REMARKS

Made at the General Conference on the Afternoon of Monday, October 5, 1896, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City.

[REPORTED BY ARTHUR WINTER.]

PRESIDENT WILFORD WOODRUFF.

I did not intend to occupy any more time in this conference, but there is a subject or two that I feel in duty bound to talk upon, and I hope the Saints will give me their prayers and faith, that I may be enabled to do my duty. In order to arrive at the principles and object I wish to speak of, I feel disposed to deviate from my general course of testimony in some respects.

There are two powers on the earth and in the midst of the inhabitants of the earth—the power of God and the power of the devil. In our history as have had some very peculiar experiences. When God has had a people on the earth, it matters not in what age, it, the son of the morning, and the authors or fallen spirits that were cast out of heaven, have warred against God, against Christ, against the work of God, and against the people of God. And they are not backward in doing it in our day and generation. Whenever the Lord set His hand to perform any work, those powers labored to overthrow it. I have a little experience in this direction that I want to refer to.

PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW.

As the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, of which Brother Thatcher is a member, I want to say a few words in connection with this subject that has been introduced by President Woodruff. I feel so sorry, however unpleasant that duty may be now, ever solicitous that all may be taught, to testify to the truth of what President Woodruff has said in reference to the fellowship existing between Brother Thatcher and our quorum.

ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH.

My brethren and sisters, this meeting is one of the most solemn meetings in my experience. I have recognized the fact that there must be no explanation made to the Latter-day Saints in connection with the subject upon which the President of the Church and the President of the Council of the Apostles have treated.

ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG.

I have a desire to say a few words on this occasion, and I trust that the same spirit that has been manifested by my brethren also has spoken.

ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE.

It is wonderful the power of the Spirit and testimony that has rested upon the brethren at this conference.

ELDER HEBER J. GRANT.

It is ever a source of enjoyment to me to lift my voice in testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.