

for ever.'” (Dan. 7:18.) And as if that were not quite long enough, Daniel adds, “even for ever and ever.”

Help work to roll on

Now the saints of the most high God have been attending this conference, and to you there is the promise that this kingdom will be given to you if you make yourselves worthy of it. Therefore, I say to you that there is no other thing you can do in this world that will bring you greater eternal happiness than to help to roll this majestic work on, this marvelous work and a wonder, until it shall fill the whole earth.

Now I could go on for an hour telling you other things that the God of heaven has decreed that he would do in our day, and he couldn't do them without a prophet of God, and so I stand here to bear you my witness that this church is led and has been led by living prophets. I sustain with all my heart our new prophet, seer, and revelator, and his counselors; I pray God to bless them, and to bless the saints

of Zion the world over, that they may be worthy of their great heritage to be a part of this great latter-day movement, with God at its head and his prophets to direct it. I ask this prayer, and pray God to bless you all, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. ○

President Harold B. Lee

Brother LeGrand Richards has now spoken to us. I can say as did King Agrippa: “Thou almost persuadest all of us, LeGrand.” How proud we are of all the brethren as we listen to their marvelous testimonies and the preaching of the gospel. You leaders of Zion, will you tell your speakers in sacrament meetings to exemplify what you have heard here: Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's confine our teachings to the truth of the gospel, and this kingdom will roll on as Brother Richards has prayed it will, and the Lord has promised.

Now President Smith, if you have any more steam left, we would like your closing blessing upon us today.

President Joseph Fielding Smith

● Brethren and sisters, I think this has been a wonderful day, and we have heard a great deal that is of profit to us if we will only treasure it.

We come now to the closing moments of another great general conference of the Church.

Purposes of conference fulfilled

We came together to sustain a new First Presidency and to receive counsel and direction from the Lord through his servants the prophets.

We assembled to partake of the good things of the Spirit, to feel that influence which comes only from the Lord, and to be built up in faith and in testimony.

We came to worship the Lord, to affirm our love for him and our devotion to his cause, and we came desiring in our hearts to keep the commandment which says: “Thou shalt

love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength; and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him.” (D&C 59:5.)

I feel that the purposes of the conference have been fulfilled. We are now ready to go our several ways with a renewed dedication to the upbuilding of our Father's work, and with a determination to use our strength and influence to bless all his children.

Let us now heed the counsel of him who said: “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.)

Blessing and assurance

I leave my blessing with you and my assurance that God is with his people, and that the work in which we are engaged shall triumph and roll

forth until the eternal purposes of the Lord are fulfilled. And I pray that the blessings of heaven may be and abide with us and all men.

O that the heavens might pour down righteousness and truth upon all the world!

O that all men everywhere might have a listening ear, and that they might heed the words of truth and light which come from the Lord's servants!

O that the Lord's purposes among all people in every nation might speedily be fulfilled!

Prayer for divine guidance

I pray for the members of the Church, who are the saints of the Most High, that they may be strengthened in their faith, and that desires for righteousness may increase in their hearts, and that they may work out their salvation with fear and trembling before the Lord.

I pray for the good and the upright among all people, that they may be led to seek truth, to sustain every true principle, and to further the cause of freedom and justice.

In these troublesome and difficult times, I pray that all men may be guided by that light which lighteth every man who cometh into the world, and that they may gain thereby the wisdom to solve the problems which beset mankind.

Blessings for unfortunate

I beseech a gracious Father to pour out his blessings upon all men, upon the young and old, upon those who have cause to mourn, upon the hungry and needy, upon those who are entrapped in unfortunate circumstances and unwholesome environments, and upon all who need aid, and help, and succor, and wisdom, and all those good and great things that only he can give.

Along with all of you, I have love and concern and compassion for our Father's children in all the earth, and pray that their conditions may be bettered both temporally and spiritually; I pray that they may come unto Christ, and learn of him, and take his yoke upon them, that they may find

rest to their souls, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

I pray that the Latter-day Saints and all who will join with them in keeping the commandments of the Father of us all may so live as to gain peace in this life and eternal life in the world to come—all of which I ask in humility and in thanksgiving, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. ○

President Harold B. Lee

Thank you, President Smith, for that father's blessing which we all accept with gratitude from you this afternoon.

As a bit of interest, I think you will be interested to know that one of the new General Authorities, so far as we know, is the first General Authority to have Lamanite blood. Brother William H. Bennett is a direct descendant of Pocahontas, with Lamanite blood. Pocahontas was his ninth great grandmother in a direct line. It is significant that we have the Logan Institute Chorus of the city from which Brother Bennett comes.

Brother Anderson and Brother Haight, we will give them six months to worry about what they may say at the next General Conference of the Church.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all of you who have attended this conference. You have contributed much by the uplift of your great spirit.

The Tabernacle Choir—most excellent; the Cedar City Institute of Religion Chorus; the Logan Institute of Religion; the conductors and the organists; and to our brethren, the press representatives; radio and television representatives; city officials; traffic officers; fire department; Red Cross; Tabernacle ushers; and all the radio and television stations which we have enumerated time and again; and behind the scenes, a host of translators hidden down in the basement of the Tabernacle for their unselfish service in translating the message of the conference for the peoples of the world, many of them who have been here