

door of your church again.' And he did, and I never have."

I am afraid that if I had been there and had been big enough, there would have been two going out instead of one. I think the wrong man was put out.

I want to show you just a little contrast to that. I went over here on the west side of town to attend an award night when I was the Presiding Bishop; we had a program, and then we went in the cultural hall for a banquet, and it was beautifully spread with nice linen and silverware. I sat with the stake president next to me; and there was a place for the bishop next to me on the other side, but the bishop wasn't there. Finally he came in and sat down. He nibbled a little at his food and then pushed his plate away. I turned to him and said, "Bishop, what's the matter?" "Oh," he said, "one of the boys talked during the closing prayer, and I spoke to him about it, and it offended him. He grabbed his hat and away he went." He said, "I followed him home. I stayed with him until he had apologized to me, and I had apologized to him, and we are both back together."

You see, there wasn't anything lost, since that wound had been healed before it calloused over. The only thing lost was the bishop's appetite, and he could make that up.

"I am proud of our youth"

Now, brethren, I am proud of our youth. I have stories by the dozens about how they have brought us

honor, and I love them; I love the work that you men are doing for them, and what this Church is doing, and I trust that there will be no fathers whose boys will not be able to look up to them.

We had a miller come to our town when I was a boy. We used to take a load of wheat to the mill and get credit for it, and then we would go and draw on it for our mush and for shorts for pigs, etc. A new miller came, and I went up to get a grist, but had no credit, and he wouldn't let me have it; he didn't know me. I said, "Well, you check up on my father," and I gave him the name.

A few days later, I went up with a load of wheat, and I said, "Did you check on my father with the owner of the mill?" He said, "Yes, sir." I said, "What did he say?" He said, "The next time one of those sons of George F. Richards comes to this mill, if he wants the mill, get out and give it to him."

Fathers proud of sons

Fathers may not all be able to hand down to their sons in the way of money, stocks, and bonds; but I want to tell you that when you can hand down a name to your boys, so that they will be proud to say, "He is my father," then you will be doing what God, the Eternal Father, expects you to do with these sons who are entrusted to your keeping.

May God bless each one of you, I pray, and leave you my blessing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Hugh B. Brown

Of the First Presidency

My dear brethren, seen and unseen: I am conscious of a whole army of men out there in various wards and branches and stake houses who are tuned into this meeting and have listened to what has gone on.

I am sure all of you have been inspired and blessed and lifted up. I am sure the message from our President, David O. McKay, has found lodgment in the hearts of all, and I

trust that each of us will carry from this meeting a resolution and a determination not to let him down, to show him our love and our support and our loyalty by doing the things he has asked us to do and the things we know we ought to do.

We have all been inspired too by the splendid message given by Brother Lee, and in the absence of the President, I just want you to know that it is not

Brother Lee's program. It is not the program of any one man. It is a program that is supported and instituted, is being advanced, and will be carried on by the Presidency of the Church and the Twelve Apostles, and those who have been and may be called to assist.

The Kingdom is massing its forces

It seems to me that of all the signs of the times (and they are ominous and on every side) this is one of the significant signs of the times—that the Church of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God, is massing its forces, getting ready for that which is to follow. These 69 men have been called in to serve. They are seasoned men. They are men of great faith and considerable experience. They are all men on whom we can rely. They are men to whom you can look and from whom you will get much instruction, advice, and counsel, and I pray that the Lord will help us all to support them and uphold them, for they are representatives of the Twelve and the First Presidency.

I say this is in a sense one of the signs of the times. I see thousands of young men here, and I know there are other thousands listening; and I would like to say to you young men that those of us who are growing older will pass on. We must pass the torch to you. You must have the faith to hold it high. You have the authority and will have greater priesthood than you have now, those of you with the lesser priesthood; you will be expected to represent the Church, and in that representation you will represent the Lord.

Resolve to be clean and strong

I hope that no man under the sound of our voices here tonight will allow himself to be tempted to do anything that would cause him to blush if it were known by those he loves the most.

I hope that every young man under the sound of my voice will resolve tonight, "I am going to keep myself clean. I am going to serve the Lord. I am going to prepare every way I can for future service, because I want to be prepared when the final battle shall

come."

And some of you young men are going to engage in that battle. Some of you are going to engage in the final testing time, which is coming and which is closer to us than we know.

I want to leave with you my blessing, the blessing of the First Presidency and the Twelve. We are greatly appreciative of the wonderful work done by Brother Lee and his committee, the Council of the Twelve, and others who have been called in to serve in the preparation of this wonderful program. We hope it will have your whole-hearted support, and that you will in supporting it realize that you are only doing the work of the Lord.

The Kingdom is going forward with power

I want to say to you, brethren, that in the midst of all the troubles, the uncertainties, the tumult and chaos through which the world is passing, almost unnoticed by the majority of the people of the world, there has been set up a kingdom, a kingdom over which God the Father presides, and Jesus the Christ is the King. That kingdom is rolling forward, as I say, partly unnoticed, but it is rolling forward with a power and a force that will stop the enemy in its tracks while some of you live.

Do you want to be among those on the side of Christ and his apostles? Would you like to be with those who are on the side of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and the others of the leaders, including President David O. McKay?

Now is the time to make a resolution to that effect and to prepare to put yourselves in a position where you can do the will of God, keep control of yourselves, and control your passions and your appetites and those other things that lead downward into forbidden paths.

I pray you, brethren, avoid drugs of all kinds, as you would avoid the very gates of hell. I pray that his Spirit may be with you, qualify and prepare you for that which lies ahead.

This day foreseen by prophets

Daniel saw our time. Daniel knew,

through the Spirit that prompted President McKay to inaugurate this work, that there would be a day when the God of heaven would set up a kingdom. I want to read you his words. Speaking of a time subsequent to the Roman empire, when the government of the world had been divided into kingdoms, part of clay and part of iron, Daniel says:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. . . .

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." (Dan. 2:44; 7:27.)

I want also to bring to your attention one verse from the 65th section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

"The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth. . . ." (Verse 2.)

The keys of the Kingdom are divinely committed to men

I want to bear testimony and by way of emphasis repeat that statement, "The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth. . . .

"Wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou, O God, mayest be glorified in heaven so on earth, that thine enemies may be subdued; for thine is the honor, power and glory, forever and ever." (D&C 65:2, 6.)

Remember, brethren, the Lord has spoken. There is a spirit hovering over this group and reaching out to the various groups who are listening in, and it is a yearning spirit. It is the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, calling upon all men who have been baptized into

the Church and have received some order of priesthood to stand up and be counted, for the time will come when those who are not for him will be found to be against him. I urge all of us to set our houses in order, to set our lives in order, to be prepared for that which lies ahead; and God will bless and sustain us in our efforts.

O Father, bless these young men, and these older ones. Let thy Spirit guide them. May it hover over them, shield and protect them against the wiles of the adversary. We realize, O Father, that they are fighting not against flesh and blood alone. They are fighting against enemies in high places. They are fighting against empires. They are fighting against organized sin, organized rebellion. They are fighting against riots and all manner of disobedience and lawlessness.

O Father, help these young men who are listening tonight, when they go home to get on their knees and commit themselves to thee; and then they may know, and I promise them in thy name that they will know, that with thy help they need not fear the future.

God bless us all to this end, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

President Hugh B. Brown

It is reported that there are 9,478 priesthood holders gathered at the George Albert Smith Fieldhouse in Provo.

Singing by the Men of the Choir, "Seek Thy God," and "I Need Thee Every Hour."

President Hugh B. Brown

I feel when they sing like that that they are really worshipping the Lord. There may not be another opportunity during this conference for us to express to Brother Condie and Brother Schreiner and the other organists and to Brother Richard L. Evans just how we feel with regard to the tremendous work that is being done by the Tabernacle Choir in their weekly broadcasts which are becoming world-wide.

These men are devoting themselves