

and others weary when the day is yet young.

Our challenge tonight then, in support of what has already been said, is that in every ward and stake, mission and branch, in every part of the Church, in all the auxiliaries, we join unitedly and enthusiastically to make the labors of these brethren and those associated with them successful in this great continuing movement for instructing and saving the members of the Church. We are doing a lot in the mission fields, but there is a lot to be done here at home.

Some may feel that in some far-off part of the Church there is not much hope. Sometimes we say, "Well, if you could send us a General Authority more often, we would be more inspired." The Church is getting too big, as Brother Lee has explained, for the General Authorities to attend all of the conferences.

I am reminded of what happened to a captain of a ship down in the South Atlantic. He had run out of fresh water. His crew were athirst. Another ship hove in sight, and he signalled, "Send us water" and the signal came back, "Let down your buckets, there is fresh water all around you. You are in

the Gulf Stream." They let down their buckets and found it was true. They had not realized that the course of the Gulf Stream, driven out into the briny deep, had maintained its virtues, so to speak. They were able to save themselves by that which was all around them, yet they did not know it.

Brethren, there is available to you wherever you are, the blessings, the opportunities, the privileges of teaching the gospel of Christ, if you will let down your bucket into the Gulf Stream of the Holy Spirit which is everywhere.

God help us to do our duty, to be equal to our task, and when we say, "I go," let us be true to the promise that is implied and stay until the end of the day, that when the time shall come that we shall be released from this part of our labors and we go on to greater labors, we may be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" (2 Tim. 4:7). This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

President Henry D. Moyle will now address the Priesthood.

## PRESIDENT HENRY D. MOYLE

### *First Counselor in the First Presidency*

At our April conference in 1960, I called attention to the need we had for missionaries, that we would like at least to double the force that we then had. At that time twenty-five percent of our young men eligible were going on missions—6,000 of them. I come to you tonight with my heart filled with gratitude to express to you the deep appreciation of the brethren of the fact that tonight we are on the verge of having those 12,000 missionaries in the missionfields throughout the world.

We are realizing approximately fifty percent of our potential rather than twenty-five percent, and just as we needed more missionaries in April of 1960, we need more tonight. We had fifty missions at that time, we now have seventy, either in existence or in immediate contemplation, and all of these

missions are calling for young men and young women and couples to go out and to preach the gospel to the peoples of the world who are waiting for our message.

Recently I found in a book of the seventeenth century, written by a Sir Walter Moyle, who may or may not be one of my progenitors—I think in light of this great program that Brother Lee and the brethren have presented tonight, and in light of the fact that the work of the ministry becomes more and more intense day by day, and if we fulfil our callings, we shall of necessity be more and more diligent, that what Mr. Moyle said has a present-day application, in spite of its antiquity.

He writes: "I think our success and salvation depend largely on how well we can eliminate idle moments from our lives and dedicate ourselves to hard

work, which is impossible without effort and concentration."

I have had the feeling for a long time that we are unduly influenced by fear. I think for the most part the priesthood of the Church believe themselves to be courageous. I am sure that we have not entirely overcome fear. I am very much impressed with the statements that Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve made at an annual general conference in April 1942:

"Fear which 'shall come upon every man,' is the natural consequence of a sense of weakness, also of sin. Fear is a chief weapon of Satan in making mankind unhappy. He who fears loses strength for the combat of life, for the fight against evil. Therefore, the power of evil ever seeks to engender fear in human hearts. In this day of sorrow, fear walks with humanity. It directs, measurably, the course of every battle. It remains as a gnawing poison in the heart of victors as of the vanquished.

"As leaders in Israel, we must seek to dispel fear from among our people. A timid, fearing people cannot do their work well. The Latter-day Saints have a divinely assigned world mission so

great that they cannot afford to dissipate their strength in fear. The Lord has repeatedly warned his people against fear. Many a blessing is withheld because of our fears. He has expressly declared that men cannot stop his work on earth, therefore, they who are engaged in the Lord's latter-day cause, and who fear, really trust man more than God, and thereby are robbed of their power to serve.

"The key to the conquest of fear has been given through the Prophet Joseph Smith," Brother Widtsoe continues. "'If ye are prepared ye shall not fear.'" (D&C 38:30.) That is a message from the Doctrine and Covenants, and Brother Widtsoe says in conclusion, "That divine message needs repeating today in every stake and ward. Are we prepared to surrender to God's commandments? . . . If we can honestly answer yes, we can bid fear depart. And the degree of fear in our hearts may well be measured by our preparation by righteous living, such as should characterize Latter-day Saints."

God bless us to eliminate fear and to meet every challenge which the priesthood of God places upon us, I pray humbly, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

While Elder Lee and the other members of the twelve were presenting the outline of the great correlation work now in preparation, a passage of scripture came to my mind, which I shall quote, if I can, which will summarize the purpose of all this work:

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: . . ." (Eph. 4:11-13.)

That is what these brethren have in mind. That is what you brethren of the priesthood, assembled in these vast congregations tonight, have in mind, because you are servants of the Most High, and he has given you the responsibility

of perfecting the Saints, of working in the ministry, for edifying the Saints of God, and the object is the perfecting of the individual.

There are many who are working tonight in positions who are sometimes discouraged. They may be in a bishopric, some may be in the presidencies of stakes, some may be in the presidencies of quorums, some deacons who feel, "Well, I am not doing anything." Teachers who are asked to go ward teaching sometimes feel they are incompetent, inadequate to teach. The plans that have been outlined today for you will be an aid no matter what position you may be holding, and you who feel inadequate, particularly the young boys who hold the office of teacher, when you go into the home of a man of the priesthood, and you feel inadequate to do your duty, remember this, given by a nonmember of the Church, but it contains encouragement: