with the love of earthly riches, or any-
thing that is of earth, whether animate
or inanimate. Uncertainty is strewed
around us, and disappointment is the
constant companion of those who wor-
ship at the shrine of the god of this
world. If we center our affections upon
any earthly object, whether within our
reach or out of our reach, should we
be bereaved of that object, we are left
to mourn and lament in darkness be-
cause of our ignorance and folly. Let
our love be for God and truth, righteous-
ness and peace, being contented and
happy with present endowments; and
as the way opens to further progression,
greater possessions, walk forward in the
light of God and hold what we obtain for
him and his cause, coveting not what we
possess, and not with an avaricious de-
sire reaching after what we cannot pos-
sess. If we do opposite to this, our whole
existence will be creped with disappoint-
ment and mourning. Then let us keep
the world and its allurements aloof from
our affections. We may have the ability
to build for ourselves beautiful houses,
to plant choice orchards and vineyards,
to adorn our grounds with flowers and
sweet scented shrubs, and have lovely
families, and possess horses and chari-
ots, silver and gold, this, that, and the
other, in abundance. But if our affections
are placed upon these things, we shall ei-
ther go out of the kingdom of Christ and
miss being exalted sons of God, or will
see our error, repent of our folly, learn to
control our affections, desires, and pas-
sions, and willingly let "God rule within
us to will and to do of his good plea-
sure," having no mind only that which is
of heaven.

Have we a will? Yes. It is an
endowment, a trait of the character
of the Gods, with which all intelli-
gence is endowed, in heaven and on
earth—the power to accept or reject.

Then, wherever the wisdom of God di-
rects, let our affections and the labor of
our lives be centered to that point, and
not set our hearts on going east or west,
north or south, on living here or there,
on possessing this or that; but let our
will be swallowed up in the will of God,
allowing him to rule supremely within
us until the spirit overcomes the flesh,
and the world, Satan, and the flesh are
vanquished and lie under our feet. Then
and not till then will the righteousness of
God reign triumphantly. It may be asked
whether I have any idols? Yes, I have
most darling idols—my God and my re-
ligion, and they are all the idols I wish
to have. "Have you no wife that you idol-
ize?" If I have, let the Lord take her and
give her to somebody else. "Have you no
children that you idolize?" If I have, let
the Lord have them. I possess that which
is apparently mine; but why should I call
them mine, until I have passed the or-
deals mortals must pass, and they are
sealed to me by the authorities of the
Gods in a way that they cannot be taken
from me? They are now in my posses-
sion, and I hold them by the undisputed
right of that possession. Anything we
have upon this earth we only seem to
have, for in reality we own nothing. No
person on the earth can truly call any-
thing his own, and never will until he
has passed the ordeals we are all now
passing, and has received his body again
in a glorious resurrection, to be crowned
by him who will be ordained and set
apart to set a crown upon our heads.
Then will be given to us that which we
now only seem to own, and we will be
forever one with the Father and the Son,
and not until then.

There is a great difference in the
individual capacity of people. Some
can receive much more than others