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NOTICE.

The Seventieth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at ten a. m., on Friday, April 6th, 1900.

LORENZO SNOW,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
First Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene at 7 o'clock p. m. on Sunday, April 8th, 1900, in the Tabernacle.

It is particularly desired that each Stake of Zion be represented at this meeting, and that the Stake superintendents, officers and teachers attending the General Conference of the Church be present.

GEORGE Q. CANNON,
KARL G. MÄSSER,
General Superintendency.
HORACE S. ENSIGN,
General Secretary.

DO YOUR DUTY!

The election for a member of Congress from Utah will be held on Monday, April 2nd. It will be of great importance to the people of this State. Therefore all citizens who are duly registered and have the legal qualifications entitling them to the elective franchise, should go to the polls and cast their ballots for the candidate of their choice. This is a sacred duty devolving upon all qualified citizens, male and female. The ballot is given to them to use. It should represent the honest convictions of the voter. The people of Utah are free men and women, and are under no coercion or improper restraint. They are at perfect liberty to exercise the right of suffrage according to their own judgment. But they will not be justified in neglecting to do their duty. If the election does not accomplish what is desired by any voter, let not the fault be his or hers. The State of Utah is identified with the Federal Union. Local interests are associated with its welfare. Every citizen should take part in the regulation of its affairs, by the use of that weapon and shield of the people, a free ballot. Let there be no laggards and no drones on Monday. All hands to the polls!

"A PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL."

At a conference of ministers, held during the last few days in the north, a noted Utah advocate of extreme anti-Mormonism pleaded with the assembly for special prayers to be offered, and efforts to be put forth, that "a Pentecostal revival" might be had in Utah.

What is meant by a Pentecostal revival? And what would be the consequence if the occurrence related in the New Testament, as taking place at the Pentecost after Christ's ascension, were repeated today? The history of the event is recorded in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. In fulfillment of the promise of the Savior, the Holy Ghost was manifested in visible manner, by "cloven tongues of fire," and by the gift of tongues to the Apostles then assembled. The pure Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed under the sacred influence of the Spirit of truth poured out from on high. It was the beginning of the promulgation of that Gospel to all nations, as commanded by the Master just previous to His ascension.

The doctrine proclaimed on that occasion by the chief of the Apostles was, in the first place, that Jesus of Nazareth who had been slain, was the Son of God, and that belief in Him as the Messiah was essential to salvation. Also that the Jews were guilty of His blood, being the cause of His crucifixion. When the multitude, stricken in spirit through conviction of the truth of that which Peter had declared, cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter answered:

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Suppose some one, in answer to the petition of the minister in the sectarian conference were to arise in the assembly and speak in tongues. How is it likely that it would be received? Would not the preachers present declare that the speaker was a "Mormon" and therefore should be ejected from the meeting? If such a manifestation as that on Pentecost were "revived" literally, would there not be consternation in the crowd?

If one of the ministers in conference were to arise and declare that when people inquired what they should do to

be saved, they should be informed that they must not only believe in Jesus Christ, but must repent of their sins and be baptized in His name for the remission of sins, what a scene would follow? Would he not be taken to task at once, and told that the orthodox doctrine is "Only believe and you shall be saved and heaven is yours forever?" Would he not be told that baptism is "non-essential?" Also that baptism is "not for the remission of sins?" And if any were to take his part and say that this doctrine was the doctrine of the day of Pentecost, given under divine inspiration, would not a most animated conflict follow among his conferees?

Further, if the follower of Peter were to say that all persons who obeyed these instructions should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, as it was enjoyed on that day of Pentecost, would there not be further controversy and confusion? Would he not be told that "such things are done away?" That those great manifestations of the divine Spirit, with the attendant spiritual gifts, such as tongues, interpretations, prophecy, visions, discerning of spirits, healings and miracles were not for people in this age of the world?

If in response to these modern "Christian" rebukes and declarations he were to ask, "Why then do you pray for a Pentecostal revival?" would there not be an ominous silence, or the confession "We did not mean it in any such sense as that?" We fear that "a Pentecostal revival in Utah" or anywhere else, witnessed by the ministers who used the expression, would excite their ire or their ridicule, and would be utterly condemned by them as "Mormonism."

The doctrine taught by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost is that which "Mormon" missionaries proclaim throughout the world, traveling like him without purse or scrip to do so. The Spirit which he promised as a result of obedience to those precepts is also promised by the Elders of this Church, and that promise is fulfilled as literally today as it was on that great occasion. The same gifts which the early-day Saints obtained, are enjoyed, through faith and compliance with the Gospel, by the Latter-day Saints.

There has been a "Pentecostal revival" already. But the ministers of the orthodox churches do not believe in it. When they pray for such a renewal they do not mean what they say. They reject the doctrine taught on the day of Pentecost, and they do not believe in the renewal of that divine Spirit that came upon the disciples of Christ assembled on that day, nor do they believe that the gifts which were the fruits of that Spirit are to be enjoyed now. Therefore a request for prayers that a Pentecostal revival may take place, either in Utah or in any other country is not to be regarded as sincere, or anything but a vain pretense and the use of language to convey something altogether different from its common signification. What a rare jewel is sectarian consistency!

ABOUT ZIONISM.

Mr. M. Gaster, the founder of Zionism in Great Britain, has a paper in the April Forum about that movement, which evidently is destined in due time to become of world-wide importance. According to Mr. Gaster, the aim of the Zionists is clearly defined. It is to secure by legal means a home in Palestine for the Jewish people; to foster the national idea; to support a regular international congress of Jews, the duty of which shall be to consider measures for their general welfare; to support the existing colonies, and to promote the study of Hebrew and its use as a living language. The movement commenced with the philanthropic efforts of Sir Moses Montefiore, and Adolphe Cremieux, who conceived the idea of doing something for the Jews in Palestine, and it has now taken the form of Zionism.

This remarkable movement may be considered a natural outgrowth of the various efforts that have been made, to rescue an oppressed, homeless nation. When liberal ideas took hold of the public mind, it was confidently expected that the distinction between Jew and Gentile would vanish. But that hope has not been realized. Anti-Semitism may be suppressed for a time, but like the molten mass in a volcano, it boils and bubbles continually, and at times breaks out in eruptions that shake states to their foundations. The Jews of Russia, Austria and Roumania were particularly harassed and persecuted. Something had to be done. Wealthy Jews then concluded to found colonies where the compatriots could live in peace. And thus came Baron Hirsch's efforts at colonization in America, and the various colonies in Palestine, chief among which were those founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

The experiment of settling Palestine once being made, the result was an ever-growing desire for more extensive undertakings of that kind in the chosen country. And thus Zionism came into existence. It commenced with the effort to rescue Jews in certain localities from cruel oppression; it is now a plan to gather from among the people dispersed throughout the world, a nation with its own government, laws and institutions.

The writer in the Forum calls attention to one fact, which probably is not generally understood. Dr. Herzl's program of a Jewish state has not been accepted by the Zionists, because he omitted to designate Palestine as the place of gathering. To him, originally, any place would have answered the purpose, while the Zionists have one object alone: to establish the home of the Jews in the land of their fathers. Colonies as philanthropic measures they regard as palliatives for the ills of which the people suffer; the cure is the establishment of the nation on the basis of autonomy. Zionism as thus understood is looked upon as the only means of the moral and physical regeneration of the masses, and the reknitting of the bonds of brotherhood.

As to the success of Zionism there need be no doubt. It has taken hold of the masses of the Jewish people, until there is no country, hardly, that has not its Zionist societies. Money is being contributed for the redemption

of Palestine from about every place where a follower of the Mosaic faith lives, including Dawson City, Alaska, and the uttermost parts of Siberia. The success of the movement is secured. The ball has been set rolling.

As to times and seasons for the fulfillment of the plans it is not possible to speak. As long as Turkish sovereignty holds sway in Palestine, it is not easy to see how any colonists living there can obtain a degree of autonomy, except as a result of a sanguinary struggle. It is true enough, Egypt is now practically Turkish only in name, and some Balkan principalities, though nominally Turkish, are virtually independent. Syria might possibly in course of time become independent on similar lines, by obligating itself to pay a yearly tribute far exceeding the sum of taxes that now finds its way, past a long line of officials, into the coffers of the Sultan. The dollar is no less almighty in the Sultan's dominions than elsewhere in the world. But even if such peaceful arrangement is to be made, its consummation will naturally take a long time. Still, who can tell what changes in the political world the next few years will bring? History generally is made slowly; like the gradual building up of geological strata, it takes ages to complete. But sometimes through great upheavals in a few days is accomplished that which one would judge to be work of ages. It is so in nature, and in history. Both are superintended by the same Architect who builds worlds and decorates them with scenes of human activity according to His own pattern.

THE DELAGOA AWARD.

The Delagoa Bay case has been long pending, and has been decided, finally, on its merits, Portugal being sentenced to pay somewhat over fifteen million francs to the United States and Great Britain. The case has been in the hands of an arbitration commission since 1899, and the costs of the case, which must amount to an enormous sum are to be defrayed by the three powers interested in the litigation.

The question at issue was, briefly stated, this, that a railroad company, in which Americans and Englishmen were interested, obtained concession from the Portuguese government to build and operate a railroad from Lorenzo Marques to a point on the Transvaal border, there to connect with a road to Pretoria. The company failed to build the road within a certain time and the Portuguese government withdrew its concession and built the road itself. The company entered complaints against the government of Portugal, and after some diplomatic fencing it was agreed to refer the question of damages to an arbitration commission. It is this question the commission now has decided.

The disappointment in some British circles at the comparatively small award, may be due to the fact that if Portugal pays, it will be difficult for Great Britain to secure the territory through which the road passes, except by paying whatever price Portugal may demand for it. Ever since the earlier part of the century negotiations for the transfer of Delagoa Bay to Great Britain have been pending. But Portugal is still in undisputed possession.

The question where will poverty-stricken Portugal obtain money to pay the damages is a serious one. President Kruger, it is asserted, has offered the Lisbon government about double the amount needed. If that offer is accepted, the matter may be considered arranged. Moreover the Transvaal has by that means virtually secured a port of entrance. For it is reasonably certain that Portuguese officials on the bay will, if that money is accepted, frequently close an eye when goods intended for the African republics happen to be landed either in the regular way or otherwise. To the Transvaal a secret, friendly understanding with Portugal would be worth the \$5,000,000 President Kruger is said to offer to lend to his great and good friend, the king of Portugal.

ANOTHER WAR CLOUD.

Alarmists see another war cloud hovering over the European sky. This time a clash between Russia and Germany is feared. It grows out of the race for railroad concessions in Asia Minor. Germany, it will be remembered, has secured the right to build from some point on the Mediterranean to the Persian gulf. Russia demands exclusive rights, and is gathering a force of 250,000 men near the Turkish border, to give emphasis to her arguments. And Germany, it is believed, is supporting Turkey in the resistance to the Russian propositions.

Russia does not want any conjoint concessions anywhere. It is not in line with her policy to co-operate with other powers. Hers is not an "open door" policy in any part of the world where her influence obtains. In Asia, as in European Russia, she wants exclusive power, and for this reason, if the Russian government has decided to take advantage of the present British situation and extend to the Persian gulf, either through Persian or Turkish territory, or both, an effort to do so will undoubtedly be made, even against German protests.

German interests in those regions are as yet mostly prospective. That country is not likely to go to war with Russia, on behalf of Turkey. Germany is not yet in a position to dictate the European policy. What she might do, had she a navy as strong as her army is a different question. That there is imminent danger of an outbreak in the Turkish dominions is not probable, but it is certain that that spot still remains the storm center. The great catastrophe, however, will not occur, if commentators of prophetic writings are to be relied on, before the Jews have established once more their state in the land of their fathers. After that complications may be looked for which can be untangled only by the sword.

In the meantime, it must not be overlooked that we are living at a time when "war and rumors of wars" are the order of the day. The Saints of the Most High are aware that this is a

significant sign of the time. It is an admonition to them to be prepared for that which is yet to come.

Queen Victoria has a great grandson. This is not the first; but the baby boy who came today is in direct line for succession to the throne of Great Britain.

Ex-President Cleveland says the United States should not be a money-grabber. Perhaps he would limit the grab business to those in office, but the money-grasping will go on just the same.

In these warm days people walking get very dry for a drink. Adults as well as children go to the fountains to find them as dry as themselves. Why not turn on the water for the public benefit? Please open the fountain!

Col. Williams says the recent disturbances in Kentucky have had a bad effect on business. They do not seem to have been beneficial to either health or morals, so must be classed as an ill wind that blew no good.

A clever counterfeiter has been taken in by Secret Service Agent Hazen, at San Francisco. One gratifying feature of the capture is that it seems to have been made before the fellow could take in many people with his bogus coin.

The Boers have a new commander-in-chief, Gen. Louis Botha. He is a young man, but already has shown his skill and energy as a fighter, at Colenso and Spion Kop. Judged by that, it is likely he will give stubborn resistance to the British advance from Bloemfontein.

It may be all right for people who want to have a little comfort for sleep during the darkened hours, but the suppression of newsboys shouting in London must be a great hardship in depriving the newsvendors of a vast amount of lung exercise.

A branch of the Church has lately been organized in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. An interesting letter from Elder Thos. P. Page, now laboring there, will be found on another page of this paper. Four Sunday schools are now organized and in successful operation in Belgium.

The Paris exposition will be opened officially on Saturday, April 14th, at 2 o'clock. The original intention was to make it a Sunday ceremony, but owing to protests from religious quarters, the day was changed. France keeping the Sabbath! Saul among the Prophets!

The gratifying news comes from Chicago that the great machinists' strike, which was to have been inaugurated on Monday next, has been averted, and the parties to the dispute have agreed to submit to arbitration. That is an evidence that neither party felt real sure of winning, but it also dispenses with a vast amount of trouble.

The Americans have captured the noted Chinese General Pan, who has been commanding the Filipino rebels on the island of Panay. He is the last important commander in the field for Aguinaldo, and now that he is gone, the pacification of the island of Panay may be regarded as practically accomplished.

Complaints of white slavery come from New York, where children sent to a juvenile asylum are said to be farmed out in Illinois, against the wishes of their parents. It would seem in the cases cited, where the children were sent away long before the parents were aware of it, that the latter had little parental consideration for their offspring till they found they were able to work and earn.

Queen Victoria starts for Ireland on Monday, and among the kitchen utensils sent for the cooking department of her majesty's retinue are 434 pans and a large quantity of other pots. When a President of the United States travels through the country, he boards en route; but the queen evidently has occasion to feel uncertain about the Irish stew that may be served in Dublin.

One Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, who accompanied Bishop Potter to the Philippines, is reported to have said:

"Thank God! the cause of Christ can summon today great fleets, great armies and the great abilities of statesmen. We, our prosperity, our political freedom, our arts, our sciences, our literature, our Christianity, should give to the East as much as we can."

Christianity with armies and navies, fire and blood! And yet the Master said His kingdom was not of this world. No wonder that with such priests the churches are in a condition of stagnation! Blind leaders of the blind!

Rabbi Isaac Wise, whose death at Cincinnati was announced in the beginning of the week, was one of the great leaders of liberal Judaism in this country. Whether others will be able to sustain that movement as he has done, remains to be seen. The probability is that a reaction from liberal Judaism will take place sooner or later. The future of Israel, as its past, is closely linked with the ancient faith. Back to first principles should be the aim of Jewish reformers, no less than of "Christian" heralds of a new era. Liberalism is a dead form, without the quickening spirit of faith.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Juvenile Instructor for March 15 has, as usual, a varied and interesting list of contents. The first place is given to the "Poet's Corner," Westminster Abbey. This is an illustrated article. "Marcus King, Mormon," by Nephth Anderson, is continued. "Sunday School Discipline," by J. M. Tanner, treats of music and the importance of this part of the services. "A Trip to Alaska" is continued with a description of the road from Dawson to Yukon and thence to St. Michaels. "Little Gloria Nelson" is a touching little sketch of child life. Lewis T. Cannon contributes a paper on "A Day in the Missionfield," and Sophie Valentine gives the first of an article on the "History of Denmark," with illustrations. Other articles are headed as follows: "When Aunt Margaret was Bothered," "Caught in a Lava Stream" and "Rescued from the Flames." There is the usual amount of editorial comments on live topics, and the number closes with "Reminiscences of Elder Orson Hyde," by William Woodward.—Salt Lake City.

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