

given me a great deal of satisfaction to know that that young man became active, and his family is active. He has children now that are active.

Brethren, regardless of where we are or who we are, we should realize that we have out there a boy, a young man, an older man who is not active, and he wants to be active, if we can just find a way to interest him and let him know that he wants to be active.

### Importance of saving souls

I would like to leave this challenge with you tonight, my brethren, that each bishop determine that within the next month he will begin very actively to bring some young man into activity; and each counselor would do the same thing; and each man who holds office in that ward or stake would do the same thing. Brethren, there is nothing more important in your whole lives than to save souls. We have programs and we have planning outlines for teachers, and we give them teacher helps, and all those things to take care of those who are attending, but I fear too often we are forgetting and neglecting and ignoring those who are not always there,

satisfied to say we had 50 percent or 60 percent in attendance.

### Joy in finding lost sheep

I don't care at all for percentages or statistics, but I do care for that boy and the outside young man, and I appeal to you tonight, my brethren, every one of you who is holding the priesthood of God, and particularly those who hold office in the Church, to set about to do as the Lord said, to find that lost sheep, bring him back into the fold, so that you will find joy with him when you meet your Heavenly Father.

And to you young men, there is no fun in being lost, and you can keep from being lost if you will honor your priesthood all the time and help the boys who are having difficulty to honor their priesthood, that they might be happy.

I bear you my testimony, my brethren, that we hold the priesthood of God. This is his church and kingdom. He has given us the responsibility of teaching and helping to save our fellowmen. May we do it in a way that will be acceptable to him, which will bring joy to us and help to prepare us for eternal life, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. ■

## President Harold B. Lee

### *First Counselor in the First Presidency*

Thank you, President Tanner. I would have you remember a remark of Brother Marvin J. Ashton in his very excellent address today when he said no home is a failure until it gives up on that son, or that daughter, or that husband, or that wife. It must not give up, no matter how difficult the task to save one of ours.

### The worth of a boy

Horace Mann, that great educator somewhere back in the time of Abra-

ham Lincoln, told how he was the speaker at the dedication of a great boys' school, and in his talk he said, "This school has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars; but if this school is able to save one boy, it is worth all that it cost." One of his friends came up to him at the close of the meeting and said, "You let your enthusiasm get away with you, didn't you? You don't mean what you said that if this school, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, were to save just one boy,

it was worth all that it cost? You surely don't mean that."

Horace Mann looked at him and said, "Yes, my friend. It would be worth it if that one boy were my son; it would be worth it."

I want you to know that it would be worth it if it were my grandson, or one of mine. It would be worth it if it were one of yours.

### Concern for youth of today

As I have listened to these talks today, there has been a flood of concern about the terrible situations that confront the youth of today, and a pleading for the coaches to teach the quarterbacks; and the quarterbacks not to be the men on the field, but to do their job of quarterbacking; and the coaches not to try to be the quarterbacks, but to be sure of their coaching.

### Decency of majority

I came across a statement from the late President [Dwight D.] Eisenhower in the *Reader's Digest* some years ago. He said, "Unfortunately many people nowadays have become so bemused by the excesses of a small minority of American youth, that they forget to note the decency and intelligence of the overwhelming majority. This is a great injustice to you young folks and a disservice to America.

"Judge Lester H. Loble of Montana, who has done so much to check juvenile delinquency in his state, has said that 97 percent of our youngsters today are as good as those of any generation, but the three percent who are hoodlums are worse. I might go one step beyond and suggest that in a good many ways, today's young people are *better* than my own generation. Certainly, you are better educated, better informed about the world, have a far broader outlook on life than we did at your age. Moreover, most of you I talk with—and I do talk with hundreds every year in student and political gatherings and

elsewhere—have fine motives and a sound moral attitude." ("Thoughts for Young Americans," *Reader's Digest*, April 1966, pp. 88-92.)

As I read that, I recalled a statement made by Dr. Fisher, former educational director of the Boy Scouts of America, who here in the Assembly Hall made an interesting remark. He said, "If the youth of today were not twice as good as were the youth of two generations ago, they wouldn't be half as good as they are." If you analyze that, I think you can understand why he would make that remark.

### "Anxiously engaged in a good cause"

May I conclude now by reading you something that means something beyond what we can do in teacher development, in leadership training, or in providing library materials, and this was said by the Lord in a great revelation.

"For behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward.

"Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;

"For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.

"But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.

"I command and men obey not; I revoke and they receive not the blessing.

"Then they say in their hearts: This is not the work of the Lord, for his promises are not fulfilled. But wo unto such, for their reward lurketh

beneath, and not from above." (D&C 58:26-29, 32-33.)

### Bring righteousness to pass

Brethren of the priesthood, in your own circle, in your own home, in your own lives, you must do all you can of your own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness. Our job and your job, my job, is to look after the man behind the one in front of you. That is a little difficult for some people to figure out. And when you find out that one, and put him in line, then you are prepared to go out and search for the other ones. I pray that the Lord may help you to find out that one and put him in line, then you are prepared to go others round about you, and we will be on our way to a glorious future.

That the Lord may help us so to do, I pray humbly, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. ■

### President Harold B. Lee

The brethren have told me that one minute past 9 o'clock \$1500.00 will be charged to KSL. There is nothing I can say that will be worth \$1500.00.

The CBS Radio Tabernacle Choir

Broadcast will be from 9:30 to 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Those desiring to attend must be in their seats before 9:15 a. m.

There will be large crowds attending the services on Sunday. Please be considerate; drive carefully, and let us give thanks tonight to this wonderful male chorus of Seminary and Institute personnel, students and faculty members, from Salt Lake Ogden and Logan areas. We deeply appreciate their inspiring music, and the service they have rendered.

We shall now close this meeting with the chorus conducted by James R. Bradley, with Alexander Schreiner at the organ, singing, "Eternal Life," after which the benediction will be offered by Elder Antone K. Romney, executive secretary of the Church Correlation Committee.

The Combined Male Chorus of Seminary and Institute personnel sang the number, "Eternal Life."

The benediction was pronounced by Elder Antone K. Romney, executive secretary of the Church Correlation Committee.

The conference was adjourned until 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

## SECOND DAY

### MORNING MEETING

#### FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session of the conference convened in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Sunday, April 4, 1971, at 10 o'clock a. m.

With President Joseph Fielding Smith present and presiding, President Harold B. Lee, first counselor in the First Presidency, conducted this session.

The choral music for this meeting was furnished by the Tabernacle

Choir, directed by Richard P. Condie. Alexander Schreiner was at the organ console.

Before the beginning of the meeting, the Tabernacle Choir sang the number, "Rejoice the Lord Is King."

President Lee made the following statement:

#### President Harold B. Lee

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome all present this morning in this