this is not the work of God; for they con-
clude that those persons who have talked
to them, having had such opportunities,
must know.

If such individuals should have a jog
that would knock their sensibilities into
them, I do not know but God would work
it for their good. I believe it is said
that all things shall work together for
good to those that love God and keep
his commandments. We have convictions
of those things; we are confident that
all shall work for our good, not only in
our hearts, but when we can see wis-
donmanifested that is evidently mani-
Flied by the hand of a superior being;
but we cannot but acknowledge the hand
of God. We have the testimony in our
hearts of the truth, and what we feel
and see all the time should stimulate us
to cling to the Lord with all our hearts,
might, mind, and strength.

The Saints in former days had a great
deal to overcome; they had not only their
weaknesses, but they had armies to over-
come; and we find they put to flight the
armies of the aliens. They had many
trials. They were clad in sheepskins,
and goatskins. Inasmuch as we believe
that the cattle upon a thousand hills be-
long to the Lord, I do not know but that
their very hides may be dressed, and we
wear them instead of broadcloth. Well,
now, those skins properly dressed, as I
have seen some specimens in this town,
may be our clothing when we get into
the hills, and they will last some time
to go through the mountains. Neces-
sity, we say, is the mother of invention.
The sisters may ask what they shall do
for petticoats? I can tell you. (Voice:
Let the women wear pantaloons.) Ne-
cessity being the mother of invention, we
will seek them out something suitable;
we have got common sense, and a good
deal more too, if we will live our reli-
gion. Our father went to work and made
coats of skins; and I suppose that mother
Eve had a coat of skins as well as father
Adam. But whether hers was a petticoat,
we are not told.

We have been talking about the an-
cient order being restored; and if we live
to return to that order, we shall live to be
dressed in the skins of animals. I do not
know how these things may be, but yet
we judge, if we are driven to such neces-
sity, we may have to adopt that style.

Let us prepare our minds for all
things and to live where and when others
may perish and die. We have got to learn
that when the day of burning comes to
be ready to live upon the barren rocks,
where others would starve to death. If
we get wisdom to live where they would
perish, then we shall be the more com-
pletely independent. Thank God, we are
beyond their reach. The Almighty God
in his wisdom and kindness has given
us understanding, and I have every rea-
son to believe that he will deliver us
and provide for us, if we live our reli-
gion and cleave unto him; for I tell you
that some of the most simple things will
be for our deliverance, and at the same
time for the destruction of our enemies;
and we can do all that is required, by his
hand helping us. We are nothing of our-
selves; but when we are inspired by the
Almighty and take such a course as will
give us confidence in God, we cannot per-
ish. Then we have reason to rejoice and
be glad.

Here is the evidence that this is
the work of God. I remarked to
brother Hardy, today, that last win-
ter we preached some strong things in
his ward (12th ward). Myself, brother
Hardy, the Bishop, and brother Joseph
A. Young doubled teams; and I then
said, Where will these things lead us?
I did not stop long to reflect; but, said
I, we have the Spirit of God, and it
will be all right; and I feel more sat-
sified now that his arm will bear us