the reason is because the Almighty
stands at the helm, and he will guide
the old ship Zion in a safe course,
and all the powers of earth and hell can-
not stop her progress.

May God bless you all. Amen.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE SAINTS DEPENDENT UPON
THEIR BEING RIGHT BEFORE GOD—PRAYER AND
WATCHFULNESS, ETC.

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I am in hopes that what I do say will
be dictated by the right guide, as brother
Heber says. I do not wish for any other.
It is difficult for me to communicate my
ideas, though I do not make this state-
ment because I wish to apologize or to
excuse myself from any duty.

I think I realize with you, brethren,
the situation that we are in and the
circumstances that surround us. Ev-
ery reflecting mind will rest his thoughts
and attention upon our present situa-
tion; and if we have in us the light of
the Holy Ghost, we shall believe it is all
right. This is my conclusion, and I pre-
sume it is the conclusion of most of you.

If we, as individuals, are right be-
fore God, all will go well with us and the
Lord will prosper us. I do not think that
the reform that we have undertaken and
that is undertaken with this community
is done with. I find that it becomes me
to concentrate my mind daily and hourly
upon the grand things that lie before me.

As to the enemy that is come up
to destroy or curtail us in any of
our blessings, I care but little about
them. It makes me think of the
past, when my mother used to have a
rod over the mantelpiece for me to look
at. I think we have got one that we can
look at, and it is where it can be used;
and probably if it is used, it will be used
to our advantage.

If we can prepare our hearts and our
lives, we need not fear anything about
our enemies. The greatest fear is that
I shall not sustain and carry out correct
principles in my own bosom. I believe
that our grand object is to have all things
right within. If we do this, we shall do
well.

We are taught in one place to “pray
without ceasing,” and watching is as nec-
essary as prayer. I am of the opinion that
we can correct our thoughts so far as to
know and understand what our motives
are and what our affections are placed
upon. If our minds are wandering to the
nations of the earth, what will it benefit
us? The grand place for our operations
to begin is in our bosoms, and to see that
our minds and bodies are influenced by
those principles that pertain to light, life,
and immortality.

There are great attainments in re-
serve for the faithful of this peo-
ple. I believe that we may en-
joy even more peace and satisfaction
than we do now, which may be ob-
tained by prayer and watchfulness.