

be blotted out until he repent and reward thee four fold in all things wherewith he has trespassed against thee.

Some of us are less tolerant with our brethren than the custodians of the law are with the condemned criminal. In the first place, he is not convicted until either eight men or twelve men after hearing all the evidence, and arguments and instructions, have an abiding conviction to a moral certainty that he is guilty. Then, when he is imprisoned in modern times, he is treated as a human being, and not as an unforgivable outlaw. These are some of the facts developed by our social committee in the recent course of instruction at Provo. They found that the old regime of punishment is being done away with, and that men are treated as human beings in our penal institutions; that some offenses that used to be severely punished—the taking of a piece of bread from the table or the indulgence in conversation at the table, are no longer made punishable and the men, as they go to their work now, go singing and joyous with the humane treatment and the hope they have of redeeming themselves. They are not escorted to their road-work by an armed guard as formerly, but by an unarmed foreman. When these men are strengthened by their custodians, by conversation, by exhortations and by the fair treatment they receive, they are reformed and graduated. They look upon the prison as a school graduate does upon his Alma Mater, and they write back kind letters of appreciation for the consideration shown them and for the opportunity given to redeem themselves. The thought is that surely we can be as generous and as charitable to our brethren and to our sisters as the law is, and as the custodians of the law are, to those whom they may have in hand for correction.

May the Lord bless the proceedings of this conference and may we all be able "to strengthen our brethren in all our conversation and in all our prayers, and in all our exhortations and in all our doings," is my prayer, and I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ELDER LEVI EDGAR YOUNG

(Of the First Council of Seventy)

I have been interested in everything that has been said at this conference. May we all give our faith and prayers to the work of the Church in the missionary field of all the world, for the gospel of Jesus Christ must be taught to the children of God in every nation and clime. We have heard the humble testimony of Elder Serge Ballif who is leaving for Germany and Switzerland to preside over that great mission. Brother Ballif is a man of few words but wonderful spirituality, and he will do a good work in spreading the word of the Lord in Europe. I had the honor and pleasure at one time of presiding over the Swiss and German mission, and I want to add my testimony here that those Germanic peoples will accept the truth,

for they are intelligent and have developed a wonderful civilization. The German people of the Empire of Germany will rise and accept freedom and truth and be saved. They are a good people, those Germans, and we as the Church of Christ as well as the government of the United States must approach them with the spirit of love and not of revenge and hate. No lasting peace can come to this world until a *peace* is based on the love of God for all peoples.

I remember going once to the home of a German peasant in the little city of Gotha, when a man opened the door and went to strike me with a hammer. I turned to him and said: "Please read this little tract. It is the word of God to his children in these last days." He lowered his hammer, took the tract, and looked at the cover. I said to him: "Come, let us pray to God to help us see the truth as contained in this book." We knelt down together and prayed, and today, that man who received me in anger, is now a member of the Church, and is here in Zion. Love conquered him. Those German people are the children of God, and they must hear us in the Spirit of God's love.

This has been a conference of good and mighty words inspired of the Lord. The subject of thrift and industry; of government and learning; and the divinity of the family life as well as the sanctity of the Church of Christ, all have been spoken about with great power. These are the institutions of civilization, and we as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stand for them in all their meaning to life. The great central theme of this conference, however, has been *to know God and to keep his commandments*. But we cannot know him without the spirit of love; for now abideth faith, hope, love—these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Let us stand for God and his work. He has spoken to us; he has made himself known. His prophets are upon the earth today. The great work is being carried on. Let us place our faith in him as never before, and go forth hand in hand, and heart to heart toward the perfect day which God is preparing for his children. Amen.

#### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

Presented the General Authorities and officers of the Auxiliary organizations of the Church, who were voted upon, and unanimously sustained as follows:

##### GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH

*First Presidency:* Heber J. Grant, Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.  
 Anthon H. Lund, First Counselor in the First Presidency.  
 Charles W. Penrose, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.  
*President of the Council of Twelve Apostles:* Anthon H. Lund.