

THIRD DAY MORNING MEETING

Sunday morning, October 6.

The great Tabernacle was crowded to capacity with people who had assembled many of them more than an hour in advance of the time to begin this session, to listen to the Conference proceedings. The large Assembly Hall immediately south of the Tabernacle was also crowded with people, and thousands in addition assembled upon the Tabernacle grounds, where, by means of amplifying equipment that had been installed, they listened to the services as given in the Tabernacle.

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., who conducted, opened the meeting promptly at 10 o'clock.

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

First Counselor in the First Presidency

There are literally thousands of people who cannot get in the Tabernacle at all this morning, and hundreds are standing in the entrances and aisles. Please do the best you can to give some of them seats. On the sides, too, as well as the center, and up in the gallery. Be good enough to move as close together as possible. It would be very helpful.

We are again blessed with the presence of President Grant, who will preside at this meeting and who will speak to us. He has asked me to conduct the services.

The music this morning will be by the Tabernacle Choir, under the direction of J. Spencer Cornwall. Elder Alexander Schreiner is at the organ.

The hymn, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning," (By William W. Phelps), was sung by the choir and congregation.

Elder John B. Reed, President of the San Luis Stake, offered the opening prayer.

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

GRATITUDE FOR FAITH OF PEOPLE

It is needless for me to tell you good people how grateful I am to be here today. I missed the Conference six months ago, and I am grateful beyond expression to all of you good people, to the Saints generally, and to some people who are not members of our Church for your and their faith and prayers in my behalf that I should be healed. I am grateful to the doctors who so kindly, carefully, and energetically at home, and while in Los Angeles, gave me the benefit of their services.

I lack the capacity to express the gratitude and thanksgiving in my heart for the blessings of the Lord to me and this people. I humbly

pray that while I am speaking to you this morning the Spirit of the Lord may be and abide with me. I do not expect, however, to preach to you this morning, I simply desire to express my gratitude to the Lord, and I expect to have the pleasure this afternoon, as my doctor, Silas Smith, consented that I may speak again, at the close of the Conference.

KINDNESS ACKNOWLEDGED

I am grateful to my friends in California, to my relatives and to my railroad, banking and insurance friends, to Mr. Chandler of the Los Angeles Times, and to all of the officials of the Church in California, because of their fine attention to me and their interest in my welfare. I am grateful for the fine treatment I received at the Catholic Hospital in Los Angeles.

I am very thankful for our fine Conference, for the wonderful attendance here today, and for the magnificent body of the Priesthood that were together last night.

THE FILM "BRIGHAM YOUNG" COMMENDED

I am thankful beyond expression for the very wonderful and splendid moving picture that has been made of Brigham Young. I have heard some little criticism of it, but we cannot expect the people who do not know that Brigham Young was in very deed the representative of God upon this earth, who do not know his wonderful character, to tell the story as we would tell it. We know that he was a prophet of the living God and the representative of the Lord here upon the earth. There is nothing in the picture that reflects in any way against our people. It is a very marvelous and wonderful thing, considering how people generally have treated us and what they have thought of us. Of course there are many things in the picture that are not strictly correct, and that is announced in the picture itself. It is of course a picture and we could not hope that they would make a picture at their expense, running into a couple of million dollars, to be just as we would like it. We know that Brigham Young was a powerful and wonderful man, the greatest man of his day, and one of the great things about Brigham Young was that he always gave credit to Joseph Smith for everything that he did. He claimed that he was simply building upon the foundation laid by the prophet of God, who had seen God and conversed with Jesus Christ. He never doubted for one minute the final triumph of the people here in Utah. He was a man of God, and the people thought the world and all of him.

THE CHURCH MAKING FRIENDS

I am very thankful for the health of the people. I am very thankful for the very marvelous and wonderful change that I find wherever I go in the attitude towards the Mormon people. To be known as a Mormon, living the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is a recommendation to all those that know us as a people. As the years come and go the Word of Wisdom

and all the various teachings and doctrines laid down by the Prophet Joseph Smith and so faithfully and strongly carried out by Brigham Young are making us friends all over the world.

BLESSING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

The doctor told me I could have five or six minutes, or even ten. I have occupied only about five, but as I am going to talk to you again at the close of the conference, and as I do not want to overdo in the least degree, I shall simply say, God bless you, one and all. God bless the honest the world over. God bless all good people, and hasten the day when people shall seek to God for guidance and direction, when wars will cease and peace will reign, is my prayer, and I ask it in humility and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. I bless you by the authority of the holy Priesthood of the living God that I hold, and I do it in the name of Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

First Counselor in the First Presidency

President Grant: words cannot express the gratitude of the people for your presence, your message, and the degree of health which you have. May the Lord continue to bless you is the prayer of all the people of the Church.

ELDER ANTOINE R. IVINS

Of the First Council of the Seventy

I am delighted, brethren and sisters, with this opportunity of standing before you for just a few short minutes this morning. The gathering of men who were here in this building last night, and the gatherings of men and women who have been here during this Conference, give new testimony to the fact that there is in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints still a fervent faith in God, our heavenly Father.

PESSIMISM AND OPTIMISM

There are people in the Church who have the temerity to say that our condition is such as to justify, perhaps, God our heavenly Father in taking the Gospel from us. I have had at least one man cite to me the sixteenth chapter of Third Nephi, tenth and eleventh verses, in which God says that when certain conditions shall prevail within the Church, He will take the Gospel from us, citing as justification the fact that we are now in such a condition that we might lose it—a pessimistic view, indeed, I take it.

I insist on feeling, brethren and sisters, that I am an optimist. As I move about among you people I have many opportunities to see how you feel, to realize your trust in God our heavenly Father, and I believe that there is in the Church today still the same faith that characterized our