men who will break the crust of na-
tions, gather Israel, and send the truth
to every clime. May we accomplish
the great work thou didst commence
through thy servant Joseph, that truth
may reign on the earth, and righ-
teousness predominate among all peo-
ple. May we have power over the
wicked nations, that Zion may be the
seat of government for the universe,
the law of God be extended, and the
 scepter of righteousness swayed over
this wide world; and eventually, with
the redeemed, may we be brought to
celebrate thy praise, in thy kingdom
and presence. These favors, and all we
need to prepare us to live here, to dwell
with thee and the sanctified hereafter,
we humbly crave, in the name of Jesus
Christ, Amen.

Brethren and Sisters—It is with no
ordinary feelings of joy and thanksgiving
that I have the privilege of again stand-
ing before you, in a good degree of health.
I have been absent some five weeks,
on a mission through the southern set-
tlements. Many of you will remember
that I had been very low with sickness
previous to my departure, and I thank
God this day that I have, in a great mea-
sure, recovered my health and strength.
I have had a good visit among
the Saints throughout the south, from
here to Washington county, distance 300
miles. The hot weather, prevailing south
winds, and the dust, rendered our trav-
eling somewhat disagreeable and fatigu-
ing; nevertheless, I have enjoyed myself
well.

The Saints among whom we have
labored received us with hospitality,
the best they were capable of; they
could have done no better if angels
from heaven had visited them; and I feel
to bless them for it.

I will say a word about the crops and
the industry of the people south, as I pre-
sume you are all anxious on that subject.
I know of no particular drawback in any
large portion of the settlements in the
way of good crops.

They are later in the south than here,
the climate being a little colder; but
in every settlement a peculiar spirit of
industry characterizes the Saints; they
seem to strain every nerve to put in crops
and to take care of them, and with some
few exceptions in small places, there is
every prospect of good crops, good gar-
dens, and good grain, and I hope, with
the blessing of the Lord, that the peo-
ple in these distant regions will be able
to produce sufficient for themselves and
those who are coming this season, and I
think the most of them will take care of
it.