

the great New York Athletic Club, says:

"Any boy who smokes can never hope to succeed in any line of endeavor, as smoking weakens the heart and lungs and ruins the stomach and affects the entire nervous system. If a boy or young man expects to amount to anything in athletics, he must let smoking and all kinds of liquor alone. They are rank poison to his athletic ambitions."

Mrs. Paterson, president of the Georgia Woman's Christian Temperance Union, says:

"Several years ago I stepped into a grocery store and asked to buy a package of cigarette papers, such as were given away at that time with Durham smoking tobacco. I took two small bottles, each holding about three tablespoonfuls of water. In one I placed fifteen of these cigarette papers, and in the other an equal thickness of leaves of tissue paper from between visiting cards, for the tissue papers were much thinner and it took a larger number of leaves.

"I found that a few drops of the water from the bottle containing the cigarette paper would kill a mouse, quicker than you could say 'Jack Robinson,' and a teaspoonful of the water from the other papers seemed to cause a mouse to suffer no inconvenience.

"I have killed dozens of mice with this water and there are others who have tried the experiment with the same success. Will Mr. Hill please tell me what made the difference in the same water, in the same kind of bottles, except the papers that were placed in the bottle?" (Mr. Hill is the president of the tobacco company who wrote Mr. Ford for an apology because he claimed cigarettes were not injurious.)

Here is the one thing above all others in Mr. Ford's pamphlet which has impressed me:

"Several of my young acquaintances are in their graves who gave promise of making happy and useful citizens," declares Luther Bur-

bank, the wizard of the plant and vegetable kingdom whose experiments have caused the civilized world to wonder, and whose experiments have benefited the civilized world by millions upon millions, in increase of prosperity, by the increase in the various things that he has done in improvement in flowers and in seeds and in fruits and in the redemption of the cactus in Arizona, taking the thorns out; he is in very deed the wizard of the agricultural world and one of the benefactors of mankind. He says: "And there is no question whatever that cigarettes alone were the cause of their destruction. No boy living would commence the use of cigarettes if he knew what a useless, soulless, worthless thing they would make of him."

May the Lord help us in keeping our sons from becoming "useless, soulless, worthless things," is my prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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The Prophet Joseph Smith the most striking figure of the 19th century—His first glorious vision—Authorized to re-establish the Church of Jesus Christ—Priesthood restored—Established saving ordinances in behalf of the dead—Translated the Book of Mormon—Many glorious revelations received, and published, by him—Head of the greatest, the last, dispensation.

My brethren and sisters, I desire an interest in your faith and prayers this morning while I stand before you for a few moments, that I may be led, like others who have spoken, to say something that shall be instructive and faith-promoting.

Joseph Smith, the prophet, was

by far the most striking figure of the nineteenth century. I realize that this is a very bold declaration and while many will readily concede to it, others will regard it as presumptuous, but let me say to you, brethren and sisters and friends, that there is ample evidence to sustain it. The following are a few things that make Joseph Smith, the prophet, conspicuous among men:

In the first place, he was favored with a personal visit of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ, His Son. He testified that he knew they lived, because he had seen their faces and heard their voices, and that they were in the form and likeness of a man. Thus was restored to the earth again the knowledge of God, at a time when many supposed Him to be a being without body, parts or passions. This first glorious vision of the prophet swept darkness and doubt, ignorance and unbelief from the minds of men, at least hundreds and thousands, and a great flood of light burst in upon them and filled their souls.

Joseph Smith, the prophet, under divine guidance, founded the Church of Jesus Christ, the only Church under the heavens in this age of the world known and called by that name.

In connection with the founding of the Church, Joseph Smith received and transmitted to others the holy Priesthood, representing divine authority, by which the Gospel is preached and the ordinances thereof administered for the salvation of souls, or, in other words, by which men are baptized by immersion for the remission of their sins and have hands laid upon them for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said: "Except a man is born of the

water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven." The gift of the Holy Ghost is the key that unlocks the deep and hidden mysteries of God.

The Church founded by the Prophet Joseph Smith not only provided a plan of salvation for the living but also for the dead, being broad enough in its scope to reach every child of God, whether in this world or the world to come. The latter-day Church, like the former day Church is built upon the foundations of apostles and prophets, evangelists, high priests, seventies, elders, bishops, priests, teachers and deacons, Jesus Christ being the chief corner-stone.

By the power of God, Joseph Smith translated into the English language the Book of Mormon, a record which is quite as sacred and precious as the Bible itself. He also gave to the Church the Doctrine and Covenants, a book containing the revelations of God's will to His prophet and His people; also that wonderful little record, the Pearl of Great Price. If all other books in the world were destroyed in an instant and these four books still remained—the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price—they would constitute a library of priceless value, and would form a solid basis from which and by which to regenerate the world.

In the providences of the Lord, and by His word and power, Joseph Smith the prophet restored to the earth again the everlasting covenant, called the new and everlasting covenant, a covenant that binds the husband to the wife and the wife to the husband for time and all eternity, thus securing to them

the power of eternal increase and the blessing of endless lives, and emphasizing, as no earthly covenant alone could do, the sanctity of the marriage bond, and by inference or contrast, condemning the monstrous evil of divorce, when resorted to for trivial causes.

Brethren and sisters, these are a few things which, I contend, raised Joseph Smith head and shoulders above his fellows and attracted to him and to the Church converts from the nations of the earth, until the Church has prospered and grown to an extent beyond our expectations.

The Lord said to Joseph Smith: "And verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever you seal upon the earth shall be sealed in heaven, and whatsoever you bind upon the earth, in my name and by my word, shall be eternally bound in the heavens, and whatsoever you loose upon the earth shall be loosed in heaven; and whosoever sins you remit on earth shall be remitted eternally in the heavens; and whosoever sins you retain on earth, shall be retained in heaven."

And again: "Verily I say, whomsoever you bless, I will bless; and whomsoever you curse, I will curse, saith the Lord; for I, the Lord, am thy God."

Thus to Joseph Smith, like Peter of old, was given the keys of the kingdom of heaven and thus was Joseph Smith, unlike any prophet that ever lived, placed at the head of this great last dispensation, the dispensation of dispensations, even the dispensation of the fulness of times, when all things will be restored to their proper place and order and all things gathered into one.

Brethren and sisters, I again sol-

emnly repeat—Joseph Smith, the mighty prophet of God, was the most striking figure of the nineteenth century. The Lord bless you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Selfishness, a principal cause of war
—Peace and salvation result of
heeding teaching of God's servants
—The Gospel should be taught in
our households, and to our neighbors—
God's message to the world
against liquor and tobacco.

My brethren and sisters, I trust that the few words I speak this morning may be indited by our Heavenly Father, for I have no desire to talk unless He inspires me.

The good things we have listened to during this conference will be food for reflection for me for many weeks to come, and I am grateful to be here, where all is peace. The world is in confusion, men running hither and thither, not thirsting for the word of God, but seeking to gratify their selfish desires and destroy each other's lives; and in Europe it has resulted in bringing about the greatest war this world has ever seen. In Mexico the spirit of murder, due to selfishness, has brought the people to a very unfortunate condition, all of which would not exist if the warring people understood and lived the Gospel. It is gratifying to hear President Bentley say that the charity and patience of the Latter-day Saints south of the Rio Grande is bearing fruit among their Mexican neighbors. It is quite difficult, usually, when we are smitten upon one cheek, to turn the other, but that is the Lord's way to overcome the world. That is the commandment