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missionaries serving under appointment either in the stakes or in the regular missions. Nearly ten percent of the converts were made by friends, neighbors and families who brought the message of life and truth to their close friends.

May we not, as members of the Priesthood, without appointment, consider our obligations to our neighbors

and our friends, and do them the incomparable blessed service of taking the truth to them and teaching them the way of life?

The Lord bless us that we may truly be a brotherhood, and that our unity, our love, and our concern for each other shall characterize us as servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

I hold in my hand the number of the men of the Priesthood in the quorums of this fraternity to which President Richards has referred, Melchizedek and Aaronic: In round numbers, in the Melchizedek quorums—High Priests, Seventies, Elders—High Priests, 41,552; Seventies, 20,649; Elders, 120,230—approximately 190,000 men; 150,000 Aaronic Priesthood members.

As I have listened to the wonderful messages given tonight, there came to my mind the words of the Savior:

“. . . whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock;

“And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

“And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matt. 7:24-27.)

Over three hundred thousand men holding the Priesthood, carrying the responsibility of exemplars as well as proclaimers. Exemplars! If we could get but half of these men to apply in their lives every practical suggestion given tonight what a mighty influence for good would be accomplished! May I take, for example, some suggestions from the theme of Brother Lowell Bennion?

Young people, young girls in high school, going daily in courtship with young boys of their age, of the girls' age, in their early 'teens, depriving

themselves of becoming better acquainted with other companions; and in that daily courtship in their early age, becoming so intimate as to arouse their passions for an hour's pleasure, bringing misery upon themselves through life. And that is not imagination! You men in the Presidencies of Stakes and Bishoprics of Wards, and you fathers and mothers of some of them, know that that is not imagination.

What practical suggestions Brother Bennion has given us in regard to this early association! The Mutuals are trying to work out Saturday night dances to entertain these young people. They merit entertainment, and we must furnish it for them. In our own wards, young men and young women come to those dances, and the young man and his girl spend the entire time they are there in that social in each other's company, dancing together hour after hour.

Years ago we did not use to do that. Now, they say, “Well, I pay my ticket; I bring my girl, and I have the right to dance with her.” I wonder if we can do something, Bishops, to help our Mutuals make more effective their plans to have all the young people become well acquainted with one another as suggested by Brother Bennion. That is just one means.

We have young people who go out in society, our young boys and girls; they are not quite strong enough to say no when the cigarette and wine glass are passed around. They look upon father and mother and some of us teachers as old-fashioned. They erroneously think that it is all right to participate in the “wine cup” in the social ethics of the crowd, out in the canyon and other places. Some of our

boys and girls are so eager to be the "hale fellow, well met" that they go to an extreme, and disappoint, not to say disgust, visitors from outside who look upon the Mormon boys and girls as abstainers from these things.

Can we go from this great Priesthood Meeting with just a little more determination to put into effect the suggestions given by Brother Bennion at the request of the Authorities? They were excellent and you are now expected to carry out those suggestions. "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man. . . ."

I think this has been a wonderful meeting. We shall get the number who are in attendance later. But now the question is, what shall we do about it? Two hundred and fifty thousand members in this fraternity. Are we equal to holding up the standards? Take just the number we have assembled here tonight—let us hold to the ideals given. We know they are right. There are many, for example, who become addicted to tobacco. We know it is wrong. Those who use it know it is wrong and injurious. Those who advertise it know it is wrong, and we sit in our homes and hear of the safety of one kind of cigarette over another, indicating that those who manufacture those cigarettes know they are injurious, and yet we go on violating the Word of God who a hundred years or more ago said, "tobacco . . . is not good for man."

Many who are listening to us tonight use it. You will not be excommunicated for using it, but the use of tobacco is not good. It is so stated in the Word of Wisdom, given by revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Do not you think that it is time, brethren, just man to man, that we unite now in this brotherhood of Christ, this great, this most sacred fraternity in all the world, to stand by one another, helping one another and set an example to the world, if only from a social standpoint? All within the hearing of our voices tonight, and all who belong to the Priesthood quorums should realize in all earnestness that here are four hundred thousand men in the world

who hold the Priesthood, who should be exemplary as fathers, as sons, as brothers, and each one has the responsibility of being an exemplar. What an influence throughout this world! Let us decide to do it. We will not condemn you, brother by our side, who does not do it; you have your free agency. We extend the hand of fellowship to you, and we shall help you. What an influence for good if we could have a hundred, two hundred, three hundred thousand men who say, "We are going to stand for the principles of our group!" We can do it!

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Brethren, the Church of Jesus Christ, as you know and I know, is the mightiest force in the world, but you and your companions constitute the source of that force. The Lord cannot use his quorums without you; and every one has the responsibility of doing his best to maintain the standards of life.

And our boys and girls in high schools, in universities, junior colleges, need our help. Their parents need our help. Let us try to follow the suggestions given tonight to aid them when they go to their socials.

It is time now to put forth extra effort to maintain the standards of right, the Word of Wisdom, and to pay attention as we have never done before to the efforts sent out by our Church Committee under the caption, "Be Honest With Yourself." These records that will be sent out, will you please use, make them effective in directing the boys and girls in the right way.

We are facing conditions which demand the highest intelligence, the deepest spirituality, the greatest effort that the Priesthood of God can possibly put forth.

Tonight in the Salt Lake Tabernacle we have 7,478 men of the Priesthood; in the Assembly Hall and in Barratt Hall and on the grounds, 3,600; in the

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one hundred and twenty-eight groups that have reported in, 34,076; a total of 45,154 men holding the Priesthood. President Clark was right when he said that the time will come when we shall be able to reach every part of the world. This is the largest attendance ever assembled in the Church. Last year we had 37,180; an increase this year of 7,970 people in Priesthood meeting.

With all my heart I say, God bless you.

Thank you, brethren, who have taken part tonight, Brother Lowell Bennion, Brother Mark Petersen, and those who are associated with him and those who are sending out these standards of action, appealing to our young folks in a way which we hope will be more impressive than just sending printed matter to them.

I conclude, that ". . . whosoever heareth these sayings of mine," said the Savior, "and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock;

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

I like to think in that connection that here are several hundred thousand married men in the Melchizedek Priesthood, not even counting some of the Aaronic Priesthood, several hundred thousand men, every one of whom should be an exemplary husband. If that one thing were true, what an example to the civilized world! And that is not imagination, it really should be—Several hundred thousand men, fathers, to whom every son should be respectful and obedient, especially those sons who hold that Priesthood. Several hundred thousand men, fathers, to whom their daughters should be respectful, whose wives should be cooperative with them; no quarreling in the home—homes in which you would never hear the name of God taken in vain. And it should not be. Several hundred thousand homes in which prayers are offered, children participating, the blessing asked on the food. Suppose that were published as a fact, as it should be, what an example to the civilized

world! We need not worry about going out into space, we can bring evolutions right here in our own towns, in our own cities, and in our own communities. Is this saying too much, fellow members of Priesthood quorums? I can feel your spirit; that is just how you feel. You feel mine. We feel our neighbor's.

Let us realize that we are members of the greatest fraternity, the greatest brotherhood—the brotherhood of Christ—in all the world, and do our very best each day—all day—to maintain the standards of these quorums, I pray, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

The Men's Chorus of the Tabernacle Choir will sing, "I Need Thee Every Hour," conducted by Richard P. Condie, after which Elder Donovan H. Van Dam, formerly president of the Netherlands Mission, will offer the closing prayer. The session at ten o'clock Sunday morning, tomorrow morning, will be broadcast as a public service over television and radio stations throughout the West. The Tabernacle Choir Broadcast will be from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. Those desiring to attend the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast must be in their seats at 9:15 A.M. It is requested that the audience during the broadcast refrain from making even any slight disturbance such as coughing. Large crowds will undoubtedly be waiting outside the closed doors, and when opened there is usually a rush by those outside to get good seats. Be courteous, respectful. At 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve will be the speaker on the Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church-of-the-Air" program. The music for this service will be furnished by the Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Brother Condie.

As thousands leave this great Priesthood Meeting tonight, let us keep in mind the admonition that is constantly being given us to drive carefully. Let us have courtesy in the city and on the highways.

The Men's Chorus will now sing, "I Need Thee Every Hour," and Brother