his own image and likeness, as Moses testi-
ifies; and in this belief we differ from the
professedly Christian world, who declare
that, “His center is everywhere, but his cir-
cumference is nowhere.” Their God has no
body nor parts; our God possesses a body
and parts, and was heard by Adam and
Eve, “Walking in the garden in the cool of
the day.” They say that their God has no
passions; our God loves his good children
and is, “Angry with the wicked every day,”
“And him that loveth violence his soul
hateth;” and he reveals his will as familiarly
to his servants in all ages as I reveal my
thoughts to you this evening.

We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the
Redeemer of the world, and try to keep his
sayings. He said, “If you love me, keep my
commandments.” One commandment to
his disciples was to preach his Gospel in all
the world, and baptize believers for the re-
mission of sins, and then lay hands upon
them for the reception of the Holy Ghost,
that they might possess the gifts and graces
promised in the Gospel to all believers.

We worship a God who can hear us
when we call upon him, and who can an-
ter our reasonable petitions, and who gives
guidance and direction to the affairs of his
kingdom which he has established on the
earth in our own day. We believe in making
his statutes our delight, in observing his or-
dinances and keeping all his com-
mandments. You may inquire whether all pro-
fessed Latter-day Saints do these things. My
answer is, They should do them. Are they all
truly Saints who profess to be Saints? They
should be. Are all this people, in the Scrip-
tural sense, Christians? They should be. Do
they all serve God with an undivided heart?
They should. Many of them do, seek-
ing daily to do his will. You do not find
many of this class of Saints wandering idly
over your campground, wanting and desir-
ing this, that and the other from the pass-
ing stranger. Those who visit you in this
way wish to see how you look, as you want
to see how the “Mormons” look. The great
mass of this people tarry at home, they are
in their houses, their gardens, their fields,
and shops, paying attention to their own
business, and not running after strangers
for gain; and in attending to their own
business many get rich. While some of our
community wish to see how their former
Christian brethren look, they, at the same
time, wish to trade with you, and a
stranger might suppose that they are first-
class Latter-day Saints. Do not be deceived,
for all first-class Latter-day Saints, both
men and women, may be found minding
their own business at their homes or where
their business requires their presence. To
know them and how they live is the only
means by which you can form a true con-
ception of the “Mormon” people.

We are trying to improve ourselves in
every particular, for God has given us men-
tal and physical powers to be improved,
and these are most precious gifts; more pre-
cious are they to us than fine gold. God is
our Father, and he wishes his children to
become like him by improving upon the
means he has supplied for this purpose.

I do not know that you have hitherto
met with any difficulty from the Indians
on your journey. You have heard of Indian
hostilities against the whites on the western
route, but you will have no trouble with
them if you will do right. I have always
told the traveling public that it is much
cheaper to feed the Indians than to
fight them. Give them a little bread and
meat, a little sugar, a little tobacco, or a
little of anything you have which will con-