less in the Office. And a few have tried to
get rich, but all their riches seem to have
had the wings of the morning and have flown far from them.

How many in Utah pay Tithing on
their money? Comparatively very few. Probably we do not get one dollar to
a thousand on cash Tithing. And if
horses, oxen, or cows could be sold for
money, probably but few of them would
be turned in on Tithing; and if wheat
could be sold for money, we should get
no wheat except from a very few. But we
get along and are not dead yet; and we
shall live and do well, while others will
be dead and in their graves. The humble
will live, their spirits will be buoyant,
and they will live to a great age.

You Elders who are selected to go
on missions, be virtuous and holy be-
fore the Lord your God, that you may
be filled with his Spirit. And when you
reach your respective fields of labor in
the States, in England, or elsewhere, do
not begin to pull down your predeces-
sors. So far as their conduct will permit
speak of them as your brethren, and as
men who have done the best they knew
how. Testify that you know them to be
good men, when you know that they have
been doing according to their best judg-
ment and understanding; and do not say
hard words about your predecessors in
the vineyard. Not one who does this
will gain anything by it. Do not discour-
age, deride, or bring anything against
any of your predecessors to lessen the
character of anyone who has done the
best he knew how. You have not heard
me say that I disfellowship them, for I
believe that they have not intended to
do a wrong thing in all that is past.
All that I blame them for is because I
believe that they could or should have
known better. I consider that having
lived till now, they should so live as to
have the Holy Ghost within them contin-
ually, to guide them in the way of life.

We are so organized that we need
preaching to all the time. This is because
of our weaknesses, and we shall have to
bear with one another until we become
stronger and wiser. Until then, we will
travel and preach and do all the good we
can. And those that put their shoulders
to the wheel, with a desire and determi-
nation to preach the Gospel, save souls,
and aid in whatever they are called upon
to do for the rolling forth of this great
work, will live the longest, have the most
gold and silver, and enjoy more eternities
of happiness and exaltation than those
who do nothing but grumble and find
fault with what others do and say.

It is not necessary, in crossing the
Plains, for our Missionaries to travel on
foot and carry their valises; and we wish
you to be provided to cross the Plains
comfortably, and to take prudent care of
your bodies while absent and to come
home as comfortably as you can: but do
not get money from the poor Saints to
buy a carriage with. I have traveled and
preached a great deal, and had to live,
and I have always had a large family to
support. I have had to borrow money
to come home with, and I do not re-
member that I ever brought any money
home, but what it has gone directly to
relieve the Prophet of his burdens. He
used to ask me how I managed to sup-
port myself and family. I told him that
I made a sixpence go, perhaps, as far
as some would make a quarter of a dol-
lar go—that I had done what I could,
and the Lord had done the rest, and
that was all I knew about it. Of course
there are some things I know, and many
that I do not; but I do know that Heber
C. Kimball and myself used 86 dollars
in board and other expenses when tra-