

challenge to us to analyze ourselves and find if we are meeting the requirements.

Attention has been called most forcibly by speakers in this Conference to the disregard of law by the people of the United States. This should be the concern of every mother, and she should ask wherein she can help correct this situation.

A simple suggestion would be to avoid criticism of any person in authority, either civil or religious, before our children. It is an easy matter to cause distrust in their minds. They have not the philosophy to reason things out and the world is insecure to them. Unfortunately when we break down the confidence of our children in those holding authority, it is not long before the advice of parents is questioned.

The cause of prohibition, in which we are so interested, is often weakened by the comments made in the home. If a parent, in whom the child has confidence, criticizes an enforcement officer or expresses the opinion that the law can never be enforced, the effect it must have on young people is soon apparent. We must remember that the men and women of the future will be only as strong as we help our boys and girls to be in our homes.

Speaking of prohibition, only last summer I heard the Commissioner of Education of Idaho, speaking in defense of prohibition, declare that it is a mistake to say there is more drinking among business men now than formerly. He referred to a group of Union Pacific men who met in Nebraska less than twenty years ago, and before the first evening was over there were few men who had not been drinking. Approximately this same group met in Denver within the last two years. Mr. Gray, the president, heard there were four men who were drinking. He found them, put them on the train and sent them home, dismissed from the company.

I have a testimony that this is the Church of God, that the Prophet Joseph Smith really did have his mission given him by our Father in heaven. May all mothers have the Spirit of God to be with them that they may never say anything unlovely or unworthy! May we, as Latter-day Saint mothers, ever be true to the covenants we have made, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SISTER RUTH MAY FOX

*President of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association*

My brethren and sisters, last Sunday evening I attended a missionary farewell. The young man was quite bashful and while he was getting up he heard a dog bark on the outside. So he opened his remarks by saying, "How I envy that dog!"

I have been feeling that to be in a comfortable chair by the radio at home would be a very happy condition. However I realize that I am not standing before you because of any merit of my own, but I am here to represent my counselors and the young ladies of my board and

about twelve thousand splendid officers in the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association.

I am very proud and happy to stand here and represent them. In that capacity I would like to remind the audience that one of the books on our reading course this year is "The Life of the Prophet Joseph Smith," written by our late Brother George Q. Cannon. We feel sure that if you will read it and encourage your family to read it your sympathies will be renewed for the founders of this Church and your faith will be increased.

This morning as I sat in this great congregation I felt that it was a very great privilege and blessing to be one of the ten thousand who were here assembled. I testify to you that the words that have fallen from the lips of the brethren who have spoken from this stand have been verily the words of God, given to us by the voice of his servants, and so I think I cannot do better than to remind you of the Savior's words when he said:

"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock;

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock.

"And everyone that heareth of these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand;

"And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

My brethren and sisters, you and I are building our houses upon the rock. May God help us to build them so strong that no matter how hard the winds may blow or the rains descend our houses shall never fall. God grant it in the name of Jesus, Amen.

### SISTER MAY ANDERSON

*General Superintendent of the Primary Association*

This splendid Conference would not be entirely complete without reporting that the children of this Church are being cared for, that the children's organization, the Primary Association, has about one hundred thousand members, with about ten thousand women who are all striving to help in the work of prevention rather than the work of cure.

The Church asks us to teach the children the principles of the Gospel, to take care of their leisure time activities, and to bear in mind that every boy and girl born in the Church has the right to a strong body, that he and she may make their way in the world as fairly as possible.

For the religious instruction we are using the Articles of our Faith, and we think it the greatest code of moral conduct that was ever produced. As we are using it we shall probably send into the homes of the people of the Church thousands of little cards bearing the Articles of Faith.

For the supervision of the leisure time activities of the children