

In closing I quote a few lines from Jane Terry written to teachers, applicable to fathers who are the teachers of their sons:

"You are called to be true under-shepherds,
To keep watch o'er the lambs of the fold;
"And to point out the way to green pastures,
Of more value than silver or gold.

"Unto you are entrusted the children
Priceless treasures from heaven above,
You're to teach them the truth of the Gospel
Let them bask in the warmth of your love.

"Do you ask for the help of our father
In teaching his children so dear?
Do you put forth a true, honest effort?

Is your message impressive and clear?

"Are you living a worthy example?
Is your character what it should be?
When the children have gathered
around you,
Can you say, 'Come, follow me'?"

"Earnest effort is always rewarded,
Righteous lives are inspiring to all,
You can render your thanks to our Savior,
By making the most of your call."

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Twelve, has just spoken to us. Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, also an Assistant to the Twelve, will now speak to us. He will be followed by Elder S. Dilworth Young.

ELDER BERNARD P. BROCKBANK

Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles

Brothers and sisters, it is always a joyful and honored occasion to look in the faces of so many priesthood bearers, to be in the presence of our prophet, twelve apostles, and so many fine people desiring to enjoy and know the spiritual things of life.

I would like to just mention that in the passing of President Henry D. Moyle, working so close with him in the mission field, I learned to appreciate his great strength and his power and his interest in taking the gospel to every soul. He knew no limit, and he always had an open door to everyone. He always had time for the right things. I have never experienced an individual like President Moyle, a man of leadership, capacity, and strength, and with so many varied interests.

Also working in the mission field with President Tanner, I used to marvel at how he could make so many interviews. I am sure that he tired the same as the rest of us, but it never seemed to show. Courage and strength—he has only one real desire and interest and that is to further the work of the Lord.

It was good to share missionary blessings and to have friendship with these two great missionaries.

I enjoy reading the scriptures. You know, they seem to have quite a human touch. You remember Peter saying after the Savior's resurrection, and in his absence, "I go a fishing." (John 21:3.) That is just about as brief as you can put it. The Savior appeared while Peter and the disciples were fishing. After the Savior had shown them how to catch fish by casting their nets under his direction—casting the net under his counsel and his guidance—that is the way to fish. He taught them how to be fishers of men, to cast their nets under the direction of the Savior. I would like to take the next part of this great message that the Savior left with Peter on how to be an effective missionary. This was now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples after that he was risen from the dead. Jesus saith to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?"

These scriptures are well known to

all. This is a very important question for each one of us. May I ask each of you, "Do you love the Lord?" The answer almost without exception would be, "Yes." Let us place ourselves in the position of Peter.

"... Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? . . . He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, *Feed my lambs.*" The Lord can tell if we love him.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, *Feed my sheep.*

"He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he saith unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, *Feed my sheep.*" (*Ibid.*, 21:15-17. Italics added.)

Can you picture this great scene of that powerful Peter being asked these simple questions? And the Lord had a way of knowing how deep the love was within Peter and how to teach him the way to show his love for Jesus Christ.

We show and prove our love by *feeding the lambs and the sheep*. There are over three billion people on the earth today, and at the present rate of teaching, over two and a half billion of God's children will never be taught the gospel of Jesus Christ. What if you were to live on this earth and never had a chance to hear and be taught the true way of life?

Our task is great. Teachers are needed. Every member of this Church that has a testimony and is converted is urgently needed. The lambs and the sheep are hungry for the bread of life, for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We can show our love by following the prophet of God, "by every member being a missionary" to bring one or more souls into the Church each year. It is great to have a prophet. Have you followed the prophet?

I find people occasionally worried and concerned about whether someone else's convert is fully converted. They are more concerned sometimes about this

than about feeding and teaching their own friends and neighbors the gospel. I learned a lesson about this point in the mission field.

The missionaries baptized a little Scottish boy, very shabbily dressed, from a very poor home, family conditions almost as bad as you could find. I asked the missionary, "Why did you baptize this boy?" "Well, he is a good boy." The boy brought his entire family into the Church. His father was an alcoholic. He failed to bring his money home. Well, the story has a beautiful ending. Today the boy's father is the bishop. I learned not to judge the conversion of someone else. The Lord will hold the person that improperly brings someone into this Church, and him alone.

Now what have we to teach the people? You know, the Savior gives us this great message. We don't have to guess at what to teach. The Savior said ". . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; . . ." (Mark 16:15-16.) And then he gives us the key. Jesus said: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: . . ." (Matt. 28:20.)

Our job is to teach the people to observe all things whatsoever Jesus Christ has commanded. We are to teach every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the commandments given by Christ.

The Prophet Ether in the Book of Mormon is an excellent example of a good effective missionary. ". . . he could not be restrained because of the Spirit of the Lord which was in him.

"For he did cry from the morning, even until the going down of the sun, exhorting the people to believe in God unto repentance lest they should be destroyed, saying unto them that by faith all things are fulfilled—" (Ether 12:2-3.)

Here are some of the things that Jesus commanded:

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16.)

Teach them to search the scriptures;

they contain the program that God has provided for his children.

Teach your fellow man to have faith in the Living Personal God as found in the scriptures.

Teach your neighbors and friends that they were created in the image and likeness of God, their Heavenly Father.

Teach them to have faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

Teach them to repent from sin and evil and to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Teach them baptism—the same baptism that Jesus exemplified as he went down into the water at the river Jordan under the hands of God's authorized servant, John the Baptist.

Teach them that they must be born of the spirit and receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, ". . . Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5.)

Teach them to love God and neighbor.

Teach them to pray from their hearts to a Living God and a Heavenly Father.

Teach them that revelation from God to man has never ceased if man desires to know and receive the heavenly blessings and witnesses.

Teach the people to pray to God and ask for his blessings through the Savior Jesus Christ.

Teach them to be kingdom builders. Remember the Lord's Prayer— ". . . When ye pray," the Lord said, "After this manner therefore pray ye . . .

"Thy kingdom come." Anyone praying after the manner of Jesus Christ prays to be a kingdom builder. "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:7, 9-10.)

Teach them to have joy and happiness; long suffering, goodness, meekness, temperance, love, peace, and faith; these are the fruits of the Spirit.

Teach them the value and power of the priesthood of God, and that it has been restored to the earth.

When you teach, follow the Savior's counsel and "let your light shine." Pray always before you teach for faith, wisdom, and the inspiration of the Holy

Ghost. What a marvelous experience to teach the gospel under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit! What great joy comes from *feeding the lambs and the sheep*.

I would like to just mention in closing a little about the World's Fair as a great missionary venture. I would like to mention that the Church of Jesus Christ's pavilion and exhibit at the New York World's Fair will help to show the world that we are Christians after the order of Jesus Christ's program and teachings, that we literally accept the living personal God of the Holy Bible, that we accept the living personal Jesus Christ as the Son of God and as the Redeemer and our Savior.

The church pavilion and exhibits will have the beauty and atmosphere of sacred Christian love and peace. The building, I am sure the architect was inspired by God. It has an atmosphere of peace and sacredness, the way the golden light enters the building, the way the extension of the building is designed. It is worth a trip to the fair just to see this marvelous building and the exhibits.

The church pavilion and exhibits will have the beauty and atmosphere of Christianity. The theme is "Man's Search for Happiness." We hope to show that happiness comes from Christian righteousness. We hope to show many of the fruits of the Church. Jesus said, "by their fruits ye shall know them." (See Matt. 7:16.) We will show the restoration of the gospel of Jesus Christ back to the earth again, the same as it was when Jesus lived upon this earth.

The fair will be for two years, 1964 and 1965. It is estimated that over seventy million people will attend. In my estimation it will be the finest World's Fair ever held because of the two-year period.

Our task is great as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but with two million full-time missionaries and Saints, we can teach the people, our neighbors, as Jesus said, "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (*Ibid.*, 28:20.)

May we all follow our prophet and be missionaries and show our love for

Saturday, October 5

Second Day

God by feeding the lambs and the sheep, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President David O. McKay:

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant

to the Twelve, has just spoken to us. We shall now hear from Elder S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of Seventy. He will be followed by Elder Henry D. Taylor, our closing speaker.

ELDER S. DILWORTH YOUNG

Of the First Council of the Seventy

So the translators may be forewarned, I am going to say two things which are not on the paper in front of me. The first is that I fully and completely support President Tanner and Brother Monson in their positions. I am sure they know this already. But for any others who have any doubt about it, I want them also to know that I do.

The second thing is with regard to some desirable attributes mentioned just now by Brother Brockbank. He named a number of things we must teach our young folk if we expect to have them stay true in the Church and have proper acceptance before the Lord in his kingdom. It has been my observation as a leader of youth that one does not teach youth in "lumps," if I may use the word—in bulk. Each thing one teaches to a boy must be taught to him separately from other things. May I illustrate:

I can teach a boy to make a fire with two matches, to care for it and to put it out. This is one of the tests that used to be in the Boy Scout *Handbook* when I was in that movement. I can teach him so that I can leave him while he does it, and I can have confidence that he will perform the test without my having seen him do it. But the fact that I taught him that much of honor will not necessarily carry over to his schoolwork, and the next day he may cheat in an examination. I now must retrace my steps and teach that boy not to cheat in examinations, and then having taught him not to cheat in examinations, I must take any other virtue I want him to possess, center on it, and teach him that. I may not assume that because I have generalized on the code of conduct which I expect him to live by that he will get any of that

code into his system, except as I detail it one item at a time. That has been my experience in teaching boys.

That explains, to me at least, why we teach thoroughly the Word of Wisdom, and then discover to our sorrow that often times the person who would not disobey one phase of the Word of Wisdom sometimes doesn't have much conception of the moral code. Or we teach him the moral code, and he does not seem to have any conception of the Word of Wisdom. We cannot allow ourselves to assume that a boy, or girl either, is going to learn more than one thing at a time.

Henry Van Dyke, an author read very much by the past generation, but little known to this one, once wrote a story concerning a man who lost the word which could save him. Until he could remember it, say it, and put it into his life once more, he found no peace—that's how the story went.

Well, there is a word which many of the present generation have not learned to know in the first place. It is not lost, for it has not yet been learned. Yet without it we cannot go very far in our progress toward the kingdom of heaven. Like Mr. Van Dyke, I shall leave the word until the last part of what I shall say—but I shall talk to it.

I found a suggestion of it in the words of President Heber C. Kimball when he wrote his feelings about first hearing the gospel. He wrote: "The family of John Young, Senior," (who incidentally is my great-great-grandfather) "of five sons and five daughters and two sons-in-law, John P. Greene and Joel Sanford, had moved to Mendon a few years previously." Brother Kimball was in Mendon at this time. "They had the same principles in their breasts that I