to say this, but I do not say it to their
disgrace, but to their praise—come home
from their work on a Saturday evening,
and retiring to a room, throw a blank-
et over their shoulders, and wash ev-
ery particle of their clothing, that they
might be able to go out on Sunday to at-
tend meeting. These are they that we
have baptized. Why? Because their ears
were open, and the Spirit of the Lord
found a way to their hearts, and they
saw there was deliverance in the gospel.
The rich and noble, as a general thing,
have turned a deaf ear to the voice of the
Elders of Israel. Now, the gospel that
we have embraced comprises every glory,
honor, excellency, and truth there is in
the heavens, on the earth or beneath the
earth. Is it worthy of the attention of the
poor? Yes, it is. According to the read-
ing of this book—the Old and New Testa-
ment as well as the Book of Mormon and
the Book of Doctrine and Covenants—
which we regard as the foundation of our
work, the Lord has chosen the poor of
this world—rich in faith—and the time
will come when He will give the earth to
His poor for an everlasting inheritance. I
speak this for the comfort of my brethren
and sisters who have been poor. They
have come here, and what do we see?
The youth, the middle-aged, and the old
improving in letters, in mechanism and
in the arts and sciences. We bring them
here to improve them, and if the Lord
will bless us sufficiently, and the people
will bless themselves, we will have a na-
tion that understands all things pertain-
ing to the earth that it is possible for
man to grasp. Will this people be praise-
worthy? Yes, and honored and honor-
able. Will they be looked to as exam-
pies? Yes; and it is the duty of the
Latter-day Saints to live their religion
so that all the world can say there is
a pattern for us, not only in our busi-
ness and worship, but in our knowledge
of things that are, things that have been
and of things that are yet to come, until
the knowledge of Zion shall reach the ut-
termost parts of the earth, and the kings
and great men shall say, "Let us go up to
Zion and learn wisdom." Will they come
here to learn how to govern? Yes. One of
the simplest things in the world is to con-
trol a people. Is there any particular art
in making this people obedient? There
is just one. If you Elders of Israel can
get the art of preaching the Holy Ghost
into the hearts of the people, you will
have an obedient people. This is the only
art required. Teach the people truth,
teach them correct principles; show them
what is for their greatest good and don't
you think they will follow in that path?
They will, just as far as it is consistent
with their weaknesses and the power of
darkness that is over the inhabitants of
the earth—with us as with others. We
have merged partially into the light, and
we should be very thankful and obedient
to the requirements of Heaven, that we
may receive more and more.

Every art and science known and
studied by the children of men is com-
prised within the Gospel. Where did the
knowledge come from which has enabled
man to accomplish such great achieve-
ments in science and mechanism within
the last few years? We know that knowl-
edge is from God, but why do they not
acknowledge him? Because they are
blind to their own interests, they do not
see and understand things as they are.
Who taught men to chain the lightning?
Did man unaided and of himself discover
that? No, he received the knowledge
from the Supreme Being. From Him, too,