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NOTICE.

The Forty-eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convenes at the Tabernacle in this City, at 10 o'clock a.m. on the 6th, 1873.

JOHN TAYLOR,
President of the Council of
Twelve Apostles.

**LITERALIZING SCRIPTURE
METAPHORS.**

A new sensation in the South which is also attracting attention and provoking comments all over the country, is a sermon delivered by Rev. John Jasper, a licensed preacher at Richmond, Virginia. The gentleman claims to be the oldest colored minister of the gospel in that city, having been a preacher forty years, and the deliverer of 24,000 sermons. On the 1st Mr. Jasper proved to his own satisfaction, and that of an immense crowd of his wife and dependents, that the sun moves round the earth and not the earth around the sun. After quoting numerous passages of scripture referring to the rising of the sun and the going down thereof, the famous sire of the sun's progress at the command of Joshua, and showing that if the earth moved, the sea would all spill out, he add'd to his narration, "Now all you who believe that the sun do move, lay up your right hand; when every man, woman and child present showed in the manner desired, they believed the same as the Rev. Jasper.

White preachers and editors were unlike Mr. Jasper, extend the literary researches beyond the books of the Old and New Testaments, and mix a little science with their theology, have made considerable of the old colored apportion. But his error is one of which most of them are equally guilty. Literal interpretation of texts which are only metaphorical, or given in relation to such fact, in words most easily comprehended by people for whom they were written, without correcting popular errors which had no specific bearing upon the subject.

The Catholic Church reads these words "This is my body," in a literal sense, and hence the dogma of transubstantiation, requiring true Catholics to view the consecrated wafer in the eucharist as containing the real body, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Protestant churches read literally the threatened punishment of the wicked in "everlasting fire," while "the worm dieth not and the smoke is not quenched;" where the "smoke of their torment ascendeth for ever and ever," and on such texts base their doctrines of a lake of flames and brimstone, in which the sinner is to suffer unspeakable tortures without cessation through all eternity.

They understand that the main point in such texts as, "from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof," is to convey the idea of extent or duration, not the announcement of the fact that the sun moves, and that those passages have no bearing either one way or another on that subject. But it fail to apply this rule of reading other texts, and thus fall into errors as egregious as that of the colored minister of Richmond.

Jesús commanded the sun to stand still, and it is agreed that the command was obeyed. But the main fact in the narrative of the circumstances described is that the light was prolonged in an unusual degree, so that the Israelites might see to fulfil their victory. How this was accomplished, Jesus does not say much as the decline of the phenomenon which was effected through faith. It was not necessary to the accomplishment of either of the earth or the sun should be arrested, or that any known laws of nature should be violated.

A peculiar condition of the atmosphere at certain seasons or an appearance of a similar character, although not in the same sense as the "standing still" of the sun in the days of Joshua, can appear above the horizon, during those times for a considerable period after it has actually set according to the time of the diurnal motion. Both the sun and moon, by the same cause, usually appear magnified beyond their usual dimensions. The fraction of light, caused by a certain density of the atmosphere, explains the phenomena, because that produces these appearances for a short time could be its prolonged, continued effect. And thus the same means by which the striking narrative of day is made to appear at the time of departure after it really sinks to rest, and that is what is known in England as the "harvest moon," may have probably by perfectly natural means, "miracles" that has been the lasting stock of sceptics and a stumbling block to believing believers for hundreds of years.

"This is my body" was evidently as much of a metaphor as, "I am the true vine," "I am the door" and other similar expressions. The "everlasting burnings," "wreaths which die not," which were made typical of punishment of the wicked, refer to the place called Gehenna valley outside of the walls of Jerusalem, where the rubbish of the city was cast and a permanent kept up, in which perpetual conflagrations were made, and these wreaths which lived in and were consumed by the never-dy-

ing flames, the smoke of which continually ascended. The language of oriental nations is highly figurative and a literal construction of all the phrases in use among them would be ridiculous in the extreme. The Savior and his Apostles, in explaining the great truths they enunciated, made frequent use of metaphors founded upon well known facts or popular ideas, not stopping to correct the latter or to note whether they were strictly scientific or actually true, being only used to convey in a simple form principles of everlasting truth, and therefore unimportant compared with the points at issue.

An understanding of this is necessary to a correct reading of the sacred Scriptures. But the most essential need of a Bible student is the same spirit which inspired the sacred writers. Without this, the true meaning of their words cannot be thoroughly reached, and after all the understanding that may be obtained of the word, "the letter kills, it is the spirit that maketh alive." "Alone" the Bible is not a sufficient guide. The light of continued revelation is necessary to unfold the true significance of the past, and the "mysterious word of prophecy" is indeed like "a light shining in a dark place." Simple John Jasper may be much mistaken in clinging to the literal verbiage of scripture, but many of these preachers who are more learned than he in human philosophy, and who make fan of his ignorance, have just as much need of enlightenment in regard to the things they attempt to teach to others.

THE GAME LAW.

We are requested to publish the following for the special information of "market sportsmen" and the benefit of all who use the gun for game. There are a number of gunners who are pledged to report all infractions of the law which come under their observation:

Section 2103 of the compiled laws is hereby repealed and the following enacted in its stead: Section 2103, "every person who, between the fifteenth (15th) day of March and the sixteenth (16th) day of August, kills or destroys, or offers to kill or destroy, any kind of wild duck, or who takes, traps, or kills, any kind of wild fowl, who kills any beaver or otter, between the first day of April and the first day of November of each year, or who sells, or offers for sale, the skins of, said animals, that have been killed within the above prohibited time, or who shall kill any imported birds or their progeny for five years next ensuing the passage of the act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

Sec. 2.—The section 2103 is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in its stead, (section 2104.) Every person who, between the first day of January and the first day of August in each year, takes, kills, or destroys, any kind of duck, or who sells, or offers for sale, the skins of, said animals, that have been killed within the above prohibited time, or who shall kill any imported birds or their progeny for five years next ensuing the passage of the act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Missing Congressmen.

The Times' Cincinnati says Vance, the missing ex-congressman, has been lately seen at St. Louis. He is reported to be ill, and is now in a hospital. He is said to be suffering from a disease which has compelled him to leave the country.

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Morristown is again very ill at Troy. His friends are fear the worst. Morristown once said, "When it's my time to die, I want to die in Troy."

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The World's Washington special says: William Henry Davis, collector at Chicago, has handed the President his resignation. His quarrel is with the Treasury Department.

The Situation Represented as Existing.

The Herald's St. Petersburg special says: It is admitted in official circles, that Ignatius' visit to Vienna is the general situation regarded as disquieting. Government is, however, firm and decided to push matters to extremes. It is felt on all hands that war cannot be avoided. The French fleet against England is regarded as important, and it is expected that some have been despatched to scourge France. The Czar soon leaves to join the army. The guerrilla activity prevails in all the departments of the army.

Wiseau's Resignation.

The ship P. E. Hazelton, from New York, for San Francisco, was lost off Cape Horn. Part of the crew were saved.

WESTERN.

Republ. Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1.—George W. Abbott, the broker who abandoned his office at the corner of Market and Montgomery, and who substituted the substitution therefor of a general office in the city of Washington, a committee was appointed to prepare an address, which committee having reported, the following was adopted as expressing the views of the meeting:

ADDRESS.

That such proposed change will seriously affect the business and convenience of the residents of the Territory of Utah, and we respectfully request that the Legislature of the State of Utah, with whom it is believed that Prince Gavriloff has already informed Lord Loftus that Russia is ready to yield to England's demands in regard to the congress.

On examination of the business done in the office of the Surveyor-General of Utah Territory for the past year, it appears that the most important work of business transacted is that relating to the survey of mining claims, both in regard to the aggregate amount of work done and the value of that work. Owing to the many difficulties encountered in making surveys of mining claims, due to the ruggedness of the country and the want of a sufficient number of men to conduct the surveys, it is found that the want of accuracy in locating such claim, etc., about 50 per cent of the surveys returned to the office of the Surveyor-General require subsequent correction. This state of affairs, it is believed, is due to the want of a sufficient number of miners to conduct the surveys, and thereby to neutralize the authorities.

Another question.

The same correspondent understands that Mr. Layton, in accordance with the instructions of the British government, has asked the Forte what its attitude would be in regard to the demand of the Sultan. The fort replied that he was personally inclined to neutrality, but would submit the matter to the authorities.

West's Fight against English.

The Standard's correspondent in London writes, "Sunday, the 11th, I had a long interview with the Sultan, told the Grand Duke Nicholas that he would not fight against England."

West's Material Lands.

The Standard's reporter from India, that he is ready to yield to the demands of the Sultan, and the English, it is the reverse of the best interest to bring the Sultan to India.

H. L. ANDERSON, Secretary.

increased expense to mine-owners, and since this branch of the business is self-supporting, injurious would be done to the public welfare. Another branch of the public surveys, which is very important to residents, affecting farmers and other land-owners, is the supplementary agricultural surveys. This is a *slight* *supporting*, and delaying attending the making of such surveys, should be avoided. Both of the enumerated classes of work requires the presence of a surveyor to direct, revise and correct them, and such official should have the services of all available surveyors as will aid in the prosecution of the work to be done.

In regard to the surveys of the agricultural lands of the United States, with the permission to substitute salaried deputies for the present system of performing the work by contract with general favor, it is our belief that this change, as engrained on the present system, would best promote the welfare of the public service, reducing the expense to a minimum, while the retention of the offices of surveyors general as now existing (such officers to direct the surveys of the public domain, and to appoint deputies as required), would be the best guarantee of the understanding of the nature and requirements of the work to be done, the employment of a class of deputies accustomed to such service, and a more direct accountability. Such a system would not increase the inconveniences attending surveys made either in mountain or other land claims, and as the present system in this respect has been found by experience to be satisfactory, any radical change is deprecated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. P. LOCKWOOD, M. E.
Chairman.
L. E. HOLDEN,
O. J. HOLLISTER,
J. M. LOCKE,
M. T. BURGESS,
F. LITTLE,
H. C. GOODRICH,
Commissioners.

WM. JENNINGS & SONS,
Importers, Jobbers, & Retail Dealers in General Merchandise.

War Repressed. Executive.
The correspondent of the Times at St. Petersburg telegraphs on Sunday: "War is now regarded as almost inevitable. The vague hope that a diplomatic formula might be found in the renewal of negotiations has been destroyed by Lord Beaconsfield's declaration that the question at issue is not a matter of form but of essential reality."

Service Will Join Hostile.

The Times has the following from Paris: "A Belgrade telegram states that Serbia will join Russia in the event of an Anglo-Russian war."

English Newsweek.

The Buchanan correspondent of the Times reports that the English government has ordered the owners to sail their ships, even without cargo.

Arrested Per High Treason.

A Belgrade special to the Standard states that Gen. Lanckowicz, commander of the Danube brigade, has been arrested for high treason. Many other arrests are probable.

Not Likely to Accept.

The Times' special at Berlin states that Russia has informed Austria that she will accept the offer of neutrality if Austria would give up the western provinces of Turkey. Austria is not likely to accept the offer.

Stocks.

Commodities 94 15-16; four and a half per cent bonds, 105; 6% 107; new five, 105; Erie, 105, yield 24%.

Correspondence.

The First Leader.
SPRING LAKE VILLAGE,
March 27th, 1875.

Editor's Deseret News.

If not too late to "rise and explain," please let me put in a claim as the Pioneer of Utah in Utah—by the first U. S. mail brought to the Salt Lake City post office received from a friend in Washington a package of Indian seed, then called Mountain Clover, which I planted at Spring Lake in '71. I was called in '72 to the Sandwich Island mission. The place was broken up in '73 by the Walker War, and on my return in '74, found my clover still growing on dry land, not having been irrigated for two years, and its property is still spreading in this country.

Yours, etc.,
H. F. JOHNSON.

New Businesses.

ASHLEY'S FORK,
March 20th, 1875.

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