ble, and honorable man. After much con-
versation, I told the person that I had
but one fault to find with that gentle-
man, and that was not really a fault—
only a slight mistake. He ought to have
come into the world a woman. And, per-
haps, the lady brother Clements has re-
ferred to should have been the officer,
and the officer should have been that
lady.

Pardon my humorsome remarks, for
I feel a little, perhaps, as I should not,
after hearing so serious and good a dis-
course as we have this morning. At times
there is a spirit in me to treat things
according to their nature, and then my
style must of necessity be somewhat in
accordance with the subject. I will treat
the question in a more serious manner.

Who the lady is I know not, and I
have seen a great many like her, and I
think there would be much more sound
judgment and true, sound philosophy ex-
hibited, if persons would inquire why
about three-fourths or seven-eighths of
the men are not women. Why so? Be-
cause of the imbecility in the brains of
men. Look through Utah and over the
world, and how many who have beards
are men in their capacities in the com-
mon avocations of life, to say nothing
about kings, rulers, statesmen, presi-
dents, and governors? How many men
are there capable of sustaining them-
selves, a wife, and two or three chil-
dren? Men who from their youth have
been taught the strictest economy are in-
capable of sustaining themselves and a
small family, aside from ability to govern
and control a people, a nation, or a king-
dom. Hundreds of thousands—yes, mil-
ions of men, do not exhibit the mental
ability that one might suppose women
should possess and exhibit. In our own
community there are plenty of ladies
who, give them the entire control of their
own domestic affairs, will make a better
living, live in better style, and rear their
families better than at present.

Search among the various nations,
and you can find men of very respectable
talent—men learned upon various sub-
jects, skilled in mechanism, philosophers
of various grades, and historians; but
can you find a man that is capable of
rightly dictating a nation? You may ask
the wisest men in a nation if there are
great statesmen now living among them,
and they will tell you that their real
statesmen have all gone to the silent
tomb. Have we any? Where can you
now find statesmen in the United States
possessing the ability that Daniel Web-
ter and many others had—men who can
foresee the results of the acts of indi-
viduals, of legislators, and of Congress
fifty years hence? Where is there a na-
tion that has been able to preserve its
organization from the early ages of the
world until now? As you have been of-
ten told, the providences of God are with
them, though they know it not. He sets
up a kingdom here, and casts down an-
other there, and overrules the acts of the
people to produce the results he desires.
In regard to ourselves, there is not a
man or woman in this kingdom, if they
possessed the true principle of knowl-
edge and wisdom, but what would know
at once that they are not yet capable
of magnifying any higher station than
they now occupy. There is not a man
or woman here but occupies a position
in which they have full liberty, freedom,
and opportunity to dispense their skill
and knowledge to benefit themselves and
the community: they are not coerced to
lose one particle of time and ability.

If I find a man, as I do once in
a while, who thinks that he ought to
be sustained in a higher position than
he occupies, that proves to me that
he does not understand his true posi-
tion, and is not capable of magnifying