

good testimony meeting where “expressions of faith” lead to a spiritually motivating and intellectually stimulating sharing of that which Latter-day Saints hold most precious.

—Patricia Mann Alto

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*Hearts Knit Together: Talks from the 1995 Women's Conference*, edited by Susette Fletcher Green, Dawn Hall Anderson, and Dloria Hall Dalton (Deseret Book, 1995)

Another resounding volume in the Women's Conference Series, this compilation was selected from the essays and poems presented at the 1995 Women's Conference sponsored by Brigham Young University and the Relief Society. Women from different backgrounds, occupations, and countries discuss topics common to all such as unity, compassion, patience, acceptance, and change. The words of Virginia H. Pearce establish a recurring theme of this book: we are all “trying to arrange [things] into a predictable pattern as [we adapt] to all sorts of change” (130).

The authors draw the subject of their presentations from their own personal experiences. Pam Kazmaier, having been a hospital nurse for twenty years, relates her difficult decision to leave her nursing career to stay at home with her young children. Bonnie Muirbrook Blair, a homemaker and mother of four, conveys the challenges she faced in the eight years she cared for her aging mother-in-law. And Aileen H. Clyde, former counselor in the General Relief Society presi-

dency, reminds us that as sisters in the gospel “we must cherish one another” (172). In *Hearts Knit Together*, every woman will be able to find a common thread.

The words in this collection strengthen testimonies as, once again, we realize we are not alone—others are experiencing, are enduring, or have overcome similar circumstances. The purpose of the Relief Society is realized as all sisters “look forward with one eye, having one faith and one baptism, having their hearts knit together in unity and in love one towards another” (Mosiah 18:21). This volume reaffirms the unity we find through the gospel and reminds us that we save souls by meeting human needs.

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*Utah, the Right Place: The Official Centennial History*, by Thomas G. Alexander, 2d ed. (Gibbs Smith, 1996)

Identified as “The Official Centennial History” of Utah, this outstanding volume is well worth reading for anyone interested in Utah or Mormon history. Officially commissioned as a Utah Statehood Centennial Project of the Utah State Historical Society, *Utah, the Right Place* should be welcomed by every student and teacher of Utah history for its remarkable combination of comprehensiveness, conciseness, balance, and literary quality. Not often does a one-volume survey combine all these qualities so effectively.