simply this, if you will govern and con-
trol yourselves in all things in accor-
dance with good, sound, common sense
and the principles of truth and righ-
teousness, there is not the least fear but
what father, uncle, grandfather, broth-
ers, and sons will follow in the wake.

It is the ladies who introduce the
fashions here. I will take the liberty of
speaking with regard to some of them. If
you take up some of the fashion maga-
zines sent here you will find the ladies
very beautifully portrayed with those
"Grecian bends." They are being intro-
duced here, but they are of very moder-
te dimensions yet. By and by, in about
another year perhaps, they will be as
large again as they are now; and in two
years from the present time they will be
three or four times as large, and if this
ridiculous fashion should continue they
may keep on increasing in size until on a
hazy day, or in the dusk of the evening,
you will not be able, for the life of you,
to tell a lady, at a distance, from a camel.
Now, the ladies can do just as they please
about adopting or changing this fashion.
If it is adopted there is one thing I am
afraid of. In the world, you know, it is no
uncommon thing to see children born de-
formed; every such instance might have
been avoided with proper care, for all
such deformities are the result of natural
causes. I hope we shall never see such
things in Zion, but if our ladies continue
the fashion of the "Grecian bend," I am
afraid some of their children will be born
with humps on their backs.

There is another item in relation to
fashions to which I wish to call the
attention of the sisters, being satis-
ified that ladies, of naturally good taste,
need only to have their attention di-
rected to anything showing a want of
it, to discontinue it. I refer now
to the trails or trains that it is fashion-
able for ladies to wear at the bottom of
their dresses. You know it is the custom
of some here to have a long trail of cloth
dragging after them through the dirt;
others, again, will have their dresses so
short that one must shut his eyes, or he
cannot help seeing their garters. Excuse
me for the expression; but this is true,
and it is not right. The ladies of Israel
should consider these things, and as they
will be judged according to their works
just as much as the men, they should
seek to have good works, and be gov-
erned by good sense instead of foolish
fashions in their modes of adorning and
dressing themselves.

It is true that we have not the eti-
quette here, as a general thing, that is in
the world; and this is not at all strange
when the circumstances in which most
of the people have been reared are con-
sidered. When I meet ladies and gen-
tlemen of high rank, as I sometimes do,
they must not expect from me the same
formal ceremony and etiquette that are
observed among the great in the courts
of kings. In my youthful days, instead
of going to school, I had to chop logs,
to sow and plant, to plow in the midst
of roots barefooted, and if I had on a
pair of pants that would cover me I did
pretty well. Seeing that this was the
way I was brought up they cannot ex-
pect from me the same etiquette and cer-
emony as if I had been brought up at the
feet of Gamaliel. The most of the peo-
ple called Latter-day Saints have been
taken from the rural and manufactur-
ning districts of this and the old coun-
tries, and they belonged to the poorest
of the poor. Many of them, I may say
the great majority, never had anything
around them to make life very desirable;
they have been acquainted with poverty
and wretchedness, hence it cannot be ex-
pected that they should manifest that