the present time, and has been from the
beginning. It is contrary to all the tradi-
tions of mankind to do what we are do-
ing. I will illustrate my idea by point-
ing out some things that go to prove that
God intends to make us a people dissim-
ilar from the rest of mankind.

In consequence of the departure of
our fathers from the truth, we have in-
erited lies; and we have fallen into a
false method of living. For instance,
you could not get any people besides the
Latter-day Saints to go out and preach
the Gospel as we are doing. All the tradi-
tions that belong to the race from which
we spring are in antagonism to such a
practice. For men to go out without
purse or scrip is something new in the
world in this age. It requires uncommon
faith in God to enable men to do this;
faith in the living God who hears and
answers prayers for men to place them-
selves upon the tender mercies of the
world as bearers of the Gospel message,
which is and always has been unpopular
to them, and in the women to stay at
home to take care of their families dur-
ing the absence of their husbands, their
fathers and sons. But this faith God has
given unto us, and he has taught us that
he is able to supply our wants when we
do that which he requires at our hands.

It may be thought that the payment,
of tithing, in obedience to the law of God,
would be a means of impoverishing all
those who did it; that the giving of a
tenth of their means would be a burden-
some tax upon them. God has taught us
that this law is essential to our salva-
tion, and that if we obey it in the spirit
in which it is given, he will bless us in
our basket and store, and increase us in
the earth.

Now, it is an apparently remark-
able fact—but remarkable only because
it comes in contact with our traditions
and prejudices—that the men who have
gone without purse and scrip, have pros-
pered in it; and it is also a remarkable
fact that those men among us who have
been the most punctual in responding to
the calls God, through his servants, has
made upon them, are today the men who
are the most prospered in the land. Il-
lustrations of this can be easily found
all around us. God, in his dealings with
us, shows that he intends that we shall
break away from the old traditions—for
the old traditions would lead us to be-
lieve that the man who paid his tithing
would not grow as rich as the man who
did not pay it. But God is proving to us
that he has his own method of building
up his kingdom. And he is proving to us
that the men who go out without purse
or scrip on missions, devoting their time
to the interest of this work, are the men
who have been most prospered among
us.

You take the men in your own
settlement—for there are men in most
of your settlements who have spent con-
siderable time upon missions—and you
will find, upon examining the results of
their labors, that they have been more
prospered, when at home, than men who
have not gone upon missions, so that
their absence from home has not been a
loss to them. It is our experience that the
men who have gone upon missions have
had their absence made up to them after-
wards by the Lord increasing his bless-
ings upon them for their faithful labors
in the ministry.

I speak upon this matter of tithing
to show you that God intends to
bring about results favorable to the
Latter-day Saints, from a basis en-
tirely different to that acknowledged