

Prophet Joseph Smith was a prophet in very deed, the descendant of Joseph who was sold into Egypt, through the lineage of Ephraim, a promised vessel in the hands of the Lord; and that those who have succeeded him in the advancement and progress of the Church have also been inspired and blessed as chosen vessels in the hands of the Lord. I am very grateful for the testimony I have of the divinity of this work. I pray the Lord's blessing upon those who carry responsibility in the work entrusted to them,—President Grant and his associates, the General Authorities, you men and women who are laboring throughout the stakes and wards, in the Church schools and in the temples, also the brethren and sisters who are laboring in the mission field. I pray God's blessings upon you all and upon the entire Church and its membership and those who befriend it,—the honest in heart and the worthy throughout the world. May God's blessings go with you to your homes, and help you to serve the Lord and keep his commandments, and help to bring about his holy purposes, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

One of the regrets that we nearly always have in our conferences is that we do not seem to have quite time enough to hear from all of those whom we would like to hear. As you will see by the clock there are only twenty minutes left and we have yet four speakers. We will ask Brothers Charles H. Hart and J. Golden Kimball to occupy fifteen minutes between them, and we shall not have time to hear the others.

ELDER CHARLES H. HART

*Of the First Council of Seventy and President of the
Canadian Mission*

While traveling through the State of Vermont, last summer, territory newly added to the Canadian mission, while visiting the granite works at Barre, Vermont, my attention was called to an issue of *The Granite Cutter's Journal*, published in Quincy, Massachusetts, containing a splendid article entitled "The Mormon Battalion Monument", illustrated by four full pages of photographs of the monument. The editor said that one look at the photographs of the monument and he "realized that a single view of it would not be sufficient to bring out its great merit;" therefore all four photographs were reproduced.

A letter from the Secretary of the American Granite Association was quoted in part as follows:

"I think the monument is one of the finest things that has ever come to our attention in this office. It is strikingly original in the matter of design, and the photographs show that the carving around the base is executed with unusual delicacy and accuracy. Insofar as the photograph shows, I do not believe that there is another piece of granite carving anywhere in the country done in such delicate detail unless it is the Robert Burns Monument in Barre, Vermont."

The secretary stated that the Salt Lake monument is good proof of the fact "that anything that can be carved in marble can be carved in granite if it is seamed, designed and executed with proper knowledge of the cutting of granite." He then presented descriptive matter as to each panel. As to the panel "The Enlistment," the article states:

"Upon the north side of the monument is shown 'The Enlistment' of the Mormon Battalion under the flag of the United States of America. Dominating this scene is the central figure representing the eager, fearless and aggressive spirit of youth. A prominent feature of the scene is a portrait of Brigham Young in high relief. Captain James Allen is shown in the background, as are also the youths grouped around the enlistment table. This is the scene of farewell, which sentiment is expressed in all of its poignancy in the grief of the lover, and in the parting of the volunteer with his wife and children."

Then there is presented other descriptions and the inscriptions also upon the monument.

Inasmuch as it became my duty under the appointment of his Excellency, the Governor, and two of his predecessors, to share with others particularly in the raising of the last twelve or fifteen thousand dollars that had to be obtained by popular subscription, and inasmuch as I have never had the opportunity before of expressing my thanks to those people who so generously came to the support of the committee at that time, although I realize that this was purely a civic enterprise, I am wondering whether it would not be in place to extend thanks to the many thousands that I know are within the sound of my voice, for their response to the requests by telephone and personal appeal for the raising of these last thousands.

In passing through the city of Chicago the other day I was reminded of our M. I. A. slogan, "We stand for law, for the people who live it, and for the officers who enforce it." At Springfield, Illinois, there appeared before the judiciary committee the noted criminal lawyer, Mr. Clarence S. Darrow, in opposition to a bill which had been sponsored by the Advisory Council of Chicago, and by the Bar Association of Chicago. Mr. Darrow received about the same cordial reception at the hands of State Senator Roy C. Woods and Judge Harry M. Fisher of the Circuit Court of Chicago, that Goliath of Gath received at the hands of the shepherd boy David. Bishop Whitney has asked the question—some of you may have heard it—"Why was Goliath surprised at the sling-shot thrown by David?" and the answer was, "Because nothing of that kind had ever entered his head before." (Laughter.) I am sure that this modern Philistine received a salutary lesson from the reception which he received at Springfield the other day.

Judge Fisher said that the criminal situation in Chicago is due to the "continuous vilification of our courts; to the impotence of those courts under our law that has led to a belief among the criminal element that it may safely come to Chicago and practice its business and escape punishment."

I wish that the sentiment of the M. I. A. slogan recited in concert

in the Church during the past six months, pledging support in sustaining law might be recited in concert not only by our members and others in the State of Illinois, but elsewhere throughout the country.

The work in the Canadian mission is going forward in a way that cultivates the faith of our missionaries. I thought of them as the combined choirs sang so beautifully this afternoon in reference to the messengers who bring the gospel of peace. When major operations were necessary our missionaries have gone to the operating table with calmness and with a faith that has been surprising to the attendants. They have been diligent in circulating the Book of Mormon. One elder just wrote me that he put out forty-five copies in two days, and he gave to each of the state officials of one state a copy of the Book of Mormon. The elders have been very free in presenting their testimony of the Gospel to ministers, school teachers, and other leading people. Hundreds of intelligent people in one province are said to be now ready to listen to the Gospel if we had missionaries to bear that word to them. Our missionaries are very few in number in that province.

May the Lord bless us, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL

Of the First Council of Seventy

I often tell a story when called up to speak just as we are about to close the meeting, which happens to me occasionally.

A little fellow was sick and he went to the doctor who was a herbalist. The doctor gave him four herbs and told him to boil them in a quart of water and drink it all. The little fellow said: "I can't. I only hold a pint." I am wondering how much you people hold?

I have enjoyed the conference. I have not had much peace here for a considerable length of time. The President has been calling people up from all around me.

I trust, my brethren and sisters, that in the few words I speak I may be able to impress the people of this Church with the fact, as I am quite sure I have done in the past, that I am frank and honest and sincere in my faith as a Latter-day Saint.

I believe all that has been revealed. I have no doubt whatsoever of the truth of this work. I have gone out like others have done, and have found God, and God has answered my prayers: I have heard that still small voice, and I have an assurance, and as much knowledge as has been given to me by the influence of the Holy Spirit, that this is God's work.

I pray the Lord to bless the people. I have no grievance. No man can ever be treated better than I have been. If I have been corrected once or twice it has done me more good than anything else that has happened to me. The Lord bless you. Amen.