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WORD OF WISDOM.

One of the important topics placed before the Latter-day Saints at the late Conference was the importance of observing the Word of Wisdom. At the time that Revelation was given, relatively few understood the evils of intemperance. Today there is no doubt among thinking men and women that the principles enunciated by the Prophet Joseph in that message to the world are true and dictated by wisdom. And those who listened to the remarks on the subject of temperance by President Joseph F. Smith and other speakers in the Tabernacle on Sunday, would hardly fail to be impressed with the importance of doing something positive in this State toward the control of the evils of the liquor traffic. It is not sufficient to deplore and declaim against a recognized evil. The temptation should be removed, as far as that can be done.

The thirst for a drink does not exist in the case of young men. It is not the same as with the habituated tippler. Whether or not the latter class, as a whole, can be reformed, is a question, but it is certain that the young can and should be shielded from the unnecessary and peculiarly inviting form of solicitation towards ruin.

Whatever some men may think as to the unwisdom of invading personal rights in order to reach the desirable end of protecting the coming generation from most of the evils of an open saloon environment, it would seem that there can be no real objections to the abolition of the crime-breeding, law-defying saloons that are a curse to American cities.

But of equal importance is the dissemination of correct knowledge about the evil effects of alcoholic beverages upon the human system. That subject has been thoroughly studied, and no one need be in the dark about it. In the October McClure's we find an article in which the results of some experiments by a German scientist, Dr. Henry Smith, are set forth. These experiments prove, among other things, that a small quantity of intoxicating drinks cause the vitiation of mental processes and the increased tendency to hasty or incoherent movements. In other words, a leveling-down process is involved, whereby the higher functions are dulled, the lower functions accentuated.

These experiments, further, explode the idea that a man can work faster under the influence of alcoholic stimulants. Dr. Williams maintains that a man may think he is working faster and better under the influence of alcohol than he would otherwise do, while rigidly conducted experiments do not confirm this opinion. It is, he says, well understood by all who control large bodies of men engaged in physical labor that alcohol and effective work are incompatible.

One of the discoveries of modern investigators is this: that there is a baleful alliance between drink and consumption. In France, the writer in McClure's says, the regions where tuberculosis is most prevalent correspond with those in which the consumption of alcohol is greatest. Where the average annual consumption was 12.5 litres per person, the death rate from consumption was found by Baudron to be 23.8 per thousand. Where alcoholic consumption rose to 35.4 litres, the death rate from consumption increased to 107.8 per thousand. Equally suggestive are facts put forward by Gutzitab in regard to the causes of death in the various callings in Prussia. He found that tuberculosis claimed 160 victims in every thousand deaths of persons over twenty-five years of age. But the number of deaths from this disease per thousand deaths among gymnasium teachers, physicians, and Protestant clergymen, for example, amounted respectively to 128, 115, and 76 only; whereas the numbers rose, for hotel-keepers, to 137, for brewers, to 244, and for waiters to 558.

When it is remembered that "pneumonia and tuberculosis combined account for one-fifth of all deaths in the United States, year by year," the importance of the observance of the Word of Wisdom cannot be overestimated. It was given, not to be a burden, but a guide to health of body and mind.

AGITATORS AT WORK.

We mentioned recently a prediction of war in northern Europe, coming from Swedish sources. The situation may not be quite as critical as that prediction would indicate, but it is certain that agitators are at work fomenting hostile feelings between the people of Germany and Great Britain, and such agitation is always fraught with danger.

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to the "host of spies in our midst" and the "menace across the North sea," unless he felt sure that such expressions would meet the approval of the masses.

This sentiment has recently found expression in a Socialist publication, the Clarion, as follows:

"There is not the slightest doubt that Germany, under the leadership of Prussia, is steadily making ready at heavy cost, which the German empire at present can ill afford, for a crucial naval engagement in the North sea, followed by an invasion of this country. This is perfectly well known to all our leading politicians, and conclusive evidence of the truth of this statement is on record in the war office at the admiralty."

"We are faced to face today with a much greater danger than any that ever threatened these shores from Napoleon; a danger being deliberately planned by us day after day, month after month, and year after year in a cold, calculating fashion such as the great Corsican had neither the time nor the means to devote to his projects. Not only is a very powerful fleet being got ready with all due dispatch, but the arrangements for transporting and slaughtering the necessary millions have, by assiduous practice, reached such perfection that within a few days, if the opportunity were deemed favorable, 200,000 men, fully equipped with all the necessary munitions of war could be landed on our coast."

"But if any one is foolish enough to imagine these hazy, well-thought-out plans as being really well-thought-out in the interval between, let us say, 1875 and 1905, then he knows nothing about what has been going on in Germany. By far the most powerful nation in Europe; therefore Prussia could well afford to wait for a generation. She has waited. Now the period of waiting is very nearly at an end; the period of action is again close at hand."

When such visions are seen by government leaders, one naturally supposes that they are inspired by fervent love for naval appropriations and military display, but when Socialists make dire predictions of this kind, they cannot be charged to the account of militarism, for socialism and militarism are not friends.

In Germany they are talking about "the German peril," and the possible invasion of Germany by Britons. The governments, of course, do not countenance such war talk. But agitators sometimes get the best of both reason and government, and that is a real danger.

SIGNS OF GOOD TIMES.

According to reports sent out from New York the country is rapidly recovering from the effects of the late panic. The general hopeful feeling throughout the country, it is said, is shown by the stream of buyers for retail houses that has flooded into New York in the last two months. The total registration of buyers was more than 4,000. The registration of last year, buyers report cheerfully of the situation in their home towns. The bumper crops they say, have put hundreds, and even thousands, of extra dollars into the pockets of thrifty farmers. While they themselves are glad, they are not content with giving large orders, they admit they had no such feeling this year and they ordered larger amounts of goods and asked for immediate shipment. These orders in turn mean greater activity in many factories.

Another indication of returning prosperity is said to be found in the increased demand for diamonds. Another is the increase in the immigration. Last October and the following months thousands of foreigners bought steerage tickets and returned to their native homes, so that in the New York port 527,000 workmen returned to their native homes, while only 270,000 immigrants landed. Within the last month, it is claimed, the tide has changed and foreigners are again pouring into the United States.

Still another encouraging sign is the increase in bank deposits. In Minneapolis, for instance, deposits in national banks, it is said, increased \$15,000,000 in less than three months. Minneapolis deposits now are the highest in the history of that city. In Oregon the bank clearances have been so large that newspapers in that state generally have been commenting upon them as evidence of good times.

DISTORTED NEWS.

A case of having to go abroad to her news from home, is illustrated in the stories printed in South African papers about Utah. A few days ago we mentioned one in which the "horrors of Salt Lake" were depicted. Today we are in receipt of a copy of The South African News, of Sept. 2, in which H. L. Stead refutes some erroneous statements concerning the Church, which recently appeared in that paper. From the article it appears that the South African papers were informed, perhaps through Reuters' News Agency, that fifty-four girls, two English and fifty-two Scandinavian, "sent out for the purpose of being converted to Mormonism, have been refused admission to America and are to be reported." From which it will be seen that when "news" travels a long way it is not always possible to recognize it. It takes on new and fantastic forms as it rolls along.

But that is just how falsehoods concerning the Church are multiplied in the world. They are sent out from anti-Mormon headquarters and repeated, and added to, and amplified, and garnished according to the taste of its admirers. After a while they reach headquarters again and are sent out on another circuit, to return in a new metamorphosis. And thus it goes.

In the meantime truth is also spreading. The honest in heart are led to enquire and many are receiving a testimony. Never before was there such demand for the Book of Mormon, and Latter-day Saint literature generally. People are inquiring, "Mormonism" today is arousing the world to combat, but also to contemplation, and its sweet, gentle influence is being felt in human thought, in the demands for equality and brotherhood and the work for reform on these lines. The Gospel is a force in the world for regeneration.

They control their thoughts best who haven't any.

Many a patched-up quarrel looks like a crazy quilt.

It takes a murder in society and

exalted political circles to wake up Philadelphia.

When freight rates are boosted patrons are hoisted.

Governor Hughes' tongue is sharper than a serpent's tooth.

Good luck and good hard work are often synonymous terms.

The dove of peace isn't hovering over the Balkans just at present.

People never stretch the truth; what they stretch is their conscience.

No student ever rushed to his class as he rushes to his class rush.

Those who said that Detroit would win the American championship had the "strait" tip.

The "full dinner pail" has ceased to be an issue, its place having been taken by the full oil can.

Those who don't visit the State fair miss a good thing. Never miss a good thing if you can help it.

Oklahoma banks are referred to sneeringly as "mushroom banks." Better a "mushroom bank" than a toad-stool bank.

Experience proves that when a campaign lie is nailed some one generally draws the nail and starts the lie again on its travels.

So long as Candidates Taft and Bryan stick to deep water-wading as the subject of their speeches they will have smooth sailing.

Boiled down and stripped of verbiage, the oratory and exhortations of campaign speakers amount to about this: "Follow us and get rich quick."

Russia refuses to recognize Bulgaria's independence. This is not surprising when it is remembered that Russia still refuses to recognize the Gregorian calendar.

"The trusts want Taft." "The trusts want Bryan" is seen asserted in party papers. What the trusts really want is to be left severely alone that they may work their own sweet will.

Just as the people were beginning to think that a great navy was the surest guarantee of peace here comes an army officer back from Europe and declares that the surest guarantee of peace is a thoroughly equipped and efficient army. We cannot but think that often all the surest guarantees of peace is to follow in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace.

HIS HELPFUL PURPOSE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A St. Louis pastor has come to the rescue of those young men who look upon a proposal of marriage as a serious ordeal. In this age of bluff and bluster it will surprise some people to know that there are any of these bashful young men left. It seems, however, that they still exist—and in St. Louis, too. The pastor who is endeavoring to bring first aid to these afflicted ones describes the symptoms of some length. He finds that the nervous youth changes color, that his hands are very much in the way, that he squirms and coughs and invariably stammers. In the more serious cases the youth has been known to lose his courage completely and take to flight. The worthy pastor suggests that there are favorable moments for propounding the fateful query, and that the wise popper will watch for the coming of the psychological periods. A careful observation of the moods and expressions of the lady will also be helpful to the lover, warning him, as it were, to desist, or encouraging him to go on.

TUBERCULOSIS.

St. Louis Times.

Several weeks ago the Times suggested the desirability of a secretary of public health to have place in the president's cabinet. It was set forth at that time that if we have occasion in this country for a secretary of labor and commerce and a secretary of war, we have even a better reason for owning a secretary whose business it would be to head a department for the protection of public health. The other day in Washington, Prof. Fisher of Yale university made a profound impression by suggesting practically the same thing. He said that he believed this country had need for a national board of health, the purposes of which would be to concentrate the big work of fighting tuberculosis. Prof. Fisher has developed his plan to some extent, and yesterday made the announcement that he will push the scheme with all vigor. It was stated at the same time that President Roosevelt would send to Congress this winter a message urging attention to the Fisher proposal.

IDEAL NEWSPAPERS.

"A New York Editor," in the October Atlantic.

What the public wants is an independent newspaper. The reader will tolerate, and like, any amount of teaching tactfully and modestly offered. He will not be preached at or bullied. It is really rather a matter of directing public thought up right lines than of indicating new and experimental policies. The newspaper, indeed, should be critical rather than constructive. Our Constitution provides for three distinct functions of government—legislative, judicial and executive; and it is the duty of what is correctly called, in England, the fourth estate of the realm, to provide the fourth necessity, healthy criticism for all three. It follows that a newspaper may criticize a verdict or a decision of the courts, but must not meddle with the proper and lawful handling of a case on trial. In the same way, the newspaper should watch where corrupt legislation can be defeated, in order to drag it out into that dry light where the air is always too strong for its lungs. The legislators must do the right, and it is the business of the newspaper to hold them to their duty.

JUST FOR FUN.

Surely.

"Pop,"
"Yes, my son."
"When a person saws wood it means they saw nothing, don't it?"
"Yes, my boy."
"And do women ever saw wood?"
"No, women believe that sawing wood is a man's work."—Yonkers Statesman.

Probably.

"Well, what is it now?"
"Pa, when I grow up, how will I keep from marrying the wrong woman?"
"You won't.—Life."

Nobody Knows.

Home has the finest food and bunks, Beyond a doubt

Then why disburse 200 plunks To find it out?
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Success Assured.

"She's got a future."
"Can she act?"
"No, but she can work her eyes better than anybody in the business, and as for wearing swell clothes—gee! she couldn't do better if she was twins."—Life.

The Stuffing.

The convict had been ill over a week, and the doctor sent the warder to ask him what he would have for dinner.
"Wot yer got?" asked the convict.
"Roast beef and Yorkshire pork and chicken."
"And what will you have it stuffed with?"
"Another one!"—Tit-Bits.

Small Change.

"It's three years since I was in this city," said the stranger, as he finished his dinner. "City looks the same."
"I don't find much change," remarked the waiter, as he took up the dime that was left from the dollar bill.

Hyker Bronson tells me he is taking much better now.
Pyker. Why I thought he had stopped running for office—Ex.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the October number of The North American Review B. L. Putnam Weale makes a suggestion, but to "What Our Fleet Could Do for China." Hannis Taylor discusses "The Speaker and His Powers." Brander Matthews pays a warm tribute to the late "Bronson Howard." Edward L. Andrews writes of "The Campaign and the Sherman Law." C. S. Lobingier, judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Maine, describes "The First Filipino Assembly and Its Work." John Townsend Trowbridge narrates some of his experiences in the Philippines. "Early Investigations in Spiritualism," Hubert Bruce Fuller tells the story of "Congressional Salary Legislation." John Bigelow, the famous journalist, discusses "Providing Special 'Education for the New Consul Career.' Admiral S. B. Luce, U. S. N., writes of "The Fleet." Henry L. Davis utters a warning against "The Peril of Anti-Injunction Legislation." Dr. Joseph Spencer Kennard analyzes the different types of "The Spanish-Italian Novel." J. B. Case, president of the Transmississippi Commercial congress, forecasts "The Future of Western Trade." Henry James characterizes "An interesting account of the work done at the Dresden Esperanto congress. In the literary department Mitchell's 'Talks on Religion' is reviewed by Gerhardt C. Mars, and Horne's 'Technique of the Novel' and Hamilton's 'Materials and Methods of Fiction' by Frederic Taber Cooper. The department of World-Politics contains communications from London, Paris and Washington.—Franklin Square, New York.

The current issue of Harper's Weekly contains a number of original and distinctive features. The political campaign, which now overshadows everything else, inspires Rogers and Kemble in their inimitable cartoons. A page of excellent photographs shows Messrs. Taft and Bryan speaking to crowds during the tour. "Hi! Biddle, the hero of Willis Brooks' fine story, 'The Solar Machine,' is a creation that will appear to all lovers of good character, continuing his series of articles upon "This Land of Opportunity," presents a graphic picture of Kansas. The fall of the Wright airplane at Port Myer is shown in six vivid and pathetic photographs taken at the moment of catastrophe. The department of the amateur championship contest of 1908, Lillian C. Gilpin who wheeled a baby-coach to the Olympic games, tells how she settled her family in Algeria, among a medley of Jews, Arabs, and Moorish ladies dressed in balloon-like garments. The Socialists have been busy and clamorous. Ronald Phillips, in "Unraveling the Red Flag," gives an illuminating summary of the movement, its history and what it stands for.—Harper & Bros., New York.

The Outing Magazine for October is distinguished by an interesting series of full-page photographs entitled "The Women Workers of the World." Miss Agnes C. Laut contributes "Harvesting the Wheat," which is the fourth article in her series of "The New Spirit of the Farm." Clifton Johnson writes an interesting article entitled "On the Shores of Puget Sound." "Into an Unknown Land" is written by Mr. Albert Knapp. This is a chapter in his book "Tent Dwellers." Other articles of importance are: "People Who Stand for Plugs," which is a presentation of some of the positive personalities who are adding to American resources; "Mountain Climbing in Mexico," by E. O. Hovey, with photographs taken above the clouds; "The Voyages of Nathaniel Philbrick," by Ralph D. Paine, an account of one of our early captains of industry, whose nerve and venturesomeness can be likened to those of the later days. A painting by Harvey T. Dunn in color illustrates "Harvesting the Wheat." A drawing by Worth Dregh, entitled "Autumn Plugs," is one of his best efforts. There are several short stories of a distinct Outing kind.—International Press Clipping Bureau, 112 Dearborn street, Chicago.

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