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## SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-second Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence on Friday, October 4th at 10 a. m. in the Tabernacle in this city.

LORENZO SNOW,  
JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
First Presidency.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.

The Semi-annual conference of the Sunday Schools of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle Sunday, October 14th, 1901, at 7:30 p. m. It is desired that each Stake of Zion be represented, at the meeting; and a cordial invitation to be present is extended to officers, teachers, and all interested in the great Sunday School work.

LORENZO SNOW,  
GEORGE REYNOLDS,  
J. M. TANNER,  
General Superintendency.

## MORMONISM AND CHRISTENDOM.

A gentleman who has taken much interest in the articles in the Deseret News in reply to the attacks by the Presbyterian convention upon the "Mormon" Church, writes to us expressing his opinion that the "New" had "the best of the argument," but wants to know whether the Latter-day Saints reject Christianity in all its branches, with all its doctrines, despising the whole system and the gospel it proclaims.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not take the position set forth in this query. It accepts Christianity, that is the Christianity of Jesus Christ, in all its branches and with all its doctrines. But it regards modern Christendom, with its multifarious sects and denominations and preachers, and many of its contradictory notions, as entirely different from that Christianity which Jesus of Nazareth and His Apostles promulgated. There is, however, some measure of truth in every religion extant; that we certainly do not reject. There are good people in all the religious organizations both in Christendom and in heathendom; they, we certainly do not condemn.

The systems of religion which men have invented are human, and therefore are not to be regarded as authorized of God. Whatever good there may be in any of them is divine. That which is erroneous is from mortal man or from the Evil One. None of them could continue in existence but for the measure of truth therein contained. But they all embody errors that stamp them as man-made and therefore unreliable. The Church of Christ must come from Christ, and its doctrines must be such as He reveals, not merely "the commandments of men." The good which some men and women associated with those systems are able to accomplish, we recognize and believe it is acceptable to God. But when men administer ordinances and ceremonies in the name of Deity which they have not been authorized by the Lord to perform, they assume a position which is displeasing to the Almighty, and their official acts in His name are utterly empty and void.

We do not despise or repudiate any principle of truth that is to be found in any system of religion, no matter by what name it may be called. Anything that is true in theology, philosophy, literature, science or art; in any discovery, invention or project, we accept and it blends into the truths of religion which the Lord has revealed in these latter-days, just as separate drops of water unite in one mass as soon as they coalesce. For "Truth is truth wherever it is found, on Christian or on heathen ground." There are some great truths in oriental non-Christian religions as well as in the sects that call themselves "Christian." None of these comes into repulsion with the system now revealed from heaven, and which is commonly dubbed "Mormonism."

This idea is clearly set forth in simple language in the Book of Mormon as follows:

"Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin and to do that which is evil continually. But behold, that which is of God, inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; and therefore, everything which inviteth and enticeth to do good and to love God and to serve Him is inspired of God."

We do not interfere, or wish to interfere, with the promulgation of anything that is true and beneficial to mankind, no matter from whence it proceeds. We do not desire to belittle the efforts of good men and women to elevate and improve humanity. On the contrary, we wish them Godspeed. If they have anything better or more ad-

vanced than that which we have received, we stand ready to accept it. But we know this: God has opened up a new dispensation, "the dispensation of the fullness of times, in which He will gather in one all things that are in Christ." He has set up His Church again on earth, and committed authority to chosen men to administer in His name and teach the truths which He reveals. As there can be but one true Church of Christ, no matter how many branches it may have in different nations, we do not regard any of the conflicting sects as divine or authoritative.

Our mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature, both in Christendom and in heathendom, and call upon all people, everywhere, to repent of their sins believing in Christ, and to be baptized by one having authority, for the remission of sins which comes through the atonement; with the promise that they who obey shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, which becometh all things, guides into all truth, shows things to come and reveals the Father and the Son. It is the everlasting Gospel proclaimed by Christ Himself when on earth, and by the Apostles whom He sent into the world for that purpose, and is the only way of salvation. The Church which He has set up today is organized after the pattern of the early Christian Church, and its ministers hold the same authority, power, keys and inspiration that were given to holy men of old.

This is our position as to the Church of the true and the living God, and its attitude toward other religious creeds and societies. While we take this stand, and claim the right to worship God according to His revealed will, the dictates of our own consciences, we accord the same right to all people upon the face of the earth, let them worship what, or whom, or when they may.

## THE ABDUCTION OF MISS STONE

The statement comes from Constantinople that evidence has been secured, proving that members of the Macedonian committee at Sofia were implicated in the abduction of Miss Stone and her companion, by brigands. If this is true, it confirms the suspicion first expressed that the crime was committed by revolutionists for the purpose of creating trouble between Turkey and Bulgaria, and at the same time bring the United States government down upon Turkey.

But whether the abduction was made for political purposes or not, the announcement, also made from Constantinople, that our government is determined to act promptly in the matter, is satisfactory. The crime, it seems, was committed in a country under Turkish jurisdiction, where "Christians" of all creeds are entitled to protection, and the Sultan should be made to understand that failure to protect foreigners is serious. If it is shown that Macedonian revolutionists, with headquarters at Sofia, instigated the outrage, the Bulgarian government should be asked to clean out that element which always is a source of trouble.

Undoubtedly the Bulgarian authorities will do all in their power, even without being urged. American missionaries are said to be popular in that country, and Miss Stone was especially so. The Turkish authorities may also be presumed to be willing to move with energy, as the Sultan must be anxious to keep out of trouble as far as possible.

The entire incident shows, however, how weak Turkish rule is. Brigandage has been suppressed in most European countries. Where once it was of common occurrence, it no longer is heard of, or occurs only at long intervals. In Turkish territory it is said to be frequent, not only in Asia but in Europe. Large bands of brigands live by plunder and murder. Turkey remains where it was centuries ago, while the world all around it is advancing. It furnishes a new proof of the indisputable fact that a government administered on the Turkish plan is unworthy to place among civilized governments. The sooner a radical change is effected in that part of the world the better.

## MRS. EDDY EXPLAINS.

Mrs. Eddy, the acknowledged leader of the so-called Christian Scientists, has thought it necessary to offer an explanation of the failure of Providence to preserve the life of President McKinley, in answer to the numerous petitions that were offered up in his behalf, during the days of anxiety that preceded his departure.

As a general rule she lays down the principle that "a compound of prayers wherein one earnest, tender desire works unconsciously against the modus operandi of another, would prevent the result desired." And this rule, she finds, was violated in this instance. President McKinley believed, she says, that his martyrdom was God's way and hundreds of thousands of others thought so, and hundreds of thousands who prayed feared that the bullet would prove fatal. These conflicting states of the human mind evinced a lack of the absolute understanding of God's omnipotence and "prevented the power of absolute truth from reassuring the mind, and, through it, resuscitating the body of the patient."

In other words, if everybody, including the President himself, had believed that the wound was not fatal, the result would have been different.

It is safe to say, that this explanation is much less satisfactory than the common one, that the Omnipotent acts in accordance with His own designs and purposes, which, although hidden for the present, in the future will reveal that their purpose is the welfare of His children. Mrs. Eddy's philosophy places the power over life and death entirely in human will, and not in the divine will. Faith never was intended as a cure-all remedy. Genuine faith reverently acknowledges the Father's hand in all things, and therefore can say: "Not my will, but Thine be done." One of the qualities of faith is complete submission. Jesus did. His Apostles did. Millions of martyrs have died. Faith and prayers did not stay for ever the effects of wounds inflicted on their mortal bodies. And yet they had faith, and through it be-

came "more than conquerors."

God rules the world in accordance with laws. At times, for His own purposes, these seem to be set aside, although this is but apparently so. Then "miracles" take place, events occur according to other laws, not known or imperfectly known by human beings. By prayers, the children of God present their petitions to their Father by that faith which seems desirable to them, and by which they will know that the Father is not limited to the few resources human knowledge and experience may have in view. They know that to Him "all things are possible." But prayers are, after all, but humble petitions, not exorcisms. They are always heard when offered sincerely and in faith, and answered—perhaps not in accord with the desire of the human heart, but certainly for the ultimate benefit of those who pray, as the Father, in His infinite wisdom, shall see fit to grant or deny the petitions, or substitute one blessing for another.

## PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

On Oct. 21st the Pan-American congress meets in the City of Mexico. It will be a notable gathering, and it is sure to bring the countries in this hemisphere in closer touch with one another. Nearly all the South American republics have appointed delegates. The United States will be represented by Henry G. Davis of West Virginia, William L. Buchanan of Iowa, Volney W. Foster of Illinois, John Barrett of Oregon, and Charles M. Pepper of the District of Columbia. Some of the diplomatic representatives in Washington of the Central and South American republics have been appointed to represent their governments in the congress. So many will be going from our national capital to Mexico that a special train will be chartered for the journey.

The gathering is purely in the interest of peace, industry and commerce. The desire is not that the countries of these continents should commence to appreciate the benefits of more intimate relations than have existed in the past. The interests of North and South America are not very much the same. And it should be evident by this time, that these interests are not best promoted by European nations at heart opposed to popular government. Europe has had to recede from these continents, because the aims or purposes of its rulers were so divergent from the aspirations of liberty-loving citizens. But the ground gained must be held, by friendly co-operation on all fields of peaceful pursuit. The Pan-American congress has this in view. It will be an important gathering.

## COLLEGE SOCIETIES.

The subject of the benefits or otherwise of secret societies, is receiving some attention in the East and is being discussed in college journals. Those orders that are organized in the leading educational establishments are being overhauled, and there seems to be a preponderance of sentiment to their disfavor, among the faculty and trustees. This is set forth, to some extent, in the following which appeared in a recent issue of the New York Evening Post:

The board of trustees of the Norwich Free Academy, of which Dr. R. P. Keck, the Greek scholar, is principal, has unanimously voted that in its opinion the three secret societies are detrimental to the best interests of the institution and should be abolished. This action is the culmination of a hostility that has been developing for several years. The young men connected with the organizations are strenuously opposed to the plan of abolition. Dr. Keck had a conference with the members this week, and explained to them the feeling of the board of trustees. He has also sent a circular to the parents of the students asking for an expression of opinion from them. One proposition is to substitute a debating society or literary club with social features for the secret organizations.

Have you been to the State Fair? Don't miss it.

Beet sugar can't be beat, make what assaults on it they may.

The hope eternal that springs up in Sir Thomas' heart must be losing some of its spring.

Fine stock, magnificent horses, splendid sheep as well as other A 1 animals, at the State Fair.

It was rather more of the equinoctial storm to postpone his arrival until Conference arrived.

The Schley court of inquiry investigation is getting to be a case of linked sweetness long drawn out.

The fruit at the State Fair cannot be excelled anywhere in quality and appearance. Everybody ought to look at and admire it.

A band marching up and down the street playing air popular and unpopular does not necessarily mean that there is music in the air.

It is pleasant to note that in matters of educational advancement at the State fair a number of schools in various parts of the State are taking prizes.

A budding Michigan poet has been arrested in Poland for writing poems about that country. It seems to be a clear case of arrested development.

When the International Salt company shall have secured all the salt lands and lakes of the world it will not be amiss to speak of the International as the "salt of the earth."

The various specimens of Utah's handiwork, in different branches of art and industry are worthy of exhibition at any fair in any state in the Union. Don't miss seeing them on any account.

From the way these brigands are hurrying Miss Stone from one place to another while awaiting the payment of the ransom demanded they evidently do not believe in the adage: "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

Pride goes before a fall. Here we have all been so proud of our Murray triplets and now comes the Chicago News with a picture of Mrs. J. L. Ormsby and her interesting quadruplets. They are nice babies but our Murray babies are much handsomer.

When Judge Smith of Helena, Mont., in instructing the grand jury empan-

eled to investigate the lynching of Brady said: "All persons who took part in the killing of Brady are murderers," he spoke the simple truth. As obliterators he might have said all lynchers are murderers.

The proper pronunciation of the name of the President is, in a Washington dispatch to a Chicago paper, said to be Roosevelt-velt, not Roosevelt. The family is said to be particular about the correct pronunciation, and even if they were not, no American citizen can be indifferent as to whether he knows the name of the President of his country, or not.

The St. Louis exposition managers propose to have as one of the attractions, and also educational benefits, of the great fair, a model city showing how road and sanitary engineering should be done. It is an excellent idea and if well carried out, should result in much good. The Centennial exposition, through the Vienna exhibit, taught the American people how to make bread. The Columbian exposition gave the American people object lessons in the beauty, power and possibilities of architecture. It will be reserved to the St. Louis exposition to teach them what a city should be and to revolutionize our entire system of municipal government.

Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden in a recent article says the "partisan attitude of a large number of the people toward the President of the United States, and all our high officials, is one of the weak points of the American system." How can it be otherwise when the system of government is by party? The President of the United States and all our high officials are entitled to the decent respect of all citizens, and no one will deny that partisan criticism too frequently becomes partisan rivalry, but neither the President nor any official in the land should be above just criticism. They are all men and have the faults of men, and the surest, safest way of correcting these faults is to point them out, which is criticism. It will be an evil day for the American people when the doctrine that the king can do no wrong is adopted by them in regard to their officials.

## ROOSEVELT'S POLICY.

Chicago Record-Herald.  
In urging the policy of reciprocity he will follow the lines laid down in President McKinley's Buffalo address, doing everything to advance, nothing to upset or disorganize trade and commerce. He will cultivate friendly relations with other nations, he will conclude the people of Porto Rico and the Philippines, insisting only that "our authority could not be less than our responsibility" in those islands. All this is clear from the pledge, which includes the perception that he has the same mandate from the people as the lamented statesman whose death we mourn.

## Philadelphia Record.

On the whole the declaration is very satisfactory, and those who will look there for the outcropping of Mr. Roosevelt's reputed belligerency of spirit will seek in vain. The country may congratulate itself upon the succession to the presidential chair of a chief magistrate whose impulses are patriotic in character, and who, moreover, has the courage of his convictions.

## Boston Herald.

The new President's foreign policy is the one in which it is possible for him to personally exercise the greatest influence in shaping national events, and his opinions concerning what American foreign policy should be is the one subject upon which the largest doubt exists concerning the moderation and judiciousness of his views. If those who are—to put it mildly—not friendly to him in the United States Senate wished to seek a check upon his freedom of action, it would, in the probability, seek a reason or excuse for their proceedings in this department of public duty.

## Baltimore Sun.

President Roosevelt has voluntarily pledged himself to maintain without variance the policy of his predecessor. The last public utterance of Mr. McKinley was a message of peace and good-will to the world. It was an assurance from the head of this government that the United States desires to maintain relations of amity with the nations. If President Roosevelt carries out this policy his administration, conducted upon the principle that "our interest is in concord, not in conflict, and our aim is the maintenance of the principles of peace, not those of war," will be prudent, sane, and conservative.

## Boston Post.

It is seen that President Roosevelt proposes to accept the advanced policy of President McKinley, as set forth in his Buffalo speech of September 8, rather than the historic McKinley policy over which we have been contending for ten years past. It is a policy which, if honestly carried out, will practically obliterate the distinction between the two great political parties on economic questions.

## New York Evening Post.

Mr. Roosevelt has before him a great opportunity. Unlike any other Vice President who has been promoted by death, he comes into the highest office, the representative of no faction in his party, and with no obligations or affiliations which should hamper him. He has had a long training in public life, and he has mastered our political history. The new President need only do his duty, and he will have the heartiest support of the nation.

## Kansas City Journal.

With such an object lesson before him as the country's present prosperity and prospects it is indeed difficult to see how the new President could do otherwise than desire to perpetuate existing policies.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The October number of The Black Cat comes with its usual number of five short stories, all of real merit. The titles and authors are: "The Yellow Light," Henry Lyle; "The Spectrum Page," Richard Barker Shelton; "Major Deighton's Wound," Franklin D. Wiley; "The Widow of Tonsil," Scott Irving Litchfield, and "The Man From Beyond," Frank Lillie Pollock—Shortstory Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

Among the contents of the October number of Ansie's Magazine, are several good short stories, such as "The Last Run of the Valley Hunt," Marvin Dana; "The Wild Cats of Wloska Valley," Arthur Stringer; "Mr. Poley's Governor," The Ashton Export; "The Road of the Spring," James E. Dunning; "Had for the Finder—Short Story," Miles Sandry; and "The Horse that Traveled a Long Time," by Henry Payne. There are several poems and notable articles on subjects of general interest. There is, for instance, one on "The American Export," by H. E. Armstrong, and one on "Great Types

of Modern Business," by J. Lincoln Steffens. "Topics of the theater," and editorial comment complete the number.—William S. New York.

The October number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly opens with an amply illustrated description of "The Texas Rangers," by Earl Mayo. The next feature is "A Cupful of Sugar," a story of an American pioneer, well told by W. R. Lighton. Other illustrated stories are: "A Day at the County Fair," Clifton Johnson; "A Corner in Trolley," a story of the Stock Market, by S. A. Selby; "A Road to Frontenac," Chapters XI-XII, Samuel Merwin; "The Story of a Thief," Rev. Charles F. Goss; and "The Moral Sense," Isabel Gordon. An interesting feature is "Toistol in America," a criticism recorded by Rev. Peter MacQueen—Fifth Ave., New York.

The October number of The Improvement Era is the last of the fourth volume of that excellent publication. It has as frontispiece a fine portrait of Governor Alfred Cummins, and this is accompanied by a brief biographical sketch. A very interesting contribution to this issue is "Letter to the Queen of England," by Parley P. Pratt. It was written by him when on his first mission to England, in 1841. "What Prophecy Asserts, History Admits," is another interesting contribution by Nephil L. Morris. "What Shall We Read?" is the title of an instructive paper by Apostle Matthias F. Stanley, and "The Harvesting of the Soul," by James E. Talmage, is concluded. Some of the leading events are ably commented on by Dr. J. M. Tanner, and Elder Joseph E. Feaver writes about "Predestination, Forfeiture, Election and Free Agency." Elder Henry W. Nalburt contributes a paper on "Keeping the Harvest On," in his well known, philosophical style. Then there are an "Editor's Tale," several poems, and other items.—Salt Lake City, Utah.

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