us ability to learn and to continue to
learn to all eternity, and to reach forth
for the hidden things that are in the fu-
ture? Can the wise men of the day de-
figure this intelligence? Can the chemist
analyze it? No; it cannot be searched out
by human wisdom. We must admit that
God is true, that his law is just, that his
kingdom is just and pure, and that it is
now set up upon the earth, or there can
be no being saved in his presence. We
are his children. This is obvious, and
is easy to be understood by those who
can only understand simple facts. We
are his offspring, and to him we shall re-
turn. This being so, we should so live
as to be counted worthy to be again re-
ceived into the family of heaven, to be
participants of all the glory, excellency,
and power that pertain to the family of
God in eternity, and to be joined with
those who sing hallelujah to his name in
mansions of bliss. Let the wicked world
pass on and the inhabitants of the earth
rail, and let the wicked imagine a vain
thing and the heathen rage and run to
and fro; yet knowledge will increase, and
they cannot prevent it. The kingdom of
God and the ordinances of his house are
again restored, and we are made happy
participants thereof. Praise his holy
name, then, brethren and sisters, and
acknowledge his hand in all things, im-
proving your talents, and making your-
selves worthy to receive more. The kings,
queens, nobles, and great men of the
earth will yet bow to the Gospel, though
not until they are obliged to.

We have not much history of the
wise men of the east after they saw
the star and found the child Jesus.
He had not lived two years before an
edict was sent forth to slay all the
children in certain regions, under such
an age, thinking that the child Je-
sus would be caught among them and
slain. But Joseph was warned in
a dream to escape with the young child.
Where then were the wise men who came
to worship him? They had gone their
way, and were still. There are many
wise men of this day who feel so in-
fluenced; they would worship with the
Saints, but will not endure the opposi-
tion they must receive, if they should
do so. Never was the kingdom of God
so privileged as it is now. The children
of Israel had the Gospel and the king-
dom in their possession, but they were
so wicked and ungodly that only Joshua
and Caleb, of all the adult males who
went out of Egypt, were left to go over
and possess the promised land. They
were prospered and slew their enemies;
but after a while they went into bondage,
were again made free, and again went
into bondage. Did they enjoy the priv-
ileges that we do? No. We can travel
and preach from island to island, and
from nation to nation, and can travel and
preach in our own nation, for God has
prepared the way. We are blessed more
than all the people on the face of the
earth, and are therefore under the deep-
est obligations to praise and serve God.
It matters little, though we have many
times left our houses and other posses-
sions, having been driven from them by
our enemies; for the earth is the Lord's
and the fulness thereof; the gold and the
silver they are taking from the earth are
all in his hands to dispose of at his plea-
sure. He sets up kingdoms and casts
them down at his pleasure. The ful-
ness of the earth is in his hands, but
it cannot be enjoyed, in the full sense
of the term, without enjoying it in con-
nection with his kingdom. When put
to its proper use, gold, instead of being
made a god of, will be made into dishes,
and all things will be prepared for Jesus
to reign and rule and live here, for he
is the heir of this earth. The gold will
also be used for paving streets for us to