necessary institution, but if so, it is a

most serious reflection upon some homes

of the present time. Were the home

what it should be, there would be no

need of a "court" to help the parents.

Were parental authority what, according

to the laws of God and nature, it is

clearly intended to be, no outward

aid would be called for. But homes,

generally speaking, no longer rest on

firm foundations, and their rules are

relaxed. Parental authority is, in

many instances, being trampled under

foot with impunity, together with all

authority, both human and divine, and

hence the necessity for institutions to

cope with the results of abnormal conditions.

The tremendous business of juvenile

courts should remind parents of their

duty to be the judges among their own

children, to correct evil tendencies

and guide the little ones in the

paths of virtue, truth and intelligence.

It is a sad fact that the more business

there is for juvenile courts, the more

overwhelming is the proof of the

carelessness of parents, or guardians,

to perform their duties. Children,

certainly, come to this world with

certain tendencies to evil, and

they encounter temptations that

often further incline and influence them

in the wrong direction. In many cases

the best of parental care and prayerful

labor may be unavailing, seemingly,

but in most instances the proper exercise

of parental authority will result in

good. For that reason it is evident

that a great number of children running

wild and landing in a juvenile

court is a sad indication of the neglect

of natural guardians to do their duty.

It is often due to a lack of understanding.

Parents forget that children are a

precious gift, for which they are responsible

to God. The insatiable thirst

for luxuries, for pleasure, and ease in

against the faithful discharge of the

serious duties of life, and life itself becomes,

accordingly, more or less of a failure.

Unless there is an awakening,

we are in danger of losing our moral

bearings, entirely. But this awakening

must come through the home, as the

foundation of the state. The many

cases of dishonesty and malfeasance in

public life, and the indifference of the

public to corruption, except as it can

be used for political purposes, are so

many evidences of the urgent need of

a remodeling of the home, on the divine

pattern.

PERSECUTION IN SPAIN.

Some time ago the English Protestants

at Barcelona proposed to open a

church in that city. They thought,

perhaps, that the Spanish government

would be far enough advanced in civilization

to tolerate this violation of antiquated

Spanish laws, and that the cordial

reception of the youthful monarch in

Great Britain would favor the proposed

move. But in this, they are apparently

doomed to disappointment. Cardinal

Cananas hastened to send to the

government a protest against the

opening of a Protestant church in a

Spanish city, and the king thereupon

wrote the following re-assuring letter

to the cardinal:

"As Catholic king and submissive and

believing son of the only true church, I

am deeply pained by this new attempt

against the faith of our ancestors,

and the religion of the state, whose

destinies Divine Providence has

deemed right to entrust to me in

these moments, and I do not hesitate

to assure you, Senor Cardinal, that I

shall do all in my power, within the

attributes of my constitutional sovereignty,

that the projects which your eminence

exposes may be nullified by my

government, and I implore your

blessing, reiterating to you all my

respectful esteem and affectionate

devotion.

ALFONSO XIII.

think as they please, and believe what-

ever they choose. They are even at

liberty to hold all religion in contempt,

as many of them do unmoored, as long

as they conform to outward observances.

But if they act on a sincere conviction,

contrary to established customs, even if

as void of real offense as the opening

of a Protestant church, they become

violators of law. Their worship is stamped

as "an abuse incompatible with the

present legislation and the unanimous

sentiments of the Spanish nation."

This is the spirit of medieval persecution.

The youthful Spanish king should learn

from history that no country in which

that spirit predominates, will ever prosper.

A good beginning of national greatness is religious freedom.

On the other hand, attacks on national

liberty are generally commenced on the

freedom to worship God in accordance

with the dictates of conscience.

Pugilists are almost as capacious as

sopranos.

Russia must remember that to the

victor belong the peace terms.

Japan is teaching the white man that

God also made the yellow man.

A "straw man" can't succeed anywhere,

not even in a hay and grain store.

Russia will acknowledge the principle

of indemnity but may object to the

principal.

Norway is firmly convinced that

there is no divinity that doth hedge

a king about.

Will the Chicago strikers take the

usual summer vacation? They should

at least give the people a rest.

Ex-Banker and Convict Bigelow is

in nearly the same state to which he

brought his bank—one of collapse.

Governor Douglas' motto seems to

be: First the worst, second the same,

third and last best of all the game.

Our Los Angeles visitors will please

understand that Salt Lake never has

any worse weather than this, hardly

ever.

The dancing masters want the jig and

the clod to become part of fashionable

programs. They certainly are above

the cakewalk.

In the assault on Baltimore and

Washington, no matter whether the

navy or the army wins it will be Uncle

Sam's victory.

Mrs. Layman of Chicago has been

nursed six times and six times dis-

posed. She seems to be a professional

rather than a layman.

Mrs. Gonde, wife of the president of

the Lewis and Clark exposition, has re-

buked Speaker Cannon for lack of

manners. Now will he be good?

And now Mayor Weaver has had a

select councilman arrested because he

was interested in city contracts, a

thing forbidden by the law. He goes

at his Augean task undismayed and as

though he meant to finish it.

Professor Triggs declares that "Chi-

cago is the saddest city on the face

of the earth. There is not a man, woman

or child who is naturally joyous." They

may not be joyous but they have

something that passes for it and is

equally good.

Was it compliment or conviction

when Justice David J. Brewer said to

the Vassar seniors: "Who shall say

that before gray hair shall come to

your heads a woman like Queen Victoria

shall not sit in the White House to

glorify this nation as Victoria glorified

England?"

One of the results of the recent vic-

tories of Japan is a decree issued by

the Chinese emperor, and the emperor

dowager, to the effect that the Japanese

language shall in future be taught

in the Nanyang college instead of Eng-

lish, and that Japanese professors shall

take the place of the present American

and English professors and instructors

there. The Nanyang college was es-

tablished at Shanghai by Sheng Tao-

Tai, the former head of the telegraph

company of China and of the largest steamship

company of China.