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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-first Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, at 10 a. m.

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MONTHLY FAST.

As the general conference of the Church will be in session on the first Sunday in April, the monthly fast which would otherwise be held on that day, will be observed on the last Sunday in March and the fast meetings be held on that day, March 31, 1901.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene Sunday, April 7th, 1901, at 7 p. m., in the Tabernacle. It is desired that each Stake of Zion be represented at this meeting, and that Stake superintendents, officers and teachers attending the General Conference of the Church be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

GEORGE Q. CANNON, GEORGE REYNOLDS, General Superintendency; HORACE S. ENSIGN, General Secretary.

TRACTS FOR THE MORMONS.

On Sunday, March 24, the annual meeting of the American Tract Society was held in the Ganton-Temple Memorial Church, Washington, D. C. Addresses were delivered on the work of the society, which has issued between thirteen and fourteen million publications at home and abroad.

This information comes in our press dispatches, in which it is stated also that "An effort is being made in Utah to place tracts in every 'Mormon' home, by means of colporteur wagons and colporteurs, thus reaching the children and youth." If any such effort has materialized, the people here are not aware of it.

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Further, "the knowledge of Christ as the Redeemer of sinners," is more completely diffused among the "Mormon" people than any other class in Christ-

tendom. The children are taught it in the Sunday schools and Primary Associations, that are established in every town, village and hamlet in Utah and the surrounding country where there are "Mormon" settlements.

The false impression that the "Mormons" do not know anything about the Savior of mankind and are destitute of Bibles, has been made upon the American public by the preachers who have come to Utah, and have been disappointed by their failure to make any great headway as proselyters.

Let the American Tract Society send on its literature by the ton. Its distribution will not be opposed. If it contains anything we do not know here, or that will refresh our memories, or put any truth in a clear light, it will be welcome, and the "Mormons" will aid in its circulation.

WU TING FANG IS CORRECT

M. Wu Ting Fang, China's representative in this country, has visited Chicago, and as usual he said some brilliant and memorable things. In an address to the members of the University he said in part: "The people of the West may know more than the Chinese about the building of railroads, the floating of foreign loans, the combination of capital, the development of resources and the like. All this is granted. But the Chinese naturally feel that they are in a better position to judge what is best for their own interest and welfare than any outsider can be."

There can be no fault to find with the logic of this reasoning. The western civilization certainly is superior in many respects to that of the Asiatics, but only to the nations that are far enough advanced to put it to proper use. The principle is perfectly true. A modern ocean steamer is far superior to an old world fishing vessel, but the master of the latter would be perfectly helpless, were he, without previous training, put in command of one of those big racers.

The trouble with some western civilizationers is that they ascribe to pervertedly the reluctance of the Asiatics to adopt new customs and ideas. They fail to allow for the fact that civilization must be a natural growth out of already existing roots.

The force that will finally civilize the world must be one which is not merely national or racial, but universal. The Catholic church, because it is Catholic, has been in a position to do good to the world in this respect than the churches more or less confined to national boundaries.

THE ASIATIC STORM CENTER.

Recent Washington dispatches seem to regard a clash between Russia and Great Britain as among the possibilities of the near future. The Tien Tsin affair has passed off for the time being, but Russia still holds that her private agreements with China do not concern other nations, and on that point serious differences of opinion may occur.

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Japan has an area exceeding by nearly 30,000 square miles that of the United Kingdom, and a population of about 44,000,000. It has a naval strength of 115 vessels, manned by 25,000 officers and men. Its army on war footing numbers nearly 500,000, but this could be increased double. Were Great Britain and Japan to combine against Russia, the latter would find it safer to give up than to insist that her private treaties with China do not concern the rest of the world.

WARNING OF STOCK MARKET.

The Philadelphia Press of a recent date points out that the stock market has reached the highest average price for twenty years, and draws the conclusion that the crest of a great wave of speculation has been reached.

It serves no good purpose to predict evil whereby commerce perhaps is disturbed and men's minds made uneasy. But on the other hand, such reminders of the fact that periods of prosperity are not, as far as experience knows, permanent, should be heeded.

Japan has an area exceeding by "boom" are not permanent. In this country much activity resulted from the Spanish war, and the war in South Africa. Thousands of able bodied men in this country and Great Britain were taken away from their customary work and sent to far away countries.

TETANUS AND SERUM.

The practice of using anti-toxic injections in certain diseases has lately received a check by the discovery of the fact that a number of deaths of tetanus, or lockjaw, has resulted from the administration of anti-diphtheritic serum.

According to the New York Evening Post, altogether twenty deaths have occurred as a result of this serum treatment. That paper deprecates these disastrous results at a time when anti-toxin injections are supposed to "arrest the only protection against a threatened epidemic."

Could not some one pour oil on the troubled waters of Ogden?

The blast furnaces are to combine. Another trumpet call for the trusts.

"Spring suits in winter's lap," says the Chicago News. Poor spring! It will catch a heavy cold if it does not change its seat.

The Abbott and Boralma are to race for a purse of \$125,000. That will be a race worth seeing. Into what insignificance does the Nebraska senatorial race sink in comparison with it!

In his speech at Berkeley President Hadley of Yale did not "trot out" his emperor-in-Washington-in-twenty-five-years. He may have put him on ice for safe keeping.

Russia will not annex Manchuria. She will simply "lease" it. This will give her what she wants and take from the allies at Pekin all cause for criticisms and protest.

Whether the Boers have been wise or foolish in the rejection of Kitchener's terms time alone will show. If the war they intend carrying on henceforth is for revenge, they will be inviting their own extermination, for the odds are so enormously against them that the waging of war successfully by them seems impossible.

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So great is the amount of revenue to be raised by England this year that it is said the chancellor of the exchequer is considering the proposition to levy a tax upon grain imported. If this should be done, it would be a confession that England is in dire straits.

nearly three-quarters of a century protection and free trade have cut no figure in English politics, but it begins to look as though it were not impossible that they may in the not distant future.

In a day or two the work of raising the Maine will begin. A short time ago it was given out that one of the reasons for raising the ill-fated vessel was to remove the bodies of the men who went down in her, as their decomposition was a menace to the health of Havana.

According to a Chicago exchange Arthur McDonald, psychologist of the bureau of education of the United States government, wants to torture the children of Chicago a little to find out how much intelligence they have. He has invented a scientific torturing device which he calls the "alkometer," and he is anxious to give Chicago children the full benefit of it.

SOUTH AFRICAN DISAPPOINTMENT.

Springfield Republican. The grim pertinacity shown by Gen. Botha and his comrades in arms would be hard to parallel.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Now it is officially announced in the British parliament that negotiations have been broken off. That Botha unqualifiedly rejected the terms offered by Kitchener and that the war, or "insurrection," is again on in full force.

New York Evening Sun.

Lord Salisbury said in the House of Lords last night that the government had not made any promise to investigate the conduct of the war in South Africa.

New York Mail and Express.

Botha has lost 1,600 men within the month, at least 25 per cent of his entire effective force. Dewet, after arriving at Senekal, has dispersed his force, doubtless as a preliminary to its reassembling at some other point.

Chicago Record.

With the news from South Africa the vision of an early peace in that region vanishes. The terms offered by Great Britain to Gen. Botha were as liberal as it could be expected to give and more liberal than it can be expected to offer in the future.

Baltimore Sun.

The position of Great Britain is not unlike that of the United States during the civil war, when Captain Wilkes of the San Jacinto, took the Confederate States commissioners from the Trent, and sent them to the British flag.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Cassier's Magazine of illustrated engineering has the following articles in its April issue: "The Russian Volunteer Fleet," its organization and equipment; "American Soft Coal," Some reasons for its growing export; "Electric Vehicle vs. Traction Cars," A possible development of the future; "Modern Types of British Locomotives," a review of designs and performances; "American Transcontinental Railways," Part II. The Atlantic, the Great Northern, the Santa Fe Pacific, the Great Northern, and the Canadian Pacific Railways; "The Industrial Supremacy of Great Britain," Trades Union and Other Adverses Influences; "Hoisting Engines,"

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