

me that we do not appreciate the fact that we are not groping as the blind for the wall upon the grand question of religion. Do we appreciate the fact that every one of us can commune with the Almighty whenever we please if we will get down upon our knees and do it? Do we appreciate the fact that we have men standing in our midst who can reach the Lord and obtain His mind and will at any time under all circumstances; that we, His people, need not be in the dark?

During the whole of this conference the great principle of tithing is kept before us. The Saints of California pay a good tithing. The mission is self-supporting; and this is one of the things that we preach. Not openly; we say but very little of tithing openly; very little indeed. But, it is a rule that we have in the mission that no one shall be baptized until he or she understands the principle of tithing perfectly; no one shall be led into the waters of baptism by any Elder until this grand question is laid before him or her. They shall not have the privilege of coming up and saying, "You have deceived me; you advertise that the seats are free and there are no collections, but you have something you bring forward afterwards in the form of tithing." The principle of tithing is carefully laid before them before they are baptized, and we have many there who have paid tithes before they were baptized. I regard this principle of tithing as one of the grandest, and it is indeed the touch-stone. He who pays his tithes will not be far out of the way on every other question.

I rejoice in the Gospel? I rejoice that I am accounted worthy to bear a portion of the ministry to the nations of the earth, and feel in my soul that it is the greatest joy that we can have and the grandest work we can perform, and I am ready and willing, and gladly will I spend the residue of my days in preaching the Gospel to the unbelieving world. It is my determination to be obedient to every requirement that is made of me, to live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God through His servants, whom He has placed and appointed to direct all things here upon the earth. This is my determination, to live in such a way that I can claim the blessings of the

Lord, and do everything that is required of me from this day forth, in all my life. God bless you. Amen.

Elder Heber J. Grant sang the "Holy City."

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL.

You have listened to the testimony and the preaching of the Apostles and Prophets of this Church during this conference; but, as Scripture puts it, "Are all Apostles, are all Prophets, are all Evangelists, Pastors or Teachers?" I bear my testimony that I thank the Lord that, notwithstanding the fact that I recognize that the Apostles have gifts, powers, appointments and labors that it is beyond our prerogatives and rights to infringe upon, I thank God, the Eternal Father, that we have young men, honored of the Lord, that they can preach and testify just as well as Apostles and Prophets. I desire to say to the rising generation, You do not have to be Apostles, you do not have to be Presidents of Stakes, nor Bishops to enjoy the gifts and blessings pertaining to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. And I say to you that some of you—and I may be among that number—place too much stress upon the positions that men hold in the Church, and we fancy in our weakness that we cannot be saved, that we cannot serve God, that we cannot be faithful and true and enjoy revelation from God, unless we have high office in the Church. There is danger in exalted position, and where "much is given much is required." The poorest man in all Israel, though he may carry a hod and be dressed like a pauper, is entitled to revelation from God, and he is entitled to lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover through the prayer of faith. I realize a great object lesson has been set us by Apostle Grant. I have watched this matter carefully, and I am able to testify that out of it will come great good, that no great advancement has ever taken place except as a result of faithful and persevering effort. I will say that many of the young men that have gone east and spent fortunes to learn to sing came back to this country unappreciated, and some of them would be in penury were it not for their

relatives; for our people are not as appreciative as they ought to be, or at least they have not been. I admire our young people that have learned to sing the songs of Zion. I stood on that street in Los Angeles, referred to by Brother Nye, and listened to our young men preach. It was the first time in all my labors I had ever heard an Elder preach upon the streets. And when I asked two Elders why they did not commence, they said, "We are unable to begin our meeting until the other Elders come, for we cannot sing." No meetings can be held in California upon the streets unless the Elders can sing. It is, in fact, the key to the situation. Lots of men can sing that are mighty poor preachers.

Judgment comes with age, as a rule, not always. We young men that have responsibilities placed upon us oftentimes have a great deal of courage, but may lack judgment. The point I want to get at is this: we must have some very brave and courageous men. Apostle Grant with the assistants that will go with him, may open up a mission in Japan. Some Apostle may be sent to Russia, to open the door in that great nation, and it may be the privilege of some of us to go and get killed after the doors are opened. The Gospel will never be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people without lives being lost, nor without your eating "the bread of adversity and drinking the water of affliction." And we may not all be successful, but when a man is willing to lay down his life, and takes his life in his hands and labors for the kingdom of God, he can do no more. He might make mistakes, and he might err in judgment. David, that boy as he was, went out and killed Goliath. If he had not all Israel would have pointed the finger of scorn at David. Dewey succeeded; but had Dewey failed, he would have been in ignominy and disgrace before the American people. So I wonder if it is only the man that succeeds that gets the praise. I have heard or read of a man that went to the World's Parliament of Religions. He did not succeed, because they would not hear him. I read of another man that went to Congress, and it took 7,000,000 signatures to get rid of

him. And I tell you that great good will come out of it. I admire courage and bravery as well as judgment and wisdom. We have to have brave men and courageous men, and we young men have to learn, and the only way we can learn is by trying, like Brother Grant. My heart swelled within me when I heard him sing today. My heart swelled with joy when I heard him sing at President Snow's birthday party, for I knew he sang with the Spirit of God; and the Lord will answer his prayers for he has an object in view. And I know what that object is, and it is a righteous object.

As long as a man has a righteous object he has a right to make an effort; and if he makes any mistakes, it is my duty to reach out to him my hand, even the hand of charity. And if you Latter-day Saints do not do it, and some of us young men fail because of your severe criticisms and your unkind statements, God will hold you responsible. We have seen men handled because they waded into mysteries, and, of course, it was proper and right when they waded into mysteries and preached false doctrines that they should be handled, I can see the righteousness of it, but I wonder if any man has ever been handled in the kingdom of God for not knowing anything. I am in favor of some of them being handled right away. I pray the Lord to bless you. Amen.

ELDER HEBER J. GRANT.

Brother Taylor desires that, inasmuch as I am about to leave for a foreign country, and this is about the last chance I will have to meet with the Saints for many years, that I should occupy the rest of the time. I would have been perfectly willing to divide the time with him, because a person can bear a testimony at any time in a very few minutes, and the only thing I intended to do today was simply to bear my testimony and leave it with you before departing upon my mission.

I regret that I failed in my object lesson. I would have been glad had I been able to sing that song through without a mistake. I have only sung it through five times today without a mistake, but when I tried it the sixth