

Leaving you my witness as to the truth of this work and as to how much all of this is worth, in closing there comes to mind these words from President McKay: "Go home and live your

religion. . . Radiate what you are and all who come under its influence will benefit from it."

May our Father's blessings be with you always, I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRESIDENT DAVID O. McKAY

(After the Brethren had assisted President McKay to the pulpit, he chuckled as he said:)

"I am not as weak as seems."

We have had a great Conference and my heart is full. I should like to express appreciation, especially to the brethren and sisters who came down here this morning before daylight in order to get a seat. This audience is blessed by the presence of those men and women who have traveled many miles, some of them getting up in the middle of the night, to come down here and stay all day. I think their having done so preaches a sermon to all of us to devotion to the work, willingness to accept any assignment, and eagerness to get the guidance of truths as proclaimed by the members of the General Authorities.

I have dictated a few lines expressive of my feelings for fear I should not be able to say impressively what I want to say to you brethren and sisters, and give a blessing to all of you, so I am going to ask one of my sons to read what I handed him this afternoon and let that be the message I want to give.

He then evoked laughter from the audience as he said:

"I wish I had freer use of this old tongue that wants to wrap itself around my teeth."

God bless you, brethren and sisters, you stake presidencies, you bishoprics of wards, you officers, stake and local, you mothers and fathers, you young people who are doing so much to build up the kingdom. Much of what you brethren and sisters do we never hear about, and it seems as though you are working without visible results, but no good deed can be performed, no kind word can be spoken without its effects being felt for the good of the

whole. Sometimes the good may be infinitesimal, but as a rock that is thrown into a pool starts a wave from the center which continues to enlarge until every part of the shore is touched, so your deeds, silent, many of them unknown, unspoken, and unheralded, continue to radiate and touch many hearts.

We are not unappreciative of what you are doing. Nobody can go out to a dedicatory service of one of our church edifices, hear incidents, details, illustrations, of what seems to be sacrifices of hours and hours of work freely given, without being deeply impressed with the integrity and sincerity of the members of this Church.

Why do we hold these conference meetings and all other meetings in the Church? They are held for the good of the individual—for your son and my son, your daughter and mine. The Lord has said, ". . . if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people, and bring, save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father!

"And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me!" (D&C 18:15-16.)

The whole purpose of the organization of this great Church, so complete, so perfect, is to bless the individual. How that stands out in striking contrast, in opposition, to the claim of the communist who says that the individual is but a spoke in the wheel of the state, that the state is all in all, the individual being but a contributing factor to the perpetuation and strength of the state.

That idea is diametrically opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus sought

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for a perfect society by perfecting the individual. He recognized the fallacy in the dream of those who hoped to make a perfect society out of imperfect individuals. In all his labors and associations, he sought the perfection of the individual.

The goal he always set before his followers was the emancipation of men and women from greed, from anger, from jealousy, from hatred, from fear; and in their place he hoped to bring about a complete and normal development of the individual's divine powers through right thinking and unselfish, efficient service.

He promised no material rewards, but he did promise perfected, divine manhood. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matt. 5:48.) And with that divine manhood comes the resultant happiness—true happiness.

God bless you, my dear fellow workers, you General Authorities, stake presidencies, bishoprics, every officer and teacher throughout the land—every member! May the Spirit of the Lord abide in your hearts and in your homes, that people, partaking of your radiation of honesty, integrity, uprightness, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, will be led to glorify our Father in heaven.

God help us to bring about that peace in the only way that it can come, which is through obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ, I pray in his holy name. Amen.

President Hugh B. Brown

Regarding the music for this conference, President McKay has asked me to express his feelings of appreciation as follows: "While the inspiration of this beautiful music is still upon us, I desire to express my deep gratitude and thanks to these young singers this afternoon, and especially for their having honored me with that special number. These choice young singers today, and the Brigham Young University Combined Choruses yesterday, have blessed all of us with their inspiring singing. The Tabernacle Choir also thrilled us with their excellent singing on the broadcast session Sunday morning and

again Sunday afternoon. The Men's Chorus from the Tabernacle Choir added much to the priesthood meeting on Monday evening. I also wish to express appreciation to the conductors and organists. Truly, a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Thank the Lord for the divine gift of music. May there be an increase in our appreciation for the services rendered by these men and women in our Church who are willing to devote their musical gifts for the upbuilding of our souls. God bless you."

President McKay wishes me to express appreciation also to all who have in any way contributed to the success and inspiration of this great conference. He is especially grateful to his beloved associates, the General Authorities, who have delivered such timely and inspirational messages. We appreciate also the careful and efficient attention given by local and national press representatives, and the representatives of radio and television in reporting the sessions of this conference. We deeply appreciate the cooperation of city officials, city traffic officers, who have handled carefully and ably the increased traffic, the fire department and the Red Cross, who had been on hand to render assistance whenever and wherever needed.

We thank the Tabernacle ushers for their courtesy and consideration in seating the great audiences of this conference.

As heretofore mentioned, we are most grateful to the owners and managers of the many radio and television stations throughout the nation and our own city who have carried the sessions of this conference from coast to coast and to many countries of the world. Through the extensive radio and television coverage of this annual conference, untold millions have been able to participate.

Just a reminder again about driving in the city and on the highways. Please obey traffic rules. Good manners, patience and alertness are necessary if we are to reduce the number of automobile accidents.

We wish also again to express our gratitude to the donors of these lovely flowers of which we have spoken previously.