

EDITORIAL NOTES.

America drinks considerable tea. The importations into the United States for 1880 amounted to about twenty million pounds. No wonder nervous disorders are on the increase. The San Francisco Chronicle is all harping on the supposed statements of "Bishop" Lunt to one of the traveling correspondents. The "Bishop," who by the way is not a Bishop, declares that the scribe has attributed to him ideas that he never entertained and expressions that he never used. But when a paper is started by these sensational papers they keep repeating it, no matter how clearly it may have been refuted.

News comes that a clergyman in England has invented what he calls a torpedo boat destroyer, from which great things are expected. The destroyer can be used with terrible effect; its great merits being the ease with which it is aimed and handled, its excessively rapid speed, and the circumstance that until quite a distance has been traveled the speed is all the time increasing. Is not this a nice business for a clergyman? Is the saving of souls quite compatible with the destroying of bodies?

The Cincinnati Times-Star recommends as a solution of the "Mormon" problem that the young men of the country do their duty and marry the girls, when there will be no superfluity of women in the country. Try it. We are willing. We try to induce all our young men to marry. But if they won't come to the front, and the girls won't have them when they do, what's to be done then? Either there will still be a "superfluity of single women" or some men will have to take more than one wife. That's all.

In the Garfield-Conkling quarrel, there are no new developments. The proud New Yorker is respectful to the President, but determined to resist Robert's confirmation to the post. The general opinion seems to be that notwithstanding his opposition, the nomination will be confirmed, though much, indeed all, depends on the action of the Democratic senators. Among them there is a division as to the course to be taken, as will be seen by the dispatches. The whole matter hinges upon the one tiny point:—Presidential prerogative or "senatorial courtesy."

A telegram from New York to western papers that did not reach this city has the following in regard to the electric light: "At a meeting of the New York board of fire insurance underwriters, the danger arising from the use of electric lights came up for discussion. The matter had been investigated on account of an accident a short time ago in a jewelry store in Maiden Lane. A telephone is in this store, and the other day, when a man was on the roof running an electric light wire across, it came in contact with the telephone wires, and a flash passed down to the telephone box, setting the annunciator and burning the box. The shock loosened a considerable extent of plastering. City Electrician Smith said that the shock must have been very powerful, and had anyone been at the telephone, he might have been killed, or if the flame had passed near light goods there might have been a conflagration. Superintendent Harrison, of the New York board of fire insurance underwriters, said that the board would ask the proper authorities to see that the electric wires were properly insulated. Owing to the rapid introduction of the electric light and the many new wires that were being run over city houses, the danger, he said, was constantly increasing. In the meantime, buildings using the electric light would be rated as 'specially hazardous' unless the insulation of the wires was approved."

WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The 15th Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened April 30th, 1881, on Saturday at 10 o'clock a.m. Present on the stand: Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, F. M. Lyman and John I. Smith; the Presidency of the Wasatch Stake, the Ward Bishops, their Counselors and others. The meeting on Saturday was occupied, first by President A. Hatch, who gave an account of the Stake and standing of the Stake over which

he presides, speaking favorably of the general disposition of the people to obey counsel and to attend to their duties as Latter-day Saints. Testified to the truth of the gospel and general progress of the work, and in regard to tithing stated that this Stake had paid some three or four thousand dollars more the last year than the year previous. Our barns are full of hay and bins full of wheat.

The Ward Bishops made reports of their Wards, also Presidents of quorums made reports concerning those over whom they preside.

Apostle John Henry Smith referred to our liability to err, and how few there were but could look upon the past and see where we could improve. "The way of the transgressor is hard." The breaking of the law of God is the same as breaking nature's law. A man who loses a limb is marred, he is not a perfect man. So if he breaks the law of God, or discards any of the principles of the Gospel, he is not complete. He is like the man who loses the limb. Spoke of the necessity of being very careful about giving recommendations to go to the House of the Lord.

Apostle F. M. Lyman spoke in reference to our Sunday Schools, giving some excellent instructions in regard to the manner of conducting them, and of imparting instruction to the youth in order to attract their attention; in administering the sacrament to them, we should make them understand thoroughly what it is for, etc.

At 10 a.m., Sunday, the house was filled to its utmost capacity, all sitting and standing room completely occupied.

After the opening exercises, the time was taken up for a few moments by T. H. Giles and H. S. Alexander (counselors to President A. Hatch), who spoke their feelings in a comprehensive manner.

President Hatch also spoke, referring to the parable of the young man, who inquired: "Good master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" and was told to sell all that he had and give to the poor and then come and follow Christ. He went his way sorrowing, for he had great possessions; but was never again referred to, his name went into oblivion. A lesson to us and to all who reject the word of God.

Apostle J. H. Smith said the Apostles did not travel among the brethren for the sole purpose of talking to them, but they wished to hear those among whom they visit, and learn their feelings, hopes, desires, etc.; also to hear the reports of the Presidents and Bishops. "From what we have heard from the speakers during this Conference we must conclude that a desire does exist among those here assembled to hear and learn of the truths of the gospel."

After the opening of the afternoon services, the sacrament was partaken of. The general authorities of the Church were presented to the Conference by Apostle J. H. Smith, and unanimously sustained; also the local authorities of the Stake were presented by the clerk and sustained unanimously.

Apostle F. M. Lyman hoped the time would come when no evil would exist among us. Man can choose his own course. There are many different kinds of sins in the world; some a great deal worse than others. In reference to the great sin of adultery, we should warn each other and particularly instruct our children in these matters. Whoever is guilty in these things will have to suffer the fearful consequences. The young man who is prompted to do good and acts wisely in his course through life, is seen to tower above his fellows; he becomes a bright example to all around him; he has an influence, is a good adviser, and is capable of giving a righteous decision in any matter.

An immense amount of good instruction was given, and everyone present seemed to be well pleased and paid for the time spent. Our choir deserve a meed of praise for the part they filled in making music for the entertainment of those assembled. All enjoyed the Conference and felt they were amply paid for coming together.

CHAS. SHELTON, Clerk.

BEAR LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion was held at Paris, May 7th and 8th, 1881.

On the stand were C. C. Rich of the Twelve Apostles, Wm. Budge

of the Presidency of the Stake, the Bishops and many of the local authorities.

The Bishops reported the condition of their fields of labor. The tithing in some of the wards was light owing to light crops. The people as a general thing settled promptly and willingly. Temple donations had also been freely responded to.

Apostle C. C. Rich addressed the meeting for a short time. Said there is a great work to be performed and we should all be interested in it. His feelings were as good as ever, although his body was weak and feeble. Related two incidents in his experience in which two powerful engines broke down and became for the time being useless, defying the efforts of the skilled mechanic to make them operate successfully; one occurrence took place on the Pacific Ocean and the other on the railroad. He trusted he might live to see the Temple finished and the Saints be blessed therein. We must do our duty if we expect to receive the reward. He prayed that the Lord would bless His Saints and preserve them from the power of the destroyer, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The speakers in the afternoon were Elders H. S. Woolley, A. Gallows, H. Findley, Bishop Lee, Elder J. U. Stucki, and Prest. Wm. Budge. The subjects treated upon were the building of the Temple, home manufactures, and co-operation in railroad work.

On Sunday the statistical report was read. The sacrament was administered, and the General and Stake Authorities were presented and sustained.

The speakers were Bishop C. E. Robison, Bishop R. Price, Presidents Wm. Budge and G. Osmond and Bishop Sheets, and the subjects spoken upon were tithing, Temple building, the proper training of children and the keeping of records.

Prest. Wm. Budge said that in answer to the last special call for available means, the Saints in this Stake had donated to the Logan Temple upwards of \$1,600.

Singing by the choir. Benediction by President G. Osmond.

T. MINSON, Stake Clerk.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Minutes of a Conference held at Shady Grove, Hickman Co., Tenn., April 30th and May 1st, 1881.

Present on the stand Elder John Morgan, President of the Southern States Mission; Jno. R. Murdock, President of and fourteen Elders, traveling in, the Tennessee Conference; J. E. Church, President of the Shady Grove Branch, and others.

Saturday, 11 a. m.

After the opening exercises Elder Morgan said it is highly necessary for the Elders and brethren to come together occasionally, to make reports and to exchange ideas. He was very much pleased to meet with so many of the Saints and prayed God to bless them in their efforts to do right.

Bro. Murdock made some very appropriate remarks which were well calculated to edify and instruct.

Elder Ford gave a very encouraging report of his labors in the eastern portion of middle Tennessee; said he had made a number of friends and had baptized some.

Elder Camp reported his labors in the western part of the State which was very encouraging.

Elder Eardly also reported his field of labor stating the prospects as being good for early additions to the Church.

Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

After the opening exercises Elder Morgan instructed the Elders to carefully record matters of interest pertaining to their mission, that they may be incorporated in the archives of the Church; spoke of the necessity of order and discipline in the Church; related several circumstances that had come under his notice in connection with this matter that fully illustrated the subject and its importance.

Elder Bateman said he was proud of the name of a Latter-day Saint, and bore a faithful testimony to the work of God; felt to thank God for the honor bestowed upon him in being counted worthy to preach the gospel, and that nothing would induce him to part with the experience he had gained, and his desire is to continue in the good work.

Elder Roberts spoke for a short

time on the working of God's Spirit as made manifest to His servants while engaged in His work; related several instances brought to his notice while on his mission; encouraged the Elders and Saints to continue in well-doing, quoting appropriate passages of scripture illustrative of the promises of God to His faithful children.

Elder Snow gave some very important items of interest connected with the work at home, which were very acceptably listened to.

Elder Murdock closed with a few very appropriate remarks relating to this mission, which were listened to with marked attention. Singing, and benediction.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer, after which the Sacrament was administered.

The general and local authorities of the Church were then presented and unanimously sustained.

A few changes being necessary in the local authorities—Bro. J. R. Murdock being released to return home—Elder H. Belknap was chosen to preside over the Conference.

The statistical report of the conference was then read, which showed a very favorable condition of the work in this State.

Elder Morgan spoke upon the authorities of the Church, ancient and modern, basing his remarks on the latter part of the first chapter of Acts, explaining how vacancies have always been filled in the Church of God. Explained the fallacy of the dominant sects of the day in rejecting revelation; compared the Church of Christ to the body of a man, as shown by Paul in 1 Cor. 12 chap., and showed how all the members and parts were absolutely necessary to the harmonious working of the whole; spoke of the duties and qualifications of the officers of the Church, of the gifts promised to Israel, more especially of prophecy. Closed by invoking God's blessing upon all his faithful children.

Elder Hunsacker endorsed the remarks of Elder Morgan and the other brethren; touched on the pre-existence of spirits and man's advent on the earth; exhorted all to obey the laws of God that they may become claimants to the promises of the Saviour. We ought at all times to strive for the Holy Ghost, that it may enlighten us and be to us a comforter in very deed; exhorted all to seek earnestly for God's spirit to guide them into all truth.

Elder Hammond spoke for a short time on the inexperience of the missionaries and the manner they have to cope with the learned theologians of the land, that the credit should be given to God, as without his spirit they could do nothing.

Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

By courtesy of the gentlemen in charge of the "Methodist meeting house," the conference convened at that place, which was well filled with attentive hearers.

After the opening exercises Elder Morgan read Hebrews 6th chapter and 1st and 2d verses, and dwelt upon the responsibility resting upon those that taught the people the things pertaining to eternal life. Expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended by the people of Shady Grove in offering the meeting house to preach in; dwelt upon the reformation and incidents connected therewith and the teachings of the great reformers, proving them to be in accord with the working of God's plan of ushering in a "latter-day dispensation" by the propagation of "religious tolerance;" taught the first principles as laid down in the text, and closed by exhorting the people to contend earnestly for the Spirit of God, that they may be led and guided in the only true way of life and salvation, and invoked the blessings of God on the honest in heart everywhere.

Singing; and benediction by Elder Belknap. Adjourned sine die.

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NOTICE.

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In the matter of the Guardianship of the persons and estates of Adelaide Hampton, Grant Hampton, William Hampton, Benjamin Hampton and Ray Hampton, Minors.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF SAID Court in said matter notice is hereby given that Wednesday, the 18th day of May, A. D. 1881, at 10 a. m. of said day has been appointed by said Court the time and the County Court House of Salt Lake City the place for the hearing of a petition filed therein on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1881, praying for an order of said Court authorizing the Guardians of said minors to sell the property of said minors consisting of 5-8 undivided interest in the following described property, to wit: Sixty feet west front by twenty rods back of the north side of lot 4, of block 97, plat "A" Salt Lake City Survey, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause if any why the prayer of petitioners should not be granted.

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