

again in Mexico, of course we make no objection, and our blessing and love will go with them where they go, and with the people who will open their hearts and homes to receive them and make them welcome.

I wanted to say that much in regard to those people, for I was there in the country; I was with them when they were in their camps and tents. I was with them there and wrestled for their benefit with the government of the country. The Church has helped them attain what they could; that land was legally obtained for permanent settlement, and we have done our duty in the republic of Mexico. We have been preaching the gospel there also, and maintaining missions among them. We have been doing a good work for that republic, and we have not hurt them at all, but have done them a great deal of good; and that was the desire, I am sure, of the leading men of their nation. The Lord will bless those who have befriended our people and those who do befriend them hereafter. The Lord will bless us my brethren and sisters, in being anxiously engaged in this good cause. The Latter-day Saints who do not return to Mexico shall not feel that they are imposing on their kindred and friends, but that the latch string is out, or the door is open, and they are welcome to come and fare and share, with us until they can get on their feet, and it will not be a long time for them to do it. They are the right kind of element.

I pray the Lord to bless you, my brethren and sisters. Let us remember the injunction of this text and be constantly, anxiously and earnestly engaged in a good cause, and bring to pass much righteousness every day of our lives, and the Lord will bless and sustain us, and

preserve and redeem us, and make us eminently successful among the children of men. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and keep us faithful, and help us to endure in His service while we live in the flesh, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ELDER HEBER J. GRANT.

Diligence in preaching the Gospel increases faith of the preachers.—Unison in proclaiming Gospel truths.—The true Latter-day Saint an exemplar of every virtue.—Cheerful giving of time and means to God's work.

I am happy in having the opportunity of again meeting with the Latter-day Saints in general conference. I have thoroughly enjoyed my labors during the past six months in traveling among the different stakes of Zion, and in visiting two of the missions in the east. I rejoice in finding the Latter-day Saints, who are faithful and diligent in serving the Lord, growing in the light and knowledge of the gospel, growing in a love of the truth and in a determination to do all in their power for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. I am very happy in contemplating the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ brings peace, joy and happiness to every soul who embraces it, and who lives it. I rejoice in the fact that the more we do in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the more we love the truth, the stronger is our faith, the more perfect and absolute is our testimony regarding the divinity of this work.

To me one of the greatest of all the great testimonies of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged is the fact that all those who

go out to proclaim it, and who live virtuous and upright lives, return to us with a burning testimony of this work, and bear witness to those at home that the most profitable and the happiest time of their lives has been while they have been proclaiming the truth. The Spirit of the Lord accompanies the elders. God blesses those who go forth to preach this gospel. If this gospel were not the truth, honest, prayerful, diligent, humble men would discover that fact, but I have yet to hear of one man in all the eighty odd years that this gospel has been preached, who has gone forth to proclaim it and who has been a diligent, faithful man, who has returned and announced that he has discovered that they have the gospel of Christ in some other land or some other clime. But I have heard of thousands who have studied other gospels, tens of thousands; I have known many who have been members of many different denominations, who never found peace and joy and perfect contentment until they embraced the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a very difficult thing to undertake to tell a lie and to maintain it. A writer in a book entitled "The Power of Truth" says that lies are fearsome things, and that they have to travel in battalions, that they are like a lot of drunken men, one holding up the other. But, he says, truth can stand alone, it needs no chaperone; and this is true.

This gospel of Jesus Christ has been taught during the past eighty odd years, and all of those who have gone forth to proclaim it have taught the one and the same gospel. There has been no schism, there has been no disagreement. There has been nothing but an increase of

faith and a love of the truth that has come to those who have gone forth in humility to spread this gospel of Jesus Christ. It is in very deed the power of God unto salvation, and the people know it, and the people love the truth. Whenever I go among them, whenever the Lord blesses me with liberty to preach this gospel to the people, I can see in their countenances that they rejoice in the witness of the Spirit; that they drink in the words that are given to them; and after meetings, and people shake hands with you, you feel that there is a determination in their hearts to serve God and keep His commandments.

The Latter-day Saints do in very deed thank God for a prophet to guide them in these latter days. The Latter-day Saints do enjoy singing the song by Brother John Jaques, "O Say What Is Truth?" They rejoice in this gospel and all the teachings of it in the scriptures and in the inspired hymns that we have received. I rejoice in it beyond my power to tell. I enjoy mingling among the Latter-day Saints. I enjoy visiting the households of the Latter-day Saints and conversing with them, and I want to bear my testimony, in connection with that of the others which have been borne, that there are no better people in any land or in any clime. There are no more honest people than the Latter-day Saints. The business integrity of every true Latter-day Saint is perfect. No man who is a Latter-day Saint but what is living a virtuous, upright, honest and a true life. No matter what may be said against an individual, it has no effect upon that individual if it is false, and no man can say that any man who lives up to the

teachings of the gospel of Jesus Christ, but what that man is a good citizen, that he is a good man, that he desires the welfare of his fellow men, and that his example is above reproach.

I believe that the Latter-day Saints are endeavoring to live up to the teachings of the Savior. I believe that they follow more perfectly the admonitions of the Savior in His sermon upon the mount than any other people. I believe that there is a living, vital force among the people which cannot be found elsewhere. I not only believe this, but I know it. Where are there any other people who make the same sacrifices, that is, sacrifices in the eyes of the world? You and I cannot make any sacrifice for this gospel. Life eternal is the greatest of all of the gifts of God to man, therefore there is no labor that can be required of us whereby we can gain this greatest of all God's blessings, that can be called a sacrifice. It is a privilege for us to learn the lessons that devolve upon us. I thank God for the privilege of paying tithing. I rejoice in having the opportunity of showing my gratitude to my Heavenly Father for His mercies to me. I thank the Lord for the opportunity of contributing of the means that come to me for the erection of meeting-houses, of school-houses, of temples, and for the opportunity of going forth to proclaim this gospel.

I have been suffering for several days with a slight cold, and I find that I am rasping my throat. I have pitched my voice a little bit too high, therefore I will close my remarks, by praying God to bless you. I know that God lives. I know that Jesus is the Christ. I know that Joseph Smith is a prophet of the

true and the living God, and that we have the truth; and I know that Joseph F. Smith is the prophet of God, and that the inspiration of God guides him. May the Latter-day Saints be loyal and true, I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Miss Josie Hinckley sang a soprano solo, entitled, "Jesus, Our Savior."

ELDER REED SMOOT.

Great influence of music in religious and secular affairs.—Remarkable effects of the hymn, "O, My Father."—Advice to shun all get-rich-quick propositions.—Smokers, drinkers, and immoral men unfit for responsible positions.

In a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph Smith in July, 1830, the Lord, in speaking to Joseph's wife, Emma, said: "For my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads."

I could not help but think of this part of the revelation in listening to the beautiful hymns that have been sung during this conference. I believe that we can worship in song as acceptably to Him as in any other way. In reading the history of the world we find that music has been conspicuous, in all ages and among all nations. There are but few religious denominations that do not avail themselves of the sweet influence of music. It is not only a custom to worship God by singing His praises in song, but we find the power of music manifest in almost all the great affairs in life. It is made use of to encourage and inspire men in battle. It is depended upon on occasions when there is