other principle; and I have besought the Lord with all my heart that He would give me strength according to my day that I might never fail in my integrity, but that I might stand firm as the pillars of heaven to the truths that He has revealed for the redemption of the human family. I understand my own weaknesses; I understand my own insufficiency; but my trust is in the living and true God. And I have a testimony that for over thirty years He has sustained me through some very crooked and tight places by His Almighty He has stood by me, been power. my friend; and so far my testimony

and my love for the principles of righteousness are as deep and earnest as my first love, and more so; for I have witnessed His loving kindness in the sealing powers and bonds of the everlasting covenant; I have been privileged to see the magnificent manner in which He has provided for His children, in placing them in a position that they may become like unto Him—eternal, without end of years.

That God may give us grace to stand true and faithful to our covenants, and endure to the end, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## TESTIMONIES OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD—ILLOGICAL MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE MET—ONLY TRUE WAY TO OBTAIN A KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL—SECRET OF THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST—WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED—STRUGGLE BETWEEN SATAN AND GOD—INFLUENCE BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST THE SAINTS.

## DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON, DELIVERED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL, SALT LAKE CITY, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 6, 1884.

## Reported by John Irvine.

The testimonies of the servants of God, which we hear so frequently from this stand, ought to make an impression upon the minds of those who hear them—they ought to have weight, for the reason that those who bear them declare in solemnity, in the presence of God, that they know that which they testify is true; and when a man, or any number of men, arise in the presence of their fellow men, and declare in words of truth and soberness, that certain things are true, that they know them to be true, that they are willing to bear testimony of them be-