

TESTIMONY

I know that this is the work of the Lord, I know that this is the Church of his beloved Son, restored to the earth for the last time. I realize how serious the obligation is that rests upon us, and in bearing my testimony to you today, I do so with the feeling and desire that you may know as I know that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the living Lord. This organization effected in 1830 is for the salvation of the human family. It is the work that God intended the world to be benefited and blessed by. He has offered us the privilege of carrying that blessing to others, and that we may do our duty I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER JOHN H. TAYLOR

Of the First Council of the Seventy

I feel very appreciative, my brethren and sisters, of the blessing that has come to me, but knowing myself as I do, I feel incapable and unworthy of this blessing.

I have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From my youth up I have been taught concerning the Gospel, and while I didn't understand the full import of the Gospel message when I was young, because of the teachings of my father and mother I was able to hold to the Church and gradually find out for myself about the divine work in which we are engaged at the present time.

May I say this, too: I am very grateful to my Heavenly Father that he gave me such a good mother and such a good wife. Sometimes I think that we men think that we have accomplished great things because of ourselves, but I can bear testimony that the good things that I may have in my life, and the good things that I may have done, have been helped and encouraged by my mother and by my wife. Surely we are all grateful when we are thus blessed and helped in our work.

My father has been dead for a number of years, and President Grant has been a father to me. He has been concerned in my life and my doings and has made it possible for me to do many things that perhaps I would not have been able to do had it not been for his encouragement and blessing. I am grateful to these men and women who have helped me.

I have been very fortunate in my associations in a church way, because since my youth I have known the presidents of the Church, the apostles, and the other leaders of the Church; and they have at all times been an inspiration and a blessing to me. The work I have been called to do in recent years, first as the field man for the Mutual Improvement Associations, then in the mission field, and later in the Missionary Home, has brought to me happiness and contentment of life, and a desire to be of service to God. I can think of nothing finer or better than to come in contact with the lives of young people, and to be a part

of their life in finding out God and gaining a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love these my brethren and you, my brethren and sisters. I trust that God will bless me, that I may so act that I may have your confidence, your love and your blessing, that in my weakness I may be able to do some good in this the church of God. I pray for these blessings in Jesus' name. Amen.

ELDER SYLVESTER Q. CANNON

Presiding Bishop of the Church

I am happy, my brethren and sisters and friends, to be with you in this splendid conference, to enjoy the spirit of this gathering.

I was greatly impressed this morning, in the opening remarks of President Grant, with the variety of important quotations which he read from the Doctrine and Covenants, which refer to and present the means of solving many of the social, economic and moral problems which confront the world today. Those few excerpts which he presented, of themselves form a strong evidence of the divinity of that scripture. I would like to speak to you for a few minutes this afternoon along some lines that President Grant referred to in those remarks.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS

I was reading just recently an address delivered by President Roosevelt, with regard to the conditions which are prevailing today in a social way in this country. Among other things President Roosevelt said: "Social justice is becoming an ever-growing factor and influence in almost every part of the world." Again he said: "Humanity is moving forward to the practical application of the teachings of Christianity, as they affect the individual lives of men and women." Then further: "No program of recovery can suddenly restore all our people to self-support. * * * The longer, harder part still lies ahead. We must redouble our efforts to care for those who still need relief, to prevent disintegration of home life, and to stand by the victims of depression until it is definitely past." Again: "The federal government cannot do the whole job. Every community and every state must do their share."

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I am sure we agree to these statements made by the President of the United States, and that the Church to which we belong is doing its part in conformity with these suggestions. I think I may state, without question of doubt or contradiction, that this Church has done more and is doing more, in proportion, for the relief of those in need, than any other religious organization. I do not think I shall be challenged in that statement. In the past I believe the Church has done proportionately more than could reasonably be expected of it.