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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hel in the Tabernacle Salt Lake City, commencing on Saturday, April 4, 1903. A general attendance of the offcers and members of the Church is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

CHANGE OF FAST DAY.

As the General Conference will be in session on the first Sunday in April, it is deemed advisable that the fast, usually observed on the first Sunday in each month, be held on the last Sunday in March, 1903, in those Stakes and Wards where the 'officers and members in large numbers will attend the Annual Conference. This will apply particularly to the Salt Lake Stake of Zion and adjoining places. The Presidents of Stakes and Bishops at distant points will use their own judgment as to making the change for this occasion.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND,

RELIGION CLASS OFFICERS' MEETING.

The Presidency of Stakes, Bishopric of wards, Stake and ward superinten dents and members of the Stake Boards of Religion classes together with the officers and instructors are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Religior class workers to be held at Barratt Hall on Saturday, April 4, 1903, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

ANTHON H. LUND, RUDGER CLAWSON, JOSEPH M. TANNER. General Superintendency. L. JOHN NUTTALL. General Secretary.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held Sunday, April 5, 1903, at 7:30 p. m. In the Tabernacle. The attendance of stake and ward officers and teachers is urgently requested and all the Saints nto invited. A preliminary meeting of stake superintendents and assistants will be held in the assembly room of the Salt Lake Business college, Templeton building, at 5 o'clock p. m., Sunday, April 5. A full attendance is de-

JOSEPH F. SMITH, GEORGE REYNOLDS. JOSEPH M. TANNER. General Superintendency

THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

The spread of contagious diseases is a subject needing the special attention of boards of health in every part of the State. But it also calls for caution and diligent action on the part of the people generally. Complaints are made, and not without cause, that persons afflicted with contagious disorders mingle with the public and are apparently indifferent to the danger of such conduct. If warning by word is insufficient to stop this exil, purishment ought to follow it, and the health officers should prose.

sure the offenders. The quarantine laws ought to be ob served. But if they are not obeyed voluntarily they should be enforced. We spired, authoritative Bible would have believe that they are now ample to no possible excuse for existence. treet the situation in this State. Dutwhat is the use of legislation if it retires on "Babel and Bibel," in which he mains a dead letter? If laws are not vitalized by the willing action of the peants for whom they are intended, they should be made very lively for those been said by others, without creating tore the Kaiser and apparently by his fering from a contagious disease aboutd observe the rules of quarantine, but approval, and that gave to the utterances much more importance than they every one who has been exposed to the fection should either be isolated from as the law requires. This rule should that archaelogy is arrayed against it be rigidly enforced as to nurses and Only a few years ago skeptics said to

doctors who wait upon people thus at- the believers, "your Rible contains fficied, as well as to other people. confine their warnings, complaints and other in secular history. But where is

threatenings to individuals suffering any correlection in secular writings of from smalipox. Yet there are other the flood, for instance? Then arehas pointed out repeatedly in these colnema, that while the form of smallney that har appeared in these parts is the Assyrian account of the deluge. He mild, so much so that a large number of persons have declared they would rather have it, in that form, and get ever it than to submit to vaccination, door day hither and thither; but as it yet it is a matter of history, and is found no resting place, it turned and sell suthenticated, that this mild form | came back. I took out a swallow and

often develops into the confluent type and becomes malignant and dangerous to life. But, after all, diphtheria and scarlet fever are more fatal than smallpox. That is they have a greater deathrate in these times and in this region. So has typhold fever. Yet scarcely anything is said by the smallpox alarmists about the danger of contact with persons afflicted with those diseases. The scare is entirely as to

autions advocated respecting small

pox, in regard to the other diseases

nentioned. They are communicable in

the same way. If smallpox germs car

s carried so that the discuse is spread

o can the germs of dishtheria, searlet

ever, typhold, etc. And mark this:

the notion that if a person is or has

een vaccinated he cannot carry in his

lothing, in his hair, or beard or other

out of his person the germs of small-

ox received by exposure to that dis-

the, although he may not take it him-

oil. is a dangerous and stupid fallacy

hat ought to be dissipated from ever)

and foolish enough to entertain it.

Give all the credence to the virtues

f vaccination claimed for it by its most

rdent supporters, and it remains

aer that clothing, bedding, and other

oticles that may have been infected

y connect with the diseased, are not

medinated and can become the means

of spreading the disease. It is the

ame with them as with similar articles

that have been expose, to diphtheria.

carlet fever, etc. Disir fection is need

i in one case as much in the others.

To hear some of the extremists talk,

me would suppose that vaccination ex-

arriages and everything used by the

We are not discussing the vaccination

public to understand that exposure to

fiber of the diseases mentioned, means

to others. We know of cases in which

smallpox has been communicated in

hat way, from the patient to others

when the individual who conveyed it

did not himself take the disease. It

s the same with all the zymotic dis-

illeged prophylactics in the world will

not stop the spread of those evils with-

out thorough disinfection and those

sanitary measures which are the real

germ-destroyers and health-promoters.

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lisease stamped out, let them observe

the rules of quaranting, disinfection,

sanitation and all that is required by

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in be found in the big cities of this

country, where the association has ob-

twined a strong footbold. As it is non-

ectarian in character, and aims at the

th vation of young people and their

training in mind and body, to make

them useful and progressive Christian

chilzens, the society is praiseworthy and

will surely receive the aid of people of

every religious and educational denom-

ALL AGAINST DELITZSCH.

The Delitzsch controversy in Ger-

many has called forth comments by a

great number of university professors

and others. This is natural. The at-

tack of the professor on the Bible is

very much of the nature of the attacks

made upon the Book of Mormon. He

charges that the Scriptures are of only

busines origin, and not very noble origin

at that. Were this permitted to stand

mconitadicted, Protestantism would

have no foundation at all. Protestant

ism without an infallable, divinely in

Professor Delitzsch, as will be r

membered, about a year ago, gave a lec

continued that the stories of Genesi

are only Babylonian myths. This has

much stir, but the professor spoke be

Or course Protestantism cannot admi-

many stories which, if they were true,

would be preserved in some form or an-

mology came forward. George Smith.

one of the members of the Egyptic-As-

syrian department of the British Muse-

um, about thirty years ago, found, while

coking over some fragments of legend,

read to his great surprise; "The

chip stood still on the Mount Nizir, I

took out a dove and sent it out; the

would have had otherwise.

secimifed person.

asking for, Fancy their dismay now, when archgeological scholar like Delizsch come Now, lest some of our very fair and and say that this archæological testiruthful contemporaries may try to mony, so far from proving the divine dislaterpret our remarks, we will add origin and authority of the Bible, hat we endorse all the cautions giver proves its human origin-its origin oncerning the violators of quarantine from Babylonian myths and legends. ules in that particular, and do not wish On the truth or falsity of this conteno belittle them in any way, but at the ion depends the future of Protestantame time we desire to make them gen ral. There is quite as much need, to my the least, for strict isolation, quarntine, disinfection and all the pre-

The controversy has brought out the fact that the Biblical criticism for which Delitzsch stands is much less popular than it was a few years ago. it is stated that of all the brochures, pamphlets or magazine articles that have appeared on the question, not one agrees with the professor in maintaining that Genesis is a plagiarism of Babylonian writings, Even liberal thinkers freely express themselves to the effect that he has exaggerated the importance of Babel. The controversy should emphasize the

sent it out. The swallow flew hither

and thither, but as it found no resting

place, it came back, I took out a raven

and sent it out; the raven flew away

and perceived the decrease of the

water, and did not return to the ship."

Other accounts of Bible events were

also found, and Bible scholars triumph.

antly told the skeptics that archæology

had supplied the very proof they were

act that "a new witness for God" is the greatest need of the age. A large portion of the world is about to abandon the faith in an inerrant Bible, just as the Protestant world has already refused to accept the claims of an inerrant church and pope. That is a great many are about to deny all diine authority on earth, and to extol human intellect, human reason, as the only divine element in history. But that will be as fatal to the world, as was that "era of reason" in France, which preceded the revolution and the baptism of Europe in human blood. The very position taken by skepticism proves the necessity of the re-establishment of divinely inspired witnesses for God, who can speak as led by the ended to clothing, bedding, furniture Spirit of truth, without uncertainty, authoritatively, as the prophets and apostles of old. The world needs this, to escape the doubts and bickerings of question per se. We simply want the scholars and to find a solid foundation upon which to build its faith. That is why the Lord established again His he probability of carrying its germs Church among men. That is also why so many false "churches" are endeavoring to draw man's attention away from the structure erected by the divine Architect; that is why the 'heathen rage," and the "rulers of the earth" counsel together against the Lord and orders, and all the vaccination or other His Anointed. But the decrees of the Almighty are established, and His plans and purposes must be accom-

DEAN FARRAR.

With the death of Dean Farrar, in London, a few days ago, England loses one of her most popular preachers and writers on theological subjects. poards of health under the laws, and He was born in Bombay, in 1831, and they will succeed. Now is a good time had a very successful career. In April, for a general clean-up and the use of 1876, he became a canon in Westmintested disinfectants. Let us all do our ster Abbey, and in April, 1883, he was best to have a clean, law-abiding and appointed Archdeacon of Westminster. It was in these years that he estab lished his fame as a pulpit orator. In 1830 he became chaplain of the House of Commons, and in 1895 was appointed Dean of Canterbury. The Dean was building for the Y. M. C. A. in this city, the author of a great number of books, c. condition that a similar sum shall be but he is, perhaps, best known through raised here, should stimulate the benhis "The Life of Christ," which apevolent of all sects and societies in this peared in 1874, and which quickly ran through a number of editions and was city to aid in the cause. Some very generous subscriptions have been promtranslated into several languages. His ised, and it is hoped that the needed "Life of St. Paul" and "The Early Days amount will be secured. Anything that of Christianity" were also very successerves to draw our young men from the ful. Dean Farrar visited the United cilcons, poolrooms and streets at night. States in 1885, and was most cordially and attract their attention to physical received by the people and the clergy and intellectual improvement, must be of all denominations. He took a prombeneficial to society and should be eninent part in advocating temperance coraged. If the money is obtained, it

reforms. He may not have been great preacher, or a profound thinker but he is admitted to have been the most successful school tutor ever known in Great Britain. He was tol erant and broad in his views, and he won the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

Fast day tomorrow. No services in

the Tabernacle. The late N. K. Fairbanks' leaf in his tory will be leaf lard.

At the Lucin cut-off they have prove that still waters run deep. Chleago's watchword new is: "Don'

splt." A good one if observed. When a man nurses his wrath it

usually because he feels sore. The Cubans are asserting their independence by tinkering the reciprocity

Perhaps the man who struck Billy Patterson is the person who killed Bur-

The supply of spring poetry is very imited this year. Still it exceeds the

A German exhibit at St. Louis, it is said, would be a case of carrying coals

to Newcastle. The shirt waist has got to go. This is strange, it having been all the go or several years.

Nicaragua is not to have a canal out she has a revolution as a sort of consolation prize.

Spring ploughing on South Temple treet, between East Temple and First Cast, has begun. In making dashes for either pole, the

lushers thus far have only succeeded n butting their heads. Fast meetings in the respective wards at 2 p. m. tomorrow and conjoint M. I.

A, meetings in the evening. Spring roses are abundant on the beeks of the school children. And

there are no prettier flowers. The colonial secretary will not accept a peerage. He does not care to be

known as the Lord Chamberlain, A New Jersey parson says that dancing is "hugging to music." Quite as often dti is "set" to music and on the

The price of diamonds has been ad-

vanced. This will be very hard on the New York millionaires who have jus sworn off their assessments.

The Chicago city council has passed drastic anti-smoke ordinance. But t is a long way from having suppressed the smoke nuisance,

Automobiles are playing an important part in English elections. Their thlef use is to override the will of the people on the other side,

The feelish automobilist who attempted to ride up the steps of the Capitol at Washington proved himself to be not an advance agent of civilization, but merely a backslider.

In his tour of Finland, Dr. Reuter was only able to obtain a single sample of "famine bread." That is easily explained. The rest had all been eaten up before his arrival.

The will of the late President Benja-

min Harrison has failed to stand the

test of the courts. Lord Coke's will

statement how different might have

suffered the same test and so did the ate Samuel J. Tilden's, Admiral Dewey says the American navy is the best in the world. Had he started his presidential boom with that

been his fate! Had the Empress of Germany been riding one of the Emperor's hobby prised at her being thrown from it, but prised at her being thrown from it but to fall from an ordinary cob seems

A simple lesson for a simple paper; You can't "reinstate" four, or any number of officials or members of a party who are still in office and still active and recognized members thereof. Even a Tribune writer ought to

know that much. . President Brigham Young's health is much improved. He is able to sit in his chair and converse with his friends. He is still very far from well, but desires to live and work for Zion for ten or fifteen years more, at least. His numerous friends echo the wish and earnestly hope for his recovery.

A movement has been started in New York to get women to adopt a permanent form of frock for general use, so that it will not be necessary for working girls to be always changing their garments to follow the fashions If they want that desirable reform to materialize, the women that do not work for a living must set the example For no woman would adopt a uniform that would advertise her as a wage

The morning paper that is "not an organ of any party," continues to droot over the fallure of one official to compel a number of other officials of his party to do just as he dictates. If any body can make sense out of its lates rhodomontade on this point, he may go up head of a class composed of Phila delphia lawyers. Its attempt is simply pitiful, and its mendacity is only excelled by its silliness. Even its friends oncede it is in a very bad way. It confession that it is itself nothing but "a nightmare" proclaims its condition

The prediction is now made that in five years from now a horse drawing a vehicle in the streets of a city will be a rare sight. It is supposed that in that time, the automobile will have almost entirely replaced the horse. Well, automobiles are commencing to become quite common, but whether they can drive away the horse is another ques tion. Perhaps in a few years the automobile will be so cheap that everyone can afford to own one. Then the horses we presume, will be scarce and command a high price. And then the rich will use horses and leave the automobiles to the poor. But even then, a horse in the street will not be a rarity.

The Springfield Republican, on com paring the figures presented by the statistics for 1902, finds that coffee drink ing is increasing in the United States while tea is growing less popular. The present average yearly consumption of tea is about one pound per capita, or less than the consumption of thirty years ago. But the per capita consumption of coffee in the same time has nearly doubled, and that of beer and ale has more than doubled. As the use of wines and distilled spirits is about he same relatively as thirty years ago, t is evident, from the malt liquor statisties, that the consumption of intoxicants has increased, in spite of all efforts of the temperance societies.

The planet Mars will in all probability, during the next few years be close. y studied again by the astronomers. Tonight that luminary will reach its opposition to the sun, and will be less than 60,000,000 miles distant from us. The telescopes will reduce this distance to 60,000 miles. The northern hemisphere of the planet is now turned inthis direction, and the snowcap at its north pole is conspicuous. Within the next two months this cap will contract, and reveal the mysterious markings of the planet, which are suspected of being "canals." Every two years from this time until 1909 Mars will approach nearer the earth, getting finally within 40,000,000 miles of us.

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