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#### THE CONFERENCE.

The conference just closed has indeed been a festival to the Latter-day Saints. Never before in the history of the Church have larger audiences assembled to hear the word of God from His inspired servants. Never were more powerful testimonies borne to the truth of the Latter-day work. Never were more appropriate sermons preached to the multitudes, and never were the Saints more united in their determination to carry on the work entrusted to thern, and to follow the counsel of their leaders. The Saints who attended conference return strengthened, and will be able to strengthen their brethren. All the meetings-the general Conference with its overflow meetings, the Relief Society conference, and Sunday school conference, as well as the various re-unions of missionary societies, have been more generally attended than on any previous occasion, and the Spirit of the Lord was poured out in abundant measure upon the speakers and the audiences.

The Address of the Church to the World, adopted on the first day of the conference was one of the great features of this gathering. That it was prompted by the Spirit of truth and that it will be an instrument for good in the world, may be inferred from the fact that the adversaries have already commenced to fume and rail against it. That is a good sign. Those in the service of the enemy of truth and rightcousness do not notice anything insignificant. They assail that from which they apprehend danger for the cause of darkness and error. It is those whose strength they fear, that they endeavor to render harmless by their attacks. The very fact, then, that the missiles of the enemy are directed toward a certain point, is a testimony by the enemy that such a point is regarded as a stronghold of truth.

statistics show that between 500 and 700 souls had been added to the Church right here in the mountain valleys, exclusive, of course, of children handland. This is a testimony to the world that "Mormonism" is a power of God for salvation, an active force for good, for those who become Latterday Saints are better men and women than they were before. They are lifted up morally, and are therefore better citizens, better fathers and mothers, better in every walk of life.

The resolution to send 20 tons of flour to China for the relief of sufferers there was halled with general satisfaction. For some time

true with other sects. A leading New York newspaper commenting upon the matter recently said: matter recently sold: "The lack of general interest taken in the Sunday schools throughout the country is a subject of sorrow and re-gret to many pastors and to the few who are actively engaged in that branch of church work. Figures recent-ly appearing in a newspaper item show-ing the percentage of increase among various religious bodies during the fif-teen years from 1890 to 1905, were as follows: Catholic, 74 per cent; Episco-pal, 52; Lutheran, 49; Methodist, 40; Congregational, 35; Baptists, 33. The Mormons are sold to have increased during the same period to the amazing rate of 107 per cent, and the reason advanced is that THEY HAVE THE EDST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY."

OUNTRY.

In the "Mormon" Sunday schools there s no lack of interest; there is no subject of sorrow; there is no failing off. The increase during the last year has been even more phenomenal than at my time in the history of the work. It is thoroughly organized in all its parts, and system is finding application and force down to the smallest detail. One of the most potential factors that has come into the work in recent years is the organization of parents" classes. For them the best available supervisors are being sought; men and women who are specially skilled in the methods for handling and training chlidren. Fathers and mothers will find them of untold value in solving the problems of their households so far as they relate to the government and conduct of their little ones. Great are the parents' classes, and great is the Sunday school cause of Zion.

#### DRY FARMING.

The various sessions of the dry farming congress to be held in Barratt Hall, this city, should be well at-It is one of the important ended. gatherings of this year. A great deal of useful information will be im-

parted to those who attend. Dry farming may be considered the second important stage in the agricultural development of this western region. Irrigation was the first. Dry farming, though no longer merely an experiment, is not as widely known as the importance of the subject de-The object of that method mands. of farming is to utilize the precipitation in the arid region to the best possible advantage, and it is really astonishing to learn of the results obtained.

According to a bulletin issued from the Nebraska experiment station, the work at the North Platte substation has now continued through three seasons. By tilling the soil two years for one crop, that is, tilling without cropping one season in order to save the cer rainfall of two seasons for one crop, such results as thirty to forty bushels of corn were obtained, we are told, on the high table lands of the south part of the North Platte farm. Of more immediate importance were the experiments with hay and pasture grasses, such as brome grass and alfalfa, both of which were grown with such success as to promise well for dairying in that region. The station has taken an interest, moreover, in the dissemination of seeds of crop varieties best

adapted to semi-arid conditions. Another epoch in farming will, we presume, be established, when farmers decide to co-operate for the better utilization of the immense regions of land that can be cultivated by the methods of dry farming. This suggestion now comes from the East. The conference was recently held in Massachusetts in the interest of improved

that Canadians are hoping will be duplicated in the not distant future, only in inverse manner, Sterility, famine and disease carried thousands to their doom. For two centuries Greenland was a lost country to Europe. When the sea farers of the Norseland again found it, not a single Caucasian was left to tell the story of what had happened. That was a task for the natives. Suffice it to say that desolution reigned where prosperity had once been planted. Steadily the climatic conditions became more severe, and, in the minds of many students there are no indications of meteorological modification. So, altogether the prospects of the North Pole country becoming an equatorial paradise are not very promising, and the likelihoods of Canadian colonization on a large scale in those

regions are very remote

### WONDERS OF THE OCEAN.

Less than a century ago a celebrated scientist pronounced the proposition to cross the Atlantic without the aid of sails, an impossibility. He assumed that It would be impossible to build a vessel that could carry the fuel necessary for the generating of steam for so long a journey, in addition to freight and passengers. He was possibly correct in his calculations, because they were based on the imperfect engines then existing. But science has gone forward with gigantic strides since then. It has made it possible to cross the ocean in a few days, and now the prediction is being made that, in the not distant future the voyage between this country and

Europe will be made in four days. The proposition is to construct a vessel capable of rushing along at the speed of 35 miles an hour. It will be

equipped with gas engines weghing only 210 tons, which will develop 12,000-horse power. It is maintained that for larger vessels 30,000-horse power can be de veloped with but 500 tons weight for engines, including the plant necessary for generating the fuel gas. It is estimated that 850 tons of crude petroleum will be necessary for the voyage of four days at a speed, with the larger vessel

of from 30 to 33 miles an hour. We live in an age of wonders, and it would be unsafe to pronounce any selentific suggestion impractical. Th substitution of gas engines for the bulky affairs now in use, would be quite a revolution. It would mean that much space now used for the storage of fuel could be utilized for passenger

accommodation and freight. No boilers would be necessary, the army of workers and coal-passers would be eliminated and the necessity of trimming ship as the coal pile dwindles would no longer vex the soul of the executive offi-Still, many would regret the improve-

ments. Those who cross the Atlantic to get the benefit of the health-giving breezes, the regular mode of life, and the rest from business worry would rather stay a week, or even more, on the ship, than to be hurried through

at a dangerous speed. Conference having adjourned, the weather once more is beautiful.

Before quarreling over the ownership of the north pole, first catch your north pole.

Mark Twain's autobiography shows that he is the great dictator among American literary men.

And now Thaw can say with the Boston Transcript says that a rural great Don, "There are no birds this year in last year's nest."

Ambassador Bryce says that this

cess Sanghainitta, and was planted by King Dewananpya Tissa in 285 B. C. It is therefore 2,195 years old. The pre-servation of this tree has been an ob-ject of reverent solicitude to succes-sive dynastics, and either through su-persitious reverence or because of its worthlessness to a plunderer, it has been spared amid all the havor of re-peated invasions. As recently as A. D. 1733 It was endowed with lands by Kaja Sinah, a Kandian chief. The Bo-tree's age and identify are matters of absolute faithful record, and when one recalls that in the risporous climate of north-ern Germany. In Hireshein, there srows a rosebush which is 1,000 years old, it does not seem so remarkable that in the balmy climate of Ceylon this tree should have Hved twice as long. It is gnaried and unsymmetrical, because many of its branches have been cut off and sent to distant temples. This Bo-tree is a branch of the tree under which Guatama Buddha wat when he attained Nirvana, and Buddrists say the passion SALT LAKE THEATRE. Friday & Saturday, April 12-13 THE BUTTERFLY Comedy in 2 Acts by Kellet Chamber Guatama Buddha wat when he attained Nirvana, and Buddrists say the passion through which he passed communicated itself to the tree, and caused all the Sale Wednesday. leaves to tremble.

# THE ISSUE IN CHICAGO.

The New York World. The new fork work. The issue of the Chicago election seems to be wether that municipality is to be governed by the head of the New York Independence League (in-corporated) or whether the city is to have home rule.

His Story of the Disaster.

A Proposal.

you have your trousseau made time?"-Philadelphia Press.

His Diet.

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expensive for the

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Press.

#### JUST FOR FUN. How He Knew.

Monday-"La Boheme," with Miss Nolison and Sig. Constantino. Tuesday -"Faust," with Madame Nordica. Wednesday Matinee-Don Pasquale and Ruscana, with Allee Neilson, Sig-nor Constantino and Mile. Dereyne. Prices, 1.09 to \$5.00. One Sunday morning recently the pastor of a church in a town of west-ern Massachusetts remarked to his wife, upon returning from service: "Mary, there was a stranger at ser-vice this morning." "What did he look like?" asked the



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benevolent Americans have been raising funds for that purpose, and especially through the efforts of the Christian Herald, large sums of money have been gathered and provisions have been sent to the panicstricken regions. But the response has not been so generous as the need of the people would seems to demand. The donation of flour was very timely and an act of Christian charity toward fellowmen of a strange race and faith.

The voting on matters placed before the Conference was unanimous, because the Saints have perfect confidence in their Leaders. Were this not the case, there would not be unity. But they have learnt to know those who preside over them, and whose duty it is to guide and counsel them, as men of God. filled with wisdom, and power. They have learned by experience that it is always safe to follow their counsel. This acounts for the unanimity in sustaining them. If experience should teach the Saints a different lesson this would find expression in their votes.

The Conference has been a time of spiritual refreshment to the Saints. It has been a time of harvest for the various places of business, Jew, Gentile, and "Mormon," and all have reason to be satisfied, from whatever point of view they look at it. And, when our friends return to their respective homes, may the sweet influences of the association with friends go with them, and may they have received strength to continue the work, and to remain faithful to the end.

THRIVING SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is doubtful whether the Sunday school work of any other church has found such perfection as that which was reflected in the great gathering which appeared in the Tabernacle Sunnight. And it has not yet reached the standard aimed at. The goal to which some hundreds of thousands are now struggling is a decidedly high one. It is not too much to believe, that some day it may be attained. The life, and love, and spirit which permeates, and the intelligent conception and direction which controls the system in its entirety, are gathering and crystalizing the elements of Sunday school effort into wide-spreading and attractive suc-

A few weeks ago the Knockers' Organ of this city prominently proclaimed that a certain congregation had just launchthe first graded Sunday school in Salt Lake. It either did not know, or did not care to admit, that such schools have long existed among the Latterday Saints, and that their fame has extended more or less through the official hannels of Sunday school work in the

ethods. At that conference the most practical suggestion was one recomland, it was said, should be farmed under a single administration. The advantages of such a departure would be two-fold. It would be easier to get farm help, because men could be employed in gangs and they are obtainable in that manner when they are not singly. Furthermore, it would be possible to place educated farmers of business and executive ability at the head of cach combine. By intelligent co-operation farmers could accomplish much more than they do when each one is digging in his own small tract of land. They could buy expensive agricultural machinery and reap the benefits of the most modern inventions. It is doubtful whether the

soil can ever be made to yield according to its full capacity, until it is cultivated by men who understand cooperation.

# THE NORTH POLE DISPUTE.

In the "News" of Friday was an editorial directing attention to Canadian concern and apprehension lest the determination of intrepid United States explorers in the Arctic regions, might esult in the planting of the Stars and Stripes on this more or less mythical spot. Reference was made to the appeal to Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, and how his countrymen on the North American continent are expecting him to allay their fears, and make Yankee aspirations impossible of realization. If the matter shall ever be submitted to arbitration and the Canadian claim for territorial ownership along longitudinal lines shall be allowed. Americans, as a matter of course, will accept the findings. But they are not greatly aroused over the prospects of an adverse decision, nor do they expect American pole hunters will be pushed off the polar premises if they shall be the first to raise a flag where a

representative of no nation has yet been able to reach. Some members of the Canadian parlament are reported as sincerely believing that the Arctic lands will soonor or later be inhabited, and when that time comes, if it ever does, they are anxious that the Union Jack alove shall float in the wintry winds of the pole country. They say they anticipate important climatic changes and point o those that have already occurred, as a basis of their hope. Greenland, as is well known, prospered as an independent nation, but later became established as a territorial possession of Norway. In the twelfth century, what is known as the bishopric of Greenland, was founded, and bishope were cent out by the pope. Towns and villages dotted the coast line, and striking and sub-

country is sound. That's the way to mending co-operation. Large tracts of talk. Commendation, not criticism, is what people like.

> The appellate division of the supreme court of New York will never, no never, never, never, consent to read Mr. Jecome's hypothetical question. It is rumored that Czar Nicholas in-

tends to abdicate. From this it would seem that, like the late Artemus Ward, he is willing to sacrifice all his wife's relations.

Honduras and Nicaragua are about to settle their differences. It is not a difficult task and probably they will accomplish it. The real question is, will they stay settled? Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Co-

lumbia university is the latest convert to the California view of the Japanese question. The importance of his view lies in the fact that it is that of a conservative man and the head of one of America's foremost universities

It is told of the Right Rev. Daniel. S. Tutle, D. D., LL. D., says Harper's Weekly, who had been attending an important conference at Lambeth Palace, London, that during a very formal function he and his wife were loudly announced as "The Bishop of Misery and Mrs. "Tuttle!"

Japan is to have an eleven and a half million dollar battleship, the largest in the world. If she will but undertake to build a large fleet of such her sinews of war will be so sapped that she will be less to be feared then than she is now.

The railroad managers are attending strictly to business these days and are not filling the air with wailings and warnings of the evils to come unless the railroads are left absolutely alone by the states and the nation. One of the great sources of their troubles has been the attempt to make the railroads as big if not bigger than the government.

The greatest circus in the United States announces that for the past two years it has been doing business at an increased expense on a decreased income. Is this preliminary to another announcement that the price of admission to see the circus, the most valued right that the American boy has next to that of becoming President, is to be raised?

#### OLDEST OF LIVING TREES. The Century.

channels of Sunday school work in the United States. The fact is commonly recognized, that among the Mormons it is finding a higher and more interest-ing and effectual development, than is

