dent Taylor so beautifully reviewed yes-
terday morning in the Assembly Hall, not-
icing the varied authorities of the
Church and their multifarious duties—
sends forth to every discerning mind that
the order of God’s government presup-
poses and contemplates the strongest
possible form of government that has
ever been known on the earth. Men
have come here in years past, and in
speaking of President Young, they have
said that he had a strong government
here in Utah; and later on, in speak-
ing of President Taylor, that he had a
strong government in Utah, and also
that men coming here from abroad to
govern the people, simply governed the
outsiders, and that the President of the
Church governed the Latter-day Saints.
This is the way the ungodly speak about
it. Latter-day Saints know that the or-
der of God’s Church is the perfect or-
der. They know that it is the one in-
tended to give a people strength in the
earth, and that strength is in their righ-
teousness, in their virtue, in their purity,
and in their union and fellowship with
the Spirit, with each other, and with the
heavens.

These principles are very dear and
very glorious, and we ought to rejoice
above all men in the earth. We may look
to the east, to the west, to the north and
to the south, and we see all governments,
all peoples, all nations, all kindreds and
tongues, stirred up with an activity, a
spirit of strife and ambition to superior-
ity, and we see that there is continual
commotion among them in their political
affairs, and in their civil relations. There
are a great many disturbances continu-
ally going on, and many of the nations
are really on the verge of bankruptcy,
through the vast debts created to main-
tain their numerous armies even in the
time of peace; while here among this
people, though our liberties are menaced
and threatened, and our peace would be
sometimes disturbed, if we would allow
it, yet, by the blessing of God, we en-
joy peace in our hearts, such peace as
the wicked cannot give to us, nor take
from us. The voice of Him that spake
to the waves of Gennesaret, and com-
manded them to be still, speaks to us,
and while dark clouds and the thunder-
ings and lightnings roll over the political
horizon, yet in the hearts, in the homes,
and in the habitations of the just there
is peace, such as the wicked know not
of, and it bespeaks the truth of the rev-
elation which says, that not long hence,
the people of Zion shall be the only peo-
ple that will not be at war among them-
sethemselves, and that the day will be when
they who will not take up the sword
against their neighbor, will have to flee
to Zion, of which this is the embryo.

Look abroad and see what the Lord
is doing in the way of judgments. There
has scarcely been a year for many years
past, when they have seemed to be so
terrible as they have been during this
present year, so far. Think of one por-
tion of the world where islands of the
sea have been sunk, and 100,000 peo-
ple reported destroyed by earthquake
and volcanic eruptions. And another
where it is said some 15,000 or 20,000
were likewise destroyed. Think of it!
And yet the Lord has preserved us in
these mountains—in this region of coun-
try that might scientifically be called one
of the most volcanic portions of the whole
earth. The very face of the earth tells us
its character by its extinct volcanoes, its
silent craters, and numerous hot springs.
Look at the strata of the earth’s crust
in these canyons, and see its nature.