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THE OBJECT OF THE GATHERING OF THE SAINTS—CONFLICT BETWEEN THE POWERS OF GOD AND EVIL—THE WORLD GROWING WORSE—WORK OF GOD PROGRESSING—EXHORTATION TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE SPIRIT OF UNION.

DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR, DELIVERED AT LOGAN, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 31ST, 1879.

REPORTED BY GEO. F. GIBBS.

If the congregation will try to be quiet I will endeavor to talk to them a little in my way.

It is some time since I met with the Saints in this place, not because I was not desirous to come but because circumstances have controlled and prevented me. We come here, now, more particularly to attend to a little affair associated with your Temple. There seems to have been a little misunderstanding about its construction, and as we have a Temple Committee and architects for the Church, we thought it best to have the brethren composing this committee and the architects, present, that we might confer with them, so that everything pertaining to this building might be done properly according to order and correct principles.

Elder Truman O. Angell was sustained at the General Conference as

Architect of the Church, and William H. Folsom and Truman O. Angell, Jr., as his assistants, and were therefore the proper persons to consult, in the adjustment of any matters that might be in question.

I speak of this as one of those things in connection with the holy priesthood, and with the building of this sacred edifice that we are erecting to the name of the Lord. We found that a slight change had been made from the original plan, which however is not material, and there will no difficulty arise therefrom. I thought I would mention this because people generally like to understand things as they exist. It is much better to tell things right out as they are than to hear of whisperings about this and the other thing, which in many instances are incorrect.

We are pleased to find the pro-