

President David O. McKay:

We shall now hear from Elder Ster-

ling W. Sill, whom you have just sustained as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

ELDER STERLING W. SILL

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles



HERE HAVE been a number of circumstances that have combined themselves together this morning to produce in my heart great humility, accompanied by a feeling of inadequacy to discharge properly the responsibilities of this appointment. I pray that I might receive the necessary strength to fulfil those obligations. I am grateful for the confidence of the brethren who are responsible for this appointment. I also appreciate very much your sustaining vote. I promise the General Authorities of the Church, as well as the general Church membership, and Him whose name the Church bears, that I will do the very best I can.

Many times I have prayed to my Father in heaven that he would help me to do my work. I hope that I may pray more and more effectively that I may help him to do his work, and by that means express to him the appreciation that I feel for all of the blessings of my life.

I am very grateful for my wife and family. I am grateful for my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. As my great-grandfather marched with the Mormon Battalion to assist in the war with Mexico, my great-grandmother marched with her little family across the plains to establish herself and her posterity in this valley. The wagon containing her earthly possessions was drawn by a team of oxen. Before reaching her destination one of the oxen died. My great-grandmother lifted the yoke of the fallen oxen to her own shoulders and continued the march. I pray that I may draw from her strength and determination.

I appreciate the great opportunity of being a part of this Church, both for

what it has meant to me in the past, and for what it will mean in the future. The real worth of a man is not in himself alone, but in what he stands for. It is an inspiring thing to me that the most humble of us may stand for the most important things. Joseph Smith was great because of what he stood for.

When Joseph Smith arose from his knees, after his first vision, and walked across the fields to his father's house, and went into the kitchen where his mother was working, and leaning against the fireplace for support, said in substance, "Mother, I have seen God," at that instant he did not know a bit more surely than I know or than you know that it is right to be honest, that it is right to be virtuous, and that all the other principles for which this Church stands are right. It is right to spend our strength in the service of our Father in heaven to help to bring about his purposes.

The great psychologist, William James, said that the greatest use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.

In a Sunday School class which I visited recently I heard a Sunday School teacher recount that thrilling story of creation, that "God created man in his own image," and I found myself wishing that I might have been there to have witnessed this great beginning, and then it occurred to me, as it has occurred many times since, that the creation of man is not something that was finished and done with in the Garden of Eden. The creation of man is still going on, and in a very real sense each of us is a creator—that is, the attitudes, the enthusiasms, the faith, the determination to serve God, that are so important to our eternal exaltation, are

being currently created within us and in others.

It is more important to build a great character than to build a great skyscraper. We know that the worth of souls is great, but mostly we are not great for what we are, we are great for what we may become, and it is my hope and prayer in my own behalf that I may develop those qualities that will enable me to accomplish the duties of this assignment as is expected of me by my Father in heaven and those who preside over me in the Church.

ELDER HENRY D. MOYLE

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I AM GRATEFUL, my brethren and sisters, to be back in this goodly land. I am very happy this morning to welcome into the circle of the General Authorities those who have been called of our heavenly Father to fill these important positions and sustained this day by the vote of the people. I can't help commenting with some pride that my father, as well as Brother George Q. Morris and his father and his mother, came from the old Fifteenth Ward. It seemed, as I grew up to manhood, that the Fifteenth Ward became a part of me although I never had the privilege of living in it, because I heard so much from the lips of my father concerning the wonderful families that lived in that ward. He always mentioned the Morris family, and Sister Morris, and what a lovely woman she was. Brother Morris's father was one of the great industrial leaders of the state and helped with others of our forefathers to make this state what it is. So I am happy to welcome Brother Morris into our Council this day. I have appreciated the associations that we have had with him in the past.

It has also been my privilege to work to a slight extent with Brother Sill, and my heart goes out to him in gratitude for his faithfulness and devotion to the

work of the Lord, and I pray that the Lord will bless and sustain these wonderful men in the offices to which they have been called.

President David O. McKay:

He to whom we have just listened is Elder Sterling W. Sill, sustained as Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

We will now hear from Elder Henry D. Moyle, member of the Council of the Twelve. Elder Moyle.

I have never before in my life been so grateful as I am this day for the blessings of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ, for my membership in the Church, and for what strength the Lord has given me to assist in helping his children here upon the earth. My labors this winter in the great countries of Europe have brought me close to the people. I have had the opportunity of visiting them in their towns and in their villages, seeing them in their homes, feeling of their faith and of their devotion, and understanding to some slight extent the difficulties that confront them in their daily lives, the manner in which they are still ostracized by their neighbors the moment that they join the Church and begin to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to their neighbors and friends and their families. My heart goes out to them, and above all else, a desire that I have within me to be of help to them. I feel now, as I have felt all winter, that every ounce of strength, every blessing that the Lord has given me, should be shared with those people. I would love to live among them and to ask the Lord to continue to bless me that I might have