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PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.

The "See America First" convention, after the splendid addresses were delivered and considered, got down to practical work and effected a permanent organization.

Fisher Harris, Heber M. Wells and Tom Richardson are entitled to special mention in the working up of this project, which means so much to the country, and particularly to that part of it west of the Rocky mountains.

We congratulate all who took part in this important conference on that which was said and that which was done, and we feel confident that funds will flow in and energy will be kept up to push the movement forward to the accomplishment of the end in view.

THE TRUE "MORMON" SPIRIT.

The religious organization that is commonly called "The Mormon Church" has a mission of its own, to which it is devoted and which demands its full faith and utmost energies.

This gives color to the idea that it is no exclusive as to deny that there is good in anything outside of its creed and fellowship. That, however, is entirely untrue.

The "Mormon" Church, so-called, accepts truth from whatever source it comes, whether it be called religious or secular. To the Latter-day Saints all truth is divine and proceeds from Deity, whether it is promulgated by a professed "Christian" or a pronounced Pagan.

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We regard all the human family as the sons or daughters of the living God, and desire their welfare in time and in eternity. We recognize their right to worship what they choose or to refrain from worship, and claim the same right for ourselves, no less and no more.

FORGETTING THE BIBLE.

Voltaire, vastly overestimating his own importance and influence, as men of his calibre generally do, flattered himself with the thought that, as a result of his literary activity in the service of atheism, the Bible would become an obsolete book.

But, what open infidelity was unable to accomplish, the spirit of indifference characteristic of our age threatens to bring about. The Scriptures are no longer read as generally as used to be the custom.

That ignorance of the contents of the Scriptures is growing to an alarming extent is made evident in many ways, but perhaps never more so than in the case of a United States official, appointed for the purpose of looking after evil-doers.

Yes, the Bible is, as Dr. Hall says, becoming obsolete to many. Religion is laid aside as a worn out garment. Hypocrites unable to endure sacred doctrine, "heap to themselves teachers," "after their own lusts," and pet those that suit them, as they do their horses and their dogs.

A LESSON FROM HISTORY.

A magazine writer, quoted in the New York Mail, argues, from history, for the proposition that nations differ most widely in the character of their women, and that their ultimate fate depends chiefly on what the women make it.

Speaking of the women of our time, this author finds that the French woman has intense energy, always going to extremes, and will carry her point "through thick and thin."

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be instructive. But to lay the blame for the decay of the ancient Greek states entirely on the women of that period, is hardly fair, though. The standard of living, for which Sparta became famous, was raised by the lawgivers, and the citizens naturally carried out the ideals held out to them in their laws.

But this is clear from the history of Sparta, that neither physical culture nor asceticism can save a nation from extinction, unless the moral life is maintained, and this is a lesson for our own age, in which athletic exercises sometimes are given the preference over both intellect and conscience.

Sparta fell through thirst for power over the other Greeks. Even Xenophon approves that the Spartans sought to obtain a sovereignty they were not entitled to, instead of making themselves worthy of retaining the leadership.

This indicates the fatal trouble. One of the rules of Spartan life was that citizens could have no private property in money. This law became a dead letter, and the inevitable result was that some became wealthy and others poor.

These are some historical facts of special interest to our time. We should learn to avoid the pitfalls in which earlier nations perished.

AN EXCELLENT WORK.

There is about to issue from the press of the Deseret News, a second edition of that excellent work on "The Lesser Priesthood and Church Government," prepared by Elder Joseph E. Keeler, the contents of which were favorably mentioned in these columns when it first came out, several months ago.

Some little revising has been done for this issue, and some additions have been made; however, the order of the paging and paragraphing of both editions is the same.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

The Watchman. Plus X continues to make it evident that he proposes to pursue a policy of reconciliation in shaping the attitude of the Roman Catholic church toward peoples and governments.

We carefully looked through this work and consider it one of the best text books on the subject that we have. If there is any subject that suggests itself to you, that you would like us to consider, we will be pleased to do so.

I regard your little work on the Lesser Priesthood as the very best that has ever been published on the subject.

I purchased one of your books on Priesthood and Church Government from the Deseret News Book Store as soon as it was out. I have read it very carefully and find it a most excellent work.

The Deseret News cordially recommends Brother Keeler's work to the consideration of the Latter-day Saints.

"See America First." Then see Paris and die.

The English elections are still going on.

The fact is they suffer from the poll evil.

No Fada and Fancies for President Roosevelt! Just plain, unadorned facts.

The arbiter of rebates gets a much greater salary than the arbiter eleazarium does.

Town Topics will be for some time to come Justice Deuel's chagrin and Editor Hapgood's triumph.

A queer people with antiquated notions are the Moors! They think Morocco should be for the Moors.

Russell Sage says if he could do it over again he would make charity a life study. It is never too late to mend.

Gaul was divided into three parts. The Aegleus conference is divided into four. This shows how much more gall the conference has.

Emperor William firmly believes in the divine right of kings. He has sent a man to German Southwestern Africa to find water with a divining rod.

Chairman Shonts must be a good draughtsman to draw a salary of \$2,000 from the Indiana university with the class of 1907. Indiana is the land from which great novelists hail.

District Attorney Jerome in the near future will move against officers of the various insurance companies which were under investigation by the legislative committee.

Secretary Bonaparte's anti-hazing bill makes the offense hinge on "any unauthorized assumption of authority by one midshipman over another midshipman, whereby the last mentioned midshipman shall or may suffer or be exposed to suffer any cruelty, indignity or oppression or the deprivation or abridgement of any right to which he shall be legally entitled."

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According to President Roosevelt, "spirituality without priggishness" is the secret of power and wholesome popularity for a preacher.

A pig, if we mistake not, is a conceited, fussy and formal person, who thinks that all things must be "just so," and whose attitude of piety and superior knowledge is essentially narrow and unfounded upon real culture.

The word has gone somewhat out of fashion in this country, so that few persons could give the genealogy or describe the attributes of the Perfect Pig, but unfortunately the thing itself survives.

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