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## WARD MEETINGS CLOSED.

In consequence of the holding of the general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations, in the Tabernacle on Sunday afternoon and evening, June 5, the ward meetings in this city will be suspended on that occasion and the bishops are requested to give notice accordingly.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHONY M. LUND, First Presidency.

## Y. L. AND Y. M. M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 5, 6 and 7.

Conjoint officers' meeting will be held on Sunday morning, June 5, at 10 o'clock, in the Assembly hall, and general public meetings in the Tabernacle on the afternoon and evening of that day. On Monday and Tuesday, June 6 and 7, business meetings will be held for the Young Ladies in the fourteenth ward assembly room and for the Young Men in Barrett hall.

All officers and members of the associations are requested to be present at all the meetings, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the Saints to attend the Tabernacle meetings. They will also be made welcome at the business meetings.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, Gen. Supt. Y. M. M. I. A. THOS. HULL, Secretary.

ELMINA S. TAYLOR, Pres. Y. L. N. M. I. A. ANN M. CANNON, Secretary.

## ABOUT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The question is frequently asked of recent visitors to St. Louis, "Is the World's Fair worth seeing now?" We reply, it certainly is. And further, unless the intention is to wait until September or later, now is a good time and very much better than in the middle of summer. It is true that there is scarcely anything except the beautiful buildings that may be said to be complete. The exhibits are not all on the grounds and some that are there are not yet displayed. Goods are constantly arriving and workmen are busy opening and arranging them. Trains laden with freight penetrate the grounds, and numerous sights and sounds tell the story of "unfinished business" that is being repeated throughout the land. But notwithstanding all that, the fair is a wonderful aggregation of the world's wonders, of artistic and mechanical attractions, of the achievements of human thought and skill and of numberless objects of interest, to engage the attention and command the admiration of the intellectual and the seekers after novelties and amusements. There is food there already for a month's every day reflection. A week's visit through the buildings gives only a glance at the various displays, after the fashion of the rush through Europe by Washington Phillips in the play of "The Banker's Daughter." The Pike furnishes fun and entertainment for many nights, and most of the shows are great and well worth seeing. In spite of all that has been said of the incompleteness of the great exposition, it is a marvel and a treat, a feast for the eyes and the mind by day and a splendid spectacular scene at night. And while we would advise our friends who cannot go very soon to wait until the latter end of September, we can assure those who have to go earlier if at all, that they will be well repaid for a visit at any time to the greatest and grandest of international exhibitions that has ever been given on the globe.

## STATE SUMMER INSTITUTE.

The State Normal Summer Institute at the University of Utah will open on Monday, June 6, and will continue for two weeks. The printed program of exercises shows that they will be of great interest and profit to those who attend. The lectures, readings and recitals provided for the occasion are of uncommon attraction. Dr. George E. Vincent of Chicago, one of the most brilliant and instructive of educational orators, of Chautauqua celebrity, is to deliver five lectures on subjects of moment to teachers and to the public. Miss Jessie Lee Newlin, famous throughout the country as an interpreter of high class literature, will give choice readings. Mrs. Alice P. Norton of Chicago University, professor of Home Economics, will make five addresses on suitable topics, and these with lectures on Pedagogy by Professor Stewart, and thereafter daily exercises, talks and conferences on educational themes and

affairs, will make up a session of the Institute, that cannot fail to be of great value to all. The State University assembly hall and also Barrett Hall will be utilized for the purposes of the occasion. Full particulars and tickets of admission can be obtained from Prof. W. M. Stewart, manager of the Institute. The Deseret News recommends this course to teachers and students, and to all who are interested in the cause of education.

## A BIT OF BOISE BOMBAST.

The New York Sun of May 27 contained a dispatch from St. Louis, giving some particulars of the proceedings at the Mothers' Congress at the World's Fair. The following will be of interest to people here, so we clip it from the Sun:

"Judge Flenner of Boise City, Idaho, openly accused Senator Kearns of Utah of having obtained his seat in Congress by having bribed the Mormons through President Joseph Smith.

"Mrs. Frederic Scheff of Philadelphia, president of the Congress of Mothers, joined in the cry against Mormonism, and both Judge Flenner and Mrs. Scheff favored the disfranchisement of the Mormons.

"The subject of Judge Flenner's address was 'The Mormon Hierarchy a Menace to the Home.' He cited the important part played by the Mormons in the political life of Utah and many other western states.

"I know of instances," said the judge, "where Mormon Elders have deliberately directed in what manner the members of the Church should vote. The Mormon Church is a closely organized institution and it is easy to see what power it usurps when it says how its members shall or shall not vote. This evil, therefore, not only affects Utah and Montana, and other western states, but it reaches every home."

"What Mrs. Scheff says or thinks does not matter very much, because that lady simply adopts the prevalent views of the good folks who are stirred up to opposition against the 'Mormons,' by religious agitators and false notions that are commonly entertained. But Mr. Flenner of Boise knows better, and makes assertions that he is fully aware are untrue. As to the story about Senator Kearns, he has made a stupid blunder in repeating an old story that never had any foundation in fact. The original fabrication was that a bargain was entered into between the senatorial candidate and the late President Snow. The tale was ridiculous but has been often repeated by chronic haters of the 'Mormons.' But they never were silly enough to connect President Smith with the alleged transaction, and it remained for Flenner of Boise to do that and, just think of it, at a Congress of Mothers!

What such an assembly had to do with political matters is not easy to discern. Why Senator Kearns' election should be dragged into unpleasant discussion in a Mothers' convention—when he is well known as the builder of a splendid orphan's home near this city—is strange, to say the least. And why the man from Boise should bring forward the incongruous stories he told in such a presence, is one of the singular features of that singular occasion.

We forbear alluding to the past record of the feeder of fiction to the ladies of the Congress, although we might a tale unfold that would make their real hair bristle on their maternal heads. But they should understand that Flenner's "open accusation" is a dead open-and-shut falsehood, and will be so regarded by people of all shades of politics in Utah and Idaho, unless it be by those profoundly ignorant of affairs in this region.

His assertion that "the knows in instances where Mormon Elders have deliberately directed in what manner the members of the Church should vote," is also a deliberate falsehood. We challenge the proof. If "Judge" Flenner will furnish names and particulars, we will undertake to publish them, and elicit the truth in every instance. We do not want rumor, however, or that kind of "kossip" that Cobb of the Boise Statesman wanted to introduce as evidence before the senatorial committee of investigation.

As to the "menace to the home," which the speaker held up to the Mothers' Congress as a scarecrow, that old dummy is too antiquated and time-worn to affect anybody seriously who has heard or read attacks on the "Mormons" during the past half a century. But we are of the opinion that we could furnish something from the annals of the recent past that would come very near to causing a thrill among those lady delegates, and would show up a real "menace to the home" which would not be very agreeable to the Boise ex-preacher, or likely to support the assaults on his neighbors in which he has engaged when away from home.

"Judge" Flenner should remember the old adage about people who live in glass houses. At any rate, he ought to abstain from bearing false witness and from helping to deceive good people, either as to politics, or religion, or social or national affairs. If "Judge" Flenner is correctly reported he has made a mule's progeny of himself.

## MODIFIED CHRISTIANITY.

If newspaper reports are true, influential Japanese are considering the advisability of adopting Christianity as the state religion of the country. A great meet, it is said, was convened in the park at Tokyo lately to consider that proposition. The sense of the meeting was that it was time for Japan to have a religion up to the times that would put her abreast of the civilized nations of Europe, and that the most feasible faith was Christianity, modified perhaps so as to be on independent ground. It is said that it is quite likely that the idea will take shape in the ministry, and that a bill will be introduced in the Japanese parliament for the establishment of such a state religion.

"Modified" Christianity is a strange term, but it expresses, perhaps, exactly what is wanted. Japan is very much in the position of the Roman empire, religiously considered, at the time of the introduction of Christianity there. In Japan all kinds of worshipers are tolerated, as they were in Rome. Christianity came to the latter empire with its demands for purity, honesty, justice and all virtues, and with its doc-

trines of God, man, and a future. These peculiarities did not suit the Roman power, and so a war of extermination commenced. But finally Christianity was "modified," so as to fit into the pagan structure, and in its modified form it was adopted as the religion of the state. Later, the Protestants "modified" it so as to suit later conditions. The fact is that every so-called Christian country has "modified" it, according to its own notions, and a great many individuals "modify" Christianity until they obtain a product that suits their peculiar interests and inclinations. If Japan should decide to do the same, she would not be much to blame. But it will be curious to see what Christianity made in Japan will be like.

If Japan's rulers are as wise in this matter as in others, they will resist all efforts at involving their country in the meshes of a state religion. They will take to heart the lessons of history in this matter. They will establish perfect religious liberty, and protect all religious faiths with equal solicitude. Japan must see the impossibility of establishing a "Christian" state religion, as long as there are hundreds of different brands of "Christianity," each of which probably has its element both of truth and error. Let there be perfect religious liberty in Japan, even more perfect than in this country, if possible, and the benefits of such liberty will be more valuable than the establishment of a state religion. The country that is most faithful to the standards of liberty will be found foremost in the ranks of progress in this age of human rights.

## FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

Attention is called to the entertainment to be given at the Theatre on Monday evening, June 6, by local Scandinavian talent. It is for the benefit of the Stockholm mission-house fund, for which the Scandinavian residents of Utah are endeavoring to raise means. Two plays are to be given, depicting rural scenes in the Scandinavian peninsula. There are about fifty persons in the cast, and the singing and music can be enjoyed even by those who do not understand the text of the songs. For the sake of the excellent object of the performance it is to be hoped that there will be a good house, although it may be a little late in the season.

## IN THE PULPIT.

In the discussion about the power of the modern pulpit as a moral and intellectual force, the fact that so many occupants of pulpits are exceedingly ignorant is often overlooked. Intelligence, integrity, and zeal always constitute a power. But those who possess it in the modern pulpit are few and far between. The intelligence is more often in the pew than in the pulpit. Gross selfishness, hypocrisy, and ignorance are not infrequent in the latter place.

The Boston Advertiser tells a story that well illustrates the present situation. A student at the Garrett Biblical Institute, in his first year examination, was asked the following questions:

"Where was Jesus Christ born? Answer—In Rome.

"When was He born? Answer—I do not exactly recall, but I think it was some time about the opening of the Christian era."

In view of the unsatisfactory nature of the answers, it was suggested to the young man that he should enter a preparatory to get a rudimentary foundation on which to build. However, instead of doing this, he went before a church conference to take an examination for admission as a preacher on trial. When asked where he had studied, his reply was Garrett. Questioned if he had finished his course, he said that he went only a part of a year.

"Why did you not stay and complete the work?" was the next query, and unblushingly came the response: "Why to be honest, doctor, the higher criticism taught in that institution had begun to undermine my faith, and I had to leave lest I backslide."

The story does not say whether the young man obtained his license to preach. Perhaps he did not at this time. But the probability is that he will "get in" somewhere, if he is persistent enough. And the fact is that a great many young men, equally unfit for ministerial work, engage in it.

There is no need of looking any further for a cause for the lack of influence of the modern pulpit.

## MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT CONFERENCE TOMORROW.

No ward meetings in the city tomorrow night.

Wall Street still suffers from "that tired feeling."

Tourists must wonder what has become of the arid regions.

Kansas is a great repeater. Last year's floods are being repeated this year.

Hannah the Octocon bids fair to become more famous than Zoe the Octocon.

Russia and Japan both seem to know more about the "other's losses" than about its own.

Mr. Olney insists that he is not a candidate. Why insist on that which everybody admits?

Governor Yates did the only thing there was to do. It was a case of better late than never.

The Sunday morning meeting of officers of the M. I. A. will be held in the Assembly Hall at 10 a. m.

The Russians are beginning to respect the Japanese. They may yet learn to love, honor and obey them.

The weather bureau man says that better days are coming. Cheering news that, for these days are very good.

Papers in various parts of this country are saying that Mr. Bryan is a back number. It may be, still back numbers are often in great demand.

When the sun shines the janitor turns

on the steam, but it is called for in vain when the winter winds do blow. But it is the way of the world.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst thinks that Mr. Roosevelt is unsafe. It is a long time since the people gave any head to what Dr. Parkhurst thinks.

"The president's remarks about snobs rouses the inquiry as to what a snob is," says an exchange. Read Thackeray and learn all about snobs.

Walter J. Travis, American, is amateur golf champion of Great Britain. This makes him almost as famous as Croquet, who won the Derby.

Public meetings in the Tabernacle tomorrow afternoon at 2 and evening at 7 o'clock. M. I. A. general conference. Everybody invited to attend.

A contemporary has a learned editorial on "The Raising of Dates." It is an authority on the subject, its practice having been large and of long time.

The old homestead of Oliver P. Morton at Centerville, Ind., has been sold for four thousand dollars. Indiana doesn't appreciate historic places as much as historical novels, or the place would never have gone at that price.

## ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Los Angeles Express.

It is doubtful if ever in the annals of the Methodist church has a bishop-elect been known to decline the preferment, but precedent was established yesterday when Dr. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, rising to a question of privilege in the conference, asked that his resignation be accepted. It was the culmination of last Saturday's sensational proceedings, when, owing to the attacks on his personal reputation, the conference revolted and elected him to the episcopacy. After battling with his conscience, Dr. Day found that he could not serve the church as its bishop, so tendered his resignation, which was accepted. It was a scene never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Rt. Rev. William N. McVickar.

The place of the church of God is right down in the midst of the world, in the midst of its purposes and its business. That society on which we look out today includes at the same time a band of robbers and a possible communion of saints. We need the man who will see the divine responsibility of society. We need the Christian in politics. To you, as brethren in ministry, I wish to speak of the need of the clinging in the midst of the teaching of eternal righteousness. I cannot think that it is right for the Christian minister to speak in favor of a partisan or special political measure. The work of the church is to keep the righteousness may be covered up, but in the end it will prevail. Let us preach eternal righteousness, whoever is offended or whatever subscriptions are withdrawn from the church. We must trust to our hearers to apply the principles in the world of affairs. It seems incumbent upon us to hold up a clear ideal along with what seem confused lines of righteousness.

New York Evening Sun.

The pastor of a church here has received a call from a church in another place. His present congregation wants to keep him, and with that object in view is trying to raise \$100,000. One of the trustees, speaking of the clergyman, said: "He received a salary of \$3,000 a year here and I must think he been offered \$10,000 by the Chicago church. It is not so much the money, however, as the fact that he does not regard the church as keeping pace, as far as its plant is concerned, with its development." It is very modern to regard a church as a sort of business enterprise that must keep up with the times.

Booth Tarkington in Harper's Magazine.

Pius X is of a good height, strongly made, even stout, and has a fine grace about him. His dignity is as great as his position. But utterly without haughtiness or pomposity or pride of office. He has none of the "magnetism" of the "popular preacher," actor or orator, nevertheless, he is remarkably magnetic. It is the magnetism of his mistakable goodness and good-will to all the world. Every one was laughing with excitement and the sheer pleasure of seeing him, and because he smiled a little. His voice, mellow, clear and resonant, yet gentle, has in it the quality of lofty and practical. He is a strong voice too, with the strength of the man who could give an incorrigible lout a fine beating for the good of his kind, and it is what might be called a "brave" voice, in that with that kind of voice will be afraid of anything that might happen to himself only. But, more than these things, it carries to those who hear it the benediction that exhalates from the spirit of Pius X to all the world, all the time.

The New York Outlook.

There is no reason why we should fear lest modern scholarship, with its theories respecting the date, authorship, and literary character of the various books of the Bible, should impair the value of the Bible or destroy human faith in its message. We shall not undertake here in a paragraph to furnish a complete epitome of that message; but it at least includes this much: The earlier writers of the Old Testament declared that God is one God, a righteous person who demands righteousness of his children, and who demands nothing else. Their message is summed up in the words of Abraham: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The message of the latter prophets is not only that God is a righteous God, who demands righteousness, but also a merciful God, who forgives men their iniquities and helps them to become righteous, if they desire His help. The message of the New Testament is that in order to render this forgiveness and furnish this newness of life more effectively, the righteous and merciful God has entered into the world, filled one human life full of Himself, been made flesh, and dwelt among us, so that those who saw Him could say, "We beheld His glory, the glory as of one who has come into the world, and that He has come this that we may have fellowship with the Father through his Son, Jesus Christ."

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Improvement Era for June has, as always, an admirable list of contents. The contributors are: Dr. John A. Widtsoe, T. E. Curtis, Hon. John M. Horner, Joseph Hall, Preston D. Richards, Dr. J. S. Allen, W. W. Mansfield, L. L. Green Richards, Nels F. Green, Henry E. Horne, Dr. J. M. Tanner, Robert W. Sloan, President Joseph F. Smith, and others. The subjects are all timely and made interesting and instructive. President Joseph F. Smith's editorial on the Resurrection is full of information and consolation. Of special interest is a letter addressed to President Smith by a gentleman who writes from Everett, Washington, and who expresses his high regard for the church and its venerable leaders. The gentleman but expresses the opinion of the most enlightened and unprejudiced citizens of the country.—Templeton Building, Salt Lake City.



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