

the start, because we could not get any other kind. But when we got through here, having brought seed, provisions, and implements such as we could command, our case was a pitiful one. But the Lord has had mercy on us and he has blessed us, and now we are beyond the reach of present want. I am thankful that all this has been brought about under the administration of our present honored President, and the world is trying to kill him and those who sustain and uphold him. It is a great warfare, it is a great wrestling; but I am aware how it will come out. It will be with the enemies and opposers of God and truth as it was with the Irishman who, as he was crossing over a bridge, saw the moon in the stream, and believing it

to be a cheese, he said to his companion—“Let us go down and get that cheese.” Well, one held on to the railing of the bridge and the other slipped down and hung to his heels, thinking that he would reach down and obtain the cheese. By and by, says the one that was holding to the bridge to his friend below—“Pat, hold fast below till I spit in my hands above,” and down they went. That is the way the contest between the world and “Mormonism” will terminate—while they are saying, “Hold fast below till I spit in my hands above,” crash goes the whole concern.

Brethren and sisters, God bless you, Amen.



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DISCOURSE BY PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG, DELIVERED AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE,
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I will make a few remarks to the ladies of the Relief Societies. First of all I can say of a truth that, in sustaining the poor and ministering to the sick and afflicted, much credit

is due to them for the good they have done; but I wish to add a little to their labors. If these societies will take into consideration the further duties and obligations that we