for a beneficial result. It is the same in
the paying of Tithing; and what would
we have today without these institu-
tions? Have you any idea to what extent
Tithing has been the means of bring-
ing to pass the many improvements that
have grown up around us? Many have
not, but I am fortunate enough to be
thrown into that position where I am
able to see and understand and be ac-
quainted with the figures and I know the
use that Tithing is applied to, and that
it is first and foremost in all improve-
ments for the advancement of the cause
of truth upon the earth, and setting an
example for others to follow in the same
wake, and one of the great sources of the
prosperity of this people is due to the fact
that there is at least a certain portion of
Tithing paid into the Lord's storehouse.

It has been remarked here that Salt
Lake City is, as it were, a battlefield be-
tween the powers of light and the pow-
ers of darkness. I never, as an in-
dividual, felt better in my life in this
Church than I do today. I care noth-
ing about the outside pressure so far as
I am individually concerned, and I no-
tice with the Saints who are awake, that
the greater the opposition the stronger
they get in the things of God. It is very
true the young are growing up around
us, and they have not had the experi-
ence of those of riper years, and are li-
able to be led astray. There is a great
responsibility resting upon the parents
of the young that they set their chil-
dren wise and prudent examples; that
they admonish them of the evils that are
extant and that are encroaching upon
the people today. When we see Baby-
lonish fashions coming in amongst us
we should be very careful that we avoid
setting our children the example of pat-
terning after them. If we find that
our young folks must run after fash-
ions, let us go to work and set them some
good examples, create fashions for our-
selves that they may pattern after. Just
reflect, sisters, for one moment, who is it
that inaugurate the fashions which some
of our so-called ladies patronize on the
streets of Salt Lake City today? Where
do those fashions come from? Would
you like to be looked upon in the light
those poor creatures are who inaugu-
rated those fashions? If you must pat-
tern after something, pattern after the
good, righteous and pure, and shun the
very appearance of evil. I will tell you
one thing that we may pattern after prof-
itably. A savings bank has been opened
in this city. It is gotten up for a wise
purpose, the people may therein throw
their means together, and peradventure
if they want to send for friends and rel-
atives abroad, when the day rolls round
to do so they will have something they
can use for this laudable purpose. There
is something to pattern after, involving
a principle of saving, husbanding your
resources. By putting your pennies to-
gether, by and by they become a pound.
It is like the units of the actions of this
people—when they are all aggregated to-
gether they amount to a mighty effort.
Save your pennies instead of throwing
them away on these foolish trifling van-
ities. It is the case with some of my
brethren and sisters, they cannot allow a
dollar to stay in their pockets a minute.
They want to go to some of the stores
to lay it out on some trash, for it is a
fact, patent to all, that this is a day of
humbuggery, and the things you get in
the stores are more or less counterfeit
and sham, outside show and gingerbread
gilt instead of sound, substantial things
that we ought to seek after. For instance,