will not take much more to prepare
them for the fulfillment of the prophe-
cies which I have been repeating. I do
not know how long-suffering the Lord is.
It is a good thing that He has wisdom,
knowledge and understanding, that He
is not a human being, or He would get
wrathly and swallow up the people in a
moment. It is a good thing that you and I
do not have people to deal with according
to our feelings. God is a long-suffering
being. He has fulfilled a great many
things pertaining to this people during
forty years past. There are a great many
more to be fulfilled in relation to us, and
in relation to the nation which is perse-
cuting us; but whatever the final result
may be, whether the American Congress
pass laws to persecute us or not; whether
they rob us of our houses and lands or
not; whether they imprison us and send
us for five years to a Penitentiary or a
military camp or not, there is one thing
sure—as sure as the sun shines forth in
yonder heavens, so sure will the Lord
fulfil one thing with regard to this peo-
ple. What is that? He will return them
to Jackson County, and in the westerns
part of the State of Missouri they will
build up a city which shall be called Zion,
which will be the headquarters of this
Latter-day Saint Church; and that will
be the place where the prophets, apos-
tles, and inspired men of God will have
their headquarters. It will be the place
where the Lord God will manifest Him-
self to His people, as He has promised in
the Scriptures, as well as in modern rev-
elation.

"Do you believe that?" says one.

Just as much as we believed, long be-
fore it came to pass, what has taken
place. The world can believe what has
taken place, because it has been ful-
filled. The Latter-day Saints believe in
prophecies before they take place. We
have just as much confidence in return-
ing to Jackson County and the build-
ing of a great central city that will re-
main there a thousand years before the
earth passes away, as the Jews have
in returning to Jerusalem and rebuild-
ing the waste places of Palestine. In
fact we have more faith than they have;
for they have been so many generations
cast out of their land that their descen-
dants have almost lost their faith in re-
turning. But the Latter-day Saints are
fresh, as it were. There are many of
the old stock, who passed through all
those tribulations I have named, still liv-
ing, whose faith in returning to Jackson
County, and the things that are coming,
is as firm and fixed as the throne of the
Almighty. We know the future destiny
of this kingdom as well as we know its
past history, that is concerning the gen-
eral events which are to transpire.

I am taking up too much of your
time. May the Lord bless us as a peo-
ple; bless us with wisdom, with under-
standing, with power with the heavens,
with union, with peace among ourselves;
bless us with righteousness, and joy in
the Holy Ghost; bless us with the spir-
itudal gifts of His kingdom, multiply His
favors upon us and upon our generations
after us, forever and ever, is my prayer
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.