men to go on missions to the world, we are
called of God, and carry with us true cre-
dentials, not the credentials of Paul, Peter,
or any of the old Apostles and servants of
God, who used them a thousand years ago,
but we have the living oracles and the Holy
Priesthood restored in our day, giving au-
thority to men in the nineteenth century as
in days of old. Having this authority, and
these great advantages, we should be better
than anybody else. We have believed in the
Lord Jesus Christ, we have received in our
faith the fullness of the gospel, we have
yielded obedience to God's command-
ments, obeyed the ordinances of His
house, receiving them in our faith and
practice, and these we have received
through apostles and prophets, called of
God, in our own age, as was Aaron. These
blessings and callings the Almighty has re-
vealed in this as in all ages for the benefit
of finite beings, that through obedience to
the gospel, eternal life in the presence of
God might be brought upon all who en-
dure to the end in righteousness. By obey-
ing the ordinances of God, mankind glo-
ify God, but if they do not obey Him,
they do not detract one particle from His
glory and power. Although all His children
should wander from the holy command-
ments, God will be glorified, for they are
left to choose for themselves, to choose
death instead of life, darkness instead of
light, pain instead of ease, delight, and
comfort. This liberty all beings enjoy who
are created after the likeness and image of
God, and thus they become accountable for
their own actions. The commandments of
God are given to us expressly for our bene-
fit, and if we live in obedience to them we
shall live so as to understand the mind and
will of God for ourselves, and concerning
ourselves as individuals. This is a subject
upon which a great deal can be said, but I
shall not follow it at this time.

I exhort my brethren continually to live
so that they may have the light of the Holy
Spirit in them, to know their duty, and
when they know their duty fully it will be
to follow truly those whom God has placed
over them to lead them as a community, as
a people, as a kingdom of God; it will be to
obey the counsel that is given them from
time to time. What does the man who un-
derstands the spirit of his religion believe
with regard to his own affairs, with regard
to his life, with regard to his business trans-
actions, &c.? He believes that it is his priv-
ilege to be dictated by the constituted au-
thorities of the church of God and the
spirit of revelation in all things in his mor-
tal life. There is no part of his life that he
will consider exempt from the guidance
and dictation of the Priesthood of the Son
of God.

We wish the Latter-day Saints to meet at
their respective houses, erected for that
purpose, on the day appointed for a fast,
and take with them of their substance to
feed the poor and the hungry among us,
and, if it is necessary, to clothe the naked.
We expect to see the sisters there; for they
are generally first and foremost in deeds of
charity and kindness. Let the hearts of the
poor be made glad, and let their prayers
and thanksgiving ascend unto God, and re-
ceive an answer of rich blessings upon our
heads. I think I told you last Sabbath that
I would mention this subject again today.

If you would be healthy, wealthy, full
of wisdom, light and knowledge do all
you can for the kingdom of God. I expect
that there are brethren who are well to do,
who can command their thousands,
who consider that their business crowds
them this year, and they do not see how