

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

that the programs of the Primary Association will give every boy and girl an opportunity and a real chance to grow in service to the Church. We are trying to help them by producing such plans as will make the opportunity a real one, and as a General Board we are pledged to the Church in every possible way to provide a program which will promote a magnificent future for the Church of Jesus Christ. I pray that God will bless us in this effort and give us wisdom and understanding, that we may go forward to make the future as glorious as this conference has told us of the past.

I must bear my testimony in concluding and say to you that I know the Gospel is true. My testimony is my greatest treasure, and that every boy and girl may have the same blessing I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I am delighted to say that we have associated with us in our Religion Class work, and as our Church Commissioner of Education, a son of one of the loyal, true, faithful Latter-day Saints who was a member of the Council of the Twelve, Brother Joseph F. Merrill, a worthy son of a worthy father. We shall now hear from him.

ELDER JOSEPH F. MERRILL

Commissioner of Education

My brethren and sisters: Unlike nearly all who have spoken, this call to address you is wholly unexpected to me.

May I say that I too rejoice at the opportunity of witnessing what we have beheld since this great conference began. Many thoughts have passed through my mind as they have through yours. I have heard the brethren this morning speak of some of the evidences of this work. Those evidences have of course appealed to you, and there are others perhaps that appeal to you, that have not been mentioned.

It is written in Joel 2:28 that the Spirit of God would be poured out upon all flesh. Elder Whitney has said this morning that we live in a marvelous age. Our poetic prophet, Parley P. Pratt, sang in the first hymn that is published in the hymn book, of the marvelous days that were about to be opened up.

I wonder if there has been any evidence in what has transpired in the past one hundred years that bears testimony to the fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel that the Spirit of God would be poured out upon all flesh. In that super-excellent address of the First Presidency that was read by President Grant at the opening of this conference, an outline of the marvelous developments of the century was made. These developments have been referred to by other speakers of this conference as witnesses of the fact that the Spirit of God has been poured out upon all flesh, and I doubt that even Parley P. Pratt foresaw the glorious effulgence of this day of which he sung.

Is this work divine? May I say to you that we believe of all the