hend the blessings the Lord gave to him. Suppose you had a diamond of the finest
water, as large as my fist, and worth millions of pounds sterling, and you gave it
to one who did not know its value, he would put it in the mud, as quick as he
would a potato; and a very ignorant person would know no difference between a
piece of gold and a piece of bright copper. He has to learn the distinction by those
principles of knowledge which the Lord places in the hearts of the human family
to enable them to contrast the one with the other, and to know everything by its
opposite. Take a little girl who has no more knowledge than to think that piece
of white paper is just as good to make a frock of as a piece of good lawn, and
she has to wait until she grows up to that knowledge. All the Prophets have
had to learn in a similar manner; Joseph learned in that way, and so must we.

How long have we got to live before we find out that we have nothing to con-
secrate to the Lord—that all belongs to the Father in heaven; that these moun-
tains are His; the valleys, the timber, the water, the soil; in fine, the earth and its
fulness?

You now see one of His armies passing through here, sweeping every-
thing before them. Has He nothing to do with these grasshoppers that
are destroying our crops? Yes, as He has with everything else on the earth.
Has He anything to do with the locusts in Egypt? Yes; but they are
not satisfied with eating the vegetation, but will eat a man's shoes off from his
feet, and the beard from his face, for when a man lies down to sleep, he is in
danger of losing his mustachio. These are some of the armies of the Lord; He
made them and He made man, the one as well as the other. He made man but
a little lower than the angels, and next
to man the brute creation, and filled the
earth with all varieties of seeds and in-
sects; He made the earth and all con-
ected with it, organized it, and brought
it forth, and now He intends to see what
the people will do with it; whether they
are disposed to do anything more than to
say, “This is mine, and that is thine.”

Observe the men who have come into
this Church rich in property, and where
can you find one who has said, “I brought
fifty, forty, or twenty thousand dollars
into this Church,” but what they have ei-
ther come begging to the Church at last,
or apostatized? If you cling to the world,
and say it is hard for you to do this or
that, recollect that the love of the Father
is not in you. Let me love the world as
He loves it, to make it beautiful, and glo-

rify the name of my Father in heaven.
It does not matter whether I or anybody
else owns it, if we only work to beautify it and make it glorious, it is all right. Let
me do what I am called to do, and be con-
tented with my lot, and not worry about
this, that, or the other. I have spoken