WHY THE SAINTS REJOICE—E.T.C. 15

prepared by gradual experience from
time to time, that we may progress in the
science and plan of salvation, and be pre-
pared for the greater things that await
us.

I will not complain of our defi-
ciencies for we have to be satisfied
with the things which we have accom-
plished, but we have full confidence in
the union and power that attends this
work. It is for us to prepare ourselves
and to repent of all our errors, and
follow our leaders until we reach ce-
estial glory. The powers of heaven are
neither ashamed nor afraid, but they
have confidence in us and will dwell in
our society. There are a great many
keys, and manifestations, and prepara-
tions, and associations between us and
that great and perfect day, when the
Lord will come in the power of heaven.

Let us all do our duty, and be faithful
to our covenants. May God bless you all.
Amen.

WHY THE SAINTS REJOICE—THE SPIRIT RECEIVED
THROUGH LAYING ON OF HANDS—CLEANLINESS.

A DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT JEDEDIAM M. GRANT, DELIVERED IN THE BOWERY, GREAT
SALT LAKE CITY, AUGUST 3, 1856.

REPORTED BY J. V. LONG.

Having the privilege of speaking to
you this morning, I particularly need the
aid and assistance of the Spirit of the
Lord, for I have been laboring under in-
disposition for several weeks, and do not
possess that physical force which is nat-
ural to me, therefore I need more of the
divine influence of the Holy Spirit.

We have professedly gathered our-
selves to this land to serve our God; we
feel that we have found the pearl of great
price. It matters but little in relation
to the land that we dwell upon, or the
special comforts of life that we may have
found and now enjoy in this land, so we
but have within us that eternal treasure
that warrants us in believing that we
please our God, and that He approbates
our course.

I am aware that the Christians would
think inasmuch as they have circu-
lated the Bible among the nations of
the earth, that they have thereby done
much towards spreading the Gospel and
establishing the kingdom of God on the
earth. But you, as reasonable men,
would consider that I reasoned very
badly, were I to say that the United
States by circulating the Constitution
among the various governments on the
earth, had thereby established so many
republics.

In order for the kingdom of God
to have an existence upon the earth,
we naturally need the radiant light of
heaven, we need the divine sanction of
the Almighty, and He will set a man to
properly organize His people, and ex-
cute those things which He designs to
have carried out. Some may ask, why
the Latter-day Saints rejoice? I answer,
we rejoice not alone in that we have a
claim superior to the claims of others;
not alone in that we have houses and
lands, and power and authority, and the
comforts of this city, but in the privileges
given us by the Almighty, through faith