there is great risk connected with the intro-
duction of a foreign element in your family. It is true there may be peace, but it is far more likely that there will be con-
tention or division." Now, is there any ad-

vantage in the practice of the patriarchal order? That is the question. If there is—

and I know there is, in spite of any diffi-
culty connected therewith—how can you

expect to enjoy any benefit which accrues

from the practice of this eternal principle

and yet remain in neglect or disobedience

of that principle. It cannot be done.

A great many think that it can, and they

will employ all manner of subterfuge to

back up their position. They will read

the revelation on the subject, and they

will construe and misconstrue all that it

says, in order to justify themselves in

the position which they have assumed;

but every man and every woman may

rest satisfied that the blessings which

flow from this order of the Church of

Christ cannot be secured by any other

process than the one pointed out by Di-

everine authority. "But," says one, "I have

known in my experience where difficul-
tyies have originated through the prac-
tice of this principle." Very true. Have

you never known of difficulties originat-
ing in any other direction or arising from

the practice of any other principle? Were

there no difficulties set before you when

you were baptized? Were there no diffi-
culties presented before you when you

thought of gathering? Were there no diffi-
culties in your way when you endeav-
ored to make your feet fast in the val-
leys of the mountains? Is it not diffi-
culties that make the man? Is it not dif-
culties that make the woman? Is it not those circumstances and changes

of life that call forth every energy

and arouse us to continued action so

that we may ensure success? In the com-

mon walks of life we are accustomed to

notice men and women who pride them-
selves in the assurance that where oth-
ers have failed they have brought forth

success. The same idea is applicable to

many in the direction of the patriarchal

order. Where a man has failed in one or

some other given direction, that failure

should be an impetus to his neighbor, re-

quiring and stirring him to use all his

ability so as to secure success.

Now when I was in the old world I

met a great many of the brethren there

who were engaged like myself in the

work of the ministry, and whenever I met

a man of the character I have described

I invariably found that he was shorn of

power, that he did not carry with him

that influence which a missionary of

the Gospel should carry; at all events

he had not that influence which prac-
tice and experience gives in this direc-
tion and I have imagined a case to my-

self sometimes. In going into any small

town or country village, into the midst

of those peculiar influences which exist

in England, you will find an audience

congregated on the village green or else-

where listening to the missionary. After

he is through with his discourse a man

steps up and says, "I have heard the re-

marks you have made; I believe in the

principles that you advocate; but I am at

the mercy of the squire, or of the 'Lord

of the Manor' here, or the owner of this

coal pit, or the one who runs this fac-
tory, and if I should embrace the doc-
trine that you preach I should be turned

out of my cottage; I should lose the op-
portunity of earning my bread, my boys

and girls would be thrown out of employ-
ment, and I should soon be all astray

in a financial and industrial sense."