

I heard an eminent church man, not long ago, declare to his congregation that what we need now is a realistic, practical theology for the world; that divine guidance is the only solution for its problems; that there is a need of a prophet among us. He hopes that that prophet will soon come forth.

Thank God that we have that realistic theology, that we have that divine guidance, that we have that prophet! Thank the Lord for the presence and leadership of Heber J. Grant, our president, and these inspired men who are associated with him.

Let us be examples to the world. Let us arise and shine forth as the Lord has told us to do, and we shall find great joy, as I say, in doing good works. Let us determine to be examples and worthy representatives, and the Lord will bless us.

I shall not talk longer. I pray the Lord's blessings upon all of you, and we want you to pray for us who are working in the mission in Texas and Louisiana. We are proud of that great country. It is a beautiful portion of our nation, and we are happy to be engaged in the work of the Lord there.

God bless you all, Amen.

ELDER LeGRAND RICHARDS

Newly appointed Presiding Bishop of the Church

I have had the privilege, my brethren and sisters, of standing before you upon various occasions in general conference, but I have never felt so humble as today.

I feel very grateful that the Presidency of this Church and the General Authorities have had confidence enough in me to nominate me to be appointed to this new position, and I feel grateful to you, the Latter-day Saints, for your sustaining vote. I love these men and I love the Church, and I am sure the Lord knows that there is not a place in the world that I would not go, because of my love for and testimony of the Gospel.

I am very happy to be associated with the Latter-day Saints. I am grateful for every opportunity of service that has come to me in the past. I feel that the Lord owes me nothing. All I have done for the Church I have done because I love the Church and because I love the Lord, and the Lord does not owe me a thing. I was grateful that I was able to successfully drop back into my business, so that the people would not think that I was dependent upon the Church.

Now I feel that, unless the Lord comes to my aid, I shall be a very weak man to follow Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon. I know him well and I love him. He was my mission president when I filled my first mission in Holland. He released me from that mission.

I have watched him and have admired him, and when the President told me today that he was going to be sustained as an Apostle I was not surprised; I have always thought that that would be his final appointment in the Church. I used to sit as a boy, in the mission field, when he was talking to investigators, and watch him. It was as though the light of

truth was streaming from his eyes, as he explained the glorious principles of the Gospel to those who were searching after truth.

I want to say to you men who bear the Priesthood, and those of you who are in positions of responsibility, whom I may be called upon to contact in this new assignment that has come to me, I hope you will never be afraid of me. I hope you will not hesitate to come into my office. I hope you will feel free to write, if there is anything that I can do to help you. I am willing to give all I have, and all the Lord will give to me, to help this work roll onward and upward to the destiny which I know the Lord has decreed for it. I have often said I wish the world could see it as God sees it, and know it as he knows it. Sometimes I wish the Latter-day Saints could see it as God sees it, and know it as he knows it.

I want to say to you that there is no achievement that can ever come in the lives of my own children that will be so pleasing to me as to know that their lives shall be lives of service to this great Church.

God bless our leaders, and God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and may I enjoy your faith and prayers to enable me to fill my mission as the Lord has appointed, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I rejoice beyond expression at the wonderful outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord, from our first meeting until the close. The Lord has abundantly blessed each and all of us who have been called upon to speak.

I bless you, as far as the power is in me to do so—and I know that I have it—I know as I know the Gospel is true that the Lord wanted me to preside over this Church. Brother Joseph F. Smith's last few words to me, and the last he gave to any man were: "The Lord knows whom he wants to preside over his Church, and he never makes a mistake." By the power of the Priesthood of the living God I bless you, one and all, and the righteous and honorable men and women all over the world, even so. Amen.

"And the Glory of the Lord," an anthem from *The Messiah*, by Handel, was sung by the Choir.

Elder H. Edward Sutton, President of the Oquirrh Stake, offered the benediction.

Conference adjourned for six months.

The singing at the Monday sessions of the Conference, by the *Relief Society Singing Mothers*, was under the direction of Sister Charlotte O. Sackett. J. Spencer Cornwall conducted the singing of the *Tabernacle Choir* at the Sunday and Wednesday sessions. The congregational singing was directed by J. Spencer Cornwall and Richard P. Condie.

Accompaniments and interludes on the great organ were played by Frank W. Asper and Wade N. Stephens.

Stenographic notes of the Conference were taken by Frank W. Otterstrom and Joseph Anderson.

Joseph Anderson,
Clerk of the Conference.