him, I would rather go the graveyard
and try to raise a dead person, compara-
tively speaking. But supposing we were
traveling in the mountains and all we
had or could get, in the shape of nour-
ishment, was a little venison, and one
or two were taken sick, without any-
thing in the world in the shape of healing
medicine within our reach, what should
we do? According to my faith, ask the
Lord Almighty to send an angel to heal
the sick. This is our privilege, when so
situated that we cannot get anything to
help ourselves. Then the Lord and his
servants can do all. But it is my duty to
do, when I have it in my power. Many
people are unwilling to do one thing for
themselves, in case of sickness, but ask
God to do it all.

A portion of our community have so
much confidence in God, even men and
women in this city, that if you put in
their possession five bushels of wheat,
they will dispose of it and trust in God for
their food for a year to come. To me this
is inconsistent; I know nothing about the
consistency of such a confidence in God.
But to me it is consistent for the poor
man, or woman, that has been gleaning
wheat, and has saved five or ten bushels,
to lay it up for a time of need; though
I understand that some of them are try-
ing to sell it. Poor men and women who
have had to beg for the last six months,
and who have had nothing but what they
obtained through charity, but who have
now obtained a few bushels of wheat, are
ready to sell it for something of no intrin-
sic worth, trusting in God to provide for
them. This is inconsistent to me.

How shall I present consistent faith
and religion, so that you may compre-
hend the subject? I will do my best,
and leave the event with God. I be-
lieve, according to my understanding
of the principles of eternal truth, that
I should have implicit faith in our God;
and when we are where we have no help
for ourselves in the case of diseases, that
we have the right to ask the Father, in
the name of Jesus, to administer by His
power and heal the sick, and I am sure
it will be done to those who have implicit
confidence in Him.

Again, in regard to food, implicit faith
and confidence in God is for you and I
to do everything we can to sustain and
preserve ourselves; and the community
that works together, heart and hand, to
accomplish this, their efforts will be like
the efforts of one man. The past year was
a hard one for us with regard to provi-
sions, but I never had one faltering feel-
ing in reference to this community’s suf-
fering, provided all had understood their
religion and lived it. Some few under-
stand their religion and live it; others
make a profession, without understanding
their religion, and do not live it; con-
sequently there has been a lack of union
of effort to sustain ourselves, which has
made it very hard for the few.

Suppose that we had done our best
and had not raised one bushel of grain
this year, I have confidence enough in my
God to believe that we could stay here,
and not starve to death. If all our cat-
tle had died through the severity of the
past winter, if the insects had cut off all
our crops, if we still proved faithful to
our God and to our religion, I have con-
fidence to believe that the Lord would
send manna and flocks of quails to us.
But He will not do this, if we murmur
and are neglectful and disunited.

Not having breadstuff nor manna,
if we are cut off from those resources,
from our provisions, the Lord can fill
these mountains and valleys with ant-
elope, mountain sheep, elk, deer, and
other animals; He can cause the buff-
falo to take a stampede on the east
side of the Rocky mountains, and fill