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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The sixty-seventh semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, October 4th, 1896.

The officers and members of the Church generally are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Conference.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
First Presidency.

OCTOBER CONFERENCE.

Tomorrow, October 4, the sixty-seventh semi-annual conference of the Church will begin its sessions in this city. Already there have arrived numerous representatives from the organizations of the Saints throughout these valleys—from Canada, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Mexico and other parts, and from all parts of Utah. This semi-annual gathering, which on the Utah day requires both the great Tabernacle and the Assembly Hall to accommodate the audiences there is not sufficient room, is of representative people to Church affairs, who assemble to transact business pertaining to the general conference, and to receive instructions and admonitions which the Lord imparts through His divinely commissioned and inspired servants.

In this age the work of the Lord has made wonderful progress since its inception in the early part of the century. The advancement is not measured alone by the great number of people who have become members of the Church; for this would be a superficial guide to a work that is carried on both among mortality and in the spirit world, although in point of membership long strides have been made by the Church. But its influence and its teachings have a much broader scope than its mere membership. They have proceeded as spiritual forces in all directions, and in the two-thirds of a century since the Church was organized an effect of the doctrine promulgated has been to revolutionize the religious views of professing Christians in every land. The men who knew primeval Christianity as it was at the coming of the present century would scarcely recognize its dogmas today, so much have they been broadened, modified and corrected by contact with the teaching of pure doctrine by Mormon Elders. The Lord has been thus operating for the increase of light and intelligence, so that all who will may be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

During the period since the Church was organized in latter days, the doctrine revealed by the Lord has been adhered to persistently, as the perfect law of liberty in the Gospel. The ideas of the world have been brought nearer to it in their progress, but to remain the perfect, transcendently beautiful Gospel plan, unchanged and unchangeable because it embraces all that is good and pure and true, all that is progressive and exalting. The Lord Jesus came in the meridian of time, having authority from His Father to accomplish a certain purpose, which He did; He also gave authority to His organized Church in those days to attain a certain result, which was done; and in preparation for His second advent and the hour of judgment He has given authority to His organized Church in latter days to fulfill a glorious mission, in which it is sure to triumph. He organized His Church to remain on the earth to the full end of its purpose; it has been preserved inviolate; the work of the Lord has never been overthrown and His hand is not turned backward; and the Church of His institution is organized form on the sixth of April, 1830, is the one which holds its sixty-sixth semi-annual conference in this city this month.

There is no doubt among the Latter-day Saints that in this conference, as in all others, the inspiration of the Almighty will be with His servants. That is the aim of their faith and prayers for those who are placed in authority, and the supplications of faithful will be heard and answered; the spirit of prophecy which is the testimony of Jesus will rest upon the Church authorities, on whom He has conferred His Priesthood, and whatever the trials, the burdens, the pleasures or the prosperity of the Saints, of one thing they are assured at their conference, viz., that they will be occasions of great rejoicing because of the Spirit of the Lord that is poured out thereat, to the guidance, blessing and happiness of those who love and serve the Lord.

THE S. L. LEAGUE.

The Mutual Improvement League in this city began its autumn and winter work this week. At its rooms in the old Social Hall building on State street it has splendid fittings in the way of a gymnasium with complete instructors, bath rooms, library, and reading rooms. Everything is in the best of order to make it attractive for young people who seek intellectual, spiritual and physical improvement. The League has been in operation less than a year, and to that time many of the people have availed themselves of its advantages. But there are many others who do not yet seem to realize its value as an institution for the benefit of the youth especially, and with many features to give pleasure and profit to the same aged of both sexes. Those who have been associated with the League need not be told of the desirability of its work, for they are its firm friends. To all others, and especially to those of them who are interested in the welfare of the young people of Zion, we commend the League as worthy of their prompt and earnest support, in being an invaluable aid in the improvement of the youth of this locality.

STORM VISITATIONS UNABATED.

In comparison with its fellows, 1896 can lay claim to the distinction of being "the year of storms" until some of its successors shall make it yield the palm; for no preceding year of which we have account presents a parallel to the present. There have been great disasters in the world's history, storms, and tidal waves, and earthquakes, and the like, and some of these have been appalling in their character. But in the number and frequency of these visitations of disturbed elements, recent years exceed all previous records. Earthquakes, tidal waves and fierce storms are vastly more plentiful in the annals of the seismologic century than in its predecessors, and their proportionate number is increasing; they have been in all ages, but in no age so important as now. This is the unimpeachable record of history.

The closing days of September have added one other awful event to the list of catastrophes. In this, the southeastern coast of the United States received the full force of the violent hurricane, the sea was thrown far beyond its normal bounds, and wind and water combined in working fearful havoc to life and property. To readers in this part of the country the terrible story is briefly told in the telegraphic dispatches, which state that the killed and injured are numbered by hundreds, and the damage to property figures into the millions.

The marked frequency and severity of these storms is not without a purpose in this age of the world; there is a definite object in the decree which says the Lord shall "make desolate the earth" in the last days, preceding His coming. This decree was promulgated centuries ago, and to some repeats the sign sought in the same as that of the deluge which swept the earth in the days of the Patriarch Noah. It is to cleanse the earth of those who will not listen to the word of the Lord, but will persist in perverting His ways and in walking in forbidden paths.

But in Noah's day, the Lord gave the people an immediate and direct warning of that which was near at their door. Will mankind again come upon the earth, this time without a similar direct warning? No; for the Lord is no respecter of persons, and is accompany an overwhelming visitation then with an offer of escape and to bring another of the universal character now without such offer would be inconsistent. In the decree made and recorded centuries ago, and handed down in the Bible, an adequate warning for today? No, for it is not sufficiently explicit, except with the added value of immediate modern inspiration, to notify the children of men in what age and generation they are to look for these things. Besides, the Gospel was promulgated in Noah's day, as a means of escape, through the agency of one to whom the Lord communicated His will by direct revelation. To make the parallel complete then, that "as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man," the Gospel also must be preached in the latter days through the agency of one to whom the Lord communicates His will.

And in this latter day the parallel has been made perfect while the great time of the visitation of the wrath of Almighty goes on. The Lord sent His messenger Noah, and for one hundred and twenty years the antediluvian were offered the means of escape. In this age the Lord sent His messenger Joseph Smith, and forty-six years the way to salvation has been pointed out to the people, and the work is yet going on; the Lord continues to speak through His authorized servants, and it is but little more than two years since His Apostle, President Woodruff, declared, and his prediction was published abroad, that from that time the severe judgments on earth would increase—a prophecy which is receiving perfect fulfillment as the months and years pass along. The Prophet Noah warned the people that in his day destruction would come upon the wicked; the Prophet Joseph warned the people that in this generation the latter-day destruction would come. And in fulfillment of the promise the Lord Jesus made to His Apostles at Jerusalem, there is a gathering of a remnant of the Jews to the ancient city, and the Gospel of His kingdom is being preached to all the world for a witness of the end.

This preaching is being done by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, through the example of its members and the spoken and written word of its Elders under the inspiration of the Almighty. The Elders are sent out to warn the people; they have been engaged in that work for more than twenty-one years, and as the Lord has said: "It behoveth every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor," that people may be left without excuse in the day of the wrath of the Lord. The Almighty prefers to the human family testimony concerning His work through His duly commissioned servants, as He did in the days of Noah; and He has declared that after their testimony comes wrath and indignation upon the people, also the testimony of earthquakes, of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds, and men's hearts failing them for fear. His word in this respect is being fulfilled in the eyes of all the nations; the testimony of His wrath is following the testimony of His servants, where the people have not heeded the latter. Men may scoff at the warning mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith as they did at the warning mission of the Prophet Noah, but both were directed by the immediate revelations of the God of heaven.

The warning of these steadily multiplying storm visitations ought to be, whether or not it is, a lesson of deep import even to the most skeptical. It would seem to be beyond possibility to ignore the message except through willful perversity as an overwhelming Power. But with those who receive the testimony of the servants of the Lord, and who wait with certainty the coming of those scenes from which they are assured salvation through obedience to His will, there is a sentiment akin to that expressed by William Cullen Bryant in his "God's first temples," when he says:

O God, when Thunders
Shake the firmament and the earth answer
Your voices with trembling tremblings, and
With all the voices of the firmament
The earth now whelmed the various tones
And mingle the vibrant, when, as Thy call
Comes the great Spirit, and throws down
Upon the trembling, and unprepared
Its ruins, when the ear, with the sight
Of these tremendous images of Thy power,
His pride, and lays his strong and stubborn
Heart low, and bows the knee and humbly
Worships Thee, and, at the last, with Thy
Voice of mercy and love, and let us meet the
Of the cloud, uncloaked messengers, to teach
Who rules them. Be it our to meditate,
In these calm shades, Thy works and imprint
And to the insatiable order of Thy World
Learn to conform the order of our lives.

THE INDEPENDENCE OF EGYPT.

"And why should not Egypt be free and independent?" asks the Sacramento Record-Union, in an article on the Turkish question. It points out that Egypt is a fairly intelligent country; that property and life are well protected there, and foreigners are quite as safe there as in any other than their home country; that Egypt has very nearly advanced to civilizing influences and are, having a better education and a better social system than formerly; that her people are in the better sense prosperous, and in the best sense the shrewdest favors advance and betterment in all directions; that religious fanaticism is not so rank or offensive in Egypt as in Turkey, swarming the Moslem tribes, and those Egypt has long endeavored to subdue, and is even now laboring in the direction with English aid, that the slave trade may be broken up, and the whole valley of the Nile be brought under civilizing influences. These are so-called contemporary slide: "There is no reason why Egypt should not be free."

But yet the inquiry remains that was made in the beginning, why does not Egypt become free and independent? Believers in God and the Bible have asked the question, and have answered it. Unbelievers in any sacrifice at Deity have asked it, but they have not found a reply which is acceptable to their blind skepticism. Twenty-five centuries ago a Hebrew Prophet declared as the word of the Lord to him that Egypt, then in the height of power, should be overthrown; and he said: "There shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt." It is a reason why Egypt should not be independent—God has decreed that it shall not be, while the nations of the world continue. And the history of the land of the Nile shows it all an inoffensive witness of the existence of Deity and of His omnipotence in enforcing His decree intermediate.

GOD LIVES.

As the Latter-day Saints again gather in general conference, the fact that the mission first entrusted to the men of God who in this age lived and shall for the overbearing Gospel, has been attended by the blessings of the Almighty cannot fail to appear to them with peculiar clearness. The Church has matured in wisdom and grace as well as in age, and today it occupies in the world a position in many respects similar to that of the first Apostolic church in the Roman empire. By faithfulness to the truths revealed in this age, victory will finally be achieved. The work will be beneficial in an extent few, may, at present realize.

The great mission of the Church of God, wherever that organization has an existence upon the earth, is to be a faithful witness of God, His authority and His plan of salvation. In the world opinions founded on anything but absolute truth rise and fall like the wind, now in the direction and now in contrary. But truth is unshakable only by those who have a firm standing on the eternal rock.

Since the Church was organized there has been a peculiar tendency nearly every where to call upon the Lord from the universe. The new philosophic view of creation has found no room for a Creator. The modern thinker has told us that the idea of a divine mind as the organizer of matter was founded on ignorance, but the now, since the discovery of law so called law of the survival of the fittest and the principle of evolution, there is no need of a God. The arguments in this direction have appealed to the reason of the people and found an ear even in religious circles. But the Church has fearlessly testified in the face thereof. It was not in vain that the Prophet Joseph Smith was granted a vision of the Eternal One, the reality of which could as little be effaced from his mind, as could the vision of the Redeemer by Saul, before he was called to his great mission. Such a vision was needed. The world needed a witness for God in this age, against the peculiar form of scienses.

And who can say that it has not some truth beyond the results visible to a casual observer? At present it is again conceded by advanced thinkers that evolution does not cover the whole ground; that if the universe is organized at all according to certain laws—nature—the law of the survival of the fittest and excluded—other operation of these laws is a demonstration of the existence of God. For how can there be a law without a superior intelligence behind that law? The highest theory of mind always operate through certain regulations or laws. The world is again giving ear to the harmony of the universe and as it is listening to the majestic records, the conviction becomes overwhelming that there is a Musician—somewhere moving the keys of the wonderful instrument, who is the Jehovah creator.

Evolutionists stand on the eve of discovering their great mistake. A journey viewing a collection of instruments, from the simple one-stringed lute of the early savage to the women in piano of today, might possibly form a theory of evolution by which the first simple lute gradually developed into a sithern, the sithern into a guitar and the guitar at last into a piano. But he would not succeed in convincing any reasonable being that this evolution had taken place by virtue of a force dwelling in the instruments, or by a law of the survival of the fittest, that the absurdity of that reasoning would be less than that of the philosophy that sees in the evolution of matter no mind that conceives ideas and frames it accordingly, always obtaining more perfect results. But, as we say, the mistake of that view of omnipotence is apparent, and Huxley's remark that science is as clear as the Bible about an Eternal One, will be acknowledged to be true.

The Church is a living testimony that God lives. Its members need to be strengthened and to strengthen one another to their work to give that testimony to the world, and their labors will not be in vain.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS UNTIL APRIL 1897.

1896	Date	1897	Stakes
October	17 and 18 Saturday and Sunday	January 16 and 17	Utah
October	24 and 25 Sunday and Monday	January 17 and 18	Weber
October	30 and 31 Sunday and Monday	January 24 and 25	Box Elder, Cassia and Tooele
October	31 and Nov. 1 Sat. and Sunday	January 30 and 31	Teton and Wasatch
November	1 and 2 Sunday and Monday	January 31 and February 1	Cache
November	7 and 8 Saturday and Sunday	February 6 and 7	Bear Lake and Summit
November	8 and 9 Sunday and Monday	February 7 and 8	Emery and Uintah
November	14 and 15 Saturday and Sunday	February 13 and 14	Sanpete and Sevier Valley
November	15 and 16 Sunday and Monday	February 14 and 15	Oneida and Bear Lake
November	21 and 22 Saturday and Sunday	February 20 and 21	San Juan, Sevier and Juarez
November	22 and 23 Sunday and Monday	February 21 and 22	Millard and Cardston
November	28 and 29 Saturday and Sunday	February 27 and 28	Wayne
November	29 and 30 Sunday and Monday	February 28 and March 1	Panguitch and Snowflake
December	5 and 6 Saturday and Sunday	March 6 and 7	Davis, Kanab and Bannock
December	6 and 7 Sunday and Monday	March 7 and 8	St. John
December	12 and 13 Saturday and Sunday	March 13 and 14	Malad and Bingham
December	13 and 14 Sunday and Monday	March 14 and 15	St. George and St. Joseph
December	20 and 21 Sunday and Monday	March 21 and 22	Cassia, Pocatello and Marsing
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