around them and almost giving up in de-
spair, feeling that all that had been spo-
ken concerning our future is very doubt-
ful or not likely to be fulfilled—I there-
fore wish to say for the encouragement
of the people today that the time will
come, as sure as God lives, that all that
has been said concerning us will be ful-
filled. There is a great destiny in store
for this people called Latter-day Saints.
They cannot be repressed. Mr. Evarts
may issue his circular, he may send to
the nations of the earth, and the ports of
the United States may be closed against
our emigration. The law of 1862, against
plural marriage may be enforced with
rigor, and everything be done that can
be by those who are determined to check
the growth and development of this peo-
pie, and yet there is a power connected
with them that cannot be unless the
people themselves be extirpated. Any-
things short of this will fail, will fail
entirely, in accomplishing the stoppage
of this work. A people such as this,
with all their faults—and our faults are
numerous—but possessing such quali-
ties as are being developed among us,
must rise to the surface and become a
governing people. Where in the race of
life, as you witness it among private in-
dividuals, do the qualities that charac-
terize the Latter-day Saints fail to win
success? We have temperance, frugality,
union, true love, honesty, industry and
chastity. "No," says one, "not chastity."
Yes chastity! For among no other peo-
ple upon this continent is chastity re-
spected as it is among the Latter-day
Saints. Where will you find these qual-
ities fail in being successful? They are
always successful in private life. If you
want a man to succeed, if you want
your son to succeed, you say to him,
"my son, be truthful, be honest, be indu-

I had occasion to go to a gentleman
here, within a week, to transact some
business. He has been doing business
here for some years. Without my leading
him on at all he said to me, "I never dealt
with so honest a people as the Mormons.
They pay their bills, they meet their en-
gagements; you can rely upon them. Any
money that I have lost I have not lost
it through the Mormons." I felt thank-
ful that this man could say this about us,
and yet we are not near so honest as we
should be, but there is this to be said in
our favor, we are struggling in this direc-
tion, struggling to be honest, struggling
to be truthful. We have raised a stan-
dard which is much higher than we have
attained unto. It is an elevated standard,
but there is this to be said for the people,
if their standard is high they are strug-
gling to attain to it. If not done to so
great an extent as we ought to do, still it
can be said we are struggling to be truth-
ful, honest and temperate, and we de-
plore intemperance, profanity, litigation
and strife, enmity and hard feelings. I
say there is a hope for a people who have
a standard of this kind, and especially
so when they have men in their midst—
as I thank God we have—who are not
afraid to tell the people when they do
wrong, to tell them their faults to their
faces and say unpleasant things to them.
There is one thing about the leading