conferences, especially our annual con-
ference, so that they may hear—and if
they have not minds sufficiently strong
to remember everything, to bring pencil
and paper and take notes of all matters
that need to be remembered and carried
home and imparted to the people who re-
side in their various Stakes and Wards,
Conferences and Branches.

There is another beautiful illustra-
tion that might be made with regard to
the vine, but I have not time save to refer
to it this morning. It is this: If you take a
vine that has had growth for awhile and
you go carefully and dig it up from the
earth, you will find that there is a very
striking similarity in the roots to the ap-
pearance and character of the branches
above. Did you ever notice this? Did you
ever think of it? Well, this is a beauti-
ful illustration of the order of the Priest-
hood in the eternal world. The Apos-
tle in speaking concerning these matters,
refers to a “hope we have as an anchor
of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and
which entereth into that within the veil.”
The Priesthood behind the veil are all
interested in us, all anxious for us, all
ready to minister to us as far and as fast
as occasion permits or requires, as the
roots continually generate nourishment
and minister to the branches or top of the
tree; so that we may be found efficient
in our spheres and in our fields of labor.
We ought never to feel that we are alone.
We cannot be alone. We ought to know
we cannot live without them, nor they
live and be glorified without us. And
while this responsibility is extended to
us, we should sense that we and they are
parts of the great whole of father Adam’s
family, and that there is a responsibility
resting upon us that is great and that is
general. This vine has yet to yield great
and glorious fruits, while its branches
must fill the earth and the fowls of
heaven, the angels, will lodge in them.
What are we doing to bring forth these
fruits? What to promote the growth of
this vine in the earth? What are you
Presidents of Stakes doing? Do you real-
ize that you are raising up and profess-
edly educating in the name of the Lord
a nation of Kings and Priests to God?
Do you impress upon the hearts of the
Saints that this is our work? Do you
instruct the Teachers, and those of the
lesser Priesthood how to deal with the
people, and to see that there is no in-
quity permitted in their midst? This
is the kind of fruit that grows on this
vine, brethren, and this is the kind of
fruit that you are called upon to nour-
ish, strengthen and protect. And don’t
you know the grape must not only grow
but it must gain color. The fruit must
be fully ripened. It is a fruit that needs
a good deal of warm sunny weather, the
sunshine of the Holy Spirit. It can only
ripen in that right kind of climate, and
that climate is right here—the shining
of the sun of the Holy Spirit and the
understanding thereof. This nation of
“kings and priests” must be so reared
that when the Savior comes He will find
a people ready to receive Him; a peo-
ple who shall be full of the faith and
the power of the Gospel; a people whose
lives shall in all respects comport with
the character of Saints of God; in fact,
who shall be the people that the Apos-
tle John speaks of when he says: “They
sung a new song, saying, Thou art wor-
thly to take the book, and to open the
seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and
hast redeemed us to God by thy blood
out of every kindred, and tongue, and