hend the truth of the words of the Savi-
or when he said—"Strait is the gate, and
narrow is the way, which leadeth unto
life, and few there be that find it," and
"wide is the gate, and broad is the way,
that leadeth to destruction, and many
there be which go in thereat." It has been
so easy for men to reject the truth and
flow with the current; it has been so easy
for men to spread their sails, catch the
popular breeze and glide before it; and
it has been so difficult for men to stem
the tide of opposition which they have
always had to contend with when they
have embraced the truth, that it requires
on our part, brethren and sisters, devo-
tion to the work which God has restored.
Every man and woman who has entered
this church, however ignorant and illit-
erate, and has been humble and truly
repented, has received a testimony from
God that this is the truth. God bestows
his holy Spirit upon those who obey his
Gospel as he bestows light upon the
earth. There have not been a privileged
few, there has been no hierarchy, there
has been no monopoly of knowledge, for
some exclusive set to receive while the
rest would be destitute; but it has been
diffused like the blessing of air—it has
been to all who have believed it, and ev-
ery man and woman has received a testi-
mony for himself and herself respecting
the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been
revealed and taught in these last days.
Hence you travel from one end of this
Territory to the other and you find all the
people bearing testimony, when called
upon, that they know this is the Gospel
of the Lord Jesus Christ, restored in its
ancient purity and simplicity. You go to
foreign lands, and they bear the same
testimony everywhere. Illiterate, hum-
ble, uneducated, weak men have gone
forth, and proclaimed this truth, autho-
ized by God, and God has condescended
to confirm the truth of their testimony
and administrations among the people,
and we are now brought together in this
land. We are surrounded by peculiar
circumstances, we are in a place to be
tried and tested, as we never have been
before. There are many tests, tempta-
tions and trials now assailing the Latter-
day Saints, with which they never had
to contend before. We have had mobs,
expulsion from our lands, from the tem-
ple of God that we reared, and from
the pleasant homes which we had cre-
ated, from the graves of our friends and
kindred whom we buried after they had
fallen victims to the land which we had
redeemed from the condition in which we
found it. We have passed through these
scenes and there has been but little fal-
tering considering the circumstances we
have had to contend with. Men have
bravely stood all these things, and fee-
ble women have been filled with courage
and strength to pass through these pri-
vations without their faith failing them.

I hope that we shall not have such
scenes to endure again. I pray that we
may be delivered from the violence of
our enemies, that they may not have
power over us again as they have had
in the past. But we must make cal-
culations on having trials and difficul-
ties to contend with, and having tests
for our faith to be endured and passed
through. We cannot expect to accom-
plish the work that God has laid upon us
without being tested and proved. Men
and women need not expect that they
will attain unto the glory which God has
in store for the faithful without being
tested in all things. If we have a weak-
ness, or anything about us that is not