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G.E.T. 8/1931 Sermon

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Joseph says that following a meeting of the General Authorities last April when you were home, he had a strong impression come to him to the effect that J. E. would never rest until he had obtained the privilege of giving him (J.) a public rebuke in the Tabernacle. Joseph told Brothers McKay and Whitney of this impression at that time. He says Brother Whitney was in full accord with him in his views on these matters now being questioned. Sometime about June, when Joseph was in the office of President Ivins discussing genealogical matters, President I. said to him in substance that J. E. was very anxious to answer him in the Tabernacle, and had been to the Presidency several times asking for this privilege but that the brethren had said to him that it was not the proper thing to do, and would only make matters worse. Time passed and late in September the announcement was made in the Deseret News that J. E. was to speak on a certain question the following Sunday. It was to be the public rebuke. In that meeting President Ivins said to Joseph, who was there, that J. E. had been asking for the opportunity for a long time and finally the brethren had yielded. Joseph made no protest altho he did not feel that it was right for J. E. to speak as he did. President Grant, himself, raised the question about the wisdom of publishing these remarks, and they have been held up from that time until now, altho J. E. has been pleading constantly with the brethren to have his discourse published. I understand now that they are going to let him have his way. However, a strange thing occurred in a meeting of the Twelve. J. I. said, when the discourse was in question, that the Presidency had requested and appointed him to speak as he did, and he had not refused it. This, as you may be sure raised some of the brethren and he said that President I. had said that J. E. had made repeated requests to speak, and that the brethren had consented it should not be done. J. I. then said of President I.

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said this he lied. This was intended, however, to convey the impression that Joseph had lied, but the brethren all knew who was telling the truth. Later in a meeting where President E. was present the matter of this discourse was mentioned. Joseph said to President E. "You will remember telling me that Brother T. had been down to you brethren asking for the privilege of making answer to me, and you said you thought it should not be done." And the answer was "yes." Then by contentions the other man tried to twist the saying, but the brethren all knew that Joseph had spoken the truth, which was admitted by President Ivins.

I learn from other sources that J. E. and Guy D. ----- have been in the office of President Ivins repeatedly and have forever been condemning Joseph and asking that something be done to put him straight. The constant hammering has done its work, it seems. About half of the brethren are with Joseph, and the other half stand the other way, some of them, however, asking for some "modifications" in the discourse under question.

Joseph thinks it is very strange that the brethren are willing to listen to J. E. and publish what he says which is intended to put him right, and at the same time they are endeavoring to correct my father, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Joseph F. Smith and Orson and Parley P. Pratt, all of whom have said the same things which Joseph said and which have stirred up the evolutionists in the Church. Moreover, he says, if he is entitled to a rebuke, it is not the place of J. E. to administer it, but J. E. thinks it is.

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