parison, is no more than a little play-
thing, but in doing it we shall learn bet-
ter how to perform temporal things and
spiritual things.

Then the Saints have to be gathered;
it is the Lord's work and it is our work.
The Lord will influence his people to
help him to gather his poor from the
four quarters of the globe, and the Lord
puts it into the hearts of his servants
to call for five hundred teams to help in
this work. This is the greatest honor
that could be conferred on us—to build
a Temple to the name of the Most High
God, and your children after you will be
proud that their fathers were engaged
in such a work, in building a Temple
wherein thousands can receive their en-
dowments. The adverse circumstances
in which this work was done will not be
thought of. The young man takes his ox
goad in his hand, and becomes a Mis-
sionary to redeem the poor from bondage
and bring them here to participate with
us in the blessings of Zion; he goes with
his heart vibrating with the love of God,
and he brings the poor Saints over the
Plains, who look upon their temporal de-

erers as saviors; in after time, when
the kingdom of God has become power-
ful and mighty on the earth, as it will
be, these young men will say with pride,
"I participated in the labor of laying the
foundation of this great Work, and my fa-
thers and brothers all helped." I do not
say that this people are not forward in
doing these things; from what I have
heard I believe they are. There is a gen-

eral desire to turn out teams, and they
are not backward in going themselves or
in sending. I think this is much to the
praise of the Saints of God in the moun-
tains. There may be a few who will not
aid in this Work; those who do will re-

cive the blessing, and there are plenty
who have the means and the disposition.

Then, here is a Tabernacle to be built;
we want a building of this kind to con-
vene the people, to protect the people
from the wind, sun, and rain while they
are worshiping God. Then, the Pres-
ident is continually preaching to us to
make good improvements, good build-
ings, good gardens, and make ourselves
more comfortable, to elevate ourselves
in the scale of existence, that our chil-
dren after us may become more elevated
also in their sentiments and ideas, and
learn to comprehend their position in the
land of Zion and magnify it. If we un-
derstand ourselves and our position, it
ought to be with us, The kingdom of
God first and ourselves afterwards. If
we can learn to accomplish a little thing
the Lord will probably tell us to do a
greater, because we are prepared to do
it. If we were to build a very nice house
nobody would be troubled about it, or if
we were to make a pretty garden and
cultivate good taste; or if we could ed-
ucate ourselves and our children in the
arts and sciences and in everything that
is calculated to extend our search after
intelligence. In this manner we can do
ourselves and children great good, and
aid much in building up the Church and
kingdom of God upon the earth. If we
are the people of God, and he is trust-
ing to us to accomplish these great pur-
poses, we have got to do a little more
than we have done, and we have got
to be willing and obedient to the dicta-
tion of the Spirit of the Lord and his
servants whom he has placed over us.
If we do this, every labor we engage in
will be joyous and pleasant to us, peace
will reign in our bosoms and the peace
of God will abide in our habitations, the
Spirit of the Lord will brood over us, and
we shall be full of joy and rejoicing all
the day long, and so it will be to the
end of the chapter. I know of no other
way to accomplish all this Work only