

here in this great congregation of the saints. These are gatherings long to be remembered; they will be historic forever. The words that come from our President, and other leaders, will be remembered; they will be recorded for us and our children to read in the future. I refer to the record of these great gatherings of annual and semi-annual conferences.

My brethren and sisters, there are many things that need reforming. There is a very good chance for every Elder in Israel to preach the Gospel, not only abroad in the nations but at home, by the firesides of the people, in the streets, upon the sidewalk. Wherever we travel we generally find an opportunity to correct evil, and we should do so in a mild spirit, even the spirit of our Lord and Savior; not rail against evil but kindly call the attention of the trespasser to the fact that he is not aligned with the Spirit of the Gospel. As Jesus taught, let us forgive our enemies, and always lend a helping hand to our neighbors. He said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself." Sometimes we find it difficult to love some of our neighbors' actions. During the history of this people, we have seen times and experiences wherein we could not endorse the actions of our neighbors; yet if they will repent of their sins, and receive the Gospel, we will gladly offer them, in the name of Jesus, salvation and redemption. This is the duty and calling of every Latter-day Saint Elder.

I pray the Lord to bless our leaders, and to bless the people all the day long, that He will give us hearts to understand and a determination to carry out the will of the

Lord, and to fulfill His purposes in our creation, that we may inherit eternal life, with our loved ones and with all the saints, is my prayer, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Sweet Spirit, hear my prayer," was sung by Sister Claribel Gardner.

Patriarch John Smith.

It is with peculiar feelings, my brethren and sisters, that I stand before you on this occasion. I have listened attentively to the remarks which have been made during this conference, and I can indorse every sentiment, every word, and bear testimony that the sayings we have listened to have come from the right source; they have been given to us through the whisperings of the Good Spirit with which our Father in Heaven has inspired those who have spoken to us. I say to the people I trust that these instructions will sink deep into their hearts, and that they may profit thereby.

I can bear testimony to the truth of this work. I bear you my testimony that Joseph Smith was the prophet of the living God, and that through his labors and the gifts which came from the Father, this work has been thus far established, and that his successors have been in the true path, that they have worked and labored for the furtherance of the cause of truth. They have been men of God, prophets, seers, and revelators and their teachings have been just and true, I can also bear testimony to the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord in many ways, for myself individually. On

one or two occasions, from overwork, exposure, and so forth, physically I have been broken down, but through the faith and prayers of the saints, I have been restored. I can bear testimony that the Lord has heard my petitions, not only in my own behalf but also in behalf of many of the people. I often meet individuals who have received blessings under my hands, promises and so forth, and they have borne testimony that the words which I have spoken, under these circumstances have been prophetic, that the promises I have made have come true, every word.

Although I am not, probably, living in the full sense of the word up to the revealed law in all respects, I have striven to do my duty; I have tried to do that which the Father has called me to do. As a rule, there are many people more guilty of sin of omission than sins of commission, and I trust that this has been my lot. I admonish the people to try to understand their duties, to try to live in obedience to the laws of God, and to keep His commandments. If we as a people will listen to the whisperings of the still small voice we will not often err in judgment; and if we call upon the Father, in humility, in a proper way, He will hear our petitions and answer them. I often admonish the people when they get their blessings under my hands, and say to them they must first learn to listen to the whisperings of the still small voice; and if they will seek for the gift of discernment, they will be guided by the Spirit of Truth.

I pray God, the Eternal Father, to let His blessings rest upon all Israel, and guide us in the true path, that when we have finished our work here, we may be worthy

of His blessings. May Father add His blessings unto us, qualify us for every duty, that we may fill the missions whereunto He has called us. If we will strive diligently to do this, His blessings will be with us and make us equal to every task. May the Lord help us to fill the mission whereunto we are called, and thereby be worthy of His continued favor, I ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

AUTHORITIES SUSTAINED.

Elder Heber J. Grant presented the General Authorities of the Church, to be voted upon by the assembly, as follows:

Joseph F. Smith, as Prophet, Seer and Revelator and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

John R. Winder, as First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Anthony H. Lund, as Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

Francis M. Lyman, as President of the Twelve Apostles.

As Members of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, Heber J. Grant, Rudger Clawson, Reed Smoot, Hyrum M. Smith, George Albert Smith, Charles W. Penrose, George F. Richards, Orson F. Whitney, David O. McKay and Anthony W. Ivins.

John Smith, as Presiding Patriarch of the Church.

The Counselors in the First Presidency and the Twelve Apostles and the Presiding Patriarch, as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

First Seven Presidents of Seventies, Seymour B. Young, Brigham H. Roberts, George Reynolds, Jonathan G. Kimball, Rulon S.