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LOYALTY OF YOUNG LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

Address by

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At the Seventy-Sixth Semi-Annual Conference of the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Tabernacle, Sait Lake City, Friday, October 6, 1905.

Father for the privilege I have of standing before this immense congregation of Latter-day Saints, and expressing to them, in the few moments I have at my command, some of the thoughts that have passed through my mind during this conference. I am indeed thankful for my standing in the indeed thankful for my standing in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am indeed thankful for the position occupied today in the world's affairs by the Church and by the peo-ple; and "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." I is the power of God unto salvation." I believe with all my soul, and with all the understanding that God has given me, that this is His work, and that it is designed to redeem the earth, to being light mile list infrables. bring light unto its infiabitants, to make people better, and to make this planet a fit place for the second com-

of the Lord and Master, have had a great deal of pleasure in visiting the different parts of our state, minding with the people, sceing state, minaing with the people, sceing the conditions surrounding them, and noting their loyalty to the work of God. Brother John Henry smith, in speaking of the loyalty of the gray-haired smen and women before him, touched my heart. I also say that, not touched my heart. I also say that, not only are they loyal to this work, but, if I am any judge, the young people are just as loyal to the authorities and to the institutions of the Church as were our fathers in the past, and as they are today. Our brethren have been testifying to the loyalty which is been testifying to the loyalty which is manifest in our Church towards the authorities, and especially towards the presidency. I feel like testifying to you, and to all, that this great work of God is in the hands of howest, up-right, God-fearing men. Assaults are made upon us from all sides. Many data that they are not assaults the made upon us from all sides. Many claim that they are not assailing the "Mormon" people, nor the principles of the Gospel which they believe, but it is the leaders they are condenning and finding fault with. They are also try-ing to bring distrust of the authorities into the minds of the Latter-day Calats. Why are they are they assail Saints. Why are they assaining the principle of tithing? Why are they trying to make you believe that every cent paid by you, for the forwarding of Gcd's work upon this earth, is being haudled by disbonest men and being spent, not for the work 'tself, but for spent, not for the work their, but for the aggrandizement and pursonal bene-st of men? If I had the power to reach the heart of every honest Latter-day Saint, and if I had the confiday saint, and it i had the cond-dence of every soul that hears my voice, I would testify to this fact, that, as far as the tithing of the Church is concerned, not one farthing is spent wrongfully, or is diverted from the channel in which it was intended to be used. O how natural it is for our one used. O how natural it is for our op-ponents to try to advance some arguponents to try to advance some argu-ment that may bring distrust into the minds of people, and cause apostasy in our midst. They think they have found a condemning argument in the collection and use of tithing, and, in substitute that make to the sclissiness of the people. But the evil one today plainly sees and knows as well as, or perhaps better than, we do, that this areat work of God is moving on spread. reat work of God is moving on, spread-ing in foreign lands, and reaching to ing in foreign lands, and reaching to the farthest ends of the world. It is therefore natural for his emissaries to ery "fraud, fraud." We are informed that the Church is building meeting-houses and establishing headquarters upon the islands of the sea, and in all the great countries of Europe. Re-spectable places of worship, and homes for presidents of missions, are also be-ing established in some of the principal cities of our great country. The Devi Ing established in some of the principal cities of our great country. The Devis sees these things going on, and he knows there must be something done to retard the work if possible, and in-citing the cry of "fraud, fraud," is one way he has of attacking it. He thinks by this to bring distrust into the minds of the acould but he will fail in this by this to bring distrust into the minus of the people; but he will fail in this just as sure as the sun will rise to-morrow morning. I believe that the Latter-day Saints, who have the Spirit Latter-day Saints, who have the Spirit of God in them, never had more con-fidence in a man, or set of men, than they have in the presidency of the Church today. I wish that every one could read the heart and understand the could read the heart and understand the thoughts of the presidency, and all others who are trying in their humble way, to lead and direct the affairs of this people. I feel that if it were pos-sible for you to do so, you would not only love them as you have in the past. but you would have for them still greater love; and the confidence you would have in them would be such that would have in them would be such that you, could pray for them with all your soul, and uphoid them, and ask the blessings of God upon them in the for is that we may live as God wants

I desire, my brothers and sisters, to important work they are trying to ac-express my gratitude to my Heavenly complish in this dispensation.

OVERWORK OF LEADERS.

Some people think, as I have heard it expressed, inspired from the source of all misrepresentation and faisenood, that the president of the Church does not work, and that he and his counsel ors do not give the attention they should to the work of the Lord. 1 wish that these men had more physical strength than they have, for I testily to you that it is strained to the utmost. I go into their of-fice and I see almost an arm full of mail brought in several times a I find President Winder, eightyday. three years old, reading aloud almost every letter, and, with the President of the Church, and the other counselor, attending to every little detail that is brought to their notice from all parts of this great Church. While speaking upon this subject, I feel to ask the breth-ren here, who hold leading positions in the Church, as well as all members in the different stakes of Zion who write letters to the presidency, if it is absoletters to the presidency, if it is abso-littely necessary for you to write, make the letters as short as you can, but do not, write unless it is necessary. I would advise the people to first go to their Bishop, and, if possible, get from him the advice and counsel they need; if unable to get it from him, then ap-ble to the presidence of the stoke and ply to the presidency of the stake, and, if it becomes absolutely necessary to appeal to the First Presidency, make the communication just as short as possi-ble, for those brethren are worked alble, for those brethren are worked al-most to death. I feel like asking the good people of the Church to bear this in mind when they are tempted to write long letters to the Presidency.

I have absolute confidence in the ma-jority of the young people of the Church and in their understanding of the truth of the Gospel. Being born in the Cove-nant and reared among the Saints, I have absolute confidence that they ar not going to be tricked or turned aside by misrepresentations. I feel that, when they stop to consider and compare things as they are today with conditions of the past, they will be led to say that, as far as they are concerned, they will be loyal and true to the fathers and mothers who gave them birth.

PEOPLE CANNOT BE INFLUENCED BY TRAITORS.

BY TRAITORS. My brethren and sisters, I hope you will never be discouraged, and never feel that God is going to abandon this people, for He never will as long as we are prayerful and feel in our souls to do His will, according to the wisdom and light He has given us. I have thought a great deal lately of the his-tory of the Church, and I have won-dered sometimes whether our position as a reople is any different today than it has been from the beginning of the Church. As I study the history of the people. I find that it is about the game as it always has been, with but few ex-

us to live, observing all the require-ments made of us, and performing the duty that is incumbent upon us, then all will be well, as sure as He has spoken from the heavens. As I travel among the people and see the feeling of lovality and truth existing 1 feel in my among the reopie and see the feeling of loyalty and truth existing, I feel in my soul to say, God bless the Latter-day Saints in all their interests, in their basket and in their store. God bless them with strong testimony, that they may know the voice of the true Shep-herd. I feel in my soul that they will know it. No matter what transpires, or wha riaw come in our midst thinkknow it No matter what transpires, or who may come in our midst think-ing there will be a failing away from the Church, and that they may succeed in gathering in the lost ones. I say there never was a time when the peo-ple testified with more fervency, and with a geeper feeling of love for our heavenly Facher and His work, than they do at the present moment. I

they do at the present moment. I bear my training to you that this work is the work of God, and He will work is the work of God, and He will make it triumphant in the end; we will love it, and he loyal to it, and its infer-ests: and we will be loyal to every in-stitution upon the earth that has for its object the advancement of mankind. We will continue to be good citizens of this nation; we will uphold and pray for it. We will be true men and true women to our Church, to our country, and to our God. May God bless you, I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

BAPTISMS AT COUNCIL BLUFFS

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 5 .-- We have pleasure in reporting the baptism of two more honest souls into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Clyde McNair and Ethel Bird, two highly respected young people of this city, were baptized in Lake Manawa, Dec. 2, 1905, by Elder Thomas O. Stokes. The day had been set for the performing of this ordinance for nearly two weeks. On the arrival of this date the weather was very cold, snow covered the ground and ice on the lake was about three inches thick. This, however, was no hindrance to those who desired baptism. There are four Elders laboring in this

historic city. A good Sunday school is organized and the Elders hold regular services every Sunday and cottage meetings at the homes of friends nearly every night. Many are investigating the message so that the Elders feel greatly encouraged over the prospects

for the spread of truth. The "News" and Era are welcome visitors, JOHN P. BROCKBANK.

CONFERENCE AT SEATTLE.

December 2, 4 and 5, the regular quarterly conference of the Seattle conference (Washington), which includes the missionary districts of Tacoma, Wash., Victoria and Vancouver, British Columbia, was held at Seattle in the Latter-day Saints meet-Inghouse

Sunday, Dec. 3, Sunday school officers and teachers' prayer meeting was called to order at 10:15 a. m., and Sun-day school at 10:30, First Assistant Supt. J. W. Boman presiding. The school is well equipped with good offi-

cers and teachers, and is making rapid progress. Two public meetings were held, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m., each having a good attendance of Saints and friends. Conference President J. J. Hendricks conducted the exercises. President Nephi Pratt of the Northwestern States mis-sion was present. Elder R. L. Robison reported the work done in the Van-couver district. Elder Wm. Jenkins reported the Tacoma district. Branch President Charles H. Tritsche reported the condition of the various organiza-tions in the Seattle branch, and Elder J. J. Hendricks reported the labors of the missionaries in Seattle. Each re-port showed the work satisfactory, progressive, and future prospects bright, with some investigating; the Elders are making many friends, but meet with

some opposition. Jackson

J. W. Boman, and F. M. Whiting were honorably released to return home. Tuesday a grand social, fair and dance was given by the sisters of the Relief society, under their president. Estella Milligan. It was an entire suc-cess and much enjoyed by old and young. The sisters deserve great wordt for their balows end the progress credit for their labors, and the progress made since they organized. The Elders report the baptizing of five new members into the Church, two at Little Falls and three at Seattle, which gives encouragement to the mis-sionaries. S. A. JACSON,

Mission Secretary.

CONFERENCE AT PUEBLO, COLO. On Sunday, Nov. 26, 1905, the Pueblo semi-annual conference was held in the Latter-day Saints' Church, located on the corner of Seventh and Fountain

streets.

At 10 a. m. the Sunday school session was held. Supt. Carl F. Coleman, Richard A. Brower, James Jackson and

Riehard A. Brower, James Jackson and Jas. W. Blake addressed the Saints and children, and bore testimony to the divinity of the Latter-day work. At the afternoon service Elders Ar-thur M. Fulmer, Le Roy Shelby and M.-M. Steele spoke on Church orfanization, the Book of Mormon and other Gospel subjects. President Jas. A. McRae pre-cented the remea of the authorities of sented the names of the authorities of the Church before the meeting and all

were unanimously sustained. were unanimously sustained. At the evening service Sister Julia S. Curtis bore an interesting testimony. President Wm. A. Coleman reported the Pueblo branch in a better condi-tion than it has been for several years with the people more united. President R. W. Bunting made a short address and President Jas. A. McRae referred to the trials of the an-cient Saints who in their severest trials

McRae referred to the trials of the an-cient Saints who in their severest trials thanked God for His blessings. Those who lived Godly in this day would meet trials which would put them to the test. He bore a powerful testi-mony to the divine mission of the Lat-ter-day Prophet, Joseph Smith. During the meeting sweat scheme

During the meeting sweet singing was rendered by Sister Julia S. Curtis and Elders Arthur M. Fulmer and Jos. W. Blake.

W. Blake. At the Priesthood meetings, President Jas, A. McRae, seven Elders and one lady missionary, were present. Valua-ble instructions were given and the Elble Instructions were given and the El-ders were assigned their fields of la-bor as follows: LeRoy Shelby and Jos-eph W. Blake, Cripple Creek: Richard A. Brower and James Jackson, Arkan-sas Valley district: President Robert W. Bunting, Arthur Fulmer, Edgar A. Child and Sister Julia S. Curtis to la-hors in Buchla for the present

Child and Sister Julia S. Curtis to la-bor in Pueblo for the present. Thanksgiving day the Elders were well provided with turkey dinner, and in the evening a "basket sociable" was given by the Saints with President Wm. A. Coleman at their head. ROBT, W. BUNTING, President of Conference. IF POY SHELPY

President of Conference. LE ROY SHELBY, Secretary.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, 1905, the Ohio semi-annual conference was held in Ables hall, Cleveland. Two public services were held with an attendance of 14 Elders, besides Saints and friends. At 2:30 p. m. the opening service was

called to order by Conference President C. S. Jones, who extended to all a hearty welcome. Elders H. R. Har-rison, C. K. Conrad and P. C. Winter spoke upon the great apostacy and the

restoration of the Gospel, and upon the first principles. Elder J. M. Cummings sang very beautifully a solo, entitled "Redemp-

The congregation in the evening was increased some in number by the pres-ence of more friends and investigators. Short but spirited addresses were given by Elders R. S. Baxter and Geo. W. Miller. A trio, "School Thy Feel-ings," was sung by Elders Cummings, Harrison and Winter, Following these

present

RETURNED MISSIONARIES.

Eider Albert Bent Carrigan of Peterson, Morgan county, passed through Salt Lake Uity Nov. Is, on his return from the Northern States and British missions, for which he was set apart Oct. 18, 1993. The conferences of Northern filmois and Lav-erpool were his needs of Izoon, He labored in Northern Ithinois conference until July 25, 1904, when he was transferred to the British mission and labored in the Laver-pool conference until he was released to return nome. He reports the gospel work in England prospering likely.

Elder Joseph A. Wagstaff, of Union, Salt Lake Co., returned Dec. 3, from the Brit-ish mission, walther he was sent Oct. 2), 1902. The Liverpool conference was has held of labor, where he reports the work progressing nicely with quite a number of baptisms in the past two years.

Elder A. W. Bail of Lewisville, Idaho, re-turned home Dec. 5, 195, from the North-orn States mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 10, 1953. The Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver and Butte conferences were his fields of labor, presiding over the inst two part of the time. The work there is progressing incely, and the Elders are making many friends.

Elder Arta D. Young, Jr., of the Fifth ward. Ogden, returned home Dec. 14, 196, from the European mession, where he has neen laboring is the London conference since June 21, 1994, which he reports is in a very good condition, and the work is progressing meely. He returns now on ac-count of his mother's health and other dimentities.

Elder J. Wm. Morrell of the First ward, Logan. Cache Co., passed through this city Dec. 14, 1905, on his return from the Swiss and German mission, for which he was set apart Nov. 5, 1904. The French conference was his field of labor. He ha-bored in Lansanne for the first four months, was then transferred to Vevey, and from there to Geneva, where he la-bored until released. He reports the French conference in good condition, and many friends are being found. Elder Mor-rell was released on account of the ill-health of his father.

Elder Daniel R. McLaws, Jr., of Oakley, Cassia Co., Ida., arrived in this city Dec. 16, 1905, on his way home from the South-ern States mission, where he has been haboring since Nov. 19, 1903, in the Florida conference, where he reports the gospel work progressing nicely.

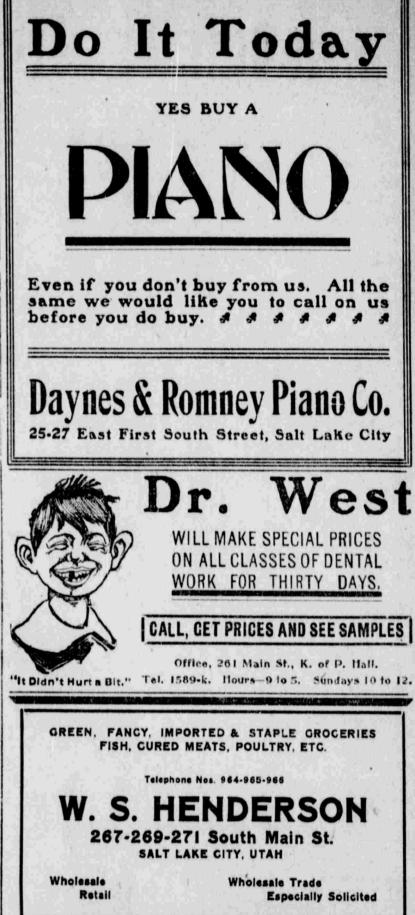
work progressing nicely. Elder Archie P. Splisbury of Toquerville, Washington Co., returned Dec. 16, 1995, from the Central States mission, to which he was sent Aug. 18, 1903. The conforences of East Kansas and Missouri were his fields of labor. He spent the first five months in East Kansas; eight months at the world's fair at St. Louis. Mo., and the remainder of the time in Kansas City at mission headquarters as general recording secretary. secretary

Elder Clark Gray of Perry, Bannock Co., Ida., passed through this city Dec. 18, 1905, on his return from the Eastern States mission, where he has been laboring since Nov. 19, 1905, in Brooklyn and North West Virginia. In both fields he reports the work making fair progress, more especial-ly in the last named, where the Eiders have freer access to the homes of the people.

Eider James H. Clark of Panguitch. Garfield Co., arrived in this city Dec. 18, 1995, on his way home from the East-ern States mission, for which he was get apart Sept. 29, 1963. The conference of North West Virginia was his field of la-bor, He reports that the work is progress-ing. The harvest of baptisms the past year has been greater than ever be-fore in the history of the conference. The Elders are continuing to perfect their or-ganization making it possible to keep in closer touch with scattered Saints and friends. Elder Clark presided over the conference since Sept. 1.

Elder Moses Smith of Marion, Cassia Co., Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 19, 1905, on his return from the Southern States mission, where, since April 12, 1904, he has been laboring in the Mississippi and Georgia conferences, and the mission office at Chattanooga.

Elder Charles L. French of Rexburg. Fremont Co., Idaho, passed through this city Dec. 19, 1995, on his return from the Central and Southern States missions, for which he was set apart June 7, 1994. The conferences of East Kansas, in Central States, and Eastern Tennessee, in the Southern States, were his fields of labor. The work in each of these missions is making steady progress, and there is a great demand for more Elders. Prejudice is being fast removed and a respectful



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being made against him. His heart was heavy. He was pondering how it was that these things should come to a man who was trying to serve the good Mas-ter, and while in that condition of mind

the Lord gave unto him these words: "And if thou shouldst be cast into the pit, or into the hands of murderers, and the sentence of death passed upon thee: if thou be cast into the deep; if the billowing surge conspire against thee; if fierce winds become thine enthee: if fierce winds become thine en-emy; if the heavens gather blackness and all the elements combine to hedge up the way; and above all, if the very jaws of hell shall gape open the mouth wide after thee, know thou, my son, that all these things shall give thee ex-perience, and shall be for thy good." I believe with all my heart that our trials are given us for the same pur-pose. We are to be a tried people. We are to be thrice tried, as the Saints of pose. We are to be a tried people. We are to be thrice tried, as the Saints of old. I believe that all trials are given to us for experience, just as the Lord permitted them to be given to Joseph in the early days of the church. At this same time the Lord said to him, "Thy people shall never be turned against thee by the testimony of trait-ors." I say to you, President Joseph F. Smith, that the Saints in this vast con-gregation (and they are but representa-tive of the communities in which they live) will never turn against thee by live) will never turn against thee by the testimony of traitors.

spoke upon Elder S. A. "Revelation" in the afternoon meeting. President Nephi Pratt was the prin-Revelation" cipal speaker of the conference. He spoke in the afternoon upon "Revela-tion," and "Authority," and in the evening upon the "Early Settling of Utah," as usual making his points very clear and impressive. Very good music was furnished by

the choir under the leadership of Elder Harry Bitton. A solo and two duets were very nicely rendered by Sister Cowere very nicely rendered by Sister Co-ra Hawley and Elders Harry Bitton and W. A. Crowther. Sister Emma Maxfield acted as accompanist. Monday, 18 Elders and President Pratt met in Priesthood meeting, which lasted for five and a half hours. Presi-dent Pratt gave some very good addent Pratt gave some very good ad-vice and spoke many comforting and encouraging words, following him each Elder present expressed his will-ingness and desire to do all in his power to forward the work. All feit well and enjoyed a good portion of the Spirit of the Lord during the entire conference. conference.

conference,
The Elders were assigned to labor as follows: A. L. Robison, president; E.
S. Cook, A. A. Iverson, Daniel Ricks, Alfred Buttcane, and A. R. Stephens in Seattle; Wm. Jenkins, president; W. A. Crowther, and H. Reid in Tacoma; J. W. Boyden, president; W. C. Chris-tensen, J. W. Reynolds, and A. E. Walker in Victoria; J. J. Hendricks, president; Alva Curtis, J. W. McBride, and T. H. Sant, in Vancouver. Elders

President Ben E. Rich occupted the greater part of the remaining time in a powerful address on the restoration of the Gospel and Priesthood, with the same gifts and blessings and miracles

characteristic of the New Testament history. Conference President C. S history. Conference President C. S. Jones referred to the faithfulness of the Elders, of their purity of life, and bore testimony to the divinity of the Priesthood they hold. The good spirit that prevailed impressed every one Monday morning an Elders' council

Monday morning an Elders' council meeting was held at the home of Sis-ter H. E. Harrison. President' Rich gave valuable counsel to the mission-arles, after which the assignments were read as follows: H. R. Harrison and Wm. T. Litster, Cleveland; G. A. Bigler and G. W. Miller, Toledo; J. M. Cummings and A. S. Mecham, Colum-bus; J. D. Stoddard and W. P. Patter-son, Dayton: R. S. Baxter and S. John.

son, Dayton; R. S. Baxter and S. John-son, Ironton; C. K. Conrad and E. P. Moser, Cincinati: Wm. Crossley and Wm. H. Smith, who had left for Glen-co, O., the night previous to conference to conduct funeral services over the remains of Sister Simmons, will work lars. in Relmont Co.

The following is a summary of the work done in Ohio during the past seven months: Families visited, 8,716; families revisited, 6,754; Gospel converfamilies revisited, 6, 54; Gospel conver-sations, 17,634; tracts distributed, 21,-240; books sold, 1,556; books otherwise distributed, 687; meetings held, 716; baptisms, 37. R. S. BAXTER.

