

talking to me. Can I get a copy of that book?"

We sent him a copy. He walked in the office some months later, a changed man. I am happy to report that a boy who had stolen gasoline, and then stolen automobiles, and then done other things until finally he was placed in a federal reformatory, was touched by the spirit of this book, and the report today is that he is now a successful man, rehabilitated, earning a living honestly for himself and family in a west coast city.

Such has been the power of this great book in the lives of those who have read it prayerfully.

I give you my testimony that it is true. That I know by the witness of the Holy Ghost, and that knowledge to me is certain.

Sidney Rigdon did not write it. Oliver Cowdery did not write it. It is not the result of a paranoiac or of a dissociated personality, as some have said. It is not the product of a myth-maker. It is not the result of the environment of a farm boy who grew up in western New York. Joseph Smith did not write it. He, the Prophet of this dispensation, translated the writings of prophets of old under the power of God, to testify in our day.

We invite all men everywhere to read it. Its witness lies within itself.

I so testify. This marvelous record, preserved over fourteen centuries, has confirmed my faith in God, in my Redeemer, in the land in which I live, in the work of which I am a part. I leave you my witness in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ELDER HOWARD W. HUNTER

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I do not know what one should say who has been so newly called and sustained, so I will tell you what is in my heart this afternoon.

I love the Church. I want you to know that I love our great leader, President McKay, and with all my heart and soul I sustain him as prophet, seer, and revelator. And I sustain President Clark and President Moyle, President Smith, the President of the Council of

President David O. McKay:

We have just listened to Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

The Choir and Congregation will now sing "How Firm a Foundation," conducted by Elder Jay E. Welch, Assistant Choir Conductor. After the singing, we shall hear from Elder Howard W. Hunter.

The Tabernacle Choir and the Congregation sang the hymn, "How Firm A Foundation," conducted by Jay E. Welch, Assistant Choir Conductor.

President David O. McKay:

Yesterday, it was my privilege to represent the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve, and notify Elder Howard W. Hunter that he had been chosen of the Lord to be a special witness to the divinity of the love, and the labors, the life and death of Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of our Father. That was the first he knew about his having been so chosen.

Yesterday, you voted unanimously to sustain him as one of the Council of the Twelve. We welcome him this afternoon to this honored position and pray God to inspire him and to bless him as he goes forth to declare the divinity of this great work and the Sonship of Him who stands at the head of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

the Twelve, each individual member of that Council, and all of the General Authorities.

Not many of you know me, so perhaps you would permit me to be just a little bit personal this afternoon. I have lived most of my life in California, having been born in Boise, Idaho, and having lived there until I was graduated from high school.

I am grateful for a humble home, for

modest circumstances, for my father and my mother, both of whom reside in California.

It was in California that I met my companion. We came to the temple here in Salt Lake City where we were married and sealed for eternity. We have had three sons, one of whom was called home in infancy. Our second son, having completed a mission in Australia, is now in his last year at Brigham Young University. He married his sweetheart in the temple and caused us to become grandparents just a few days ago. Our other son is now serving in Australia in the mission field.

We have been grateful for our home and the fact that our boys have stayed close to the program of the Church. My wife has been a sweet and loving companion and has always sustained me in the callings which have come to me.

I had the privilege of serving as a bishop in the Church for a little more than six years. I am grateful for the people of that ward and the lessons they taught me and the opportunities that came to me. For nearly ten years I have served as president of the Pasadena Stake in California. Again I am grateful for those people, for their love and their affection, for their sustaining influence, for the counselors that have worked with me. I am grateful to the Church for all of these things and what it has meant to us in our life.

Before I was graduated from law school, three boys were born to us. Since that time I have been engaged in the private practice of law—until yesterday. Somebody asked me yesterday what my plans are, and the only answer I could give is that I have not yet been told what my plans are.

I want you to know that I have a firm, uncompromising conviction that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that the gospel was restored in this latter dispensation by the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I have an abiding conviction of the truthfulness of this fact and that our President, whom we sustained at this conference, holds those same keys, powers, and authority.

I do not apologize for the tears that come to my eyes on this occasion because I believe that I face friends, my brethren and sisters in the Church, whose hearts beat the same as mine today, in the

thrill of the gospel and in service to others.

President McKay, I want you to know, and all of the membership of the Church to know, that I accept, without reservation, the call which you have made of me, and I am willing to devote my life and all that I have to this service. Sister Hunter joins me in this pledge.

May I request today your prayers on my behalf, for I know that only with the help of my Heavenly Father, can I meet the challenge and develop those qualities which distinguish the other members of this council from men of the world.

I am grateful. I bear my testimony to you humbly. May we go forward together in righteousness, I humbly pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

We have just listened to the acceptance testimony from the man who was called to fill the vacancy in the Council of the Twelve, Elder Howard W. Hunter.

The Tabernacle Choir will favor us with "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory Of The Coming Of The Lord," conducted by Elder Richard P. Condie. The closing prayer will be offered by Brother Rulon T. Hinckley, patriarch of the Emigration Stake.

The singing, as you know, for this afternoon has been furnished by the members of the Tabernacle Choir, and we have thrilled with the excellency of their singing. We express appreciation and gratitude for the public press, the reporters' fair and accurate reports throughout the sessions of this Conference. We appreciate the cooperation of city officials, Police Chief W. Cleon Skousen, and his associates, the traffic officers in their masterful handling of the increased traffic on these streets.

We express appreciation for the Fire Department and the Red Cross, standing ready for any emergency, and there have been several. Their prompt attention has given relief to those who needed it. We express appreciation to the ushers of the Tabernacle who have rendered service early and late in seating the great audiences.

Again we express appreciation for the radio and television service rendered

by the various radio and television stations here in our own city, and state, and also in other states, named in the various sessions of our Conference. Besides the great audiences attending this Conference on Temple Square, a survey indicates, as we reported this morning, that one million people have heard and seen the proceedings of this conference through radio and television in eighteen major cities throughout the West. This figure is based on the ratio of each city carrying the Conference and the number of viewers per city.

We appreciate those who furnished the singing throughout this entire Conference: First, the Relief Society Singing Mothers from the Jordan Valley Region; second, the Combined Chorus of the Latter-day Saints Institute of Religion and University of Utah, and the Bonneville Strings; third, the Men's Chorus of the Tabernacle Choir last night who thrilled us with their excellent singing; and today, this great Tabernacle Choir.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

And now, my brethren and sisters, just a word in parting.

This has truly been a great conference. We have met during a critical time in the history of our own great country and the history of the world. I have been impressed with the answer that you have given through the Brethren here and through your acceptance, to some of the false ideologies and teachings that are rampant in the world. One of those is, that man is not a spiritual being, but that he is just as any other animal, subject to his passions, subject to his yearnings, desires, and justified in achieving his ambitions no matter how many others may suffer in that achievement.

You have said today and yesterday and the day before, in your testimonies that man is a dual being—he is physical, has his appetites, passions, desires, just as any animal has, but he is also a spiritual being, and he knows that to subdue the animal instincts is to achieve advancement in his spiritual realm; that a man who is subjected to his physical appetites and passions only, who denies any reality of a spirit, is truly of the animal world; that man is a spiritual

We have been truly blessed throughout this Conference with the best singing that anybody in the world would hear under these circumstances. Everybody in this audience, the million who have listened, will agree that the singing has been of such high order that it may be classed as among the best in all the world.

Again at the conclusion of our Conference we express appreciation for the beautiful Hawaiian flowers you see arranged here on the pulpit. We thank all those who have contributed in any way to the success and inspiration of this great Conference. The address given this morning at 7:30 by Elder Richard L. Evans, you may hear again this evening over the radio at eight o'clock.

Tonight, the Deseret Sunday School Union Conference will convene in this building at seven o'clock. All Sunday School workers will wish to be in attendance. The public is cordially invited.

being, and his real life is the spirit that inhabits his body.

Ex-President Adams was right, when he was accosted on the streets of Boston one day and was asked, "How is John Quincy Adams today?" and he answered, as he tottered along with his cane, "John Quincy Adams is well, thank you, quite well. But the house in which he lives is tottering on its foundations, the windows are shaking, the roof is leaking, the doors are not hanging straight, and so on, and I think that John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon. But John Quincy Adams himself is quite well, I thank you, quite well." He sensed that the real John Quincy Adams was an immortal being, a son of a Father in heaven.

That is one great truth to which you have borne testimony in this conference—that man is spirit, the son of his Father, and has within him that which will cause him to yearn and to aspire to become dignified as a son of God should be dignified. The *dignity of man*, not the degradation of man, has been emphasized throughout this conference.

Another false ideal which has been mentioned as rampant by a small group