

these various arms and helps in government, which we behold and taste of today. Surely this Church is not too small to reach to every corner of the earth, and of a surety the earth is not too big to listen to and feel the thrill of conviction from the teachings of the restoration of the Gospel which can and will emanate from the voices of our missionary brethren and sisters throughout all the earth, as well as in the stakes of Zion at home.

The zeal and the pride with which the presidents of stakes and the bishops of wards have taken hold of this work stirs the hearts of those who are engaged in it, and we feel to thank God for such worthy men.

May this work go on until it shall accomplish its purpose and may we as missionaries in the service of God remain humble and do that which God would have us do, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER ALBERT E. BOWEN

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I hope none of you was more shocked at the proceedings of this day so far as they concern myself than was I. I have never regarded myself as a person of particular consequence, and why I should have been asked to assume this responsible position, I do not know.

In my lifetime I have dreamed many dreams, I have nursed many ambitions, but this was never one of them. I have never coveted, never sought, and never desired any preferment in the Church. I have been happy all the days of my life to work in it, and would have been content to remain in places where I would not be forced to occupy public position. But since the call has come, I do what I have always been taught to do, namely, respond, and pledge you that I will give it all my strength.

The only thing in the world that counts is people. When the creation of the world was finished, as the last and crowning act God made man to dwell in it, and he gave to him for his use everything that was created, and told him that he might exercise dominion over the earth. In all of his ministry Jesus was concerned only with people; nothing else mattered.

Whatever our position may be, in whatever sphere we labor, we are all dedicated to the business of ministering to the welfare of people, trying to make mankind rise to the stature of his destiny. That is the province of the teacher, and every man in this Church is a teacher.

I have thought during this day of the occasion when Jesus was led to the top of a high mountain, and the tempter told him to look out over the world, and promised him that he would give him the world, if he would but bow down and serve Satan. There is a beautiful lesson in that circumstance, I think, for all of us who would essay the business of teaching others. We need the power to lead men up to high eminences from which they may see the world, their own positions in it, and the destinies that await them if they order their lives aright. If anything is needed more than anything else now it is a voice issuing as from the top of a high mountain, lifting men's visions to the high level whence it

comes, and revealing to them what there is in the world and what they may do in the exercise of their prerogatives and rights in accomplishing the world's work. And if we be what we have pretended so long we are, then we have that kind of voice. It behooves us only to learn to hear and understand it, and govern our walk and conduct by its teachings.

May God bless us with power to do so, I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

Everybody that we wanted to speak has had a chance to speak, and I think that some of the six and seven minute speeches have been among the best we have had. There are forty minutes left. I would like about fifteen minutes of that time, it will take five or six minutes for the singing, and I am willing to divide the remainder of the time with my counselors.

We shall hear a few words from President Clark, and then from President McKay.

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

First Counselor in the First Presidency

There is nothing certain in this world. Usually Brother McKay and myself sit here for two and a half days, more or less, on tenter hooks. Then comes our turn, and the Conference is over. This time we have been pluming ourselves ever since the first day that we were through. Now we find ourselves, near the last moment, asked to say something again to you, or at least to try to say something.

CONFERENCE ADDRESSES INSPIRED OF THE LORD

My brethren and sisters, I have enjoyed this Conference. I have enjoyed the messages that have come to us during this Conference. When I was not a member of this group—the presiding group—I used to think that perhaps they all got together beforehand, and decided what each should say, what each should talk about, because all the speeches of the Conference fit in together as a mosaic, making a beautiful picture of instruction, counsel, and advice. It was a great surprise to me to find, when I came into the group, that there were no discussions about Conference talks or a Conference program; that every man was left free to follow his own desires in what he should say. No plan or course was marked out. Then there came to me, as I am sure there has come to you, a more poignant realization that the Lord was in charge of these Conferences. The old expression about the keynote speech of the Conference took on, to me, a different meaning entirely. It was not a speech consciously predicting or forecasting what should be said at the Conference, but it was the Lord speaking through his chosen and anointed one, giving a thought and direction to the things that should be said. Therein lies the responsibility, my brethren and sisters, of those whom you have called to fill these high and sacred places of authority.