my place; and your place is to stand
where you belong.

Let me say to all of you, Learn to be
true and faithful; and, instead of laying
out your means for fine bonnets and fine
shoes, and for coffee and tea, my advice
to you is, if you can get five or ten dol-
lars, go and buy a good blanket, a gun,
or a sword. And we want you, ladies,
to provide yourselves with weapons, and
with all that is necessary, and be ready to
defend yourselves; for you won't always
have your husbands to defend you.

I have often told you that you would
look upon this day, and say it was the
best day you had ever seen.

I have received a good many letters
from the several Bishops in the coun-
try wards, stating that they have un-
derstood that we are working by night
and by day, giving endowments to those
who are going out to help the hand-
carts in. I want to tell you we are do-
ing no such thing: we are working one
day in a week to keep the devil from get-
ing asleep.

I will say for the benefit of those who
are going out on the Plains, and who
have not had their endowments, if they
will live their religion they shall be pro-
tected as much so as these who have had
them. When we went up to Missouri, 205
men, we had not had our endowments;
but we went to redeem Zion according
to the word of the Lord; and that was a
preparatory work. And I will say to you
that, if you will live your religion while
you are gone, when you come back you
shall have your endowments, and God
shall bless you, while the man or the
woman who has received their endow-
ments and does not magnify their call-
ing, will not be benefited at all by them,
and they will only tend to their condem-
nation.

The Lord bless every righteous Saint
from this time henceforth and forever.
Amen.