that would involve the people in debt and
difficulty, of what benefit is such a minis-
ter? The result would be that the people
would feel burdened throughout the land
and there would be discontent among the
citizens. But supposing the presiding of-
ficer should take the lead and say, Here
is a new interest, let us be awakened,
and let us one and all unite to benefit
the community—Would not this produce
a good feeling? Then let the Bishop, the
Priest, and the preacher, instead of intro-
ducing follies and nonsense among the
people, spread out before them the prin-
ciples of equity, and create within them
a lively interest in the Work of God. Let
the subjects of their thought and the top-
ics of their conversation be such as will
lead them to the acquirement of that in-
telligence that comes from God. But if
the head gets sick and dull through age
and the absence of the spirit of life, the
heart becomes sick also. "What do you
mean?" says one. I mean that the El-
ders can, by their faith, their energy and
their life, instil into the minds of the peo-
ples a perseverance and a determination
to press forward such as is not likely to
be, unless an influence is used for that
purpose. By taking this course, they will
secure the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
and the confidence of their brethren.

Let me advise all men to be wise,
and especially those who are not any
older than I am; and if I am not con-
sidered to be old, I would say that I
mean all men who are of my age, and
also those who are younger as well as
those who are older; I would advise all
such to be sober, to be sociable and to
do as much good as they possibly can,
by setting a good example before their
children, by being an example of pro-
priety of action and by striving to keep
far from them faults of an evil charac-
ter. Now, it does seem to me that my ex-
ample will have its effect among my
friends. For instance, if a man indulges
in drunkenness, and if I refrain from this
habit, when I meet that man he will en-
deavor to be completely guarded and not
be cursed by the evil consequences of his
slavish habit. We want to be perfect in
everything we do and in all life's vicis-
situdes to realize that we do speak the
truth, and let us be sure to remember
one thing, that the intimacy of our rel-
ationship with celestial beings is such
that we should be strict examples to oth-
ers in the keeping of our word. We
should never lie; if we tell a falsehood
to a brother, however friendly and kind
he may be, he could not change that lie
into a truth; therefore cease from lying.
We are all guilty, more or less, in this re-
spect; when I go and make a promise to a
brother, or if a brother make a promise to
me, I hold that promise to be sacred, al-
though the man was under the necessity
of promising something because his busi-
ness required him to do so, hence it is
important that we be careful about mak-
ing promises. Oh do not consider that we
honor God or worship him any more by
making so many promises. Let us espe-
cially be careful to abstain from all that
is impure, unjust, and unholy; for if we
are going to be like God our justice must
be just, and it must have its exercise in
the narrowest and smallest as well as in
the broadest avenues that are in life's
relations, and we must be scrupulously
honest in its administration.

Remember, my brethren, that hon-
esty is the safeguard to our actions,
and remember that every good gift
comes from our Father and God. It
is our duty to honor our Maker and
God in all our ways; and I can tell
you this one truth, that until we
can love each other and regard each
other's interests, we shall fail to enjoy