wives and have them sealed to them for
time and eternity, behold they will do
these things. If God requires the young,
middle-aged, or even the aged, Elders
to start from their farms or from their
various occupations and leave this Ter-
ritory on a journey across the Plains or
across the great ocean and to the dif-
ferent nations of the earth and study
their language and preach to the peo-
ple, behold they will do it. If God calls
upon this people to go forth into the
South country, which is still more barren
and desolate than the northern portion
of the Territory, behold they are willing
to go and do it. If God requires any-
thing at their hands there is a union,
oneiness and willingness to go forward
and carry out His great designs and pur-
poses in regard to the rolling forth of
His kingdom in the last days. By all
these acts, by all these manifestations,
by the good feeling that exists in the bo-
soms of this people, we know that they
have made great improvement and ad-
vancement in the things of the king-
dom of God since our Prophet was called
upon to offer his great and last testimony
by the shedding of his blood.

This union will increase and become
stronger and stronger; it will continue
until this people shall be prepared and
sanctified before the heavens, and be
permitted to return and build up the
waste places of Zion in the western fron-
tiers of the United States. This people
will wax stronger in faith, in love to-
wards God, in the power of the Priest-
hood and in the demonstration of the
Spirit, until they are able to build the
city wherein God shall reveal Himself,
as He did in ancient times before the
flood, among the people of ancient Zion—
the Zion built up by Enoch. This peo-
ple will increase in union, faith, great-
ness, and glory, until the heavens shall
come down and embrace us, and we shall
embrace them, and all the heavenly host
shall be united together in one with the
hosts of the Saints of God here on earth,
and a union will be created such as exists
nowhere but in the celestial kingdom of
our God, for the Saints themselves will
ere long become celestial. Amen.

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Brethren and sisters, my heart al-
most falters at the idea of attempt-
ing to make you all distinctly hear
me, but by the aid of the Spirit of the Lord, in answer to your good
wishes and prayers, I will do my best
to make you hear such things as it
may suggest to me. I am thank-
ful for this opportunity of meeting
the Saints from different parts of the