

our homes in such a way that our children will have confidence in our teaching. We must feel that no effort is too great to teach our children that there is a Father in heaven, and that he does hear our prayers. Let us make it a real event in our family when a child is blessed or baptized. Make our little boys understand the importance and responsibility of being ordained to the priesthood. We know the truth that has been given to us, and that it is only through our earnest efforts and our prayers that this message can be carried to the world that all may rejoice.

I thank my Heavenly Father for membership in this Church. I thank him that I have a testimony that he has spoken through the Prophet Joseph Smith. I thank him for the leaders we have; for those fine men holding the priesthood of the living God, who recognize women and who help them to accomplish what our Heavenly Father wishes them to do.

I pray that we shall carry the spirit of this glorious conference to our homes, and that the whole Church and the whole world will be lifted up and blessed through this rich outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord. I ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SISTER RUTH MAY FOX

President of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association

My dear brethren and sisters: I surely stand before you at this moment as one of the least in the kingdom of heaven. To think that this day should ever come to me that I should be asked to speak at this great Centennial Conference is marvelous to me.

The trend of the remarks in this conference seems to be the recalling of things of the past. I wonder if I shall be forgiven if I tell you I was born in one of the factory districts of England, that if my father had not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ I might have been there yet. Perhaps through my days I might have been working in the factory, as many married women did, striving to get food for my children. I might have had a husband who was not converted to prohibition.

I might tell you that my mother died when I was a tiny baby; that I lived here and there, with any good sister that my father could prevail upon to take care of me; that when we crossed the plains two families co-operated in one wagon, fourteen members in all. But we came with faith.

As a little girl I came feeling that if I could look on the face of President Brigham Young it was all the blessing I would ask. I might tell you that when I was married I felt if the Lord would give me enough bread and molasses to feed my children I should be content. For the benefit of the youth of Israel I will say that if President Young had asked me to abstain from eating any particular kind of food or drink—I used to say if he had asked me to eat mush and milk all my days—I would have done it. That was because faith had been implanted in my heart by my father.

And so I am reminded of the words I have heard President Nibley say, "I do not forget the pit from which I was dug." I need not bear testimony in words. My whole life is a testimony to me that this is the work of God, and that God fulfils his promises and loves his children. If they will but walk in his paths they will be blessed forever.

I desire to thank President Grant and the Authorities of the Church for this great blessing that has come to me. I desire to pledge to them my allegiance and my loyalty, and if it is not too strong to say, even to the death; for the Gospel of Jesus Christ has always been the greatest thing in the world to me.

Naturally I am interested in the youth of Israel, and, oh, if I had the voice of an angel, as has been quoted here at this conference, if I could only tell every young man and young woman what it means to *try* to be a Latter-day Saint, I would be so happy in doing it. I do pray that the blessings of the Lord will rest upon the fathers and mothers, the guardians and teachers of the youth throughout the Church. Oh, may they live the Gospel and set such an example before their children that they, the children, will delight to follow them. May God bless the youth of Israel that faith may grow and increase in their hearts, that Zion may rise and shine, as God has promised, and I ask it in the name of his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SISTER MAY ANDERSON

President of the Primary Association

It is with great humility and yet with great pride that I stand before you today to represent the great army of the future, the children of the Latter-day Saints, and to say to President Grant, as his representative, that I appreciate this honor beyond all words in my power to express.

The future lies before the great army of boys and girls of the Primary Association, numbering as President Grant has said, more than one hundred thousand.

I was tremendously interested in the remarks of Brother Lyman, and as he talked I wondered if Dr. Carver comprehended the beauty of the work that is being done through the auxiliary organizations of the Church. I wondered if he knew of the thousands of women of the type such as he describes us to be who stand back of the General Authorities of the Church as helpers and aids in promoting in the world the establishment of the Gospel of Christ.

The General Board of the Primary Association feels it is bound in honor to provide for the boys and girls of the Church the highest possible type of religious and moral education. We are the Religion Class of the Church, the class that is striving to put into the hearts of the boys and girls a feeling of love, a feeling of joy, a knowledge and understanding of their opportunities, that they in this organization may have every possible opportunity to begin in their early years to learn the grace and virtue of service. It is the hope of the General Board