

membership of the Church as the Lord has blessed us and raised us up from the former days of dire poverty and distress, when every service the Saints rendered was a tremendous sacrifice compared with the prosperity and the free time we now enjoy to spend as we see fit. I am sure it can be truthfully said that it entails no serious case of sacrifice for us to do and accomplish all that the Lord would have us do today.

We all know that the Lord has in very deed "opened up the windows of heaven and poured out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive everything the Lord would have it do." (See Malachi 3:10.) The priesthood of the Church must do its part so that even in the days of prosperity we may humble ourselves in our service to the Lord and our fellow men. This is the only insurance we have against permitting our riches to canker our souls, and to have it said of us, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!" (D&C 56:16.)

I commend to the priesthood of the Church the reading of the 56th and 104th sections of the Doctrine and Covenants. Therein we find the greatest insurance policy known to man. Our payment of the premium on this policy works no hardship upon any of us. With its payment our eternal salvation and exaltation is all but assured.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MC KAY

My beloved brethren, we have had a glorious hour. The message of the Presiding Bishopric to the young people was just what we had in mind when "Priesthood" was made the theme of this meeting. We have all been inspired by the remarks of those who have spoken and by the singing of these men from the Tabernacle Choir.

When President Brown referred to the 121st section of the Doctrine and Covenants, I think he omitted purposely, because of time, one passage which I wish to repeat:

"Reproving betimes with sharpness, *when moved upon by the Holy Ghost*; . . ."—that limiting clause is very significant—"Reproving betimes

For fear I didn't say it as emphatically as I desired to in the beginning, I want to say that every day, every week, every month, every year increase the enthusiasm of these brethren who are charged with the responsibility to pay their own tithing, and constantly to increase their contributions to the Church because of the consciousness they have of the direction which comes from God in performing this most sacred trust.

God help us, my brethren, that we might go forth from this conference tonight and bring into the storehouse of the Lord the means by which this Church can grow and develop and serve all of the righteous people of the world who are touched by the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, the power of the Holy Ghost, and submit themselves to baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and by the laying upon of hands to receive the Holy Ghost, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Hugh B. Brown:

President Henry D. Moyle of the First Presidency has just spoken to us. And now we come to the moment for which we have all been waiting, to which we have all looked forward, the opportunity to hear again from our beloved President, the Presiding High Priest of the Church— President David O. McKay.

with sharpness," not because of selfishness, not because of any personal antipathy, not because of personality, but "*when moved upon by the Holy Ghost*; and then showing forth afterwards an increase of love toward him whom thou hast reproved, lest he esteem thee to be his enemy;" (D&C 121:43. Italics added.) You may search through pedagogies, theories of teachings in vain, and find no passage that will compare with that in governing people.

What I am now going to say to stake presidents and bishops is more of a reminder than of reproof.

As people come to conference sometimes a day or two early to go to the temple while it is open, not a few bring

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incomplete recommends. Of such this year there has been an unusually large number. Some bishops seem to be getting careless again. The recommends are faulty for such reasons as: (1) no indication of ordinances for which they come; (2) bishops have not indicated approval with their initials as instructed; (3) signature of stake president is often omitted—holders of recommends say they did not know the stake president's signature must be on the recommend; (4) no recommends for children of age to be baptized, for sealing to parents—those who are over eight should come with a recommend, and because they are worthy and are going to be sealed you let them come without a recommend.

Correction of faulty recommends is expensive. Pressure of time and circumstances are embarrassing to the people, and sometimes results in their having to be disappointed and delayed.

A hint to the wise is sufficient.

In conclusion, let me say that just the holding of the priesthood is a blessing, a blessing which too few of us in our Church fully realize, and in order that that realization might become more prized, our bishops should teach the young man who is recommended to receive the Aaronic Priesthood what the ordination to the Aaronic Priesthood means. You who were present at the inspirational meeting last evening in this building saw on the screen a bishop interviewing a young man twelve years of age in the presence of happy parents. There was a lesson for the entire Church.

It is not sufficient just to present his name for approval in the meeting of the ward. He should be interviewed and taught previously from the beginning by the bishop. I shall ever cherish in memory our appreciation for Bishop Edward E. Olson of Ogden Fourth Ward who came into our house and interviewed our son Llewelyn, who sits in this audience tonight, and asked him about his willingness to receive the Priesthood of Aaron, and gave him instructions accordingly.

A bishop should teach the young man who is recommended to receive the Aaronic Priesthood what the ordination to the priesthood means, not just pre-

sent his name, I repeat, in council in the ward—but teach him that when he is given the priesthood he is expected to be above, not in pride and haughtiness, but in moral standards above his fellows.

Specifically, his playmates may swear, but he cannot do so with impunity. Some may even take the name of God in vain. A man of the priesthood cannot do that when he receives the obligation to render service to others, as a representative of Jesus Christ. He who takes the name of God in vain dishonors his priesthood.

Others may neglect their duties. Others may make fun of their teachers in day school. Others may break windows, but the bearer of the priesthood cannot do those things. It is the bishop's duty to teach them good citizenship and their duties in the priesthood.

Then the bishop will also follow similar teachings when the deacon is worthy to be ordained a teacher, and the teacher to be ordained a priest. With such teaching and training young men eighteen years of age, and young women of corresponding age, may in reality carve the moral atmosphere of the community in which they live. They truly have been set apart, not because of any pride, not because of any desire to rule unrighteously, but because of moral superiority. They are good citizens, and any bishop who profanes the name of God in the presence of others dishonors his priesthood. It is his duty to teach the young man from the time he is a deacon, through being a teacher and priest, the responsibility of true citizenship in the kingdom of God.

We are justified in being proud of our young men and young women. Some fail us, yes. Some of the children of our Father in heaven failed him. They had a right to choose. They had their free agency, and some of them chose to follow the fallen one, and they are following him today. We also have our free agency, a God-given gift, and some choose unwisely to follow pleasure and indulgence rather than the persistence and effort to rise above that which is low and mean into the realm of spirituality.

What I am saying is that to hold

the priesthood is an individual blessing, but it requires, it demands, righteous living. God give us power so to honor it, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Hugh B. Brown:

You will be interested in knowing that the general sessions tomorrow morning—Sunday—will be broadcast through the generous cooperation of owners and managers of radio and television stations, over 50 television stations and 16 radio stations, located from Coast to Coast. In addition, the proceedings of this session tomorrow morning will be carried by short wave stations to Europe, Africa, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Caribbean area, and the South Pacific.

It is estimated that the potential audience in the United States and Canada capable of hearing and viewing some parts of the Conference will exceed 60 million persons, and many thousands more in foreign countries will participate by means of short wave broadcast. Thus the sessions of this Conference will be heard and seen by the largest number of people in the history of the Church.

The Tabernacle Choir Broadcast will be from 9:35 to 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Those desiring to attend the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast must be in their seats not later than 9:10 a.m., and in that connection we are asked to announce that all who wish to attend the morning session of the General Conference, it will be necessary for them too to be in their

places not later than 9:10 tomorrow morning, as there will be no time between the close of the Tabernacle Choir Broadcast and the opening of the morning session of the Conference.

There will be large crowds attending the services on Sunday, and the President asks that you be considerate and courteous one to another at all times. Avoid pushing and crowding. As thousands leave this great Priesthood meeting tonight, let us keep in mind the admonition that is constantly being given to drive carefully. Let us have courtesy in the City and on the Highways.

The Men's Chorus of the Tabernacle Choir will now sing, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," and again we commend these brethren for the excellence of their singing tonight, Brother Condie and others. We think they have done an outstanding service to this great Priesthood gathering.

After the singing by the Chorus, the closing prayer will be offered by Elder David Samuel Brown, president of the Juarez Stake, and we will be adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The closing number for this meeting, "The Lord Bless You And Keep You," was sung by the Men of the Tabernacle Choir.

Elder David Samuel Brown, president of the Juarez Stake, offered the benediction.

Conference adjourned until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY MORNING MEETING

Conference reconvened Sunday morning, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.

President David O. McKay presided and conducted the services of this meeting.

(The *Tabernacle Choir and Organ* broadcast was presented in the Tabernacle from 9:35 to 10:00 a.m. See pages 127 to 128 for a full report of this broadcast.)

The music for this session of the

Conference was furnished by the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, under the direction of Richard P. Condie. Frank W. Asper was at the organ console.

President McKay made the following introductory remarks:

President David O. McKay:

We welcome all present this morning in the Tabernacle, in the Assembly Hall,