things, but we can continue to learn and
grow, until all will be perfectly clear to
our minds, which is a great privilege
to enjoy—the blessing of an eternal in-
crease. And the man or woman who lives
worthily is now in a state of salvation.

Now, brethren, love the truth, and
put a stop to every species of folly. How
many there are who come to me to
find fault with, and enter complaints
against, their brethren, for some tri-
fling thing, when I can see, in a mo-
ment, that they have received no in-
tentional injury! They have no com-
passion on their brethren, but, having
passed their judgment, insist that the
criminal shall be punished. And why?
Because he does not exactly come up
to their standard of right and wrong!
They feel to measure him by the "Iron
Bedstead principle"—"if you are too
long, you must be cut off; if too short,
you must be stretched." Now this is the
height of folly. I find that I have enough
to do to watch myself. It is as much
as I can do to get right, deal right, and
act right. If we all should do this, there
would be no difficulty, but in every man's
mouth would be "May the Lord bless
you." I feel happy, as I always told you.
Brother Kimball has known me thirty
years, twenty one of which I have been
in this Church; others have known me
twenty years; and there are some here
who knew me in England; I had Zion
with me then, and I brought it with me
to America again, and I now appeal to
every man and woman if I have not had
Zion with me from first entering into
the Church, to the present time! Light
cleaves to light, and truth to truth. May
God bless you. Amen.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION.

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I was led to reflection on this sub-
ject, not only by my acquaintance with
the present state of the world, and the
movements and powers which seem new
to many, but because this text, written
by Isaiah so many centuries since, and
copied by Nephi ages before the birth
of Jesus Christ, seemed as appropriate,
and as directly adapted to the present
state of things, as if written but yester-
day, or a year since.

"Should not a people seek unto their God, for the living to hear
from the dead?" is a question by the
Prophet, and at a time when they shall
invite you to seek unto those famil-
lar with spirits, and to wizards, &c.,
or in other words, to magnetizers, rappers,
clairvoyants, writing mediums,
&c. When they shall say these things
unto you, then is the time to consider
the question of that ancient Prophet—
"Should not a people seek unto their God,
for the living to hear from the dead?"

We hear much, of late, about vi-
sions, trances, clairvoyance, mediums
of communication with the spirit world,
writing mediums, &c., by which the
world of spirits is said to have found