

To the Officers and Members of the Relief Society of the Salt Lake  
Stake of Zion, in Conference Assembled; President M. J. Hunt, presiding.  
Beloved Sisters,

Not anticipating the  
pleasure of being with you in person to day, I feel that I shall be  
with you in spirit, and take the liberty to address you through the  
medium of pen, ink, and paper—very briefly, being aware that your  
time is very limited.

I thank our Heavenly Father that I am associated with you, not  
only in the precious and everlasting bonds of the ~~of the~~ glorious Gospel  
of the Prince of Peace, but also in the sacred, God-revealed organization  
of the Relief Society, which places us in position to accomplish more  
good, both temporally and spiritually, than otherwise would be possible.  
The performing labors of love and duty, relieving the wants of the poor—  
administering to the sick—lifting up those who are bowed down—streng-  
-thening the weak—encouraging the desponding—arousing the dormant, *etc.*  
*etc.*, is productive of the purest and noblest pleasure enjoyed in mortal life.

May you, my sisters, in this conference, realize a copious refreshing  
from the presence of God. May the spirit of instruction, consolation,  
love, and union rest on those present—every heart be cheered, and  
each soul resolve anew to draw closer to God, and lean firmly on  
Him, that you may see beyond the dark cloud that rises before us,  
and rejoice in prospect of the blessing that comes after the tribulation.  
May the Holy Ghost, the Comforter be your constant companion,  
and you be enabled to acknowledge the hand of God in all things.  
What He will not overrule for the good of the Saints, He will over.

Your Sister,

E. R. Snow Smith

Thursday Morning, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1846.