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LAYING ON OF HANDS.

A RECENT issue of the New York Herald has an editorial with the above title, and judging from the above title, and judging from the editorial, it is intended to cast doubt upon an ordinance as ancient as revealed religion, and which was part of the system established by Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Objection is made by the Herald against the doctrine because faith is an essential to its successful practice, and as it is an essential of cure, cheapness is urged in the charges for its administration as compared with the physicians' fees and doctors' bills. The question is asked, what would be the result in a case of smallpox or other contagious disease? And it is asserted without standing the claims of cures by this process, it is not known that they have produced any change in the death rate. The article was incited by the cures said to be wrought by a preacher who has started a church in New York, based upon the doctrine of healing by prayer and the laying on of hands. This has been a tenet of the creed of the Latter-day Saints from the beginning. For upwards of fifty years the "Mormons" have testified to the world that the sick are healed in this age, as in former times, through "the prayer of faith." The course to be taken with the sick was directed by the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and on the 9th of February, 1831, the following was given by revelation and commandment to the Church:

"And whosoever among you are sick and have not faith to be healed, and believe not in my name, shall be healed, and shall be healed with all tenderness, with herbs and mild food, and that not by the hand of an enemy.

And the Elders of the Church, two or more, shall be called, and shall pray for, and shall lay their hands upon them in my name; and if they die they shall die unto me, and if they live they shall live unto me.

And again it shall come to pass that he that hath faith in me to be healed, and is not appointed unto death, shall be healed, and shall be healed:

"He who hath faith to see shall see;

"He who hath faith to hear shall hear;

"The lame who hath faith to leap shall leap;

"And they who have not faith to do these things, but believe in me, have power to become my apostles, inasmuch as they break not my laws, though shall bear their infirmities."

Thousands of people are able to bear testimony to the truth of the foregoing promises. In all kinds of diseases, also in injuries through accident or otherwise, this ordinance for the sick has proven efficacious. Often its effects have been instantaneous. In other cases the results have been gradual. In some instances no perceptible change has been wrought in the physical condition of the patient, but comfort and consolation are generally experienced. The degree of faith determines the force of the healing power experienced.

It is a matter of astonishment that any one professing belief in the Christian religion should ridicule or cast doubt upon this doctrine and practice. Yet the Latter-day Saints have not only been derided by ministers and members of the various so-called "Christian" denominations, but have suffered most inhuman persecutions in consequence of their belief in this eminently sacred institution. Jesus Christ made it a part of the Gospel which he introduced. It was established among the people of God ages before His birth at Bethlehem. But He introduced it in His own practice; and in his parting instruction to His Apostles, sending them out to proclaim the Gospel to all the world, declared as one of the signs that should follow them that believe: "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Similar instructions in those given to the Latter-day Saints by the Lord through Joseph Smith were imparted by the Apostle James in his epistle, 5 chap., 13-14 verses. In all these teachings and promises faith is set forth as an essential, and the potent force by which the desired result is to be effected. In Christ's remarkable healings he attributed them to faith. "Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole." "All things are possible to them that believe." "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." These are New Testament texts. They are part of the Christian religion. If they are not true Christianity is a failure and a falsehood. If they are true modern Christendom, weighed in the balances is found wanting, for it repudiates and ridicules this feature of the Christian faith. And why should this essential to healing by the laying on of hands be objected to? The answer is because failure can be attributed to lack of faith. Just so. And are there no failures in the administration of medicine? Do doctors always succeed? Does it follow because a prescription does not cure in one case that it is useless in all? Is it not a fact that remedies with an established reputation often, in great emergencies and violent epidemics, fail to produce any material effect upon the death-rate? And if so will it be argued that therefore all "doctors' stuff" is rubbish, and all phylax should be thrown to the dogs? Occasionally a person having the gift of healing attempts to make capital out of it. He generally fails. It is not designed to be used for any such purpose. In this Church, cheapness or dearness does not enter into the practice of healing by the laying on of hands. The ordinance is always administered without money and without price. To those who have faith it is easier, cheaper and better every way than "doctor

ing." But all have not faith, and it may not be their fault any more than natural lack of mental energy or physical strength. Sometimes the faith of others is sufficient for them as in the case of little children, or the administering officer is endowed with the healing gift to a more than ordinary degree, when the patient is healed, although of little faith. In answer to the question, What is to be done in the case of smallpox? We say, just the same thing as in other cases. The Lord's plan applies to all the life that flesh is heir to, and we can bear witness that in such a case, as well as others, "the prayer of faith does save the sick," as is well known to the Latter-day Saints, however ridiculous it may appear to the New York Herald. And now in relation to the death-rate, the laying on of hands, although it has been instrumental even in raising the dead, as well as giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the dumb, and vigor to the feeble of limb, is not designed to abolish death or destroy the trials of suffering and sickness. These have their uses and are part of the economy of the Great Creator. But just as healing qualities exist in medicinal herbs and other curative substances, placed there by the hand of the All-wise Physician, so by faith the pains and woes of mortal life may be mollified and healing virtues can be imparted through the laying on of hands, especially when faith moves the minister of the ordinance and finds correspondence and unity in the soul of the patient. Healings, signs and "miracles" do not prove, of themselves, the truth of any Church or system in which they are manifested, but when the sick are healed by the laying on of hands, each case is additional proof that the doctrine taught in the primitive Christian Church, and restored in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is true, no matter who doubts or ridicules it or seeks to cast discredit upon its practice.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Convention met at 10 a.m., Wednesday, 7th inst.; quorum present. Mr. H. G. Boyle officiated as chaplain. Communications were received from Messrs. Cluff, of Summit, and Atkin, of Tooele Counties, stating that they were unable to attend. On motion of Mr. Caine they were excused. The Memorial to Congress was taken up and read, and considered by paragraphs. Several motions to amend were lost. A motion of Mr. Booth to amend by substituting the word "proceeded" for "proceeding" in the second paragraph, prevailed. Mr. Thurman moved to strike out the paragraph relating to the pledge of the Government in the treaty with Mexico in regard to residents of this region before its cession to the United States. He considered that as this treaty related to Mexican citizens and we claimed in the memorial to be citizens of the United States at the time of the treaty, there would be an inconsistency in retaining the paragraph. Mr. Penrose, replying to a question by Mr. Yeager, admitted that the section of the treaty from which the quotation in the paragraph was made referred to Mexicans and therefore the objection raised was technically correct. But he argued that the guarantee of the United States applied to all inhabitants of the territory ceded from Mexico, by implication at least, and this ground had been taken by Mr. Yeager on the application of California, a part of the same region for admission into the Union. The speaker opposed the motion. Several members took part in the debate, taking either side of the question, and when put to a vote the motion was lost. After considerable discussion, the memorial was unanimously adopted and the following was added on motion of Mr. Penrose: "Adopted in Convention at Salt Lake City, on the seventh day of June, A.D. 1882, by unanimous vote, and ordered to be signed by the President and Secretary." The President reported that 2,000 copies of the Constitution had been printed and distributed, and that the remaining 3,000 copies ordered would be made more complete by the addition of the Resolution of the Legislature authorizing the Convention, the Memorial to Congress and the proceedings of the present sitting of the Convention, and would then be distributed by the Delegate. The report was approved. The Committee on Nomination of Delegates to Washington presented the following: Mr. President and Members of the Convention: Your committee on nominations beg leave to recommend that seven delegates be chosen to present the memorial and constitution to Congress, and respectfully place the following names as nominations for said delegates: W. H. Hooper, Salt Lake County; John T. Caine, " " " " James Sharp, " " " " W. W. Riles, " " " " E. S. Richards, Weber " " " " D. H. Peery, " " " " W. D. Johnson, Jr., Kane " " " " Chairman of Committee. Salt Lake City, June 7th, 1882. The report was accepted, and the gentlemen nominated were appointed by the unanimous vote of the convention. Mr. Penrose moved that the delegates be instructed to proceed to Washington in time to present the Memorial and Constitution to Congress at its present session, and take such measures as in their judgment are best calculated to effect the object in view. Carried. Mr. Boyer moved that when the Convention adjourns it be to meet on Monday, October 9, at 2 o'clock p.m., at this place, unless sooner called by the President. Carried. The Journal was read and approved. On motion of Mr. Caine, at 12:45 p.m., the Convention adjourned. Benediction by Mr. D. H. Wells.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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AMERICAN.

Re-elected.

CHICAGO, 7.—The Chicago and Western Railroad has re-elected its old directors and officers.

Fatal Explosion.

A San Antonio special says: A terrible explosion in tunnel No. 1, on the K. and T. Railway extension, occurred yesterday, 250 kegs of blasting powder being touched off by workmen on the east end of the extension, the workmen at the west end were at once overwhelmed with earth, rocks and trees; three men were killed and five wounded.

\$300,000 PROFIT.

NEW YORK, 7.—Western Union earnings show an increase of \$300,000 for five months of this year.

Minister Lowell.

The Tribune's Washington special says: The renewed efforts of Mr. Lowell's return are without foundation. There is excellent authority for saying that Lowell has not been recalled and has no resigned, and that no name is being considered in his place.

CITY COUNCIL.

Proceedings in the City Council on Tuesday evening, June 6th, 1882, Mayor Jennings presiding:

Cunningham & Co. petitioned to be allowed to erect a powder magazine on the ground not apart for the purpose north of the Hot Springs.

Granted, subject to the same restrictions regarding location as the petition of the Vigor's Powder Company was granted under, viz: that the magazine be erected east of the first bluff above the road leading into this city from the north.

Byron E. Hartill petitioned for the right to purchase a lot on block fifty-nine, plot D, Salt Lake City survey, which he believed was owned by the city. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

Wm. Husbands petitioned to use a portion of the street and sidewalk in front of his premises on Second West between Second and Third South streets for a period of sixty days, whereon to place material for building. Granted under the usual restrictions.

A petition was presented from Dr. Jeter Clinton, asking an increase in the amount allowed him by contract for furnishing medicines and personally attending to the health of city prisoners. Referred to the committee on city prison.

A petition from Dr. J. M. Benedict in behalf of the hospital of the Holy Cross was presented asking permission to lay a two inch pipe from a certain tank which they had obtained permission to locate on the military reservation of Fort Douglas to the middle of the hospital block. The petitioners desired immediate action in the matter as the building was now ready for occupancy and only awaiting the procuring of a water supply.

The petition was received and permission to lay the necessary pipes in the streets granted under the direction of the supervisor of streets.

Two petitions were submitted, signed by residents of the southwestern portion of the city, asking that the water mains be extended along certain designated streets to the Denver and Rio Grande Western depot, corner of Third South and Sixth West streets, and offering in the event of favorable action by the Council, to advance the sums set opposite their respective names, with the understanding that the same be returned in water rates, as they accrue. The total amount subscribed in the petition of W. L. Pickard and others, was \$910; in the petition of P. H. Lannan and others, \$800.

A communication from Henry Wood, superintendent of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway Company was also presented, in which he stated that the company would provide the means required to make up three-fourths of the entire expense to be entailed in said extension, on whichever route the Council might decide upon. The company also agreed, if necessary, to indemnify the city against any damages which might arise by virtue of the grant to the use of water for said company.

In consideration of the legal points involved in the granting of these petitions, and the former one of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway Company, which points were referred, at the last meeting of the Council to the city attorney to investigate and give his opinion upon, it was moved and carried that the communications of the parties and the communication of the superintendent, etc., be laid upon the table, to be taken up in their order, after the report of the city attorney shall have been submitted.

Applications for the renewal of liquor licenses were presented from Jacob Aik, Barr & McElmer, Barnhardt & Stahl, Burgess & Harvey, Mrs. J. W. Butler, Glasby & Hogue, W. C. Clave, G. S. Erb, John Erickson, N. P. Gray, Godbe, Pitts & Co., Hill and Trehwell, Jacob Levisberg, John Lollin, May & Gammlin, Morrison, Merrill, B. F. Whittemore, Z. C. M. I., Russell & Company, and Henry Wagner. The recorder stated that only about six of the applicants enumerated had filed their bonds required by law, but believed it was the intention of the remainder to do so as early as convenient. The applications were received and the licenses asked for granted subject to compliance with the law in relation to the filing of bonds.

The city attorney stated that a number of the liquor dealers of the city had asked him if some method might not be devised by ordinance or otherwise to make the bonds filed by them good for one year. They stated that a great inconvenience both to themselves and the parties giving them security to be obliged to leave their respective places of business every three months to appear before the recorder, as the law directs, and suggested that the fewer times they were obliged to do so, the better it would be for all concerned. The attorney stated that he had informed the gentlemen who spoke to him that he knew of no remedy to meet their desire short of an amendment to the ordinance, but promised to bring the matter to the attention of the Council. No action was taken by the Council upon the subject, it appearing to be the general opinion that it would require a legislative enactment to correct the ordinance as requested.

A verbal petition was presented by George Goddard, who stated that he was one of a committee having in hand the details of an excursion of old folks above the age of 70 years from the cities and towns north and south of this city, arrangements for which were in progress, and designed to be had on the 29th inst. Mr. Goddard had been connected with the management of old folks excursions for a number of years, and could testify that they had always been received with great hospitality and deference by the municipal authorities wherever they had journeyed. Upon this occasion it was desired to make Liberty Park the gathering place and to spend the day there in picnicking and regaling themselves in pleasant pastime. To this end Mr. Goddard asked the use of the Park on that occasion. The recorder stated that he had referred to the committee on public grounds.

The committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred the petition of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, asking permission to lay a track along Sixth West street to their gravel bed at the north end of the city, and also the petition of Joseph Ford and other citizens remonstrating against the granting of the former petition, submitted a report recommending that the petition of the railroad company be granted under certain provisions—mainly the compliance with all ordinances relating to the construction and operation of railroads in city limits. The report drew out a lengthy discussion in which nearly every member present participated. Mr. Pollard, being present, by permission spoke upon the subject and strongly protested against the railroad being allowed to run on Sixth West street. The report was finally referred back to the committee for further consideration. Adjourned for one week.

DIED.

At Kanab, Iron Co., May 23rd, 1882, of paralysis stroke and old age, RACHEL, wife of the late Bishop William B. Davies. Deceased was born in Carmarthenshire, South Wales on the 6th of June, 1803, making her 79 years of age.

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