REMARKS

MADE BY

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF,

AT THE

St. George Stake Conference, held at St. George, June 12th and 13th, 1892.

REPORTED BY JOSEPH WINTER.

I also with a heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving to my Heavenly Father for preserving my life until I again have the privilege of visiting St. George and beholding the face of my brethren and sisters with whom I stand connected in the new and everlasting covenant—a covenant which is not only in this world, but in the world to come.

I think you are all acquainted with my status with regard to public speaking. No man, in this generation or in any other, can preach the Gospel or edify the Saints of God unless he is led by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; and what little I may speak to you this afternoon, I now and desire that Spirit. I hope I may have the faith and prayers of the Saints of God unto this end.

I have some things upon my mind that I would like to speak of this afternoon, if I can get the spirit of them. I will say that some of the most interesting history of my life has been the time that I have spent here in St. George, and in the Temple of God which is built here. There is an epoch that you seen, nor can that has been, nor is it edified like the Saints of God to conceive, the future reward that will be given these people who dwell here and who have labored in their behalf in the flesh. Furthermore, I can say that I feel under deep obligation to the people who dwell here—an obligation that I feel will last with me throughout all eternity. In my early days there were two things for which I desired to live. One was the redemption of the dead—my father's house, my mother's house, and the generations who lived in the earth world, and who never heard the Gospel. I have been engrossed in the work, as one of their descendants, to hold the keys of their salvation and redemption, the same as you have, in your generations, those you are called to labor and seek for here in the flesh. This has been a work that I have greatly desired to do for years. I have spent much time in the Temple of God in the past and gone, and through the blessing of the Lord and the assistance of my brethren and sisters, I have done my work. I have lived to see it accomplished to a great extent, which I look upon as one of the greatest blessings that God ever conferred upon me. It has upon it with regard to all of us.

The Lord has had certain purposes in gathering us together, and the redemption of our dead is one of them. And when I reflect upon the work which the Latter-day Saints have been called to perform for their ancestors, I feel as far before the Lord that I have lived in this day and generation, and that I have been singled out and called in the day-time of my life to have been called to perform these great and mighty works which are necessary to be performed before the coming of the Son of Man. The building of these Temples in these mountains of Israel is among the marvelous events of the day in which we live. Of course, we built Temples before we came to these valleys; one in Kirtland, and one in Nauvoo. We got out of the dispensation of the Temple in Kirtland, but I was present at the dedication of the Temple in Nauvoo. The history of those times you have before you. You knew the Prophets were slain, and the Lord required the building of that Temple at the hands of the Saints before they were driven into the wilderness. There was a certain revelation given that required in a great measure the Church of the Church of God to perform that work. They labored with all the power they possessed, and they accomplished that work. They went into that Temple and received ordinances and endowments before they fell to go into the wilderness. These Temples have to have been built, as a memorial before God, angels and men, to the faith and works of the Latter-day Saints.

Brother George Q. Cannon has referred to your labors in settling here. You were called to come here by the servants of God. You left your homes to come here and you have done what was required of you in this market. You have had power to finish the Temple, and you have had power to go in and redeem your dead. A great many of you have done this, and I hope all of you will continue so long as you have any dead to redeem. Never cease that work while you have the power to enter into the Temple. I have greatly rejoiced in my work in this Temple, and in the blessings that I have received at the hands of the Latter-day Saints here. Gold and silver are as nothing unto me in these things. I have had some thousands redeemed. I have had baptisms, endowments, washings and anointings, sealings and sealings for them, the same as if they were standing in the flesh themselves. I shall go and meet them on the other side of the veil. You will meet your great relatives, who will hold the keys of their salvation to the endless ages of eternity, if you attend to the laws of God.

There is no principle on earth that I enjoy more in life than the power that we hold as Latter-day Saints to hold these keys, to have the power to redeem our dead. It will require no mental labor, temporal spirit, material revelation to realize what is around the fall saints of this world they cannot comprehend it in mortality.

Now, I desire to live to see the Salt Lake Temple finished. I want to be with my brethren the Apostles, the High Priests, the Seventies, the Elders and the other officers of the Church when that Temple is dedicated to God. We have been so long looking for that Temple as Moses was leading the children of Israel through the wilderness to the land of promise, and I want to see it finished.

I view our position as Latter-day Saints, and all that is transpiring here, as well as our history, before we come here, as in fulfilment of the revelations of God. A great many of our revelations tell us when we shall be near our lovely Nauvoo to go into the wilderness. It was a great trial to them. But God had given, when place the Bible and the Book of Mormon and many of the revelations in the Bible and Covenants which have fallen to the ground unfulfilled. This is the place pointed out by the finger of God for the people to stand in holy places while the judgments of God go forth in the earth. It is marvelous in my eyes that I have lived to see the Temples that have been built in these mountains of Israel and the mighty work that has been performed in them, considering the condition in which we came here. A little handful of men, in poverty and affliction, came into this barren desert. I remember President Young in my earnings, in the valley of Salt Lake, he was sitting, and he asked me to take my earnings so that he could see right in the valley. I did so. He cast his eyes over the valley and looked for some little time. When he came through he said, "Brother Woodruff, drive on. Here is our home. This is the place God has pointed out for us to shed our feet. I have seen this place before." He began to recover right from that time. Well, we camped there, and we visited around some. President Young said, "Now, brethren, go where you please; go north, go south, go to any part of the country, and when you come back you will say this is the place." Men came from California, among them Brannan, who urged us strongly to go to California, saying that it was such a fine country, and we were there in a barren desert. But President Young said, "This is our home. Here we shall build the Temple of God and the city of our God." I think this has been plainly fulfilled. The fulfilment of the Lord was with President Young all through his life, and the spirit of it is manifest. I traveled with him in the first settling of this country. Where is there a man that has the spirit of inspiration but can see the hand of God in these things? We have had our day of adversity, of persecution and poverty. All earth and hell, if I may be allowed to use such an expression, were combined against the work of Joseph Smith. From the time this Church was organized until he was slain in the field, and the same spirit continued through the days of Brigham Young, and I believe that we came to these valleys of the mountains, and from the day that we planted our feet in these valleys, there has been a degree of prosperity resting upon this people, and it has increased year by year until to-day. The Lord has been with us. We have been poured out upon the Latter-day Saints, and we have had plenty of food and raiment. But I hope that none of us will get proud and lifted up in our hearts so that we shall forget the hand that has given unto us these things.

This is a dispensation in which the Lord himself His hand to establish His Church, to build up His Zion, to warn the world, to prepare the nations for the judgments of God, and to prepare His people to be united together as one family, the Lord's wife. My faith and my prayers are with you. There is no power on the face of this earth that can break this Church. Why? Because God has hedged it in His hands. He is the Author of it, and the power pronounced, through the mouths of seers and seers of prophets, that it shall spread forth in its glory and power. The promises that you are based here with a Temple and have power to come therein to attend to the ordinances of the House of the Lord. And when you reflect upon these matters, and see how all these things have been fulfilled, can you not have faith to believe that the Lord will carry it out to the end? I certainly have. I know it is the work of God. And the Lord has chosen this people, out of the whole human family, to stand in the flesh, keep the commandments of God, and go forth to warn the world by the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that they may know and understand the judgments of God which await them. The Latter-day Saints have been working at this for sixty years, and we have not got through with it yet. Behold what is taking place in the earth today! It really seems as if the day had almost dawned upon us when there is another place of safety for the human family than the land of Zion. Three earthquakes, fire, water and wind—seems to have been chosen to go forth on a mission to visit the nations. Cities are turned to ashes, and whirlwinds sweep away towns and villages and the inhabitants are destroyed. Are not these things all proclaimed by the revelations of God? They are, and they will come to pass.

Brethren and sisters, this is the mission given to us in the last days. And the man is a very foolish man who will divide upon any principle against the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have had more than one apostle in this Church that I have in attending the funerals of all the patriarchs and prophets and Latter-day Saints that I ever followed to the grave, and when I see men and women do who have been faithful I know they have gained a victory. That is the way I feel today. We must work together for the welfare of Zion.

I am glad to see you and to spend a few days again in St. George. I want to do what good I can. I expect we shall all meet the other side of the veil with those who have gone before, and have joy and rejoicing in the Lord of Christ. We should be faithful to the Lord, and we should not forget our prayers. Our sons and daughters should be instructed in these things, and we should labor for their welfare. What joy and consolation it gives a father or a mother to have good boys and girls, who keep the word of wisdom, attend to Sabbath schools, remember their prayers, and follow in the footsteps of their fathers, while it gives us sorrow when we have sons and daughters that turn away from this. But I have hope and faith that the sons of Zion will rise up and magnify their callings. I do not believe that they will disappoint our Heavenly Father.

Seeing a portion of our gallery occupied by quite a number of our Lamanite brethren and sisters, I feel disposed to make a few remarks.

The first time I ever saw Joseph Smith was in April, 1834. I met him in the streets of Kirtland. He invited me to his house. I stayed with him while preparing to go up to Zion to Zion's camp. On Sunday he called a President's meeting. I was all gathered in a little cabin. There I first heard Joseph Smith speak publicly, also Hyrum Smith, Oliver Cowdery, Orson Hyde, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Parley and Orson Pratt, and William E. McLellin. The Prophet called upon the Elders to bear testimony of the Gospel of Christ, and they came one after another and bore a short testimony. Then Brother Joseph came and said: "Brethren, I am very much edified and interested in listening to your testimony. But I want to tell you that you know no more about the work of God than a little child. Go and what has before you as the Elders of Israel and before the people, bear a parcel of little children." I expect they were all a little startled by it. He told them the work would fall to the ground unfulfilled. This is the place pointed out by the finger of God for the people to stand in holy places while the judgments of God go forth in the earth. It is marvelous in my eyes that I have lived to see the Temples built in these mountains of Israel and the mighty work that has been performed in them, considering the condition in which we came here. A little handful of men, in poverty and affliction, came into this barren desert. I remember President Young in my earnings in the valley of Salt Lake. He was sitting, and he asked me to take my earnings so that he could see right in the valley. I did so. He cast his eyes over the valley and looked for some little time. When he came through he said, "Brother Woodruff, drive on. Here is our home. This is the place God has pointed out for us to shed our feet. I have seen this place before." He began to recover right from that time. Well, we camped there, and we visited around some. President Young said, "Now, brethren, go where you please; go north, go south, go to any part of the country, and when you come back you will say this is the place." Men came from California, among them Brannan, who urged us strongly to go to California, saying that it was such a fine country, and we were there in a barren desert. But President Young said, "This is our home. Here we shall build the Temple of God and the city of our God." I think this has been plainly fulfilled. The fulfilment of the Lord was with President Young all through his life, and the spirit of it is manifest. I traveled with him in the first settling of this country. Where is there a man that has the spirit of inspiration but can see the hand of God in these things? We have had our day of adversity, of persecution and poverty. All earth and hell, if I may be allowed to use such an expression, were combined against the work of Joseph Smith. From the time this Church was organized until he was slain in the field, and the same spirit continued through the days of Brigham Young, and I believe that we came to these valleys of the mountains, and from the day that we planted our feet in these valleys, there has been a degree of prosperity resting upon this people, and it has increased year by year until to-day. The Lord has been with us. We have been poured out upon the Latter-day Saints, and we have had plenty of food and raiment. But I hope that none of us will get proud and lifted up in our hearts so that we shall forget the hand that has given unto us these things.

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Marral Patents.

The following mineral patents have just been received from Washington by Land Commissioner Hyde:

H. C. Chambers, Pickle Consolidated Lode, Salt Lake county; Robert A. Myers original company, claim in the Golden Mining district, Beaver county; John McPherson, the Franklin lode, Tintic district, Utah; Hugh Jones, the Sevonia lode, West Mountain Mining district, Salt Lake county; Levi E. Hiner, the Iron Chief, Eureka district, Utah; Elias Chandler W. Chandler, Charles H. Hinchcliff and W. W. Hopel, the Consort lode mining claim, Tintic; John Judge and John H. Martin, the Little Scotch lode claim, Wasatch county; Oscar Gunsel, Amanda and W. H. Walton lode claims, Tintic; Frank McLellan, the Trip mine; and M. Judge lode, Tintic; Roberts, Bailey, and certificate for 1500 feet more, sec 1 and 2, and the south half of the northeast quarter of section 1, township 16 south, range 9 east, Salt Lake meridian.

COURT JOTTINGS.

The Vincent Divorce Suit Disposed of—The Parsons-Goodwin Scandal Case.

That strange divorce suit in which John Vincent seeks to be rid of his wife, Maud Vincent, came up once again yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock before Judge Anderson. It will be remembered that the matter was brought under his Honor's attention on the previous day, when, after hearing statements of counsel and of the petitioner, he decided that there was not enough to grant a decree, but gave leave to amend the complaint, which was now read by Attorney C. W. Taylor.

In addition to the charges of great brutality made in the first complaint, the plaintiff alleged that his wife committed adultery with one Joseph Nickum, a drug clerk, and has been guilty of his so much (?) as with others; that she has absented herself from home for a day and a night at a time and spent some time with a man in a house on State street; that in company with a male companion she drank over not at Patsy's saloon and otherwise misconduct herself in a manner unbecoming of a faithful wife. After all the testimony was in the Judge granted the decree. The couple were married in April.

A decree was made by Judge Zane in the divorce suit in the case of Elinor Skaldell vs. William Skaldell. In this case on August 8 last he directed the defendant to pay the court a reasonable sum to enable plaintiff properly prepare her case, and he added to the support of plaintiff during the pending of the suit. A subsequent order was also made providing defendant from transferring the property or disposing of his property.

John H. Underwood, contractor of subcontract at Provo on the 5th of last September in a sheet prepared by Wells Fargo Express company and addressed to a party there, stolen. He been released from the penitentiary. He has worked for the house of his parents at Fort Bragg, Pa., full of good resolutions as to his future life.

The criminal that was in which United States Marshal Parsons and Editors Goodwin and Nelson of the Salt Lake Herald are concerned. The brief proceedings in Commissioner Norrell's court yesterday afternoon were reported in that day's News, and it only remains now to add that the case was dismissed by Judge Powers, acting in the place of Commissioner Norrell, who was absent. The action was taken upon the judge's assertion, however, that Judge Powers intended to proceed further, claiming that Judge Rolapp had no jurisdiction in the matter. The Commissioner had adjudged, of his own motion, entered the case to be transferred, whereon, he added, a United States Commissioner had no power to transfer a case to a justice of the peace. There were no reasons and no grounds given by the Commissioner for the removal of the case. Counsel spoke of authorities in support of his position.

There was a lot of discussion on the point, the Rolapp Keeper said. In the end, he examine into the matter before deciding.

The case was set for Monday next at 2 o'clock.

A ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

And Aquarium Among the Contemplated Improvements at Garfield Beach.

The Garfield Beach Improvement company of which so much has been said and the last few weeks has now been organized and articles of incorporation filed with Clerk Allen of the county court.

The object of the company is to carry on and conduct the business of improving the lands known as the Wilson entry, to the south of Garfield Beach, by opening and grading streets according to the plat thereof; to build cottages, residence and business houses; erect hotels, construct, furnish and maintain a zoological garden and aquarium, provide said lands with a permanent supply of water for irrigation and domestic uses, maintain and operate street and train railways and other means of public conveyance for the accommodation of the residents upon said lands and the public, and to furnish all such amusements and refreshments as are incidental to or usually supplied at a summer resort.

The capital stock is $300,000, shares of the par or more value of $5 each, and they are held as follows:

Name.	Shares.
Lewis S. Hopkins	[illegible]
P. L. Williams	[illegible]
W. H. Mc Corriston	[illegible]
George L. Hopkins	[illegible]
Charles S. Wells	[illegible]
Charles W. Wells	[illegible]
Jos. F. Smith	[illegible]
W. S. Spencer	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

L. C. Hopkins is president; P. L. Williams, vice-president; W. H. McCorriston, treasurer, and George L. Hopkins, secretary.

The holders of stock held by Hopkins as trustee to be held by the treasurer and distributed pro rata amongst the purchasers of the first 400 lots, provided they make prompt payment therefor at the time and upon the terms specified in the contracts of sale; but in the event of the failure of any one or more of such purchasers to perform their contracts, then their pro rata of stock may be retained to the corporation, or disposed of as it may determine.

No dividends upon the capital stock shall be declared or paid until the whole quota supply of water shall have been provided for the said lands or until the hotel shall have been erected and the zoological gardens provided.

Personal.

A. N. Ross, of Lawrence, Utah, is at the White House.

M. Olsen of Provo returned home this morning after a brief visit to the city.

John O. Williams of Milford, Utah, is registered at the Clifton.

Thomas Delaney and daughter, of Ogden, are guests at the Continental.

Don C. Sweeney of Detroit, Mich., is stopping for a few days at the Templeton.

William Hyberts, United States court stenotype, of Washington, D.C., is registered at the Templeton.

Professor Mussett has just returned from California, where he reported the weather cold and disagreeable.

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