before the people the truth in a manner
plain and simple enough to reach their
understandings; and I know that this is
the case with others.

I have seen Joseph when it was im-
possible for him to give the people his
views upon a subject that he designed to
speak upon.

Such is the case with myself; such
is the case with every man that I ever
heard speak. It is so with brother Kim-
ball and many others who arise to ad-
dress you here. When some rise here to
present a dish of mental food to the con-
gregation, they will be two hours, per-
haps, in bringing out a dozen kernels of
corn; but brother Kimball produces a full
dish of both corn and beans in one quar-
ter of the time, or less; and we have a fine
soup and sweetmeats mixed with it—a
taste here and a taste there. If it could be
comprehended by the people, they would
generally find as much in one of his ser-
mons as there is in forty or two hun-
dred sermons delivered by those flowery
speakers that sometimes address you.

Brother Kimball was afraid of tiring
us. I said that I should never be afraid
of being tired with eating sucketash so
long as I had room for a single spoon-
ful. I generally deal out the sucketash,
and I do not care whether there are two
beans to one grain of corn, or one bean to
two grains of corn; for those who like the
beans best can pick them out, and those
who prefer the corn can select it out. I re-
ally like the sucketash that brother Kim-
ball has just laid before you, for it con-
tains ingredients that pertain to our sal-
vation.

I told you last Sabbath, and I can
tell you again today, what brother Heber
has just told you, that the en-
emy of all righteousness never was
more formidably arrayed against the
Saints than at this very present time.
There never was a greater hatred
against pure, undefiled, practical reli-
gion; and it seems as though every per-
son was our enemy. But if your eyes were
opened, as were those of Elijah's servant,
you would see more that are for us than
all that are against us.

When people falter in their path, and
stumble, and fall, if they had eyes to
see—if they would cling to the Lord, and
sustain His cause here upon the earth,
in preference to turning their backs upon
it, they would see that there are in-
finitely more for His cause than there are
against it.

Men and women must have eyes to
see, or they cannot understand these
things: they must be revealed by the
Spirit of God; for that is the only way in
which people can understand the things
of God. This makes it our imperative
duty to study and know the will of God,
and then do it with all our might. It
brings us under the deepest obligations,
for our own safety and security, to live
so that we can have the mind of Christ
within us, and understand the mind of
the Lord day by day. If we do this, we
are a happy people. As brother Heber ob-
erved, we are the happiest people upon
the face of the whole earth.

You cannot go into any other commu-
nity on the earth, and find that peace
and union and those principles of honor,
of justice, and of right between man and
man, that you find in this community.
You cannot find the same amount of good
works, faith, virtue, kindness, gentle-
ness, and peace that you find here: there
is hardly enough of these good qualities
among the world to enable me to es-
tablish a comparison. The whole world
is in a turmoil, in a terror, and ev-
ery man's hand seems to be against his
neighbor, nation against nation, party
against party, people against people. The
world is in confusion, but this people are
dwelling in peace.

As I told you last Sabbath, I have