hold with him and back him up, and sus-
tain with him all the authorities of the
Church, striving at all times to do what-
ever the Lord requires at our hands. If
we do this, we shall be blest; and if we
do not, we shall meet with a loss. Let us
strive to be more attentive to our duties
and to listen to the words of the Lord, re-
membering that if we have not got the
Spirit of the Lord with us, we have not
got the power of God with us.

Let us lay aside all evil practices—all
those habits which will prevent our com-
muning with God. We have not yet got
power to occupy a throne and to govern
according to the laws of heaven. Of this
we are all sensible. Then if these little
things have a tendency to hinder our en-
joyments and debase us in the eyes of
the Lord, we ought to lay them aside,
and manifest a determination to do the
will of our Father in heaven, and to ac-
complish that work which is laid upon
us to perform. When we have any ex-
hortation from those who lead us, we
should ever be ready to carry it out, re-
membering that the Lord holds Presi-
dent Young responsible for the way in
which he manages and directs this king-
dom; and if we obey him, we shall be
blest and prospered. But if he gives us
commandments and we do not listen to
them, the Lord will not hold him respon-
sible for our acts. I think upon these
things when I hear our leader giving us
commandments to do thus and so, and
I feel that I shall lose the Spirit of the
Lord if I do not comply. We have got to
rise up, as a people, and have the power
of God constantly with us, or we shall
not accomplish that which is required
at our hands; for it requires faith, tem-
perance, purity, holiness, and the power
of God to be with this people, in order
to fulfil our mission and perform the
work of God. When our Prophets and
leaders command us to do a thing, let us
obey, and then we shall gain the victory.

I have often heard it remarked, when
we have had preaching against merchan-
dising, that the next day the merchants
have taken three dollars to where they
had previously only taken one. I hope
this will not be the case with those who
make a practice of drinking whiskey, and
have been counseled by President Young
to let it alone.

Brethren and sisters, I do not feel
that I want to occupy much more of your
time; but, before I conclude, I will say
that when I do anything that prevents
me from enjoying the Spirit of the Lord,
as soon as I ascertain that, I immediately
throw it aside, so that the Spirit of God
may govern and control me in every act
of my life. We came here to build up the
kingdom of God, and we should feel the
responsibility that is upon us. This is
our home; and who of us appreciates the
blessings bestowed upon us? We should
appreciate them a great deal more than
we do. If we were set down in New
York or South Carolina for awhile, we
should appreciate our home; for here we
are not troubled with any of the difficul-
ties which they experience in the States.
We can meet together and worship God
in peace. It is truly a great blessing to
be assembled in these chambers of the
mountains.

Let us try to prove ourselves worthy
of our high calling as Saints of God. I
pray that the Lord will give us power
to lay aside everything that is wrong, to
magnify our callings, and build up the
kingdom of God. I feel to ask this bless-
ing in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.