Zion. We cannot attain to this all in a mo-
ment. We first begin to make our homes
tidy and to subdue every enemy to our
peace, that we may have more comfort. If
we wish our children to have an exalted taste
for the lovely and beautiful, create some-
th ing lovely for them to look upon, let them
behold a practical example and exhibition of
the beautiful and lovely when they are at
home; when they go into the garden let
them see the development of beauty, and
when they come to maturity and remove far
away they will think of the paternal home
with delight and pleasure as the place where
peace reigns, where joy is developed, where
the odor of sweet flowers are inhaled by the
visitors, greeting our early rising or cheering
us when we retire to our rest. This is the pic-
ture of the home of a Saint, of him who
loves to beautify Zion and exalt the children
of Zion above all other people on the earth.

It does not follow of necessity that the
poor man must possess broad acres. If your
garden is no larger than this stand, cultivate
it properly, plant fruit trees and other use-
ful plants, and rivet the attention of your
growing family to the contemplation of
their duty; let them see an example in you
from day to day and from year to year
which will exercise a salutary influence
upon the minds of your children through-
out their future lives. If I have not myself
been able hitherto to make such a home, it
is the home that lives in my mind. I show
you the ladder over which you may travel
from any condition of degradation and ig-
norance to all that is noble, exalted, and
Godlike. We must start from where we are,
and we shall soon see better houses, more
fruitful and lovely gardens; the residences
of the Saints will grow into beauty and the
cities of the Saints into magnificence.

The Prophet Joseph once took me
by the arm in the street, and said,

“I have so many blessings, and there is
nothing but what you can enjoy in your
time and place the same as I do, and so can
every man.” But I have prayed this prayer,
“If the bestowal of wealth upon thy ser-
vant, O Lord, will make him a fool and
cause him to forsake the truth, may I re-
main poor until I can bear it.” We might as
well complain that we were not all born at
the same time as to complain of any dispar-
ity that may exist between us in pecuniary
matters. Let the Saints who have just come
to these valleys from their fatherland learn
to be contented in whatsoever position
they are placed in, that is, when you are in
circumstances that neither you nor your
friends can change for the better. To com-
plain of circumstances that cannot at the
present be improved would simply be a
waste of your time, and your time is pre-
cious, for we are not going to live many
years according to the common course of
things to improve ourselves here. It will be
to our advantage to live in this world as
long as we can improve, and the longer we
live here and improve, the stronger grow
the ties that bind us to this existence. I
want to see the kingdom of God grow
from this small beginning that is right
around us, until the whole earth is filled
and blessed with its glory as it now blesses
and fills the valleys of Deseret in a degree.
We are connected with an enterprise that is
great, noble, and honorable, with an enter-
prise that is not satisfied with a limited ac-
quision, with a small victory over sin, but
it is an enterprise that grasps the world’s
emancipation from sin, darkness, and
death; it looks at no smaller object than the
world’s freedom from sin and its conse-
quences.

Being connected with so great an
enterprise, I do not feel any more that
I am a worm of the earth, but that