

And then he repeats, "And visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret and attend to all family duties.

"In all these duties the priest is to assist the elder. . . ."

And then the teacher's duty is to help also, but not in as wide a scope as the priest, but, "The teacher's duty is to watch over the church always, and be with and strengthen them;

"And see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hardness with each other, neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking;

"And see that the church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty." (See D&C 20:38, 42, 47, 49, 51-55.)

We hope to develop a program in this priesthood correlation through which all these responsibilities will be discharged. When we have seen that every member of the Church does his duty, we think we will be able to stand approved before the Lord.

This is a tremendous undertaking. It will take training of teachers. It will take a new determination. It will mean that every priesthood member will have to be a man of courage. Someone has said that the courageous man finds a way and that the ordinary man finds an excuse. No man that holds the priest-

hood wants to be just an ordinary man.

"Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence.

"He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved shall not be counted worthy to stand. . . ." (*Ibid.*, 107:99-100.)

And again:

"Wherefore, [says the Lord] lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all, that ye may be able to stand.

"Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you;

"Taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked;

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also. . . ." (*Ibid.*, 27:15-18.)

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

ELDER HAROLD B. LEE

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

President McKay, as I now come to announce the first tangible step forward that the Church will see on a church-wide basis, I am reminded of something you said when you came to the first regional meeting of the church welfare plan held in 1936 down in the old Pioneer Stake Hall where all the stake presidents of this area were called together. You sat through an hour or two of what must have been somewhat of a painful discussion of the details of beginning this far-reaching new welfare movement. You asked no questions, you made no comment, but at the conclusion you made this statement in something of a parable which I should

like to apply tonight to this correlation movement.

"An engineer pulled his train into a station one dark and stormy night, and while the engineer was out oiling his engine and getting ready for the next run, a timid passenger left his place in the train and walked up to the engineer and asked, 'Aren't you afraid to pull your train out into the dark tonight, raining and storming like it is?' Without looking up, the engineer replied, 'I am not pulling my engine out into the dark tonight.' 'Why,' said the passenger, 'it's pitch dark outside the lights of the station. I should think that with the responsibility of these four or five hundred passengers depending upon your

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handling of the train, you would be a nervous wreck."

"For an answer the engineer pointed up to the bright headlight and he said, 'Do you see that light up there? That throws out an intense white light a thousand yards ahead on the track. When I pull out of the station tonight, I will be running my engine only to the first circle of that light, a thousand yards away, and when I get to the outer circle of that light it will still be out another thousand yards in front of me. All through this dark night I will not be running in one foot of darkness all the way.'"

Then President McKay said, "Now, brethren, the first goal of this welfare program is October 1936, the first harvest time. That is the first circle of light. And when we get to October, the light will be out ahead of us, and I can promise you one thing, that all through this night of uncertainty when we are trying to establish the security of our people in a temporal way, this Church will be running in light of the revelations that come from God, all the way." We have seen that prediction completely fulfilled.

The first light that the Lord gave us as to how we should instruct his Church in all matters pertaining to his kingdom was given in that same revelation from which Elder Romney has read. It pertained to the holding of a stake quarterly conference, as we have come to know it. This is what the Lord said:

"Every elder, priest, teacher, or deacon is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto him; and he is to be ordained by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is in the one who ordains him."

Then he added: "The several elders composing this church of Christ are to meet in conference once in three months, or from time to time as said conferences shall direct or appoint; . . ." (D&C 20:60-61.)

That assignment to hold quarterly conferences with the elders of the Church was followed then by another pertinent instruction which impressed the need for the constant attendance of teachers that were to come from the headquarters of the Church to instruct, at the conferences, the elders of the

Church, which clearly indicated that the Lord intended that a stake quarterly conference was to be primarily a training school for leaders, as well as the Church membership generally. Note, now, this instruction which verifies that conclusion:

"It shall be the duty of the several churches, composing the church of Christ, to send one or more of their teachers to attend the several conferences held by the elders of the church." (*Ibid.*, 20:81.)

Repeatedly church members have asked as to how, with the rapid growth of the Church, the General Authorities could continue to keep contact with and to properly direct the work. To illustrate what some have posed as a difficult administrative hurdle: in the twenty-one years since I became a member of the General Authorities, we have increased 222 stakes and about twenty missions more than we had when I became a member of the Council of the Twelve. This means that when multiplied by four conferences in each stake each year, that we are now having just short of 900 more stake conferences to hold generally than we were holding twenty-one years ago. Hence, the question as to how the General Authorities were going to keep contact with the stakes of the Church being multiplied at that rate and likewise keep a close supervision of the missions.

In a revelation to President John Taylor the Lord answered that question, and you will note how clearly he said it:

" . . . Let not your hearts be troubled, neither be ye concerned about the management and organization of my Church and Priesthood and the accomplishment of my work. Fear not and observe my laws and I will reveal unto you, from time to time, through the channels that I have appointed . . . (I want you to mark that) . . . *through the channels that I have appointed*, everything that shall be necessary for the future development and perfection of my Church, for the adjustment and the rolling forth of my kingdom, and for the building up and the establishment of my Zion, for ye are my Priesthood and I am your God." (B. H. Roberts *Seventy's Course of Theology*, vol. 1, p. 10.)

We who are working closely together

in the development of a more effective correlation have had the unmistakable evidence of divine direction through the channels by which the Lord told President John Taylor he would reveal himself and the development and the rolling forth of the work of the Lord. Now to understand what we mean by that you have but to kneel with President McKay in our council meetings and to hear him pray with a fervor that thrills every man of the council who kneels with him, "Heavenly Father, keep the channel of communication open between thee and us."

The relationship of the expanding organization and development of the correlation courses of study of the auxiliary organizations as explained by Elder Hinckley and Elder Evans have been done through the all-church co-ordinating council which is comprised of the heads of all the auxiliaries, the Presiding Bishop, and the administrator of the church school system.

We have now gone forward as the brethren have explained in consultation with the all-church co-ordinating council together with four members of the twelve and executive secretaries which make up our research staff. It is now becoming increasingly clear that not only the "what" to teach in the curricula of the Church is important in the co-ordinating of courses of study and the activity programs of the Church, but it is just as important, and, in fact, going hand in hand must be the "how" of leadership training in stakes and missions.

Keeping in mind what the Lord has clearly instructed as to leadership training in the stake conferences every three months, the light of spiritual guidance as to the next steps ahead begins to break through.

The first step in this new development came last spring when the Presidency and the twelve decided that beginning in 1963, General Authorities would attend only two of the stake conferences annually in each stake. At the same time President McKay warned of the importance and the absolute necessity of the General Authorities having the conduct for all stake conferences under their close supervision.

From the first announcement of the

new correlation program, there has been constant inquiry made as to where the general auxiliary boards were to function, and always, with our limited view at the beginning, we answered, "Well, when we get to that problem, the answer will come." Now the answer has come. Beginning with 1963, alternating with conferences attended by the General Authorities, general auxiliary board representatives will be assigned by the First Presidency to attend these other two stake conferences each year.

For the conferences during the first half of the year, one representative from the Relief Society and one from the Primary general board will go to each stake conference as assigned. During the last half of the year, alternating with quarterly conferences attended by the General Authorities, one representative from the Sunday School and one from the MIA general board will attend the stake conferences as assigned by the First Presidency.

The general plan for these conferences attended by the general auxiliary board representatives as is now being formulated will be something like this: These quarterly conferences attended by auxiliary board representatives will take the place of what have been called the annual conventions heretofore held by each general board in each stake or on a regional basis. There will be no such annual conventions in this new conference program. Instead, the quarterly conference, where general board representatives attend, will take the place of these annual auxiliary conventions.

The emphasis now at these conferences attended by general board representatives will be on leadership training and not on curricula presentation. The introduction of courses of study and the activities for the coming year by each auxiliary will be, hereafter, announced and developed at the annual conferences held by each auxiliary at church headquarters—June conference for the MIA, then for the Primary, Relief Society, and Sunday School conferences on schedules as followed in the past.

Now, to give you some idea of the suggested schedule that will be followed at these stake conferences attended by the auxiliaries, and this is just a rough sketch of how it may work:

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On Saturday morning each auxiliary representative, beginning probably about 9:00 o'clock, will begin a series of training sessions and problem discussions with their respective organization leaders separately, and they will carry out a predetermined program which has been worked out in consultation with the advisers to each auxiliary; these advisers, of course, being made up of members of the twelve and then approved by the Presidency and the Twelve. Toward the evening and probably about 7:00 o'clock on Saturday, both auxiliary representatives will then meet with stake and ward priesthood leaders, the stake presidency, probably, the high council, and ward bishoprics, and there in that meeting these two auxiliary representatives will present to priesthood leaders, a predetermined and approved program of instruction and explanation. This meeting will be presided over by the stake president.

On Sunday, at both general sessions held at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, both auxiliary representatives will attend and will participate in both sessions as a team, so that now as they come to you instead of presenting their program as separate and sometimes unrelated and uncorrelated units, they will come to you, for example, in the first of these conferences in 1963, the Primary representing the children's program and the Relief Society representing the mother's program. How much more important will this kind of teamwork so presented mean to the church membership as both mother and child programs are related to each other.

They will carry out a program and demonstrate the harmony of the auxiliary programs as they relate to the priesthood and the home. This kind of meeting with the whole church membership in the general sessions will give the auxiliary representatives the opportunity to meet the maximum of the total stake membership and to impress the essential co-operation between the auxiliary organizations, the priesthood, and the home.

While both auxiliary representatives will participate in both sessions, one session might feature, for example, in the case of the Relief Society and Primary, the Singing Mothers who could be as-

signed the music at one session and the primary children singing chorus at the other session. At both these sessions the stake president will preside.

At the other stake conferences attended by General Authorities during the first half of the year, the missionary work and the welfare program will be stressed. It is likely that representatives of these two phases of the work may be assigned to accompany the visiting General Authority. That organization and the details thereof have yet to be announced.

At the conferences during the last half of the year, attended by General Authorities, the priesthood correlation or the enlargement of ward teaching as Elder Romney has explained it and genealogical and temple work will be stressed. It is conceivable that a program of training and instruction in genealogical work might be considered through the whole of Saturday, just as the program of the auxiliaries will be developed, if they so desire. It is also likely that representatives of these two phases of vital church programs may be assigned to accompany the visiting General Authority.

Thus you see that every phase of the Lord's work will receive attention, with a full correlation of courses of study and activities and with stress being placed on the training of and the instruction of local stake and ward leaders.

One concluding thought, and may I say, something of a testimony—President McKay sometime ago in talking to the Presidency and the twelve, urged us to give time for more meditation so that we could tune in with spiritual forces that we had a right to and should expect to direct us in our work. He said, "The best time for me is early in the morning when my mind and body are rested. But when the inspiration comes, and it can come just as clearly as though you were taking down a telephone and dialing in for information; when the Lord tells you what to do, you have to have the courage to do what he instructs you."

It is that, President McKay, which has been one of the most humbling experiences of this last year. Under your assignment, I bear humble witness to the Church I have sought that with all

the faith I could muster, I have implored the Lord. Sometimes the startling nature of my assignment has required courage almost beyond my strength. I come to you tonight subdued in spirit, I come to you with a sincere witness that the Lord is revealing and working through channels that he has appointed. Don't you ever let anybody tell you, the membership of the Church, that the Lord is not today revealing and directing and developing plans which are needed to concentrate the entire forces of this Church to meet the challenge of the insidious forces at work to thwart and to tear down and to undermine the church and kingdom of God.

I bear you my solemn witness that I know that God is directing this work today and revealing his mind and will. The light is shining through, and if we can get the priesthood now to come alive and to put into full gear the full strength of the priesthood, we shall see some of the most wonderful developments and some of the greatest things happen to the forces which the Lord can set in motion that we have ever known in this dispensation.

PRESIDENT HUGH B. BROWN

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

My dear brethren of the priesthood, both you who are assembled in this great auditorium and you out there in the various chapels and meeting places of the Church, it is a thrill to be with you and to be aware of you, to be associated with you.

I am sure you have all been inspired and challenged by the presentation that has been made by four members of the Council of the Twelve tonight who are laboring under the direction of President McKay in formulating a program for the future benefit of the Church.

You will have noted, as I did, that the great emphasis placed by each of these speakers was on teaching.

Some years ago when I was at Brigham Young University, an educator, a doctor of philosophy from another state who had spent a week on the campus as a visitor and part-time instructor,

God help us and help me, President McKay, that I will not fail in the assignment which you have given to me, and may we all be so close to the veil that forces beyond sight can be near us to comfort us, to guide us, and when we would be weak and almost to fall, that we might not fail in the responsibility which the Lord has given to us, I pray and bear my solemn testimony, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Kurt Weinzinger will now lead the congregation and the Male Choruses in singing, "Redeemer of Israel."

The Combined Male Choruses and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Redeemer of Israel."

President David O. McKay:

President Hugh B. Brown will now address the audience.

was sitting next to me at a banquet. Just before he was to leave he said, "I have visited many campuses in my lifetime, and I have seen some wonderful young people, but I wish you would tell me what it is you have here which seems to instill in your young people a burning desire to get an education. I have discovered here an enthusiasm for education that I have never seen before. In fact, it seems to me very close to religious zeal." He asked me to explain it.

I tried to do so by saying, "It is religious zeal because education is part of the gospel of Jesus Christ as we understand and proclaim it. We believe that a man is saved in the kingdom of God no faster than he gets knowledge, that he cannot be saved in ignorance. We believe that the glory of God is intelligence, and that every man's glory