them comfortable, and unless they were
at their work every day they could not
get enough to eat. Scarcely any of them
ever owned a cow, a horse, a sheep, pig,
or chicken in their lives. Brother George
D. Watt here knows this to be true, for he
has seen enough of the poverty of his na-
tive country to understand exactly how
it is. Is it any crime to be poor? No, it is
not; I have seen the day when I was just
as poor as I could possibly be as regards
the comforts of this life, and I honestly
consider that it would be a pretty hard
case for a man to be poorer than I have
been. Some people when they come here
think it rather shameful to speak of how
poor the people are over in the old coun-
try. Bless you if you had not been poor
and oppressed—down in the depths of
poverty, you would not have heard us at
all when we went to proclaim the Gospel.
That is the case with those who are well-
off as a general thing. But if you were
not all poor when the Gospel found you, I
will guarantee that you have been since.
I never knew a man who came into this
Church rich but who had to become poor,
that he might rise up with the rich and
be exalted in the kingdom of God.

We have been led here by the hand
of the Almighty, and settled in a bar-
ren wilderness a thousand miles from
everybody that are called civilized. We
came here because we were driven from
our homes; hence, we came to these
mountains because we were compelled
to, for we could not live in the United
States any longer, and you that have
been driven from the days of Kirt-
land to the present time know that
we could not stay in Kirtland to make a per-
manent home there, although we suc-
cceeded in building a Temple, and in it re-
cieved our blessings from the Almighty.
Here is President Young, myself, and
others that used to lie upon Joseph's floor
every night to preserve his life from his
enemies, and that too among the Presby-
terians, Baptists, Methodists, and dev-
ils, and there are a great many men and
women who know it. We had to flee and
leave all we had behind; brother Joseph,
brother Brigham, and many others, fa-
ther Smith among the number; and some
of us had to watch while Luke Johnson
helped the old man out of the window.
Then how much safety was there in Mis-
souri, Illinois, or anywhere else in the
Eastern States? Could we stay there,
gentlemen? No, no better than we could
be in a smelting furnace without burn-
ing. Was there any revelation that we
should come to the mountains? Yes, and
there were predictions in the old Bible
that we should come here, and now we
are here we are comfortable and blessed
above all other people upon the face of
the earth, I do not care where you look.
You may look to the east, to the west, to
the north, and to the south, and in all
nations you will find them ready to go to
war with each other. And you may calcu-
late that there will be war upon war, and
that things will gradually grow worse;
therefore we should always endeavor to
do right.

When I reflect upon the instructions
of President Young, who is our leader,
I see the importance of our sustain-
ing him in all his plans and designs,
for he is God's delegate, and he rep-
resents the authority of Heaven; and
we Elders and Apostles are his as-
sociates, called to represent Heaven,
to preach the righteousness of Christ,
and to strive to do here on the earth
as it is done in the heavens, and,