one; we have got to come to that; and
when we do, the Spirit of God will rest
upon us, and the Spirit of Jesus, and of
all the Prophets, and Apostles, and holy
men of God that ever did live or ever will.
Then the same Spirit and power will rest
upon our sisters as it did upon Mary, and
Elizabeth, and Anna, and thousands of
others.

I wonder if the brethren understand
me? If you do not, I shall have to get
some more simple figure; for a tree in its
nature is like a grape vine, or a cucum-
ber vine, or a watermelon vine. You plant
a cucumber seed, and it brings forth a
cucumber vine. You may take this vine,
and there is a main vine, and then there
are other vines that break out of that
main vine; you take away one of these
vines from the main true vine, and it
would cease to exist, because it is discon-
nected from the vine to which it was con-
nected; therefore it cannot bring forth
fruit. Don't you understand this, you
men and women that are farmers?

Brother Brigham was speaking this
forenoon, showing what an influence he
has over this people. I want to know if
he has any over a man or woman that
is not in this vine, he being the head
now? When Joseph was here, he was
the head of the vine in the flesh; but
since he stepped away, brother Brigham
is head of the vine, and we are connected
to it; all you men and women, and then
all the Saints throughout the world are
connected to that vine to which he is
connected; and he has power and influ-
ence over them, because they partake of
his nature and his element, and he par-
takes of the element that came through
Joseph, and Joseph from Peter, and Peter
from Jesus, and Jesus from the Father,
and then it extends through all the Quo-
rums that pertain to the house of Israel.

I was speaking the other day how
you should make your connections very
strong; and, instead of breaking these
fibers pertaining to that cable, you
should keep adding strength to strength.
If you do that, there never will be a sepa-
ration between us and those that hold
the Priesthood before us—no, never.

What an almighty influence our Fa-
ther and our God will have when He has
gathered all His children! Will they con-
trol the remaining portion of the human
family? They will. As I said that day,
and as brother Joseph has said today, we
hold the keys—that is, brother Brigham
and his brethren—they hold the keys of
the living and the dead.

What! Of those that do not belong
to this Church? Yes, just as much as
those that do; and they cannot get sal-
vation upon any other principle. Well,
now, you need not think that is a tight
jacket; for I will tell you it is a jacket you
have all to wear. You may grunt, and
you may take a course to kill this peo-
ple and destroy the Prophet. Good God!
There will a hundred come up where you
kill one. Bless your souls, if a man is a
Prophet, and that Prophet has a poster-
ity, his whole posterity are prophets. Tell
about raising up kings, and priests, and
prophets unto the Most High God! You
may kill brother Brigham: kill him, if
you can; but I tell you, you will never do
it, nor his brother Heber, until the time
comes.

I never killed anybody, and I have
a pretty good assurance to live a good
while. You may kill brother Brigham,
if you can, and what will be the ef-
fect of it? There will be a thou-
sand Brighmans that will rise through
him, just as much as it would if you
went into your field and you found
an almighty big mustard stalk, and it
was ripe, and you had no more sense
but hit it a crack and break it down;