sary to beautify and build up, and to ex-
alt in every way those principles that es-
say to establish righteousness over the
whole earth." If the word is to build forts,
build them; if to raise grain, raise grain.
It is needful to do these things because
our society is composed of men, women,
and children, the same as other commu-
nities of people. Like other people, we
must have food and raiment, houses to
live in, and the common creature com-
forts. We have come to these distant
valleys to improve, not to debase our-
selves to the level of the savages around
us: we have come here purposely to ad-
advance, not to take the retrograde path—
to exalt ourselves in the knowledge of
God, and seek to exalt others to our stan-
dard of holiness and goodness. It is,
then, for us to aspire constantly to a
still higher standard in the scale of hu-
man existence, exalting with us those
with whom we are associated. We need
everything that other people need, ex-
cept sin, and no people need that. We
need everything else that is necessary
to build up any other kingdom, and we
have to produce it from the elements
with which we are surrounded. We have
been brought far from the wicked world,
to give us an opportunity to show that
we will do it, or that we will not do
it—to prove our integrity to the cause
of righteousness and to God—to prove
to him that we will struggle to obtain
the knowledge and the ability to cre-
te the means of our own subsistence—
that we will struggle to subdue the ele-
ments, to sanctify the earth, chase unho-
liness from it, and beautify it by build-
ing up beautiful places, ornamenting our
grounds, cultivating fruits of every va-
riety that will flourish in our country,
and thus bless ourselves with the bless-
ings the Almighty has placed within our
reach, and prove to him that we are will-
ing to abide his high behest, acknow-
ledging that he throws in our way all
these advantages, and by our works
show that we are willing to make all our
efforts point to the building up of the
kingdom of God, and prove to the world
that we are more exalted in our attain-
ments and more elevated in our notions
than they are; and finally we will make
ourselves independent of every people
and nation upon the earth.

When our Father in heaven finds he
has got a people who stand as a unit
in favor of his kingdom, and have made
themselves free and independent, will he
not be pleased with that people? It is a
long time since he has had such a peo-
ple. It is our privilege to be that peo-
ple, and be acknowledged of God as his
people. Then it becomes us to be watch-
ful, careful, energetic, and diligent in en-
deavoring to bring to pass his purposes
according to his mind and good pleasure.

Here are the fat valleys of Ephraim.
From the elements that are strewn
around us in rich profusion we can gain
our entire support. We can raise the
flax, the wool, the cotton, the bread, the
fruit, and sugar. We can dig out the
iron ore, and the copper, and the lead,
and mold these minerals to our wants,
and make them administer to our com-
fort and convenience. One can accom-
plish one thing, and another can accom-
plish something else. When our labor
is properly directed, one man will go at
this employment, and another at that, to
bring forth the things necessary for our
mutual convenience and comfort. When
we are willing to abide the instructions
of our leaders, and bring to our aid the
knowledge we have received in the coun-
tries from which we have been gath-
ered, all will then conspire to one end—
namely, for the building up of the king-
dom of God. In the northern parts of
this Territory we can produce things that