His servants, and this people as His people.
I can witness one fact, and so can others,
that by paying attention to the building up
of the kingdom of God alone we have got
rich in the things of this world; and if any
man can tell how we can get rich in any
other way, he can do more than I can. We
leave our business and our families and go
out to preach the peaceable things of the
kingdom, and pay attention to that, never
thinking of our business or our families,
except when we ask the Lord to bless our
families in common with all the families of
the Saints everywhere.

In my first administrations in the
gospel, in the rise of this church when I
went out to preach, I would leave my fam-
ily and friends in the hands of the Lord,
and I gave them no further thought, but
my mind looked forward and my thoughts
were, I am going among strangers, how can
I present myself to that congregation to
which I am going to speak this afternoon,
this evening, or tomorrow morning; how
can I draw their attention to the principles
of the Holy Gospel, and engage their feel-
ings to that degree that they will inquire
about the truth and embrace it. I did not
think about wife, children, home, native
land or friends; but my thoughts were on
the great work before me. This should be
the state of our feelings continually. The
prosperity of the kingdom is before us; we
see it as we see one another in this congre-
gation; we see the spread of the people and
their increase. Thousands of children are
born yearly in Utah; we have an immense
immigration among us in this way; and
still we are sending Elders abroad to gather
in the honest in heart from foreign lands.
Sixty Elders have gone out this spring, men
of experience, character, ability, and good
standing in society—men who can be de-
pended upon.

The increase of our children, and their
growing up to maturity, increases our re-
sponsibilities. More land must be brought
into cultivation to supply their wants. This
will press the necessity of digging canals to
guide the waters of our large streams over
the immense tracts of bench and bottom
lands which now lie waste. We want our
children to remain near us, where there is
an abundance of land and water, and not
go hundreds of miles away to seek homes.
In these great public improvements the
people should enter with heart and soul,
and freely invest in them their surplus
property and means, and thus prepare to
locate the vast multitudes of our children
which are growing up, and strengthen our
hands, and solidify still more—make still
more compact our present organized spiri-
tual and national institutions. The river
Jordan will be brought out and made to
flow through a substantial canal to Great
Salt Lake City. When this is done, it will
not only serve as a means of irrigating, but
it will form a means of transportation from
the south end of Utah Lake to Great Salt
Lake City. Thus we will keep laboring, and
preaching, and gathering the people, and
the Lord will keep blessing and sustaining
us, until the land is full of Saints, and they
begin to spread out, to hive forth, seeking
for room to dwell, until the earth shall be
full of the glory of the Lord and His Saints.

We are greatly blessed as a people. We
have had peace here for many years. Today
we are able to meet together to speak to
each other, to strengthen and do each other
good; and by forsaking our fields for a sea-
son, to gather together to worship our God,
I can assure you that our crops will be bet-
ter than they would be if we were to spend
all our time in our fields. We may water and