whether they are destitute of real refine-
ment or have a surplus of it, it is not for
me to say. I know that I do not possess
this faculty. When I speak to a congre-
gation I know that I am speaking to the
intelligence that is from above. This in-
telligence which is within you and me is
from heaven. In gazing upon the intel-
ligence reflected in the countenances of
my fellow beings, I gaze upon the im-
age of Him whom I worship—the God
I serve. I see His image and a certain
amount of His intelligence there. I feel
it within myself. My nature shrinks at
the divinity we see in others. This is the
cause of that timidity to which I have re-
ferred, which I experience when rising to
address a congregation.

I rise with pleasure this afternoon
to speak to my friends, brethren and
sisters, and to the strangers who are
here; and I will take the liberty of look-
ing at my people—my brethren and sis-
ters, as they are, and we will look at
each other as we are. I look at others
as they are, and we will look at each
other as we are. We will chat a little to-
gether, and I will give both Saints and
strangers a few of my views. First to the
Saints, I will say that you and I have
professed to believe in God who reigns
in the heavens, who formed the earth
and the planets. No matter whether He
rules the celestial, terrestrial or teles-
tial, you and I have professed to believe
in that Supreme Being who has set this
machine in motion. He governs by law.
He has reduced His offspring, His le-
gitimate offspring, to all the sin, dark-
ness, death, and misery that we find on
this earth; He has also provided means
and, in connection with the attributes
He has implanted within us, has insti-
tuted ordinances which, if we will re-
ceive and improve upon, will enable us
to return back into His presence. I
say to the Latter-day Saints, live your re-
ligion! Live so that the Spirit of the Lord
will dwell within you, that you may know
for a surety and certainty that God lives.
For me to tell you that there is a God in
heaven, that Jesus Christ is the Savior
of the world; for me to tell you that Jesus
will give his holy Spirit to them that be-
lieve on him and obey his Gospel, would
be fruitless to you unless you obey his re-
quirements. I know that the Latter-day
Saints are looked upon by the world as
dupes—as a low, degraded, imbecile race,
and that we are so unwise and short-
sighted, so vain and foolish, that through
the great amount of enthusiasm within
us, we have embraced an error, and have
been duped by Joseph Smith. You who
have obeyed the principles he preached
know whether you are deceived or not. I
know for myself and you know for your-
selves.

Now let me ask you, if you trust to my
faith, to my word and teachings, coun-
sel and advice, and do not seek after the
Lord to have His Spirit to guide and di-
rect you, can I not deceive you, can I not
lead you into error? Look at this and see
to what mischief it would lead, and what
an amount of evil could be done to a peo-
ple if they did not live so that the Spirit
of the Lord would dwell with them that
they might know these things for them-
selves. It is my request, my prayer, ex-
hortation, faith, wish, and earnest desire
that the Latter-day Saints will live their
religion, and that they will teach their
children all things pertaining to God and
godliness, that they may grow up into
Christ, their living head.

I would ask of my friends or foes,
no matter which—I mean those who
do not believe as I do—those who
look upon us as a set of fanatics,
I would ask a few questions of the