

REMARKS.

By President BRIGHAM YOUNG, delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Oct. 8th 1898.

REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

I wish to say to those who are called to go on the Southern mission, that I expect some of them can not conveniently go; if so, they can be excused just as others have been. I think we called about one hundred and seventy-five men a year ago to go on the Southern mission. Of those who responded to that call and went south, twelve or fifteen stayed; the rest have returned. I do not know whether to see their mothers or not. We hope a few will go out of this company, and a few of those will return who were called last year. We have our reasons for requesting the brethren to go into those new settlements; if they do not know the reasons now, let them wait until they do. We calculate to spread abroad, and when we have settled one valley we calculate to settle another. We are settling north, south, east and west, and we mean to keep it up. There are some who will be excused. One of the brethren has excused himself on the ground that he is building himself a barn. Now, this is so reasonable that I think we will excuse him, at any rate until he gets it finished. Perhaps we will find some who have married wives, others who have bought a yoke of oxen, and because of this they cannot go.

There is no necessity for the brethren hurrying away. They can go down this fall, tarry through the winter, and be prepared for the spring. We shall excuse those who ought to be excused, and especially if they are building barns. As for those who have been there and have left, we expect to see the time that they wish they had stayed there; and that those who have been called and have not gone will wish they had done so.

There is a few items I wish to lay before the Conference before we dismise, which I think we shall do when we get through our meeting this afternoon. One of these items is to present to the congregation the Deseret Alphabet. We have now many thousands of small books, called the first and second readers, adapted to school purposes, on the way to this city. As they arrive we shall distribute them throughout the Territory. We wish to introduce this alphabet into our schools, consequently we give this public notice. We have been contemplating this for years. The advantages of this alphabet will soon be realized, especially by foreigners. Brethren who come here knowing nothing of the English language will find its acquisition greatly facilitated by means of this alphabet, by which all the sounds of the language can be represented and expressed with the greatest ease. As this is the grand difficulty foreigners experience in learning the English language, they will find a knowledge of this alphabet will greatly facilitate their efforts in acquiring at least a partial English education. It will also be very advantageous to our children. It will be the means of introducing uniformity in our orthography, and the years that are now required to learn to read and spell can be devoted to other studies.

I wish to call the attention of our sisters to our letter Societies. We are happy to say that many of them have done a great deal. We wish them to continue and progress. During this Conference, many of the ladies have worn very nice straw hats of home manufacture. This is commendable, and this course should be persevered in, until our hats and dresses are the workmanship of our own hands. To my view no trimming for a hat looks more beautiful than a nice straw rosette, bow or button; it looks better than a feather or artificial flower. In our Relief Societies we wish to introduce many improvements. We wish our sisters of experience to teach the young girls not to be so anxious for the gratification of their imaginary wants, but to confine themselves more to their real necessities. Fancy has no bounds, and often think it is without form and comeliness. We are too apt to give way to the imagination of our hearts, but if we will be guided by wisdom, our judgment will be corrected, and we will find that we can improve very much. We can improve the language we use. I want my children to use better language than I sometimes use. Still, I have thought of the prophet Joseph has said, when you speak to a people or person you must use language to represent your ideas, so that they will be remembered. When you wish the people to feel what you say, you have got to use language that they will remember, or else the ideas are lost to them. Consequently, in many instances we use language that we would rather not use. When talking to a refined people we should use refined language. When we become perfectly civilized we will leave off every harsh expression. We should correct our children in these matters, and teach them good language. I would like to urge upon my brethren and sisters the necessity of doing this. We should instill into the minds of our children good ideas and principles. If we teach them that there are prophets and apostles now on the earth, we shall teach them the truth. If we teach them that the Bible is true, it will be very wholesome for them to believe; but instead of teaching them that it requires a spiritual explanation, by men not endowed with the Spirit of God, teach them that such a motion is incorrect, and that if the word of God does not mean what it says, no man or woman can explain it without a direct revelation from Heaven.

We wish to introduce into this community manufactures and manufacturing so thoroughly that the people will consider themselves under obligation to feed and clothe themselves. Many of us are in the habit of doing only just what we like to do or of sitting with our arms folded, trusting to others to feed and clothe us. It is the duty of the husband to provide for the wife or wives and children, and it is the duty of the wife or wives and children to assist the husband and father all they can. If it is required of the father or husband to furnish their wives and children with flour, it is equally required of the wife, sisters and daughters to be careful in the use of that flour and see that it is

not wasted. If it is the duty of the husband or father to furnish his family with cloth to dress themselves, it is their duty to see that that cloth is cut and made prudently and not wasted. It is a disgrace to a community to do this. Now, how many women are there here to-day who walked to this Tabernacle without throwing dirt every step they took, not only on themselves but upon those who walked near them? I shun them; when I see them coming I try to make my way in some other direction in order to avoid their dust. I can get enough of it without receiving it from them. If there is a nuisance in the path, they are sure to wipe up a portion of it with their dress, and then trail it on to their carpet or into the bedrooms and distribute it through the house. This is a disgrace to them. It is not the duty of my brethren to buy cloth to be dragged through these streets, and the wife or daughter who will not cease dragging her dress through them, ought to have it cut shorter. I have borne it and so have my brethren until duty demands that we put a stop to it. I have politely expostulated with my wives and daughters on this subject. I have asked them if they think it looks nice, and have been told that it did, their reason for thinking so being that somebody else wore it so. That is all the argument that can be brought in its favor. There is no reason in the world why a dress looks well trailing through the streets.

On the other hand I will say, ladies, if we ask you to make your dresses a little shorter, do not be extravagant and cut them so short that we can see the tops of your stockings. Bring them down to the top of your shoes, and have them so that you can walk and clear the dust, and do not expose your persons. Have your dresses neat and comely, and conduct yourselves, in the strictest sense of the word, in chastity. If you do this you set a good example before the rising generation. Use good language, wear comely clothing and act in all things so that you can respect yourselves and respect each other. We wish you to remember and carry out these counsels.

Can you, ladies, manufacture bonnets for yourselves and daughters, and hats for your husbands, sons and brothers? Yes, you can, and save us scores of thousands of dollars.

I wonder if there is any person in our community who understands the manufacture of silk. We have some raw silk on hand that could be manufactured if we can find persons who understand the business. I am now building a house that will be sufficient to contain a million worms another year. It is a hundred feet long in the clear, and twenty broad. I calculate to fill it with worms next season, and make silk. I am going to invite some of the brethren to make up this silk into thread, and to color it and weave it. We can make our own thread and twist as easily as we can buy it. I have never seen better sewing silk than I once bought of a sister here, of her own manufacture. I would like to find somebody who knows how to manage the worms, and to double, twist, reel and weave the silk.

By ceasing the foolish practice of, namely, trading off our produce at the stores for every little thing we have thought we needed, we shall drive ourselves to the necessity of sustaining ourselves. If we take this course and live our religion, do you think we will be respected? Yes. We are frequently told that the world is increasing in wickedness. We want the Saints to increase in goodness, until our mechanics, for instance, are so honest and reliable that this Railroad Company will say, "Give us a Mormon elder for an engineer, then none need have the least fear to ride, for if he knows there is danger he will make every measure necessary to preserve the lives of those entrusted to his care." I want to see our elders so full of integrity that they will be preferred by this Company for their engine builders, watchmen, engineers, clerks and business managers. If we live our religion and are worthy the name of Latter-day Saints, we are just the men that all such business can be entrusted to with perfect safety; if it can not it will prove that we do not live our religion.

A few words with regard to our Emigration Fund. We are going to continue our donations to this fund. We started our new subscriptions here on Tuesday night, and what do you think they amounted to? To two thousand dollars. That was a pretty good beginning. How many names do you think it took for that sum? Just two—a thousand dollars each. Now, sisters, do as you did last year—save the money you usually spend in tea and coffee and ribbons, and let us have it to send for the poor. We did remarkably well last year, though our prospects were not very flattering at the start. On the 1st of February, the time we thought of sending our agency East, we had nine thousand dollars, but on the 17th of the same month when brothers Clawson and Staines started we had a little over twenty-nine thousand. When the brethren said, "How dare you think of sending for the poor, we are getting no means?" I replied, "We will send for them and trust in God for the means." And the means came in fast. The brethren and sisters brought in their five dollars, their tens, fifties, hundreds, and their thousands, and the poor were gathered. The Walker Brothers gave a thousand dollars, and they will be blest for it, if we do not wish to trade with them. Others of our merchants also contributed liberally. The poor are deserving of it. Why? Because from them they got their means. The merchants of this city have got hundreds of thousands of dollars from the poor, and if they give a little back to them it is no more than their due.

How our friends, the outside merchants will complain because we are going to stop trading with them? We can not help it. It is not our duty to do it. Our policy in this respect, hitherto, has been one of the most foolish in the world. Henceforth it must be to let this trade alone, and save our means for other purposes than to enrich outsiders. We must use it to spread the gospel, to gather the poor, build temples, sustain our poor, build houses for ourselves, and convert the heathen. It means a better use than to give it to those who will use it against us.

We have talked to the brethren and sisters a great deal with regard to sustaining ourselves and ceasing this outside trade. Now what say you, are you for it as well as we? Are we of one heart and one mind on this subject? We can get what we wish by sending to New York for it ourselves, as well as setting the same before them. We have said and likely to trade for all we need; and

if we have to send abroad we can send our agents to buy and bring home what we need. My feelings are that every man and woman who will not obey this counsel shall be severed from the Church, and let all the blood of it be upon their right hand. The vote was unanimous. That is a pretty good vote. You who feel otherwise have the privilege of lifting up your hand to signify the same. I guess it was pretty high right. Joseph used to say "When you get the Latter-day Saints to agree on any point, you may know it is the voice of God." I knew this before, but now it is proven to the whole people. "Will the nation find fault with us for this? No. Will the commercial world find fault? No; they will say 'This is the first trait in the 'Mormon' character we ever saw worthy of notice; it is praiseworthy, and they will be blest.' That is what they will say. Why there is scarcely a decent man comes here but what says 'Why don't you 'Mormons,' do your own trading? Why do you sustain outsiders? It is the most impolitic thing you can do.'"

I wish to say to the Conference that for one I feel well satisfied with our labors. We have labored diligently to sanctify ourselves and the people. If we succeed in doing this we shall be prepared to inherit life everlasting in the presence of our Father. I will say to all people, to those in the church and to those out, I want it distinctly understood, that if we, that is myself, my counselors, and my brethren the Twelve Apostles, and all who are heart and hand with us, can succeed in getting this people together in their feelings to sustain themselves and let other people alone, it will be one of the proudest days of our lives. We spread this to the world. Would to God that we had influence enough to induce all the inhabitants of the earth to listen to and obey the voice of God through his servants, to repent of their sins, be baptized for their remission and live to the glory of God that they might inherit eternal life. I pray that this may be our lot, and I ask it in the name of Jesus.

This conference is now adjourned until the 8th of next April.

(Special to the Deseret Evening News.)

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

San Francisco, 5.—Slight shocks of earthquake have been almost a daily occurrence since October 24. Last night at 9 p.m. a sharp shock lasting 12 seconds created considerable alarm, but did no damage to property. The quake was heavy at San Jose.

The San Francisco vote was 25,700, being the largest ever polled. The Democratic majority was 1318. The defeated Republicans on the municipal ticket intend to contest the elections as the central committee profess to have proof of over 200 foreign illegal votes.

Washington, 5.—A board of army officers to retire disabled officers has been ordered to convene at St. Louis on the 16th inst., or as soon after as possible.

The public debt statement, which will be issued tomorrow, will show a reduction of nearly six millions.

Philadelphia.—The corrected returns make the Republican majority in the city 2518.

Providence.—Grant's majority in the State, is 6445.

Augusta.—The official count of twenty counties in Georgia, gives 9,353 majority for Seymour; his majority in the State is estimated at 25,000.

Charleston.—The election returns come in very slow. The Democrats claim two Congressmen in the upper counties; the Republicans claim the State by a reduced majority.

Chicago.—The latest from Missouri says that Grant has about 20,000 majority.

Lowell.—General Butler was greeted by about 3000 of his fellow citizens, and made a brief speech. Referring to the murders of Union men in the South he said Congress would soon provide a remedy for that; and said he, "If Andy Johnson don't second our efforts we will try and provide for him."

New York.—It is reported that Mayor Hoffman will resign his present office in time for the vacancy to be filled at the charter election in December.

Washington.—General Reynolds has been relieved of the command of the military district of Texas, and ordered to resume command of his regiment now at Austin. Gen. Canby succeeds Reynolds in the command in Texas.

Memphis.—Leftwich, Democrat, has undoubtedly been elected to Congress in this district, by 300 to 500 majority.

A dispatch from Helena, Arkansas, says Logan H. Rounts, Republican, is elected to Congress.

New York.—Morrissey's majority for Congress was over 11,000.

Chicago.—Latest returns show the defeat of Baum, Republican candidate for Congress, in the thirteenth Illinois district, by four hundred majority; the Democrats therefore gain one member.

The Republicans are celebrating their victory to-night with the largest torch light procession and illumination ever witnessed in the West. Washington avenue is splendidly illuminated throughout its entire length, and as the procession, which is now three miles long, moved up that thoroughfare illuminated with innumerable transparencies, calcium lights, blazing torches and colored fire, under a perfect archway of rockets, Roman candles and other fireworks, the sight was the grandest and most beautiful that could easily be imagined.

Savannah, 5.—The negroes disbanded last night, but are again assembling at Telfair plantation. They are said to be armed with U.S. muskets. Rumors are entertained that there will be no collision, but the excitement in the city is great.

Further election returns show that the Democrats have 4000 majority in Georgia, that the Republicans have a majority in North Carolina, although conservatives were elected in the 8th and 7th districts, and in Louisiana the Democratic majority is 30,000.

Colefax has had an enthusiastic reception at Pittsburgh, Pa., and made two speeches on the triumph of the Republicans.

At a meeting of the Union League Club preliminary steps were taken to contest the election of Hoffman.

Havana.—Haytian war vessels, commanded by Salave in person, bombarded Port Jerome for three days. Foreign

counsels demanded time to be allowed to remove the women and children, which was refused, and the bombardment commenced without further notice, and many women and children were killed. It is expected that the bombardment of Jackmel will soon follow; but a resolute defence will be made there.

New York, 5.—A London special says that the Queen of Holland is at Balmoral Castle, where she has been received with much cordiality by Queen Victoria. Lord Stanley and Disraeli went with her from London. Her visit is connected with the question relative to the free navigation of the Rhine.

The Sheriff of London gave a dinner this evening, at which Beverdy Johnson was the chief guest. He had an enthusiastic reception. In reply to the toast, "The United States," Johnson said although a southerner he had always believed the Union should be preserved at any cost. He extolled the heroes of the war, particularly Generals Grant, Sherman, Hancock, and Sheridan, and Admiral Farragut, and Porter. He said he believed the American debt would be paid in gold.

New York.—Mail advices from Mexico to the 21st say that most of the Spaniards in the country are excited over the Spanish revolution, but favor it.

The Governor of Vera Cruz demanded that Dominguez be surrendered to the State authorities for trial, but the Minister of War refused.

The Italian minister was expected towards the end of October; it was thought he would be well received, as he is the first representative of a European power since the overthrow of Maximilian.

The steamer, Ocean Queen, from Aspinwall on the 28th has arrived. A battle had been fought in the Department of Los Santos, between the forces of General Corrores, the president of Panama, 300 strong and 1,000 insurgents under Veldeir. The latter was routed. Corrores proceeded to Chirique to put down the rising there.

Captain Little, of the Columbian war steamer, Dolphin, had refused the request of Corrores to aid him in London.—In the course of his speech at the Sheriff's banquet on Tuesday evening, Beverdy Johnson said that "whatever difficulties may have occurred between England and the United States, I have supreme pleasure in saying that they are about to be removed. Little remains to be done, and before the end of the year everything will be successfully adjusted." Referring to the financial position of the United States he said "we have contracted an enormous debt, but I tell you with all the financial ills which you will speak, that every dollar will be paid in what the world recognizes as money."

The Daily News thinks the American people are evidently weary of their last two years' experience, and demand a strong government.

The Morning Standard charges the Republican party with the suppression of freedom in voting in several States, with the enfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of ignorant blacks, and with the disfranchisement of nearly all the white people.

Something is continuing, coupled with the fact that the radicals hold possession of the State governments and had control of the polling booths, with their notorious readiness to abuse this power, made Democrats fight at a terrible disadvantage, but had the Democratic party nominated Chase and McClellan, instead of two second rate politicians, it might have succeeded in their election.

The Times holds that though the Democrats are beaten, and the Representation in Congress largely against them, they are yet a powerful party, and must greatly influence the policy of the government. The success of General Grant no one is disposed to regret. He has fairly won his high rank by hard work and real devotion to his country, and his services will live long in its remembrance. He is no politician, and will take his office with greater freedom than, if the hero of a hundred battles, he uttered all the shibboleths of his party.

The Queen has returned from Scotland, and is now at Windsor Castle. Boisterous weather in the channel caused a partial suspension of travel.

Berlin.—Herr Torckenbeck has been re-elected President of the Chamber of Deputies. Doctor Jacoby, the eminent Liberal statesman, announces his withdrawal from the ranks of the progressive party.

At the election of members of the Legislature of British Columbia, yesterday, the Confederationists were successful. Every district heard from, the vote was unusually large, the franchise having been extended to foreigners of three months residence.

Paris, 5.—The Gaulois newspaper says the Carlists are circulating a report that the Emperor Napoleon will throw his influence in favor of Don Carlos, should he be presented as a candidate for the throne of Spain. A dispatch to the same journal reports that the selection of a Spanish Grandee for King, is mooted in Madrid.

All the journals have editorials on the result of the Presidential election in the United States. La Patrie says General Grant is the man of the nation and will restore it to its former standing among the great powers. The Americans everywhere are enthusiastic over the result, and Europe applauds the decision of the Republic, considering that this election establishes order and peace, the highest aim of the United States.

L'Eclair regards the election as a continuation of the victory over the South, and says the selection of General Grant is a difficult one. He will find it unnecessary to oppose Congress and the affairs of the country will require a strong and able hand to repair the broken links of liberty. Both continents have reason to be pleased with the result of the election. General Grant is the worthy successor of Washington.

Washington.—The Journal Des Debats and other Liberal journals are satisfied with the result, and call Grant the true successor of President Adams.

The Presse declares that the success of the Republican party is the triumph of centralism, and thinks it a pity that a soldier should be elected chief of a great power while the nations of Europe seek peace.

A letter from Havana shows that the insurgents are determined if possible to throw off the Spanish yoke, and either declare for independence, or annexation to the United States.

News from Spain is pessimistic. Affairs are progressing satisfactorily, and present appearances indicate that in a very short time tranquility and order will be general throughout the nation.

Special Notices.

Just received a choice assortment of Linens, Woolen Goods and Boots and Shoes, with a select stock of Groceries and General Merchandise to be sold at the lowest rates.

Knowlton & Houtz, Second South St.

WANTED.—A few cords of red pine wood at the Paper Mill.

WANTED.—At this office, clean cotton and linen rags. People in the city who wish to dispose of them will please bring them on Mondays and Fridays.

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