righteously, that is what they would not
do. But anything on the face of this earth
to remove power and influence from the
Latter-day Saints, and to remove them
from their homes, many of them would
do. We have been able to check this,
and it is for our advantage. Many of us
have suffered the loss of all things sev-
eral times. I have been broken up five
times and left a handsome property, and
have taken the spoiling of my goods just
as patiently as I could. I do not want to
see these things enacted again. I know
how to avert them. If the people will
hearken to the counsel which God gives
through His servants, they will never
experience any such thing again; but if
they will not, they will, perhaps, suffer
just as they have heretofore—the good
with the bad, the righteous through the
evil deeds of those who profess to be righ-
teous and are not; the simple, the honest
and the good will have to suffer with the
hypocrite and the wicked. I am thank-
ful to God that the ears of the Latter-day
Saints have been open to hear and their
hearts open to receive and act upon good
counsel as far as they have been.

The sisters in our Female Relief Soci-
eties have done great good. Can you tell
the amount of good that the mothers and
daughters in Israel are capable of doing?
No, it is impossible. And the good they
do will follow them to all eternity. If we
get the sisters on our side with regard
to trading in stores, with regard to dona-
tions, or with regard to improvement, we
have gained all that we can ask. What
do men care about fashion? You will not
find one man in a thousand that cares
anything about it. Men have their busi-
ness before them, and their care and
attention is occupied with that. You
will find that the farmer, the blacksmith,
the carpenter and even the merchant,
were it not that he is compelled to appear
decently in society, care nothing about
fashion. They want the dollars and the
dimes. The lawyer cares nothing about
fashion, only to gain the feelings of the
people and have influence over them,
that he can bring them one against an-
other, so that he may get their dimes;
that is all he cares about fashion. The
doctor cares nothing about fashion. If
he can make the people believe that he
knows it all, and that they know noth-
ing, he would as soon wear a hat with a
brim six inches wide, and the crown an
inch and a half high, as he would wear
one with the crown six inches high and
the brim an inch and a half wide. He
cares no more for fashion than that, if
he can only get the purses of the peo-
ple, that is all he cares for. I speak
now in general terms, for there are ex-
ceptions in every class. It is the ladies
who care for fashion. They are looking
continually to see how this and that lady
are dressed. But if we can enlist their
feelings and interests in business mat-
ters, then victory is sure. The mothers
and daughters in Israel have better judg-
ment, and they do know more than fe-
males in the world. They do understand
the true principles of comfort, and how
to adorn their persons so that they may
present an attractive appearance to their
husbands, families, friends, and neigh-
bors; and if we can make them believe
this, I reckon that, by and by, they will
begin and make fashions to suit them-
soles, and will not be under the neces-
sity of sending to Paris or to the East
to find out the fashions or to find out
whether they shall make their Grecian
bends one-half, two-thirds, or one-third
as large as in New York; or whether
they shall cut a frock so as to show
their garters every step or to drag yards
on the ground behind them. I think