received a command many years ago to
gather out from the wicked world and
to gather ourselves together to stand in
holy places, preparatory to the coming of
the Son of Man. We have been gathered
together promiscuously from the nations
of the earth, and in many respects we
are like the rest of the world. But I
wish to make a few remarks on some
points wherein we differ. We differ from
the infidel world in our belief, and from
the vulgar world in regard to the lan-
guage we use. It is not common for the
Latter-day Saints to take the name of the
Deity in vain, while it is common and
quite fashionable to do so in Christen-
dom. Herein we disagree with the out-
side world, or we may call it the vul-
gar world, for no matter how high or
how low their position may be, or how
poor or how wealthy, when people use
language which is unbecoming they de-
scend to a very low level, and in this re-
spect I am happy to say that the Latter-
day Saints differ from the wicked or vul-
gar world. I will also put in the polit-
cal world. It is a very common prac-
tice throughout the fashionable, political
world to gamble; we differ also in this re-
spect, for the Latter-day Saints are not
in the habit of gambling at any game
whatever; neither are they in the habit
of drinking intoxicating liquors, which,
throughout the world at large, and es-
pecially the Christian world, is such a
prolific source of wretchedness and mis-
erly. In a great degree, I may also say
that, as a people, we are not in the habit
of lying and deceiving; but there is one
thing that we are too much guilty of, and
that is, evil speaking of our neighbors—
bearing false witness against them. As
a people we are too lavish in our con-
servation in this respect, our words
come too easy and cheap, and we use
them too freely in many instances.

This is one thing in which we do not dif-
fer so much from the world as I should
wish. There is another point on which
the same remark is true, and that is
fashion in dress. Look over this con-
gregation and we see this demonstrated
before us, and on this particular item I
wish to lay my views before the minds of
the people.

To me a desire to follow the ever-
varying fashions of the world manifests
a great weakness of mind in either gen-
tleman or lady. We are too apt to fol-
low the foolish fashions of the world; and
if means were plentiful, I do not think
that there are many families among the
Latter-day Saints but what would be up
to the highest and latest fashions of the
day. Perhaps there are a great many that
would not follow these fashions had they
ever so much means. But too many of
this people follow after the foolish, giddy,
vain fashions of the world. If any per-
sons want proof of this they need only
look over this congregation, and view
the bonnets, hats or headdresses of our
fashionable ladies. Do they wear bon-
nets that will screen their faces from the
sun, or shelter their heads from the rain?
Oh, no, it is not fashionable. Well what
do they wear? Just such as the wicked
would wear.

My discourse will have to be brief,
and I am going to ask my sisters in par-
cular to stop following these fool-
ish fashions, and to introduce fashions of
their own. This is the place, and this the
time to make known the word of the Lord
to the people.

It is vain and foolish, it does not
evince godliness, and is inconsistent
with the spirit of a saint to follow
after the fashions of the world. I
wish to impress these remarks es-
pecially on the minds of my young
sisters—the daughters of the Elders
of Israel. Not but what our wives