little thought about in the matter, and
certainly the Holy Ghost gets no credit,
for it is supposed that the Holy Ghost
has nothing to do with it. Well, now, God
has taken a different method in our day,
and he is showing forth his power. He is
taking the meek and the lowly and the
humble men who are desirous to keep
his commandments, and he is making
them mighty through his power. But
they cannot give any glory to anyone but
the Almighty for this. Let a man attempt
to travel without purse and scrip, as the
Elders of this Church have done, and
as the ancient Apostles did, and if he is
successful he is successful through faith,
through his reliance upon God through
keeping his commandments, through be-
ing humble, meek and lowly of heart,
and if he reaches the hearts of the hon-
est, the only way he can hope to do it is
by having the Spirit of God, and having
that power accompanying his words. He
cannot do it in any other way. And who
is there in this Church that gives Joseph
Smith the glory of this work? Yet it is
the most wonderful organization ever be-
hold among men. There is nothing like
it. There is no limit to the power con-
ected with it; there is no limit to the
union connected with it; there is no limit
to the capacity for expansion connected
with it. You may expand it and make
it as wide and broad as you please, and
the organization is equal to it. If it only
consisted of six members it answered the
purpose; if it consisted of six thousand
it answered the purpose. If it were to
consist of six millions it would answer
the purpose; if it should embrace the
whole world it would be found equal to
the necessity. No man can look upon
the organization of this Church and ex-
amine it in its details without being won-
derfully impressed—if he be a man who
does not give glory to God—with the
ability of the man who framed it; but
if he be disposed to give glory to God,
he cannot examine it without praising
God in his heart for giving so wonder-
ful and so simple an organization on the
earth for a church. But though this is
the case, who is there that gives any
glory to Joseph Smith? Who is there
that gives any glory to Brigham Young?
I have been told repeatedly that we do
not honor our men enough, we do not
give them praise enough; but it is a
fact, the people look behind the instru-
ment. Joseph Smith was a man; yet
we have been falsely accused of wor-
shiping Joseph Smith in the place of
the Savior, and the same has also been
said of Brigham Young. But the true
feeling is to look behind Joseph Smith
and Brigham Young to the power who
raised them up, to that Being who gave
them all their gifts and endowments,
who inspired them and who made them
perform the work that they did. And
when Elders in this Church are success-
ful there is very little disposition to give
them the glory or the praise therefore.
The praise is given to God, who is the
author of these blessings and of the gath-
ering of this people together. The world
say it was the shrewdness of Joseph
Smith that first suggested this, and that
it was the executive ability that Brigham
Young had that carried it out. They do
not recognize God in it; it was Brigham
Young. But, my brethren and sisters,
you know who it was. You know that
it was no power of man that could have
touched your hearts and made you desire
to leave your homes and come to Zion.
This makes every man and woman in