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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The semi-annual conference of the Descret Sunday school union will be held in the Tabernacle Sunday even-Ing. Oct. 8, 1905, at 7:30 o'clock. Ofncers, teachers and pupils are requested to be present, and the public Is cordially invited,

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

AS TO "GENTILES."

It is customary with some of our contemporaries to pick out a remark here and there from discourses delivered at Conference times, to quote them, and sometimes misquote them, separate and apart from associate sentences, feature them prominently and place them in an offensive light before the public. This is deceptive and unfair, and usually intended to inflame the minds of readers who do not take time or trouble to find out the intent and spirit of the speakers thus improperly reported. It is very reprehensible and unjustifiable.

Occasionally references are made to a class of persons who are in every sense enemies of the "Mormon" Church and people. Such allusions are reported as applying to "Gentiles" indiscrimin-Perhaps the speaker may not draw the line in such definite terms as to make the proper distinction between the different classes of non-"Morrnons." There are "Gentiles" so-called, in this city and state, whom the "Mormons" respect and honor as upright and admirable citizens and neighbors, and who are not to be viewed in any sense as "enemies." They are our friends together in peace and neither desires to il or religious.

On the other hand there are "Mormon"-haters, who continually revile us leaders to warn the unwary against them. In doing so our "Gentile" friends ought to understand that they are not included in any remarks, but are regarded as honorable members of this community with whom it is a pleasure to meet and do business, and who employ "Mormons" and are employed by "Mormon" firms and estab-Hehments.

There are "Gentiles" and "Gentiles." as there are "Mormons" and "Mormens," and the good and true men and women are not referred to when warnings are uttered against "outsiders" or "insiders." We may differ in opinions and customs, but "a man's a man for all that," and it is part of the "Mormon" erged to recognize every person's rights and to treat all as friends who are not actual and virplent focs, and to regard even the latter with patience instead of anger. We say God bless the honorable of the earth of every party and every

A REMARKABLE DISCOURSE.

A remarkable sermon appears in the Christian Herald of September 20, 1t was delivered by Rev. Joseph Hamilton in the First Presbyterian church, Wilson, New York. His text was "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them," Gen. 1, 27 On reading it he exclaimed, "What a wonderful heritage it is to be created in the image of God?' He said further, "I do not think we have realized us we ought that we are made in the image of God, but it is a great fact."

There is nothing now in that which we have quoted, because everybody who believes in the Bible must admit the "great fact" mentioned by Mr. Hamilton. But the general notion as to the meaning of the passage in Genests is that God created than in His "moral image." What that really means is difficult for an ordinary thinker to understand. It is probable that no preacher or commentator would entertain such an indefinite conception, if it were not for the established theory in "Christlan" philosophy that as "God is a apirit." he has no form of shape or substance that can be grasped either literally or mentally. Therefore the great truth plainly enunciated in the Old Testament and in the New (see 1 Cor, 11, 7) that man is made in the image of God, is reasoned away. from the sphere of common sense and literal understanding, and in its place is put the nonentity described in modern creeds, the sum of which is that it

is "Incomprehensible." The minister whose sermon we refer to, feeling under obligation to follow the orthodox idea by stating that "The

made in the divine image mental and moral," attempts to carry out this idea by showing that certain divine attributes are reflected in man and that much of Scripture is flaurative, but coming back to the text he is compalled

"But whatever of figure there may be in the history of creation, there is certainly no figure here. Man was created in the image of God. There is no room for figure in that statement. These may be something in it obscure: but there is nothing figurative. What it really means is worth pondering."

Diverting once more from the plain and simple meaning of the text and showing that God has impressed his own mental qualities on man, he comes back once more to the point that he

pressed upon us his own bodily qual-ities as well. You will think that a bold assumption. You will, perhaps, ques-tion if God has any bodily qualities. I admit that in one sense he has none, but I think we shall say later on that really has, and that he has impresse these qualities on men, no less tha his mental and moral qualities."

It will be seen by the candid mind that the gentleman was floundering be tween the orthodox notion and the simple truth, which positively conflict and which he endeavored to harmonize. He makes further efforts in this direction, fifting between the error and the truth in a most contradictory man ner, and yet with an evident desire o bring out the great fact that God ally is an individual, a personality n the form of man, or that man b in the form or Image of God. He

You may say that God is a spirit stid has no body. I believe that is true. I conceive of him as a spirit. Our Lord said to the woman of Samaria 'God is a spirit.' And a spirit may 'God is a spirit.' And a spirit in have a body as we have, but I belie God in his true resence has none."

Then halling between the two oply tons and dwelling upon the simple signification of his text he said again. "But if God is absolutely without a body, as I believe He is, it is clear that He can assume one at pleasure. We must believe this if we believe the Old Testament,"

The preacher then cited the appearince of God to Abraham, bis wrestling with Jacob, His talking with Moses "face to face," and similar incidents in which God was absolutely "human" n appearance, and showing that when ever He did take a body, it was always the human form, he declared that such occurrences "are not to be relegated to the realm of mere poetry or rhetoric." Emphasizing this thought, he went on to Ear:

"Then if God took this body of man, I believe it is that this is His own natural body. I know that another opinion has prevailed. It has been thought that God shaply took this body thought that God simply took this body I that He might come into closer contact with men, but I suspect this idea is less than haif of the truth. I may be wrong: It is a mystery profound. I am open to correction; but I believe God assumed the human form beening that is His own form, and the one into which by a very law of His being He must transmute Himself, when He transmutes Himself at all."

To a Latter-day Saint these remarks and we are their friends. We dwell of the reverend gentlemen are amusing, and yet show a conflict of thought there be in the plain statement of his text "a mystery profound" God is in the form of man, or He is not. He has and who hand together to deprive us a body, or He has not. There is no of the rights of citizens. Some of room for ambiguity or even doubt them are corrupt in their lives, and R on this matter. The Bible is explicit is the duty of those among us who are | concerning it. The "mystery profound" arises from endeavors to make those scriptures that relate to the divine personality conform to the vain philosophy which the Christian world has adopted, but which is of heathen origin. The otion that spirit is immaterial causes this great confusion of mind. An "imnaterial substance" is an impossibility. It is a contradiction of terms. No matter how different spiritual substance is from the grosser elements that we call matter, it is substance after all, and man is spirit as well as

The spirit of man, clothed upon with a body, is an entity and the body conforms to it in shape. But each possesses qualities of its own, yet has some things in common. That God is a spirit dwelling in a spiritual body, is clear from the revelations concerning Him in the Bible, and Jesus the Christ is the "express image of His person." (See Heb. 1.) Both the Father and the Son appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith in form and stature precisely alike, affording to the Church restored to earth in these latter days a proper

onception of the Divine Being. The personality of the Father as well as of the Son, proclaimed in "Mormon" theology, is foreing itself upon the attention of Bible believers. Ridiculed at first, it is beginning to be perceived as the only rational scriptural declaration of the Divine character. The great truth accompanying it, that the feminine principie in all nature accompanies and is allied to the masculine, and is embodied in Delty as well as in humantly, is also a "Mermon" doctrine and has been ridiculed by the orthodox clergy and sometimes pronounced blasphemous. But the remarkable ofecourse to which we have drawn attention is the more remarkable from its acceptance of this other "great fact," which is set forth in the following lan-

ated male and female; and this state-ment is brought into close connection with the one that asserts that man was created in the divine image. In fact, both statements are in the one sentence. I take it that the male and the fe-male are united in containing the image of God. Some of the qualities of God prependerate more in the male. her contain something of the divine

This declaration is essentially "Mormon" in its character. As we have said, it is very remarkable coming from a Presbyterian preacher, but what is more remarkable is that it is published without dissent in the Christian Herald, which has been a persistent derider and denouncer of the "Mormon" faith. Thus it depends a great deal who enunciates a doctrine or a principle; that is with some people. The fact that 'truth is truth where'er 'tis found.

publications. A Christian Journal should understand and proclaim that one of the purposes in the mission of Christ was to reveal the Eternal Father, so that He could be measurably comprein trath to make this acknowledge- hended by man. He was "God manifest in the flesh." The disciple who saw Him saw the Father. In other words, to quote from an orthodox confession, "Such as the Father is such out the shedding of blood. That is the is the Son.

It is gratifying to see a modern ministor of religion progressing as far in the direction of truth concerning Delty as the Reverend gentleman from whom we have quoted has advanced. He would see the great truth which he endeavored to announce, clearly and distinctly if he would throw away the erthodox noevidently intended to make prominent, then that confuses the whole subject and makes even him appear in a judicrous light, contradicting in one sentence that which he affirms in another.

The splendid doctrine that man is really and truly in the image of God because he is His offspring, with all the powers of the Delty in his nature in embryo, to be at some time developed in all the grandeur, potency and glory of his divine Father, is of "Mormon" origin in these latter days, but is that which was enunciated by the Redeemer of the world, who was the "firstborn of every creature" and is in the "express image and likeness of the Father." and came into the world to nanifest this grand truth for the enightegment, comfort and exaltation of

PRIMARY SONG BOOK.

The Primary Song Book, published by the General Board of Primary Assolittiens has just appeared, and we take known from other hymn books. Among Alvin A. Bresley, E. Stephens, E. Beesley, H. H. Peterson, J. P. Olsen, E. B. Wells, A. C. Smyth, Jos. J. Daynes Jos. Ballantyne, Geo. Careless, W. Clive, Orson E. Whitney, and J. J. Mc Ciellan. The words are well adapted for the Primary classes, and the tunes are all meledious and inspiring. Among the patriotic selections are "America," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Bed, White and Blue," We feel confident that this little book will greatly ald the Primary work.

DAY OF ATONEMENT.

On Monday next is the great Day of Atonement, observed by all devotees of the Mosaic cuit. This was the day on which, during the existence of the Hebrew polity, the supreme act of expintion was performed. On that day atonement was made for the priesthood, as well as for the entire people and even for the sanctuary, "that remaineth among them in the midst of came polluted and in need of cleansing. The ritualistic service prescribed for

that day was very impressive. The his whole body and put on the robe of white linen, brought a bullock, which he sacrificed for himself and his house and two kids as a sin-offering for the congregation. One of the latter was slalu and the other was set free. The bullock being killed, the High Priest took a censer full of burning coal from the altar of burnt-offering, and some incense, and brought this into the Holy of Holles, behind the veil. "And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not." Such was the instruction. The mercyseat, with the divine Pressuce, was so sacred that not even the officiating Priest was permitted to look upon it except through this cloud of incense, Having made this preparation, he retired but returned with some of the blood of the bullock slain upon the altar of burnt-offering. This blood he sprinkled toward the mercy-seat, and upon the ground before the ark. Having thus made atonement for himself. he was capable of acting for the people, He therefore returned to the court slew the goat upon which the lot had fallen, and again entered the Holy of Holles, and sprinkled the blood, as be-

A somewhat similar act was repeated in the place called the Hely, where the iltar of incense was sprinkled with blood of the sacrifices. Lastly, the altar of burnt offering was similarly sprinkled. After this three-fold atonement for the Priest and the people, and the purification of the Sanctuary, the other goat was sent away into the wilderness. Both these animals representd the people for whom atonement was to be made, in two different aspects of the manner in which they were to obtain forgiveness. "And let Aaron lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquitles of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions according to all their sing and let him put them upon the head of the cost and see him away by a man ready at hand into the wilderness. And let the goat bear upon him all their iniquities into separated land." The meaning of this remarkable rite can only be a declaration that past sins, being atoned for, are so completely done away with, as to be relegated to the domain of ob-

Modern Hebrews, being without temple, without altar, and priesthood, cannot observe this great day in accordonce with the law. But they are still observing it in spirit, if not according to the letter, and it is to be hoped that the day is not very far off, when they again can have a Day of Atonement in their own Sanctuary. For some time the Hebrews have been preparing for the solemnities of this season. The synagogue ceremonies in connection by Lycurgus A. Wilson. It aims at giving over a month ago. At this time the | vealed through the Prophet Joseph morning service, the Sabbath excepted,

cording to the injunction of the prophet. Amos (iii, 6). The first day of the month of Ellul was chosen because, according to the legend. Moses ascended Sinal for the second time on that day, coming down on Yom Kippur (i. e., after forty days). All this is commentorated in the call for repentance, but atonement for sins cannot be effected, even according to the Mosale law, withgreat lesson of the Day of Atonement.

AS PEARY VIEWS IT.

his way to the Arctic regions, in his good ship, the Roosevelt, believes that the explorations in those regions have both a scientific and a moral value to the country whose explorers shall achieve the crowning success of their efforts. Mr. Peary is reported as havfug said:

"The meaning of the discovery of the North Pole to the United States is two-fold, scientific and moral. In science it neans valuable additions to geographical knowledge. It means the possibility (in the minds of reputable scientists even the probability) of lifting a new land, with a new fauna and flora, out of the 'erra incognita' that now sur-rounds the pole. It means opening up the secrets and revealing the economics of an area of some 3,000,000 square miles which stands today as a chal-lenge and reproach to us. It means an opportunity for observations of refine-ment with the pendulum, to determine the precise figure of the earth; and in the fields of magnetism and meteorology to permit a clearer definition and
more precise application of the laws
of those sciences. It means the cognizance of the general hydrographic feazance of the general hydrographic tures of the new unknown central polar basin. It means enriching our studies and museums with data and collections in zeology, geology and

It will be noted with particular interest that, in the opinion of so emment an nuthority, there is a probabilly of the discovery of land at the North Pole, with fauna and flora of its own. Such a probability would be incentive enough to continue the search. until the mystery is solved, and the facts known, whatever they may be,

Was the money that "Judge" Hamil. ton handled "tainted?"

Down on the isthmus they are still playing, "Diggery, diggery dock."

When shall these three, McCall, Mc-'urdy and Alexander, meet again?

The fair has been more than fair. It as been splendid. Yet farewell to the

The family trees of many of the big life insurance officials show "graft" in

Dowle claims King Edward as a coneet. Thus far the King has filed no sounter claim.

The Republican nominee for governor of Massachusetts Guilded better han he knew.

The great life insurance companies ould not do a more popular thing than o adopt up bonest policy.

With the rise of Japan to the position

seems to have vanished. It was at best but a cry of "wolf." Sheriff Erlanger of New York says that Ludlow Street Jail is the champion

blackmailing institution of the United

States. And not a rival rises up to challenge the assertion. The fact is that Hall Caine doesn't really know whether or not he would give up being a novelist to become a millionaire. When he has tried both,

he will be in a position to talk, and not Throughout the entire history of the Latter-day Saints, there never was any 'Mormon trouble," except as fomented by agitators of the lowest type, and always with the object of plunder in

The Massachusetts Republican concention yesterday declared for tariff evision. The cry for it seems to be in the air and it is more than likely to be the great issue of the next presidential campaign.

Surgeon-General O'Rellly in his report to the secretary of war on health conditions in the army, says that the highest death rate is in the American army and the lowest in the Prussian. And strangest of all he does not attribute it to the abolishment of the canteen.

Charles E. Hughes, principal course of the committee of the New York legislature investigating life insurance affairs, has been named for mayor of Greater New York by the Republican party. John A. McCall, having had a sudden access of civic virtue, will not contribute to the municipal campaign found of the Republican party this

In commending President Roosevelt for his action in bringing about peace between Russia and Japan the Tammany convention did a most unusual thing, but a praiseworthy thing. There is not an American citizen who is not justly proud of the President's accomplishment, the most noteworthy in his whole career. And why should not Americans, no matter to what party they belong. commend him? How good it is at times to lay aside partisanship and praise publivion, from which they can never again | lie servants for their meritorious actions. Partisanship is natural, right and proper, but too often it is mistaken for patriotism, it being but a means to it Not infrequently it blinds men to the worth and merit of those who do not see political questions as they see them. Tammany in this instance has taken a high, patriolic stand.

A small volume, but packed with much important matter, is the little book "Outlines of Mormon Philosophy." with their New Year's day commenced | answers contained in the Gospel, as re-"shefar" (trumpet) is blown at every | Smith, to the questions of life, and is in the nature of a dedication to the memsimplest idea of course is that we are on Christian or on Heathen ground," I to call the people to repentance ac- ory of the Prophet Joseph Smith,

principles to man, and who gave his life in testimony of their truth. It is arranged in form convenient to the close study of its expressed principles and should help in classes and in other lines. The author treats on space, time, matter, Intelligence, inception, purpose, plan; covenants, perpetuity, nature, and man.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Bishop Potter seems to think it nec Bishop Potter seems to think it nec-cessary to take up arms against a pos-sible reversion of the country to the old blue law system, in which Sunday was wholly devoted to religious ob-servances. There is no likelihood of anything of the kind happening, but there is a wholesome objection being voiced in many quarters to the con-version of Sunday into a day of riot and noise. and noise.

Sacramento Bee. So eminent a Jew as Claude G. Monte-fiore, president of the Anglo-Jewish asfore, president of the Angio-Jewish as-sociation and founder of the Jewish Quarterly Review, recently advised his race to "follow the letter of the law in the spirit of the gospel." By the word-law he meant the law of Moses and the prophets, in the same sense in which the word is used in the New Testament. It thus appears that the ortho-dox Jews in their religion are tending strongly to the adoption of what may be called practical Christianity, for "The spirit of the Gospel" can have no other meaning.

Happy they who cast themselves blindfold and head foremost into the aims of the Father of mercies and God of all comfort! as St. Paul says. Then the prominent wish is to know what is owing to God, and the greatest fear owing to God, and the greatest fear-not to see clearly enough what he re-quires. A new light in the path of faith is as welcome as treasure-trovs to a miser! The true Christian, come what may, accepts whatever befalls him, and wishes for nought withheld; the more he loves God the happier he is, and the highest perfection, so far from oppressing him, lightens his yoke,

Bishop Potter is right. Sermons, an Bishop Potter is right. Sermens, as a rule, should never exceed twenty nimites in length. An otherwise impressive discourse is more than likely to have its effect dissipated if extended beyond this time. Gladstone, who was a devoted and extremely punctificus churchman, once advised a young curate never to exceed the twenty-minute limit if he would be a successful preacher. What was true in Gladspreacher. What was true in Glad-stone's time is truer still today. Brev-ity is now recognized to be not only soul of wit, but the soul of many other things.

New York Churchman. We would not, if we could, absord into our own communion, or into any other, as it exists today, the whole of Christendom. No one communion pos-sesses in and of itself a spirit catholic enough, or a practice comprehensive enough to meet the needs of humanity. enough to meet the needs of humanity. That spirit will come only by the faciliation of all the truth and all the churches in one mightly enterprise for Christ. Our whole contention is that it is useless to discuss methods until agreement is reached as to what purpose is sought by them; and that no purpose is truly a purpose until it intends and confidently expects to go on to its full end or effect. That therefore until Christendom accepts unity as its purpose, and means to accomplish it, unity even in its beginnings will not be accomplished. "Let us perfectly know that one fully means a certain

know that one fully means a certain act or a certain part toward us, and that fact establishes a status between us as complete as though he ha ready fulfilled it." The churches invididuals, content themselves with trying to be at one with God. They do not try in the sense of meaning to be at one with each other. They do not realize that they cannot be at one with God unless they are at one with each other; therefore they are deceiving themselves and majority.

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