

face to face, when often members of his own party seemed in doubt, and many of them so far forgetting themselves that they came to him, with tears in their eyes, and with trembling voice, and said:

"Lincoln, you must stop the war, even if you break the Union."

Lincoln replied: "Never, while life is in me, will I surrender to those who would disrupt this glorious nation of ours;" and he maintained the cause of the Union through all those years of trial. When he had completed his task, the Union, the beautiful "palace" that he had established and maintained, the glorious Union of this glorious country was established more firmly than ever before; for the scourge of slavery was taken entirely from its institutions, and none but freemen occupied the soil of the United States. So he had builded the palace with beautiful marble pillars, for his countrymen and for his loved ones. Sacrifice seems to have been the law of those great hearts who have been the ministers of the world, who have produced results that have saved the world from time to time. As Lincoln's mother said, on one occasion, when he inquired why the Indians had been permitted to destroy a village in which his grandfather lived, and to scalp his grandfather and take his life: "Boy, you must know that there never was a country worth having, that there never was a cause worth fighting for, that did not cost the best blood of those who defended it." Sacrifice so begun and accentuated more fully in other great men's lives!

President Grant informs me that the time is up. I testify to you that "Mormonism" is true; that our Leaders are directing the affairs of this Church, according to the mind and will of the Lord. God bless you. Amen.

### ELDER BRIGHAM H. ROBERTS

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

*My brethren and sisters:* If I could do so, without being misunderstood, I would be very happy and more than pleased to yield my time to my brethren who are to follow. That, however, would be misconstrued; and so, responding to the wish of President Grant, who is conducting this conference I am sure, by the inspiration of the Lord that is in him, I desire to say, and am thankful for the opportunity of saying it, that I believe in God the Eternal Father, as the creating and sustaining power of the universe. I believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, as the Redeemer of men. I believe in the Holy Ghost as the witness of the existence, and power, and majesty and might of the Father; and the witness also to the redeeming power of the Christ. I believe that these Three constitute the one Godhead of our universe, and that there proceeds forth from their presence the spirit that carries the power and attributes of God—wisdom, holiness, majesty, justice and mercy—throughout the immensity of space; and that it is possible for men to live and move and have their being in that holy Presence. I believe in the new dispensation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these our own times; that Joseph Smith was a

prophet inspired of God to establish—no, re-establish— his Church upon the earth, no more to be thrown down, forever; and as the years multiply upon my head a knowledge of these great truths increase in their emphasis in my soul. "Time but the impression deeper makes, As streams their channels deeper wear." To this I bear witness in your presence, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

I presume there are very few who are here present who are not aware of the fact that I was born in these valleys of the mountains. Have I not given evidence to the Latter-day Saints of this Church, during the twenty-seven years of my ministry? Have I not been frank and honest and clear in my statements, and have I felt any doubt in your minds that I do not believe and am not honest and truthful and believe with all my heart and with all my soul that God is the Father? I may not have a perfect and true conception of God, but I love God; I love him for his perfection; I love him for his mercy; I love him for his justice; and notwithstanding my many weaknesses I am not afraid to meet him. For I know that he will deal justly by me; and the great joy I will have is that he will understand me and that is more than some of you have been able to do. (Laughter.) I believe with the same love and faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world I believe that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God, and there is no man living who reads the things that God has revealed through the Prophet, and the sayings of the Prophet with more joy and more satisfaction and more happiness than I have in reading of the Prophet of God. My father breathed it into my very soul, and I thank God that I am a son of one of God's servants, and that no man can place a finger or make a statement that he did not uphold the Prophet of God, not only Joseph Smith but Brigham Young, and all the others who labored in the Church. Now, friends, if you are in any doubt about my standing in the Church and any of you want to question my loyalty and patriotism you can get a row any time you want it. (Laughter)

I sustain President Grant. When he became President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints I told him I sustained him with my full faith and confidence; and that is the best I can do. I propose to stand behind him and his counselors and the Twelve apostles. As I told an apostle once: "If God Almighty puts a child in the Council of the Twelve, and he will give me enough of his Spirit, I will sustain him. I pray the Lord to bless you. Amen.

### ELDER RULON S. WELLS

(Of the First Council of Seventy.)

I find myself in full and happy accord with the spirit of this conference and the utterances that have been made from this stand. I