

Mormon Church Permits Change in Temple Garments

Permission to modify the severe specifications of the temple garments has been granted by President H. J. Grant of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Heretofore such garments, which are worn by all members who have taken the temple work, have conformed to such lines as were originally ordered in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

For present day styles these have been found rather difficult, particularly by the younger wives, and the new dispensation will be welcomed by this class of Mormons.

It is said to have been explained that the new permit is not in any sense a compulsory order. It concerns only those who found the former cut and fastenings undesirable. Young girls have been heard to complain that the ankle length of the former pattern was difficult to keep smooth under the present day style of filmy silk stockings.

Shorter sleeves and legs will be permitted. In addition to those married in the temple, the wearing of the official garment is incumbent on such as have attended any religious rites there. Among the latter are boys and girls who have found considerable inconvenience to the long strings which were in use in place of buttons.

That the new permit is a distinct relief is the testimony of many who already have adjusted theirs to the new patterns.