

There never was more to do. Surely there is a famine in the land. There has probably never been a time when there was more money or more food produced, or more clothing manufactured, than at the present time in this land of America. But there is a great famine, not for bread nor for water, but for the hearing of the word of God. Elders are needed everywhere. The missionaries are working hard and doing perhaps twice the amount of work that ever was done before. We need more missionaries. We have but sixty-eight in the Central States Mission, which is one of the very oldest missions of the Church. We wish that more could come, but we will have to leave that in the hands of the Lord and with those in authority.

I endorse all that has been said in regard to the strength of the leadership of our Church. It is the Church of God in the earth. It will win, it will lead, because God our eternal Father has not forsaken it, and the power of his Spirit has been felt among our leaders, as each president has come and gone. And this Spirit has been with the membership, too, as is evidenced in the testimonies they have borne in all parts of the world, from the inception of the work until now.

I pray our Father's blessings upon us in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I asked all the Mission Presidents who have just addressed us, with the exception of Brother Moyle, to occupy only ten minutes each. Every one of them complied with my request. They spoke from three and a half to eight and a half minutes each, and for the first time in four or five years there is a little spare time at the closing session of Conference.

#### GEMS FROM THE DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS

I felt impressed that the splendid things contained in Section 88 of the Doctrine and Covenants ought to come before this Conference. I had several passages copied and intended to read them, but I was very pleased to hear nearly every word of them quoted by Brother Rulon S. Wells. There is, however, in that section something further which I think it well to read to you:

"For intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence; wisdom receiveth wisdom; truth embraceth truth; virtue loveth virtue; light cleaveth unto light; mercy hath compassion on mercy and claimeth her own; justice continueth its course and claimeth its own; judgment goeth before the face of him who sitteth upon the throne and governeth and executeth all things.

"He comprehendeth all things, and all things are before him, and all things are round about him; and he is above all things, and in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things; and all things are by him and of him, even God, forever and ever."

And this from Section 84:

"And any man that shall go and preach this gospel of the kingdom, and

fail not to continue faithful in all things, shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb, nor joint; and a hair of his head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed."

President Grant then presented the General Authorities and Officers and General Auxiliary Officers 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.

Anthony W. Ivins, First Counselor in the First Presidency.

Charles W. Nibley, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

### PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

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James E. Talmage

Stephen L. Richards

Richard R. Lyman

Melvin J. Ballard

John A. Widtsoe

### PRESIDING PATRIARCH

Hyrum G. Smith

The Counselors in the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles and the Presiding Patriarch as Prophets, Seers, and Revelators.

### TRUSTEE-IN-TRUST

Heber J. Grant

As Trustee-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### FIRST COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTY

Brigham H. Roberts

Jonathan G. Kimball

Rulon S. Wells

Joseph W. McMurrin

Charles H. Hart

Levi Edgar Young

Rey L. Pratt

### PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Sylvester Q. Cannon, Presiding Bishop

David A. Smith, First Counselor

John Wells, Second Counselor

## GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

## CHURCH HISTORIAN AND RECORDER

Joseph Fielding Smith, with the following assistants: Andrew Jenson, Brigham H. Roberts, A. William Lund.

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 with all the members of the Board as at present constituted.

## PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I rejoice exceedingly in the testimony of Brother James H. Moyle. He pleaded, oh so hard, for Brother Talmage or Brother Roberts or someone else to come to his mission and speak over the radio. We could not yield to his pleadings. We rejoice that during the last six months the Lord has seen fit to magnify the young men and the young women in the Eastern States Mission and that he has inspired and blessed them in the marvelous way he has done.

## OBEY THE LAWS OF GOD

We hear a great deal about obeying the Constitution of the United States. What is the matter with our obeying the constitution of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? What is the matter with us being honest in obeying the laws of Almighty God by paying our tithing? There are a great many people who are very active in preaching this Gospel who fail to obey it themselves. Let us obey it, and then we shall find that there is no power on earth or beneath the earth that can stop us in good works.

## LOYALTY IN PREACHING THE GOSPEL

I do not believe that one missionary in every twenty that are sent into the mission field has had previous experience in missionary work. It seems to me that there should be more loyalty in preaching the Gospel than exists at the present time. I remember that when I was a young man the Church did not send boys on missions as it has to do today, but men of experience made sacrifices to go into the mission field. Men laid down almost anything that they were doing when the call came to go upon a mission. But now, if there is any excuse under heaven that we can make to stay home many of us are staying.

I want to endorse all that has been said that is calculated in its nature to inspire the leading men of this Church, all over the Church, and the members, to make sacrifices and prepare themselves to proclaim the Gospel.

#### THE BEST CONFERENCE

I am very happy indeed over all that has been said and done in this Conference. I pray earnestly and sincerely that the Lord will sanctify to our blessing all that we have heard. I rejoice in the fact that I have heard on all sides as far back as I can remember, "Well, we have had the finest Conference ever." It shows that the people have the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that when they are fed the bread of life their hearts are warmed. Tears of gratitude come into their eyes for the authority of the living God, for the power that comes to the people, and it does seem as though the last Conference is always the best.

May God help us each and all to live in such way and manner that his Spirit may be our constant guide and companion, I ask in the name of Jesus and in the authority of the priesthood of the living God that I hold. May God bless the people; may he bless the General, the Stake and the Ward authorities and the officers of the auxiliary organizations throughout the Church. May he bless the missionaries at home and abroad, and may he inspire the people to do missionary work.

#### TO WARN OUR NEIGHBORS

I would like to call the attention of President Joseph W. McMurrin to the fact that there are three Stakes of Zion in California, that there are residing in California today probably twenty thousand members of the Church. We should remember that the Lord has told us that it is our duty to warn our neighbors and to preach this Gospel—that duty is upon all of us—we should be missionaries. There are very many men in the Church who are devoting nearly all their time outside of their daily vocations in an endeavor to bring people to a knowledge of the Gospel, although they have not been called upon missions. There are some of our Bishops who not only do their duty in their Wards, but when they find someone whom they can interest in the Gospel they preach it to him. I think one of the best preachers I have known ever since he came home from his mission as a young man is Bishop Thomas A. Clawson of the Eighteenth Ward. He is zealous in keeping his returned missionaries at work.

Let us all realize that this work belongs to each and every one of us, and let us do all in our power for its advancement.

#### "THE SONG OF THE HEART"

May the Lord bless our singers, not only those who belong to this great tabernacle choir, but our singers throughout the entire Church. There is no other people in the world who take greater interest in music, in singing, and in advancement along those lines than do the

Latter-day Saints. Why? Because we realize that the Lord has given a revelation wherein he has said that his soul delighteth in the song of the heart, that it is a prayer unto him, and that it shall be answered with a blessing upon our heads. Let us remember the kind of songs the Lord likes, songs with the Gospel in them. I have gone to conferences where I have heard three or four anthems, with the words of which I could not agree. They were sung to good music but they were not good doctrine.

May the Lord guide us by the unerring counsels of his Spirit, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Amen.

The congregation sang, as a closing number, the hymn, "Come, Come, Ye Saints."

Elder John W. Hart, President of the Rigby Stake, offered the benediction.

Conference adjourned for six months.

The singing at the meetings on Sunday was conducted by B. Cecil Gates, Assistant Conductor of the Tabernacle Choir, and at the other sessions of the Conference by Edward P. Kimball.

Accompaniments and interludes were played on the great organ by Edward P. Kimball and Frank Asper.

Stenographic reports of the discourses were made by Frank W. Otterstrom and Joseph Anderson.

JOSEPH ANDERSON,  
*Clerk of the Conference.*