were ever made, to be found here?"  
Yes. Is there fine linen here? Yes,  
and the finest broadcloths, and shawls  
and dresses of every description. We  
are walking over them, drinking them,  
and breathing them every day we live.  
They are here with us, and we can make  
ourselves rich, for all these things are  
within our reach. What hinders us from  
being truly rich? This is the point. I  
will tell you when you and I may con-  
sider ourselves truly rich—When we can  
speak to the earth—to the native ele-  
ments in boundless space, and say to  
them—"Be ye organized, and planted  
here, or there, and stay until I command  
you hence;" when at our command the  
gold is hid so that no man can find it, any  
more than they could in California until  
within a few years back.

Again, we have a little absolute truth  
still nearer, and which comes under our  
own knowledge. There is the Sweet Wa-  
ter that runs into the Platte River, that  
this people have passed by for years.  
There have been no pains spared to find  
gold on that stream and its tributaries,  
but it could not be seen, and yet of  
late an abundance of it has been dis-  
covered, ranging over a district of coun-  
try from the South Platte to the South  
Pass. There are men present here to-  
day, I have no doubt, who have it in  
their pockets, or in their wagons. There  
are as good prospects for gold there, as  
there ever were in California. How is  
this? Why He that hath all power and  
all true riches in His possession, has  
said, "Let that sleep, let it be out of  
sight to this people, until I say the word;  
I organized the elements, and control  
them, and place them where I please."  
When He says, "Let it be found," it  
is right there on the top of the earth.  
Where was it before? I do not know;  
it was out of sight. In the very place  
where men have gone from this val-  
ley, to my knowledge, and hunted weeks  
and weeks for gold, and could not find  
it, there is plenty of it now. When you  
and I can say, "Let there be gold in this  
valley," and turn round again, and com-  
mand it to disappear, that it is not to be  
found; when we can call gold and silver  
together from the eternity of matter in  
the immensity of space, and all the other  
precious metals, and command them to  
remain or to move at our pleasure; when  
we can say to the native element, "Be  
thou combined, and produce those com-  
modities necessary for the use and sus-  
tenance of man, and to make this earth  
beautiful and glorious, and prepare it  
for the habitation of the sanctified;" then  
we shall be in possession of true riches.  
This is true riches to me, and nothing  
short of it constitutes them. When I have  
gold and silver in my possession, which  
a thief may steal, or friends borrow, and  
never pay me back again, or which may  
take the wings of the morning, and I be-  
hold it no more, I only possess the nega-  
tive of the true riches. When the riches  
of this world leave me, I cannot say—  
"Gold, return thou to my chest." I cannot  
say to the gold I pick up out of the earth,  
"Be thou separated from every particle  
of dross, and let me see the pure virgin  
gold." I cannot do that without submit-  
ting to a tedious process of chemical ac-  
tion.

All those who wish to possess true  
riches, desire the riches that will en-  
dure. Then look at the subject of sal-  
vation, where you will find true riches.  
They are to be found in the principles  
of the Gospel of salvation, and are not  
to be found anywhere else. With whom  
abide eternally the true riches? With  
that God whom we serve, who holds all  
things in His hands, that we know any-  
thing of; He is the first and the last,  
the Alpha and the Omega, the begin-  
ning and the end, who at one survey  
looks upon all the workmanship of His  
hands; who has the words of eternal  
life, and holds the hearts of the child-