say that it is, if the people are not wise.

Some sow their wheat, and after the
Lord has given one hundredfold of an
increase, they sell that at one-fourth of
its value, and leave themselves wanting.
The last time I spoke upon this subject
I tried to stir up the minds of the people
regarding it; I want them to reflect upon
it.

At our Semiannual Conference last
fall, the Bishops were instructed to go
to each house and see what breadstuffs
were on hand. Why? "Because the time
is coming when they will want bread-
stuffs." It comes to my ears every day
that this one and that one is in want.
"Such a one has had no bread for three
days."

What was told you last harvest? "Sis-
ter, you had better get a chest, or a lit-
tle box, for there is plenty of wheat to be
had—it is not worth a dollar a bushel—
and you had better fill your box with
it." "Oh, there is plenty of it; there is
no necessity for my emptying the paper
rags out of my box, or my clothes out
of the large chest where I have them
packed away; my husband can go and get
what he wants at the tithing store." They
would not get the wheat and the flour
that was then easy to be obtained, and
now they are destitute. Why could they
not believe what they were told? They
ought to have believed, for it was true;
and in all these matters, the truth has
been timely told to the people. And here
let me say to you, that instead of our hav-
ing plenty here, with nobody to come to
buy our substance—to purchase our sur-
plus grain—the demand for what we can
raise here will increase year by year.

Are we going to live our religion—
to be the servants and handmaids of
the Almighty? Are we going to con-
tinue in the faith, and try to grow
in grace and in the knowledge of the
truth? If we are, the prophecies
will be fulfilled on us. We shall have the
privilege of seeing the blest, and will be
blest.

I look at things as a man looking
philosophically; I look at things before
us in the future as a politician, as a
statesman, as a thinking person. What
is going to be the condition of this peo-
ple and their surrounding neighbors? Do
we not see the storm gathering? It will
come from the northeast and the south-
east, from the east and from the west,
and from the northwest. The clouds are
gathering; the distant thunders can be
heard; the grumblings and mutterings in
the distance are audible, and tell of de-
struction, want, and famine. But mark
it well, if we live according to the holy
Priesthood bestowed upon us, while God
bears rule in the midst of these moun-
tains, I promise you, in the name of Is-
rael's God, that he will give us seedtime
and harvest. We must forfeit our right
to the Priesthood before the blessings of
the Heavens cease to come upon us. Let
us live our religion and hearken to the
counsel given to us.

And here let me say to you, buy what
flour you need, and do not let it be hauled
away. Have you a horse, or an ox, or a
wagon, or anything else, if it takes the
coat off your back, or the shoes off your
feet, and you have to wear moccasins?
Sell them and go to the merchants who
have it to sell, and buy the flour before
it is hauled away. Why did you not buy
it when it was cheap? There is a saying
that wit dearly bought is remembered.
Now buy your wit, buy your wisdom,
buy your counsel and judgment, buy
them dearly, so that you will remember.
You were last fall counseled to supply
yourselves with breadstuffs, when flour
could have been bought for whistling a
tune, and the seller would have whis-
tled one-half of it to induce you to buy.
Why have the children of this world