and misrepresented just as you are; de-
spised as you are by fools who knew
nothing about God or eternity."

Well, now, we believe these things.
We believe in a religion that will reach
into eternity, that will bring us into
connection with God. We believe that
God has set up His kingdom on the
earth; we believe and know that it will
roll forth and spread and extend, that
Zion will be built up, that the glory of
God will rest upon it; that the arm of
Jehovah will be made bare in its de-
fense; that the power of God will be
exerted in behalf of His people; that
Zion will rise and shine, and that the
glory of God will be manifested among
His Saints. We know that this kingdom
will grow and increase until the king-
doms of this world will become the king-
doms of our God and His Christ, and
that He shall rule and reign forever and
ever. And we expect to join in the uni-
versal anthem, "Hosanna, hosanna, for
the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," and
will reign until all enemies are under His
feet.

God bless Israel. God bless all His
Saints, and let the wrath of God be upon
the enemies of Zion from this time hence-
forth and forever, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

THE SAINTS ARE A STRANGE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY
PRACTICE WHAT THEY PROFESS.

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It is some time since I have spoken to
the people in this capacity, and I have a
few words to say to Saints and sinners.
That is a common expression, but as we
are all sinners, I might say a few words
to sinners exclusively.

The Gospel of the Son of God that
has been revealed is a plan or system
of laws and ordinances, by strict obedi-
ence to which the people who inhabit this
earth are assured that they may return
again into the presence of the Father and
the Son.

I frequently contemplate the con-
dition of this so-called strange people,
the Latter-day Saints. "A strange peo-
ple" is a peculiar expression, as though
we were different from others! I know
that we are so considered, but in my
opinion we are the most rational, com-
mon sense people that live on the face
of the earth. We are trying to become
natural in our habits, and are striving
to fulfil the end and design of our cre-
ation. When we read of and contemplate
the manners, morals and customs that
prevail in the world and compare them
with those of the Latter-day Saints, we