

for the newest convert as for members of the First Presidency.

Gratitude for service

To every "spear carrier" in the Church, we express a sincere *thank you* from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for the way you carry out your responsibility for the Lord. Thank you for the support and sustaining influence that we feel as we visit among you. Without that support, there would be no Church organization as we know it today. People's lives would not be blessed so abundantly.

That we may all go forth willingly, effectively, full of faith, with an eye single to His glory is my prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

Elder Robert L. Simpson of the First Quorum of the Seventy and Supervisor of the Australia-New Zealand Area, has just addressed us. We shall now be pleased to hear from Elder S. Dilworth Young of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Elder S. Dilworth Young

Of the First Quorum of the Seventy

A week or so ago I wrote an address which I thought I might give at this conference, but the events of the past two days have made that a little inconvenient. So I thought perhaps I ought to begin by apologizing to the translators who have to change these things into foreign tongues for not giving them more time to do what they have to do now.

"I have gained"

Since last Friday the number of people who stop and offer their arms as I walk or climb stairs has increased fourfold. I assure you that I am not retired; I am retreaded. There have been several times when I have looked about as my name is mentioned with affectionate tones, as did Golden Kimball, wondering who had died.

A friend said to me last Friday, "How can you bear what you have lost?" I replied, "I have lost nothing. Rather I have gained."

I have gained a new group of close friends and associates in a quorum

which I hope will have such unity of purpose that it will be as a banner of righteousness before the world.

I have gained seven leaders far beyond me in ability, strength, and wisdom, which, had there not been this enlargement, I could not have had.

I have gained the opportunity to serve rather than to direct. In that service my arms will extend in the wide world, as far as I can find the strength to extend them, and my upward reach will be as high as I can see.

Now the only limit to my personal service, which I myself originate, is my strength of body, facility of mind, and compassion of heart.

Service

I have gained a personal knowledge and understanding of the meaning of the words of President J. Reuben Clark: Not where I serve, but how.

I have gained a chance to pause briefly and measure what I have learned in my association with the First Council

over the many years as its members have done their work and passed on.

I was a soldier in a war in which President Brigham H. Roberts was the chaplain of the regiment.

I have listened in happy enjoyment to the wisdom as well as the humor of President J. Golden Kimball, not from the pulpit, but at home.

I served for twenty-six months as the close servant of President Samuel O. Bennion.

I have thrilled many times, both publicly and privately, to the eloquence of President Rey L. Pratt.

I have respected President John H. Taylor long before he was a member of the First Council.

I have been lifted by the powerful voice of Oscar A. Kirkham, as you have. I have basked in the absolute faith of Milton R. Hunter.

I still value the memory of the friendship of Richard L. Evans as well as the quiet wisdom of Antoine R. Ivins.

There are others, many of them, the choice men and close friends in the Council with whom I have been associated since 1945.

I have not mentioned the long years of listening to the wisdom and faith of my grandfather, Dr. Seymour B. Young, who served many years as a senior president of this council, and my uncle, Levi Edgar Young, with whom I spent many happy hours all during my growing years and much of my adult life. All of these have hoped, worked, and prayed that the First Quorum would be organized.

I have lost nothing.

Inspired changes

I look forward with happy anticipation to my next adventure in gaining. So I say to the First Council as was said in *David Copperfield*: "Barkis is willin'."

Before I close I must say that throughout the process of the changes you have witnessed, we have been kept informed and have been consulted

constantly for our feelings and input by President Kimball and his counselors. This thing has not, as Paul said, been done in a corner. It is right. It is inspired. Its time has come. It could not be stayed.

I sat in the temple Wednesday last and looked at the two presiding quorums, the First Presidency and the Twelve. I had borne in on me the great increase in the power of President Kimball, as in the third general quorum he placed some of the best-trained, most experienced, and loyal men in the Church. It thrilled me to see something come to pass for which we had so long hoped.

Antoine Ivins said to me shortly before his death that he wished the First Quorum of Seventy could be organized before he died.

For a time I thought I also would see this great event from the spirit world. I am grateful that I have been able to see it in mortality. When I get there, I'll report to President Ivins that he should have stayed here a few years longer.

I believe there are some things yet to be done as a member of the First Quorum that only I have the talent to do. The same is true for my other colleagues who with me join this Quorum. If I can exercise that talent and perform well, I shall be satisfied.

I know that what has been done by the prophet of the Lord, exercising his inspired right to organize to fit the circumstance of 1976, is right. It is my hope to continue to serve where President Kimball would have me serve. It will give me complete joy to see the Church accelerate in its missionary work as this new quorum presidency and this quorum swing into action.

This is the church of Jesus Christ. I mean by that that it belongs to him. He restored it personally by calling Joseph Smith. I sustain President Kimball and his counselors. I do more than that: I love them more than I find words to properly express.

I pray that we all may satisfy them with our work from now on, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

President N. Eldon Tanner

He to whom we have just listened is Elder S. Dilworth Young of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

The Choir and Congregation will now join in singing, "Sweet is the Work." After the singing, Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone, new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy and President of the Texas San Antonio Mission will speak to us.

"Sweet is the Work" was sung by the Choir and congregation.

President Tanner

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone, new member of the First Quorum of the Seventy and President of the Texas San Antonio Mission will be our next speaker. He will be followed by Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Council of the Twelve.

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone

Of the First Quorum of the Seventy

In Ezekiel we read:

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

"Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord." (Ezek. 34:6-7.)

The impact teacher

As we near the close of this momentous conference, I would like to address my remarks to all who teach. I would like to discuss the role of the "impact teacher."

President David O. McKay said, "There is no greater responsibility in the world than the training of a human soul." A great part of the personal stewardship of every parent and teacher in the Church is to teach and train. How well we fill this divinely commissioned task may well have eternal implications for many.

One of America's philosophers, John Dewey, said, "The deepest urge in

human nature is the desire to be important. It is a gnawing, unfaltering hunger. People sometimes become invalids in order to win sympathy and to get a feeling of importance. Some authorities declare that people may actually go insane in order to find, in that dreamland of insanity, the feeling of importance that has been denied them in the harsh world of reality."

What miracles an impact teacher can achieve by giving honest appreciation and a sense of self-worth! The parent or teacher who honestly satisfies this heart hunger will hold a child or a class in the palm of his hand.

Teach souls, not lessons

Some years ago when Aldin Porter was president of the Boise North Stake, he dropped by the home of Glen Clayton, who was the Scoutmaster in his ward. Glen and his son were working together repairing a bicycle. President Porter stood and talked to them for a few minutes and then left.