any person who expects that a large city
is going to be reared without industry
and hard labor reckons without his host.
There may be a rush there, for a short
time, of speculators, loafers, and row-
dies; but if these are the only classes of
people who go there—as there is good
reason to believe—this great city that is
to be, like others of the same class, will
soon die out, and the people be scattered
to some other places.

Can men be industrious and fol-
low the various avocations and pursuits
of life and still be servants of God? Yes, such things are conducive to good
morals. It is said that an idle brain
is the workshop of the devil, and it is
far more likely to be so than the brain
of a person who is occupied with some
useful employment. Can a person work
on the railroad, for instance, and be as-
associated with the wicked without being
contaminated by them? O yes, if he is
so disposed. An elder of Israel should
wrap himself as with a mantle, from sin,
whether he goes to preach the Gospel to
a wicked world, or whether he goes to la-
bor among the wicked. Such a man will
lose nothing, but he will gain the esteem
even of the wicked themselves, by being
faithful and true to his calling, keeping
the commandments of God, and observ-
ing the Word of Wisdom; and no matter
what society he may be in he will be re-
spected, and will be far more likely to be
so for the strict observance of the prin-
ciples of the religion he professes than he
will be if he does not observe them. I do
not know that it is any excuse for a man
to smoke, chew, drink whiskey, take the
name of God in vain, swear, or drink tea
or coffee because he mingles with those
who do such things. Do you think your
associates would respect you the more
for it? No, not a whit; but they would re-
spect you more for not doing such things.
They would have greater confidence in
you, and if they had money they wished
to entrust to the care of anyone, they
would sooner entrust it to the care of a
man who was faithful to the principles of
his religion than to their associates who
get drunk, gamble, swear, and commit
every abomination.

This people have been awakened to
a sense of their duty in keeping the
Word of Wisdom, yet many of them think
it a sufficient excuse for them to use
hot drinks, if they happen to be where
others use them; in this way they are
falling back to the use of tobacco, and
are smoking their pipes or cigars, and
are drinking tea and coffee or a little
whiskey now and again, and are letting
those old habits grow on them again.
This is wrong; they should not do it.
I mention this in order to stir up your
pure minds by way of remembrance. We
should not forget that we have entered
into covenant not to do so. Latter-day
Saints should remember that there is not
a day, hour, or moment in which they
can afford to lay aside the armor of righ-
teousness; there is no time but what the
adversary is at their elbows ready to en-
ter in, take hold, and lead them into for-
bidden paths. It is and ever has been a
struggle with this people to trample the
wickedness of the world under their feet.
It rises before us continually and we are
never without it. We do not expect to be
without it in our midst if this is the king-
dom of God. I suppose Jesus had as good
an idea of what constituted the kingdom
of God as any of us, and he said it was
like a net cast into the sea which brought
forth all kinds both good and bad; there-
fore let no one say this cannot be the
kingdom of God because there are some
who are not righteous in our midst. Be-