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## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence on Saturday, October 4, 1902, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is invited and desired.

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The regular conference of Sunday school workers is called for Sunday evening October 5th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. It is urged that all Sunday school workers attend, as matters of a very interesting and instructive character will be presented.

There will be an important meeting of the Stake Superintendents held in room 25, Lion House, on Sunday evening, October 5th, at six o'clock. It is earnestly requested that all visiting superintendents and their aids will attend, as business of importance is to be transacted.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
GEO. REYNOLDS,  
J. M. TANNER,  
General Superintendency.

## FAST DAY CHANGED.

As the General Conference of the Church will be in session on Sunday, October 5, 1902, by request of the First Presidency the regular monthly fast meeting will be observed on Sunday, September 28, in all the wards of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. The Bishops and members of those wards will please govern themselves accordingly. Fast meetings will be held in those wards in the afternoon of that day, and there will consequently be no meeting then, in the Tabernacle.

ANGUS M. CANNON,  
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
CHARLES W. PENROSE,  
Stake Presidency.

## AN INVALUABLE WORK.

For many years there has been a growing demand, among the Latter-day Saints especially, for the history of Joseph Smith the Prophet, in book form, as found in his own diary and the revelations given through him to the Church. The volumes of the Times and Seasons, and also the numbers of the Deseret News and the Millennial Star, which contained these particulars in serial form, extending over many issues, have been sought for without success, by people anxious to learn all the particulars that have been given of the events connected with the ushering in of the dispensation of the fulness of times. Even when obtained, those volumes containing the history, in brief chapters, were too bulky for popular use and too expensive for general purchase. There have been some books published containing a summary of the principal items in the works mentioned, but they have not supplied the demand for the entire history.

The Church has recently taken the matter in hand, and the publication has been commenced of an authorized History of the Church, the first volume of which has been printed at the office of the Deseret News and contains the history of Joseph Smith, in detail, down to the year 1834. It has been carefully revised from the original imprint, and by comparison with documents and records in the Historian's office, and may be received by the Saints and by the public as authentic and reliable, and just what has been desired for many years. Volume I also contains a preface and an introduction from the pen of Elder B. H. Roberts, which is really a dissertation on the introduction of the Gospel in the present age, the apostasy that became universal from the primitive Christian Church, and the fulfillment of ancient prophecy in that apostasy and in the coming forth of the great latter-day work.

It is a magnificent volume of 508 pages, in addition to the 56 pages of the introduction and other matter preceding the history, is printed in large type on good paper and beautifully bound, and is offered at \$1.50 a copy, the actual cost of the work, and is a book that would be sold ordinarily for at least \$3 as may be seen by comparison with books of this quality. In half morocco binding it can be had for \$2.50. The value of the work to the Saints and to the public libraries is beyond computation in figures. It is not published for pecuniary profit, but for the benefit of mankind. We commend it to all the Latter-day Saints everywhere and to all

persons who desire to know the truth in relation to the life, character and work of the Prophet of the nineteenth century, and the revelations of God in the final dispensation. It will be followed by other volumes containing the history of the Prophet and of the Church as far as they can be accurately compiled.

## ABOUT BLOOD ATONEMENT.

When the startling news reached this city of the frightful tragedy in New York, in which a degenerate scion of an illustrious "Mormon" family figured as an alleged murderer, it was expected that the anti-"Mormon" press of the country, influenced by so-called ministers of the Gospel, would attribute the deed to "Mormon" influences and try to cast undeserved reflections upon his ancestors. This premonition has been verified. New York, Chicago and other papers contain not only lurid and sensational accounts of the occurrence, but totally unjustifiable aspersions upon the "Mormons," their creed and the character of their distinguished departed leader, President Brigham Young.

The fact that the accused is a grandson of that noted pioneer and prophet is paraded and commented upon in a manner as absurd as it is unjust. If the young man now in custody were the grandson of a celebrated politician, or prelate of one of the numerous sectarian denominations, or a member of some orthodox church, there would not be any special endeavor to connect his crime either with his parentage or with the sect to which he was supposed to belong. But any opportunity, however far-fetched, to cast a slur against the Latter-day Saints is seized with eagerness by the pulpits and the press.

By letter from Elder John G. McQuarrie, President of the Eastern States Mission, we learn that if robbery was, as stated, the motive for the crime said to have been committed by the young man now in custody, he was not driven to it by necessity, as he had been supplied repeatedly, with funds to provide for current expenses, with the understanding that his father would refund the money, and he had a place for lodging, so that he was not destitute. He was not recognized as associated with the Church in any way. Elder McQuarrie states further, that the reported interviews with Colonel Young and his wife, as published in New York papers, are pure fabrications. The assertion that Mrs. Young said the young man was "a crank on blood atonement," and that Colonel Young gave a description of his character is utterly untrue, as each of them refused to be interviewed.

A Chicago sensational paper states that, "The Mormon Church is alarmed over the excitement caused by the murder," because "the significant words Blood Atonement were found, in Young's handwriting, in the room in which the woman was murdered." Also that "A meeting of Mormon Elders has been held and President Snow, head of the Mormon Church had been summoned to Salt Lake City." That this also is what is commonly known as a newspaper "fake," will be recognized by everybody in Utah and people out of the State who know that President Snow has been dead for nearly a year, and there has been no meeting of the kind held or contemplated, and if there were it is not very likely that his venerated presence, however welcome, would be expected there.

We do not intend to quote the numerous ridiculous statements which have appeared in public journals. But seeing that the subject of Blood Atonement has been made very prominent, we think it proper to explain the "Mormon" belief concerning it. Some of the New York papers have been fair enough to publish a statement from Elder John G. McQuarrie, President of the Eastern States Mission, which will, no doubt, do much toward correcting public sentiment and refuting the falsehoods that have appeared.

The Third Article of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is: "We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." That atonement was "The atonement of blood." It is explained in the ninth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews. Under the Mosaic law the blood of animals was shed, as a figure of Christ's atonement for the remission of sins, and it is declared, "without shedding of blood is no remission." For, "it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." (Lev. xvii. 11) Blood Atonement, therefore, is biblical doctrine. It is fundamental to the real Christian religion.

But there is another point to be considered. The Latter-day Saints hold to the validity of the divine decree as set forth in Genesis ix. 6. "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man." Although this was emphasized in the law of Moses—and he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death—it was enunciated long before that code was framed, and is part of the divine law: "Ye know no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." (John iii. 15). He also declared that "there is a sin unto death," and would not advise the Saints to pray for one who committed it. (1 John v. 16). We take the ground that the only atonement a murderer can make for his guilt, is the shedding of his blood according to the divine mandate.

In a revelation through the Prophet Joseph Smith given February 9th, 1831, the Lord said: "And now, behold, I speak unto the Church. Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come. And again I say thou shalt not kill but he that killeth shall die." And further, the commandment says: "And it shall come to pass that if any persons among you shall kill they shall be delivered up and dealt with according to the laws of the land; for, remember that he hath no forgiveness, and it shall be proven according to the laws of the land." (Doc. & Cov. Sec. xlii. 13, 19, 20). It should be understood that all this refers to persons belonging to the church. They are under solemn cove-

nants to keep the commandments of God. They have obtained the remission of past sins by baptism in water, through the shedding of the blood of Christ. They have received the witness of the Holy Spirit; and have "tasted of the good word of God and the powers of the world to come." Therefore, if they thus fall away it is impossible "to renew them again unto repentance." (Heb. vi. 4-6). They are in a different status before God to one who plays a fellow being, and who has not taken upon himself the sacred obligation of a Saint.

Under the new and everlasting covenant, as well as under the Mosaic law and the patriarchal law which preceded it, an adulterer who is under a sacred vow not to commit that crime is also worthy of death. But this is not sanctioned by modern civil law, therefore, the penalty cannot be executed. For the Church is commanded of God to obey the laws of the land. Excommunication from the Church is the extreme penalty which it can inflict, and this cannot be imposed until after the trial of the accused with a full opportunity for defense. The idea that the Church or any of its authorities claims the right to kill anyone for apostasy, or indeed for any offense, is utterly false and unwarranted by any tenet or teaching thereof.

The only excuse that is offered for the promulgation of the falsehoods that have been told concerning "Blood Atonement" is that, during the time of what was called "the reformation" in the Church, President Brigham Young and other leaders dwelt very strongly on the sins that had been committed by some unfaithful members of the Church, and expressed the opinion that it would be better for them in the world to come, if their blood had been shed as a penalty for their transgressions, these being of the heinous character herein mentioned. Garbled and isolated extracts from those discourses have been published, accompanied by strained interpretations and unwarranted comments for the purpose of prejudicing the public mind against "Mormonism," and thus the very mention of "Blood Atonement" horrifies the uninformed reader.

All the horrible stories about people being "blood atoned" by "destroying angels," "Danites," avengers and the rest of it are sheer fiction. People who have regaled willing listeners with these bugaboos have lived among the "Mormons" whom they have thus traduced for many years in perfect personal safety. They have never been in any danger of life or limb. They know the Latter-day Saints to be peaceable, patient and forgiving, and the very last in the world to imbue their hands in the blood of their fellows. It is not surprising that people and papers at a distance copy the stories that have been circulated by the clergy and that have been uttered from the pulpit, thinking that proceeding from such a source there must be some foundation for them. Yet in view of the increasing knowledge of the true state of affairs in Utah and of the character of the people who built up this State, it would seem that respectable journals would hesitate before giving place to the aspersions against the "Mormons" which have recently found their way into print.

Now in all fairness and reason, how can it be made to appear that a degenerate member of a "Mormon" family, who has not been connected with the Church for many years, committed a murder, as alleged, to carry out the "Mormon" doctrine of "blood atonement" upon a person who is not and never was a member of that Church? And supposing that he is still connected with the Church, what sense is there in affirming that the deed was done in conformity with "Mormon" doctrine, when, according to that creed, the act would be a sin for which there is no forgiveness for him in this world or in the world to come? The theory advanced as to the motive for the crime, is exploded in the same papers in which it appears by their own narration of the facts. "Mormonism" teaches that murder should be punished with death in this world and everlasting condemnation in the world to come, and therefore, a man alleged to be a Mormon committed murder that he might carry out Mormon doctrine! Is not that an admirable specimen of pulpit and journalistic logic?

We affirm that there are no people on earth to whom the shedding of human blood is more abhorrent than to the Latter-day Saints, commonly called "Mormons." They have no fellowship for a murderer, but forbid him the sacraments and privileges of the Church. While believing that the death penalty should be inflicted on the wilful assassin, they leave its execution to the officers of the civil law. They believe that the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin on conditions of faith, true repentance, baptism by immersion in water and the reception of the Holy Ghost, when the ordinances are administered by those having divine authority. After thus entering into covenant with God to serve Him and keep all his commandments, if men stain themselves wilfully with the crime of murder they will have to answer for their guilt, and the only offering they can make to offended justice, human and divine, is the shedding of their own blood, at the hands of a duly appointed officer of the law.

All the stories connected and published to the contrary are false, and originated in malice against a people who love truth and virtue, and a religion that cannot be overturned by reason or scripture, nor suppressed by intolerance and mobocracy. Let our contemporaries everywhere take notice, and cease to deface their columns with blood-curdling and sensational anti-"Mormon" romances!

criminals, seems to lead through the Ogden jail.

In a political campaign it frequently happens that the more gas there is the less the light.

Curbing the trusts is just such another operation as belling the cat, only on a much grander scale.

The Chicago dressmakers' convention has decided that the tight skirt is not good form. That all depends.

A census of the Philippines is to be taken. It will be a most estimable work as much of it will have to be done by estimation.

The President and the White House are both undergoing repairs at the same time. May the restoration be speedy and perfect!

Everybody knows that the temples of learning throughout the land are again open, by the amount of football talk by press and people.

In Boston they are more hostile than ever to the 16 to 1 idea. It now takes sixteen dollars, gold, silver or guaranteed paper, to buy one ton of hard coal.

A citizen has petitioned the police for the privilege of carrying a revolver. If all who carry pistols were to petition the police, that department would be flooded with petitions.

There may be nothing to arbitrate in the Pennsylvania coal regions, but there is a great big strike, that grows uglier and uglier each day, to settle just the same.

Mabini refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. It shows that he has strong staying qualities. These same qualities will cause him to continue to stay in Guam.

The Binghamton, N. Y., fire department has made Miss Helen Gould a member. It is safe to say that she knows more about hose than all the rest of the members put together.

A Scranton, Pa., man has secured a temporary injunction restraining his daughter from marrying a drygoods clerk. Love may laugh at locks and bars but it won't laugh at injunctions if it's wise.

Poor people having government bonds put away in stockings can send them to the treasury and Mr. Shaw will buy them, thereby relieving them from any money stringency from which they may be suffering.

We haven't captured quite all the world's iron and steel trade. During the first six months of the present year Germany sent us 1,593,742 tons of steel and iron. Here is a great opportunity for American enterprise.

Governor Salazar of Panama sees in the landing of United States marines at Panama an attempt to assume sovereignty. The man who can see that, under all the conditions, could very easily see through a mud wall, if he set his mind on it.

One would think that Associate Justice David J. Brewer of the United States supreme court was old enough to know better than to try and start a fire, even a brush fire outside his cottage, with gasoline, but it seems that he was not. The accident reduces his honor to the level of the hayseed who blows out the gas.

A dispatch to a Chicago paper says that Christiania fishery experts and electricians are interested in the invention by a Norwegian telegrapher of a submarine telephone which, when placed in the water of the sea outside of the fjords, is capable of announcing to persons on land the arrival of herring shoals. This certainly sounds fishy.

The movement for closing the business houses on Tuesday so as to make a general holiday for the opening of the State Fair, should be supported by all our influential citizens. Make the occasion notable and thus encourage the Society that has so finely utilized our Agricultural Park, North Temple and First North streets are the best avenues to the grounds.

Wherein would government control of coal mines be any better than private control of them? Supposing them under government control and the miners should strike, wherein would the public be better off? Perhaps those who are now crying for federal intervention would then cry for military intervention to compel the miners to work whether they wished to or not.

The scheme to substitute messenger girls for boys in the messenger service, does not seem to find much favor. So far, there have been no eager applicants for the work. We hope it will fall through of its own evil weight. We give place to a letter on the subject today, and commend it to the consideration of parents and anyone who gives the proposition the slightest support.

## ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Montreal Star.  
What has often surprised the Chinese and other Easterners is that the Western world should profess a religion which is the absolute negation of their whole tone of mind and manner of life. They glorify force; their religion tells them not to glorify force. They make the gaining of wealth their principal and absorbing pursuit; their religion tells them that the love of money is the root of all evil, and that the rich man has the scantiest possible chance of entering the kingdom of heaven. One has said that a man's philosophy is often the supplement of his character; in other words, all that he cannot put into his life he puts into his philosophy. Something of the same kind would seem to be true of the Western nations and their religion. The sum of the matter seems to be that, where we thought we had everything to teach and nothing to learn, we find that we have much to learn—perhaps quite as much as we have to teach.

Congregationalist.  
The lines of our life stretch farther than we think. We lay our plans for the future and they prove to be tracks that never end. All our paths go out into the unseen world. The hopes of this earthly life—its plans and schemes and busy contrivances—are all endless lines that reach into an endless eternity. Within the little circle of your self, the plans you make for tomorrow, the wishes and hopes you entertain for the coming months and years,

you may not see or realize how far your favorite purposes stretch off into the distance. Do you ever think how they touch on the margin of an endless future? Do you ever see how all earthly things are embosomed in an always present eternity? We walk every day in the embrace of futurity. The issue of every purpose is there; the end of every plan is there; the result of every deed is there; no path will end this side.

## Biblical World.

Common sense, as well as historical instinct, rebels when we are asked to believe that Christianity would have come into being if its historical basis consisted of a shadowy Jesus known to us only through a few self-deprecatory sentences; a semi-mythical tent-maker, probably a Jew by birth, who made one journey of which there is little or no record, who had never dreamed of "Pauline" and who is to be known best in a writing which is no longer extant; and a collection of pseudo-graphic letters written by a school who chose to bear the name of this "Paul" who zealously defended the apostolic authority of a man of whom they knew all but nothing, who created historical situations suitable to justify them in attributing to him doctrines of which he had no suspicion, and the need of which was not felt in their own day. Such a wholesale auto-date of historical elements is at the expense of all historical method, of all sane criticism, and of all Christian history.

## Christian Register.

Christianity never can be really effective in the world until it accepts the social instinct as the basis of a practical effort to realize the brotherhood of man. Love is not enough, even though the poet has declared that it is. To talk about the brotherhood of man, and to practise the most selfish competition in business, is not consistent. To preach love, and to leave millions of men in the direct wretchedness, is not Christianity. Love needs to be translated into political economy. It ought to enter into business. It must take the form of justice, and secure economic opportunities to the poor and unfortunate.

Congregationalist and Christian World.  
Many a useful life is positively drying up in emotional power and interest to itself for lack of an out-of-the-way invalid to look after, a weak friend to be protected from himself, or a boy outside its immediate family circle who can be influenced for good. Have something to take over, and pray for, apart from your own home, and your daily business. No man can be a strong Christian to whom the fields do not look "white to harvest." If they do not look so to you, it is because you are keeping too far from the harvest field.

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