the power, while I have been on my mis-
sion, and have endeavored to do what
good I could whenever an opportunity
presented itself. But I have often times
felt as though the people did not wish to
know the things I had to teach them, and
that they might as well be left with their
idols. I have felt that my testimony has
rebounded back upon me, for they cared
not to know the things of God. The world
treat the revelations of God to Joseph
Smith in the last days as an idle dream.
They do not care to investigate it because
they think it is a humbug and beneath
their notice; they treat it with contumely
and disrespect; they are united almost
universally in rejecting it, in passing it
by, while the kingdom of God is actually
transpiring upon the earth, and before
the face and eyes of the whole world, and
they mark it not; they have eyes and can-
not see, ears and cannot hear, hearts and
cannot comprehend nor understand, or
if they do understand, will not obey the
truth, but they will reject it. But does
this conduct make it any less true? No,
my good friends, No.

We read in the good book that "strait
is the gate, and narrow is the way which
leads to eternal life, and few there be
which find it." If the world wish to be
saved in the kingdom of God, let them
take heed to the words of his servants
that are abroad in the earth, for they
have the authority of the Holy Priest-
hood, the authority of heaven; the angel
of God has come and restored the Gospel
to the earth in these last days, and we
know it, and feel able to bear this tes-
timony to all the world, and it has al-
ready gone as it were upon the wings of
the morning to all the world. Let the
people reject it if they can afford to do
so; we know they cannot afford to reject
it; it is the most expensive thing they
ever rejected; they had better receive it if
they knew what would be for their best
good. The authority of the Holy Priest-
hood is here upon the earth, and all peo-
ple can avail themselves of it if they
think proper to do so. Why do not the
world do it? That, however, is their own
affair: if we are faithful and acquit our-
selves as men of God, we thereby clear
ourselves of the blood of this generation.
The communication has been opened up
between the heavens and the earth. Do
you know it, Latter-day Saints? You do.
Do the world know it? They may if they
will take the proper course to put them-
selves in possession of this knowledge,
but they do not care to know it; they are
like the blind that are led by those who
are blind, and they will all fall into the
ditch together.

I have felt a pride in speaking to
the people in different nations and coun-
tries, of telling them that there is a
place where good men may gather to-
gether, where men and women of in-
tegrity dwell, where the rights of all men
are protected; that there is a place upon
the footstool of God where the rights of
mankind can be enjoyed and respected,
where all can have the liberty of wor-
shipping God according to the dictates
of their conscience; that there dwells
a people who are for God: there the
earth has been reclaimed and is being
brought in subjection to the rule of the
God of Heaven, and the predominating
feeling is for God. I have felt proud
in bearing this testimony, and pointing
my finger to Utah, where good men and
women may dwell in peace, and where
good order and good government pre-
vail, and the people are in subjection to
Heaven's rule. Who is doing this? You,
Latter-day Saints. Where else can such
a thing be found? Nowhere. Abroad
in the world evil influences predomi-
nate everywhere, but here it is not so.
Not but that there is evil here, more or