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instead of dividing asunder and draw-
ing one from another, to cling closer to-
gether; it is of the utmost importance
that all our financial matters should be
conducted in a way to contribute to the
influence of the whole people; it is of the
utmost importance that we should take
steps to develop in our midst something
of a home character. Steps have already
been taken, as some of you know, in the
establishment of a tannery, and in con-
nection with it a shoe manufactory. I
was exceedingly gratified to learn from
the report that nearly $100,000 of home
manufactured goods, besides a large list
of small articles, the value of which was
not estimated, had been sold during the
last half year by the Cooperative Insti-
tution. I am informed that this was the
purchase price, the price at which they
were sold would of course amount to still
more. This speaks well for home manu-
factures, sold by one institution.

It is an easy thing to tear down;
any man no matter what his knowledge,
no matter what his experience can pull
down; a fool could set fire to a build-
ing; a few fools could set fire to a city
and consume the works of man that had
cost hundreds of years of labor. It re-
quires no wisdom for a man to criti-
cize the acts of another man. It is
even said that a fool can ask questions
that could not be answered by the wis-
est men. Unwise people can criticize
plans and schemes, the creation of wise
and experienced heads; that is a com-
paratively easy matter for persons to do.
But it requires great wisdom to orga-
nize; it requires great wisdom to create
measures that will bind a people of di-
versified interests together; of varieties
of views, dissimilar habits and to some
extent, of training, and to bring them
together, and bind them together, and
make one people of them, it requires
the highest qualities of wisdom, and
it is this we are endeavoring to do. Can it
be found fault with? Undoubtedly there
are many things in our organizations
that are defective; but it is our duty, if
there be faults, to correct them. If there
be wise men among us let them come for-
ward; let us see their wisdom, and not
retain it to benefit one, but let it be used
to benefit the whole. There was not any
more obligation upon President Young,
when he was alive, or upon the Prophet
Joseph when he lived, than there is upon
us individually; that is looking at it in
one light. You and I all expect to share
if faithful, the same glory that they will
attain to. Every man and every woman
in this audience comprising this body of
Latter-day Saints, expect, if found faith-
ful, to share with those who have gone
before—the righteous and holy, and be-
come heirs of God, and joint heirs with
Jesus Christ; that is, attain to the very
highest glory. If this be our aspiration,
our hope and anticipation, we should
work for that, we should labor for it. In
the words of the revelation I have read
in your hearing, "He is a slothful ser-
vant that waits to be commanded." A
man may do, and he should do many
things of his own free will in the exercise
of his agency. And if there be wisdom
in the breast of any man that has not
been brought to light, let it come forth
to the light that we may have the bene-
fit of it in causing to be effected a more
perfect organization of this people. For I
tell you we have a perfect organization in
view, and nothing short of it will satisfy
us. The Twelve have all had it at heart,
and they are bound by the covenants of
the Holy Priesthood and by the respon-
sibility which rests upon them, and upon
him, who is the President of the Twelve
and of the Church. I say we are bound
by these covenants and these signs of re-