

truth of the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, including a knowledge of the truth of the blessed atonement, by which the mercy of God is introduced into the economy of God with reference to the human race, making forgiveness of sin possible, and man's fellowship with God a reality through the ordinances of the gospel. I know that these things are true, for God has given me the witness of them. Looking back over my life, I may say to you, though I may at times and in part have wandered from God, that is, I may have displeased him by the manifestation of my human weakness and imperfections, yet God in his mercy has never left me; and I can speak of and rejoice in the fellowship of God today, and in the clearness of the knowledge of God and of these great doctrines of the gospel, I have referred to, with all my soul. I know that God lives; that Jesus is the Christ; that the gospel is true; that his Church is established, no more to be destroyed; that the elements of preservation and continuity are in it, and will continue, and it will enlarge; it will grow stronger; its foundations are laid broad and deep, and it will remain in the earth to function for God in the work of salvation for the children of men, its glory increasing, its power enlarging, until it shall deliver such a message to this world for God, that it will lead to the redemption of the human race. In these things, my brethren, I rejoice with you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ELDER LEVI EDGAR YOUNG

(Of the First Council of Seventy)

*University of Utah, April 6, 1920*

*President Heber J. Grant,  
Salt Lake City.*

*My dear President Grant:*—I have been called this morning to attend an important meeting of the Board of the State Industrial School at Ogden. I am compelled, therefore, to ask to be excused from the sessions of the conference today. I regret this very much, for I was anxious to attend the meetings, particularly on this sixth day of April.

The general theme of this conference has been a spiritual uplift to me. As the days and years add to my little knowledge of life, the beauty of the gospel of Jesus Christ grows. The vision of God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ to the boy Joseph Smith in the spring of 1820 is the one event that has ushered in a new period of the world's history. Ancient days were then left behind, and modern days began. It was the most natural thing in the world for God to reveal himself to a child whose mind was pure and who had not learned the theories of philosophy of that day. I look upon Joseph Smith as the greatest prophet of all history, for his was the work of the greatest age of man's development since the fall of Adam.

May we all go forward with the testimony ringing in our hearts that Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of the world; that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God; that the Priesthood of God has been restored; that the Book of Mormon is a record of the fathers of the American

Indian preserved to us for this age by the power of God; and that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been established by the divine power of the Lord.

May we turn to the glorious doctrines of the resurrection, and give our hearts to God, that he may give us life everlasting. May we each day have God's holy blessing, to perform the duties of the hour. As we stand before the ever-increasing responsibilities of life, may God make us humble before them. May we all seek in our hearts and minds the Divine Guidance, that we may learn the path of larger service and wider usefulness. May we serve the Master by serving his children.

I trust, President Grant, that the day may be happy for you and for all assembled in divine worship. My heart is ever with you in the work of the Lord.

Sincerely your brother,

LEVI EDGAR YOUNG.

### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

Announced that there were 20 minutes of time left and that he desired to hear from four brethren of the authorities who had not yet spoken at the conference:

### ELDER DAVID A. SMITH

(Of the Presiding Bishopric of the Church)

I thought while our Patriarch was talking that he had one advantage over me, in that this was not the first time he has been called upon to face such a congregation. Sunday, President Penrose stated that he approached the task of speaking with grave concern. I tried to imagine what my feelings would be if I should be called upon to occupy this position. I can now assure you that my imagination paints a very poor picture.

I rejoice, my brethren and sisters, in the opportunity I have had of attending this conference and of hearing the testimonies that have been borne to us, and I bear witness to you, this day, that I approve of all that has been said, that in my heart it finds a lodging place. It is not difficult for me to know in my soul that Joseph Smith did, in very deed, see the Father and the Son. It is not difficult for me to understand that he did, under the hands of Peter, James and John, receive the holy Priesthood. You might say, How do you know? I find an answer to that when I am called upon to act under the authority of the Priesthood which has been conferred upon me, and I lay my hands upon the heads of the sick and bless them by that authority, commanding disease to depart and health to be restored, and I see the blessing almost instantly fulfilled. I then know whence that power comes, for I have no right in and of myself to cast out disease. When I exercise the right which has come to me through the Priesthood to act for God, who acknowledges that right, it is not difficult for me to understand these things.

Some time ago we had a brother come from the islands, away