

God has placed upon us? I am sure with the power we have seen in this priesthood meeting we can answer "yes."

God qualify our youth and our men in the priesthood everywhere to supply the present crying need of the nations for the truth of the restored gospel, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

## PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

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### A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT GRANT

My brethren, as I look into the faces of this great congregation, my mind inevitably goes back to the time when President Grant sat here with us, for this was the meeting that he dearly loved. Out of it, he got inspiration, and to it he gave inspiration and revelation. President Grant has finished his work and gone, and President Smith has come to take his place. And the loyalty which we gave to President Grant we give to him in fullest measure. President Grant did as President Smith will do, command the love and respect of all of us. President Grant was a great man, great in his integrity, in his honesty, in his straightforwardness. He never lied and never deceived. He had the good opinion of all men who knew him. The Church owes him much. He has left it so that it comes into the hands of President Smith in the best financial condition in its whole history.

President Grant rarely preached doctrinal sermons but his whole teaching and his whole life was an exhibit of the righteousness and the righteous way of living which should come to all Latter-day Saints. We, all of us, thank God for President Grant and for his work. And I repeat, all that we gave to him we shall bestow, not only fully but willingly and gladly, upon President Smith.

### THE TRUE MEANING OF LOYALTY

I want to say a word or two about this question of loyalty and of sustaining the Authorities. I think every time I have spoken to you for two or three years I have talked about unity, and I come back to it again,

. . . and if ye are not one ye are not mine. (D. & C. 38:27.)

I say again, unless we are one we cannot do the things which God expects of us. Loyalty and sustaining do not consist, merely, in raising our hands when we are called upon to vote to sustain. Sustaining consists in carrying out the things which we are asked to do. That bishop does not sustain President Smith who does not do what President Smith asks him to do, in a church way. That president of a stake does not sustain President Smith when he ignores direction and requests which come from President Smith. There are no two

ways in this, my brethren, there is only the straight course, right down the middle of the road.

At the beginning of this war, the First Presidency sent out to the bishops of the Church a request for certain information regarding men going into the service. There are several bishops who, up to this day, have never made any return upon that request even though it was repeated time after time. That is not sustaining the President of the Church.

Brethren, we have read enough about war and heard enough about it to know that an army to be successful must carry out the commands of the one who directs. We know enough and have read enough to know that when that is not done, disaster comes. As with an army, so with the Church, at least in the main. If we are to succeed, if we are to go forward in the way in which the Lord has directed, if we are to guide and direct those over whom we preside, then inevitably we must work according to one plan. Inevitably we must follow the lead of our commander-in-chief, him whom we have sustained as Prophet, Seer, Revelator, and President of the Church. There is no other way.

May God give us the power and the will and the humility to see where our duty lies, and the strength to go forward when we so see, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRESIDENT GEORGE ALBERT SMITH

My brethren, you have been very patient for the last two days; you have been in meeting very much of the time. Ordinarily, one would become exceedingly weary, but if we enjoy the spirit of the Lord, it relieves us of that weariness and we are happy.

### INCIDENTS FROM MISSIONARY LIFE

I remember as a young man and missionary in the Southern States, the first conference I attended. It was out in the woods on a farm in Mississippi. We didn't have comfortable seats to sit on. The brethren had been permitted to cut down a few trees and lay the trunks of those trees across the stumps which were left. We balanced ourselves on those or else sat on the ground.

Our meeting started right after breakfast time, and we didn't even think it was necessary to have anything more to eat until evening. We stayed and enjoyed the inspiration of the Almighty, and we certainly were blessed, notwithstanding the inconveniences and discomforts which surrounded us. At that time there was considerable hostility manifested in Mississippi and other states in the South, but we just felt as if we had walked into the presence of our Heavenly Father, and all fear and anxiety left. That was my first experience in the mission field attending a conference, and from that time until now I have appreciated the fact that the companionship of the spirit of the