I will say to you, and wish you to in-
form your neighbors, that on the mor-
row I expect to start with some of my
brethren on a short trip north. I do this
lest some might suppose that we are go-
ing to leave you. If we would live accord-
ing to our acknowledgments in the holy
Gospel, according to the faith we have
embraced, and according to the teach-
ings we receive from time to time, we
never would be in the dark with regard
to any matters we should understand.

Much is taught the Saints by the El-
ders of Israel concerning their religion,
the way we should live, how we should
deal with each other, how we should live
before God, what our feelings should be
and the spirit we should possess. If we
live according to our covenants, we will
always enjoy the light of truth; and if we
live faithful enough, we shall enjoy the
blessings of the Holy Ghost to be our con-
stant companion. In such case no per-
son would turn either to the right hand
or to the left, in consequence of the mo-
tives, the sayings, or the doings of this
one or that one; but they would march
straightforward in the path that leads to
eternal life; and if others stepped out of
the way, they would walk straight along.
Without the power of the Holy Ghost,
a person is liable to go to the right or
the left from the straight path of duty;
they are liable to do things they are

I mention my intended trip, because
I do not want to hear, when I return,
that Brother Brigham, or Brother Heber,
or somebody else, "has slipped away"—
that "there is something the matter"—
"something that is not right"—somebody
saying "there is an evil of some kind, and
we want to know it;" "why don't you come
right out with it?" "If you do not come
back so-and-so, we will leave."

It was said here today, that very few
have embraced the truth, considering
the great number of the inhabitants of
the earth. It can hardly be discovered
where those few are. It is astonish-
ing to relate facts as they are. The El-
ders go forth and preach the Gospel to
the nations; they baptize the people—
hunt them up from place to place; yet,
if you take the names of those who
have been baptized, have the one-fourth
ever been gathered? No. Is not this
strange? Do they keep the faith and stay
in the midst of the wicked? No, they
do not. The kingdom of God is living
and full of spirit; it is on the move; it
is not like what we call sectarianism—
religion today and the world tomor-
row; next Sabbath a little more religion,