

Christmas. There has been some delay, however, but the names are on file in the welfare office and are awaiting the go-ahead signal from a special committee appointed by the First Presidency to supervise this matter. In all the missions, as you have noted, shoes, underwear, and other warm clothing, especially for babies and young children are needed. I do hope and pray that we can get help to them so that they will not suffer too much from cold and hunger this coming winter.

### THE WAY TO PEACE

May our servicemen and our members in these war-torn countries, and all of us, live lives of Latter-day Saints. May we cultivate tolerance and love for one another and for all mankind. This war is but an awful chapter written in the eternal-long struggle between right and wrong, between love and hate, chastity and unchastity, greed and unselfishness. As long as hate and lust for power control the hearts of men, real peace can find no resting place in the world. Only love can bring peace. Anyone who permits himself to hate any person, or any people, makes his own small but vital contribution towards the discord and trouble, while he who seeks to love others, even his enemies, makes his own priceless contribution to peace. True, lasting peace, when it comes to the world, will be made up of the many tricklets of love flowing from the hearts of the people to a common understanding and a common goal. The gift of peace on earth and good will to men was offered to the world in the gospel of living taught by our Savior in his earthly ministry. He made love of God and love of mankind fundamental, and declared, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:40.) The power of love alone can permanently disarm the world.

May our Father in heaven help us to realize this and to govern our lives accordingly, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ELDER CHARLES A. CALLIS

#### *Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles*

As I witnessed that impressive vote sustaining the General Authorities of the Church, a Latin phrase came to my mind which runs as follows: "The voice of the people is the voice of God." While this does not hold strictly true in all cases, yet yesterday morning the voice of God was heard in this great tabernacle. It is a wonderful thing, a blessing of comfort that we have the more sure word of prophecy in this Church. In fact this Church is the treasure house of all the gifts of God, and gives the knowledge that will make men eligible for entrance into the celestial kingdom of God. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a universal Church; it is not only a worldwide Church, but it is as wide as eternity.

## THE DAWNING OF A NEW ERA

The prophet Isaiah—and of this prophet, Jesus said that his words were great—had a vision so glorious and splendid that in heavenly rapture he exclaimed:

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? (Isaiah 66:8.)

We are on the threshold of remarkable events. If God, centuries ago, could incline the hearts of the people to seek him so that they had no disposition to do evil, why cannot he do that today? The inhabitants of the earth are his children, and God loves mercy more than judgment. I believe that we are entering upon an era of conversion so great that the human mind cannot conceive its magnitude. We are told in holy writ that every knee must bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is the Christ. With all my heart I believe that divine prediction will come true, for Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

## THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS TO THE JEWS

Orson Pratt and Charles W. Penrose declared that prior to the glorious coming of the Son of God, the Jews are going to be beleaguered by the nations who threaten the very existence of the Jewish race. Then, according to Zechariah, down through the gates of heaven shall come the Lord Jesus Christ, the Captain and King for whom the Jews have wept and prayed so long, and he shall set his feet upon the Mount of Olives, and the Mount shall cleave asunder, and the Jews shall escape destruction. The God of heaven shall then, with the armies of heaven, have judgment upon the wicked, and the wicked shall be destroyed. When Jesus stands before the Jews, they will see the wounds in his hands and, recognizing their Lord and God, they shall say: "... What are these wounds in thine hands?" And then Jesus shall break the hearts of the Jews by saying: "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." (Zech. 13:6.) And that nation then, and not until then, shall be born in a day. By the authorized servants of God they shall receive the baptism of repentance; they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and become the children of God their Father and the servants of the great Jehovah. At that time a fountain shall be opened up unto the Jews and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain for the cleansing of sin and iniquity, and that fountain shall be as it always has been, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We read in the Book of Mormon:

... because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in... our hearts,... we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually. (Mosiah 5:2.)

## THE DESTINY OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS

And if the elders of Israel will preach the gospel in its plainness, not worldly philosophy, but the gospel of faith, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, then shall the hearts of the people be changed by the almighty power of God and they will press into the kingdom of God. This Church is destined to evangelize the whole earth. That is its mission, and by the grace of God we are going to accomplish it.

There is a wonderful prophecy in First Nephi, fourteenth chapter, uttered about the time that Isaiah delivered his great prophecy. Listen to it:

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. (I Nephi 14:14.)

How rapidly this wonderful prophecy is being fulfilled! President Joseph F. Smith in Bern, Switzerland, declared that "there will be churches built here [that is, in Europe], and temples built here and there all over Europe."

What a glorious destiny God sent us here to perform. Brethren and sisters, how can we be dilatory, how can we be negligent, when, shining as the sun in heaven, is the purpose and the destiny of this people? A people that has not an ideal or a noble purpose is like a painted ship on a painted ocean, but we must cherish and nourish these wonderful ideals that God has given and press on to the mark of eternal perfection. And the elders in the field ought not to be kept coddling the Saints, but they should be sent out among the Gentiles and derive that strength and power which comes from preaching the everlasting gospel.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS REQUIRED TO MAKE A MIGHTY NATION

God be praised for this mighty republic! Oh, if the leaders of this nation could realize the purpose for which this nation is created, a might nation, the greatest in the world, that stands preeminent among all the nations, I believe that they would highly resolve in their hearts that corruption, extravagance, infidelity, Sabbath-breaking, and all the evils which form the accursed things in this nation, would be removed. I believe that this nation would then receive such a mighty uplift that it would be the wonder of all the world, that it would go forth assisting God and Jesus in establishing the religion which can bring permanent and perpetual peace and lasting glory to this nation.

Brethren and sisters, let us go forward. We are trying to awaken the world for the conflict of justice, preaching the gospel as a special witness for the second coming of the Son of God. Standing in the front

ranks of this battle, we shall know, we do know now, that we are battling for the Lord through rendering service for our fellow creatures.

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," be thou our guide we pray thee, lead us on to victory in this great spiritual battle. May we be thy humble instruments in bringing repentance into the world and salvation to our fellow beings, we humbly pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Selection by the Choir, "Speak Low to Me," by Ford.

### ELDER JOHN H. TAYLOR

#### *Of the First Council of the Seventy*

I have a thought, brethren and sisters, that I would like to bring to you this afternoon. It came to me when I was coming into the tabernacle grounds.

#### A HOUSE BUILT UPON A ROCK

There was a little lady rushing out through the gates going to her work. On her way she had come into the temple grounds because to her it was home—home, because this is where she found God, where she found a testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ, where she was baptized, where she went to the house of the Lord and obtained blessings in his holy house. As I saw her going out, I said to myself, "This place is truly a home, because, like a home, it brings us blessings and safety, strength, courage, and faith that endures."

You remember the parable of the house that was built upon the sand and the house that was built upon the rock. A house that is built upon the sand is always in peril. When the rains of regret and disappointment fall upon the house, and the winds of discord and suspicion beat upon it, the house falls, and great is the ruin thereof. Truly it is the ruin of happiness for the father and mother and the children. Fortunately, in order that theirs will not be a total loss, the house that is built upon the sand and is washed away, may be rebuilt again by the family. This time, if they are wise, they will build upon the rock of faith and confidence and cooperation, and the house will always be safe from the storm. When a house is built upon the rock of love, of good will, of sacrifice, and of tolerance, and the rains of temptation and misunderstanding fall upon it, and the winds of derision and mockery blow against it, it will still stand because it is built upon a rock.

#### HIS FATHER'S LOVE FOR HIS HOME

I used to wonder why my father did not want to move away from his home. It was a large house and most of the family had