

when people are speaking of the hours of doom, we must stir that gift of God within us and within the world, for man can rise above sin and wrong and bring about the supremacy of Truth. We recall the last words that Jesus uttered when He sent His disciples forth:

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

That is the message that must ring true in our hearts to go forth into the world and preach the Gospel. We are told to keep the commandments of God, we who are divine in the sight of God sent into this life for a divine and holy purpose. If we will remember these divine words of Paul the Apostle we will keep the commandments of God, for we will look up and not down; and we will not leave this awful feeling of doom and despair, in our hearts, for God lives, and we have everything of beauty and truth and goodness.

UNITED EFFORT NECESSARY TO SUCCESS

Let me say in conclusion to all of us Seventies. We will be united as never before for this great cause. And if we are united, we will keep in mind these words of Paul:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.

It is in God's love that we will be able to love mankind and in loving mankind we will love God, and it is with this spirit, my brethren and sisters, that the Elders, the missionaries, your sons and your daughters are going forth in the New England Mission; never with hate, never with unkindness, never with anything false, but with Truth, with kindness, with hope, and with a knowledge in their hearts that they are the servants of the living God. This is what I wanted to say to you as your servant and fellow-laborer and brother, and as a co-laborer with our fine boys and girls in New England.

God bless us all that the truth of this message of the living God may live in our hearts forever, I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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As you are aware, I am laboring in the Temple Square Mission.

EARLY GUIDE SERVICE

My first contact with guide service was when I was a young boy running up and down the dusty streets in my bare feet. We were living in one of the houses of Grandfather Taylor, and because of the interest in him, strangers who came to visit Salt Lake City were taken by the

hack driver past grandfather's homes. The hack driver would always stop and make explanations of who lived in the house or houses and something about the doctrines and practices of the Church. We boys used to line up quite near to the carriage and listen to the stories that were told by the driver. When the driver was through and commenced his way up the street, we trotted along in the dust and said in our indignation: "Liar, liar, liar." Mother didn't approve of it very much, not because we weren't telling the truth but because of the company we were keeping. She had the fine philosophy of life that it is never worthwhile to get even or to hurt people, when trying to put over your own cause. She also had in mind the good people who were riding in the carriage who had to listen to what was told them.

BEGINNING OF THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION

It was in 1901 that the thought came to some of the brethren that it would be a good thing if the Church would provide an organization to take care of this situation and enable our visiting friends to hear the story from our point of view instead of allowing men who were prejudiced and who were not familiar with the ways of life and doctrines of the Church to do all of the teaching. The matter was presented to the M. I. A. General Board and it resulted in a committee being organized to look after the strangers, especially those who were visiting within this sacred Block. Later it was taken over by the First Presidency, and a number of missionaries were called to labor on the Block. In the commencement of any new type of work the servants of the Lord are not only inspired in effecting its organization but they also have the inspiration to choose the type of men who will pioneer the movement. Even though the organization is important, it is just as important to select the right man to commence it. Brother Benjamin Goddard was chosen to do this work, and he laid a splendid foundation on which others who followed him might build. Others might continue to add to the building and perhaps to polish the stones but without such a solid foundation and introduction, I am quite sure that it would not be going along as efficiently as it is today.

Succeeding Brother Goddard was President Levi Edgar Young; after him, Joseph S. Peery, and then Joseph J. Cannon. Each one has done a magnificent work in this Temple Square Mission.

INTEREST IN THE WORK MANIFESTED

The guides are all interested in the work. They are real missionaries. They are trying to do everything they can to inspire and put into the hearts of men and women a knowledge and testimony of the truthfulness of this great work. Sometimes when we discuss releasing missionaries they come and ask that extensions might be made in their case because they love the work and do not desire to be released.

This year we have had around 416,000 people come to the Block as visitors. This is something like 89,000 more people than we had last

year. Today, because of war conditions and employment possibilities in different parts of the country, and because Europe is not open to travel, people are traveling extensively in this country.

Among some of the interesting things to the tourists as they visit the Block are the way we handle our young people, both in a religious and a social way; our Temple work and the conception we have of the justice of God in requiring both the living and dead to do the same things in order to receive the same rewards; that men and women are able to obtain help and assistance, even though they may be on the other side. To them it is a new and thought-provoking doctrine. They are interested in our conception of marriage and family relationship, both here and hereafter. The doctrine that men and women, if they are faithful and true, may have each other, may have their children, may have their fathers and mothers in the eternities, is startling but satisfying. In speaking to a group one time, mention was made that women might have their husbands on the other side. A woman spoke up and said, "What! No rest in heaven"? Undoubtedly this lady had not had such a happy married life, but as we talk about the Temple work and its possibilities, I notice that the older people who are in the crowd look at each other and draw a bit closer and one can almost hear them say, "That is what we would like to have happen to us." And the young couples who are traveling, perhaps on their honeymoon, hold each other's hand more firmly and one can almost hear them say, "God being willing, we will live this life righteously and have each other forever and ever."

May the Lord bless us and keep us as we walk through life, that the inspiration and power of God shall always be with us and that we shall take a happy interest in men and women not of our faith, that they, too, might see and understand the beauty of the Gospel and eventually, because of the righteousness of their lives, find their way back into the presence of God, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

We shall now be favored with another selection from the Pasadena Stake Male Quartet. You will perhaps be interested to know that this quartet is made up of Brother George Waite, first tenor, from Eastmont Ward; Brother Monte Green, baritone, from the Montibello Ward; Brother Geert Hulshoff, basso, of Belvedere Ward; Albert Gish, second tenor, Monrovia Ward. All are High Priests in Pasadena Stake. They call the quartet *Melkomen*, which contains, you will recognize, the first syllable of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The brethren will now sing for us, "The Story of Old," by Parks; director, Brother A. M. Gish.

The male quartet from Pasadena Stake sang "The Story of Old."
—Parks.