facture, but which, by bringing in a lit-
tle, we will be able to manufacture after
a while.

While we are professing to be righ-
teous, let us take a course to prove to
God, angels, and men that we are in
earnest, and will live and produce those
things that are needed for our own sus-
tenance, and build up cities and make
Zion the joy of the whole earth. It is
not a mere theory that we have to do
with, but it is the building up of the king-
dom of God, and it is for those who have
the principles of the kingdom in their
hearts to seek to permanently establish
the Zion of God upon the earth, whether
they will be able to maintain the king-
dom or not is the Lord’s business. We
know that the Devil seeks to thwart and
overthrow the kingdom, and in all the
enterprises that this people engage in,
they may expect his opposition.

We often see that people are frus-
trated and afflicted; and we fre-
quently suffer in our health, and in
things which we seek to accomplish,
we meet with such opposition that
we have to give them up, but still we
should try again and strive to bring
stronger influences to bear and thus suc-
cceed in the accomplishment of the ob-
ject we have in view. There is a con-
tention here among the influences we
have around us which is—whether the
Latter-day Saints will maintain them-
selves independent of the Devil and his
coadjutors, or whether they will forever
be dependent upon their enemies.

I firmly believe that, with the bless-
ings of the Almighty, we can produce in
a short time everything we need, if we
will use the proper exertions. The thing
now is to commence and go ahead with
an earnestness, and not allow ourselves
to be easily thwarted or frustrated. If
we fail at one time, let us try again,
and bring greater influences and more
union, strength, and power to bear, that
we may succeed the next time. We have
the Devil, as well as every natural obsta-
cle to contend with, but we will finally
triumph, which is my prayer in the name
of Jesus Christ. Amen.