and when the cravings of hunger return
some one else must administer to his
wants again; to put that person in a po-
sition to earn his own subsistence is true
charity; in this way you direct his feet in
the path of true independence, he is then
only dependent on his own exertions and
on the blessings of his God.

When people are taken from the per-
nicious influences that are too prevalent
in the world and directed in the paths of
sobriety, truth and heavenly intelligence,
what is there to hinder them in the
midst of the Saints from walking in those
paths? The effort to do right continually
under such circumstances is nothing in
comparison to what it is when they are
continually surrounded with evil influ-
ences and evil examples. In this they are
benefited and blessed, and here again is
the mantle of charity and love thrown
over the poor and destitute who hunger
and thirst after righteousness as well as
for those means necessary for their tem-
poral subsistence.

These are a few of the opportunities
and privileges which are conferred upon
this people of doing good. They have the
greatest opportunity of doing real sub-
stantial good to themselves and their fel-
low creatures of any people on the face of
the earth. Those who come up here and
assist in the great Work will also partici-
pate in the great blessings which will be
their reward. Let these precious oppor-
tunities which are thrown in our way be
eagerly improved, for it is a great and
glorious Work in which we are engaged,
and one which is full of benefit to the hu-
man race at large.

Why then should the world seek to
subvert, overthrow, persecute, destroy,
and make waste those who are en-
gaged in so great and beneficial an un-
dertaking. There is no reason why
men should tread upon the oil and
the wine. There is no reason why men
should not sustain holy and righteous
principles that will elevate and exalt
mankind if they will let them. There is
no reason whatever why people should
oppose the Latter-day Saints or seek
their destruction and overthrow; when
they do it they do it without reason—
they do it because they hate righteous
principles, to satisfy their own wicked
intentions and desires; they love to lie
rather than to speak the truth, and they
do it at the instigation of the Devil with-
out any rational feeling or reason what-
ever. They will be condemned because
they love darkness rather than light.
They have the power to do evil, and inas-
much as they list to obey the powers of
evil they will be damned. They have the
same privilege that we have of obeying
the truth and of receiving light, knowl-
dge, and intelligence from heaven, and
may participate in the same blessings
we enjoy. When they choose the path of
evil they do it on their own responsibil-
ity. A great portion of the world will re-
ject the good and cleave to the evil; this
has been so from the beginning. As as-
tonishing as it may appear, a vast major-
ity of mankind will not receive the truth,
but they will reject it and trample under
their feet the oil and the wine, crucify
the Redeemer afresh, slay the Prophets,
and overthrow truth and righteousness
as long as they have power to do so.

But the day has now come when those
principles will be sustained on the earth.
They have already obtained a foothold in
these valleys; the Almighty has set his
hand to work to establish his kingdom on
the earth never again to be thrown down
or to be prevailed against.

We are here in the mountains, thank
God for that; and we hold the prin-
ciples of life and salvation for all