the nations of the earth to the moun-
tains of Israel; they speak of a great
company coming up to Zion, the women
with child and her that travailed with
child together; and a great many other
things in relation to the internal work-
ings of the inhabitants of Zion in build-
ing up the kingdom of God they do not
mention, whether they ever saw them or
not. Isaiah has not written concerning
many of these things, neither has any-
body yet that we know of. Perhaps when
the remainder of the plates, which were
delivered to the Prophet Joseph, and
which he was commanded not to trans-
late, come forth, we may learn many
more things pertaining to our labor on
the earth which we do not know now. But
be this as it may, all this internal work
is left for the Holy Ghost to reveal to the
living oracles, as they guide, lead, dictate
and direct the people day by day. This
is one thing I want to say to my friends
and to the Saints of God, that without
the Holy Ghost, without direct revelation
and the inspiration of God continually,
Brigham Young could not lead this peo-
ple twenty-four hours. He could not lead
them at all. Joseph could not have done
it, neither could any man. This power
is in the bosom of Almighty God, and he
imparts it to his servants the prophets
as they stand in need of it day by day to
build up Zion.

I want to say to my brethren and sis-
ters that President Young is our leader;
he is our lawgiver in the Church and
kingdom of God. He is called to this
office; it is his prerogative to tell this
people what to do, and it is our duty
to obey the counsel that he has given
today to the sisters and the brethren.
We, as a people, should not treat lightly
this counsel, for I will tell you in the
name of the Lord—and I have watched
it from the time I became a member
of this Church—there is no man who un-
tertakes to run counter to the counsel of
the legally authorized leader of this peo-
ple that ever prospers, and no such man
ever will prosper. Many things I might
name, if it were wisdom to do so, to prove
the truth of this statement, but you may
watch for yourselves, and you will find
that all persons who take a stand against
this counsel will never prosper.

A great deal has been said with re-
gard to guiding this people in temporal
matters. I ask you in the name of the
Lord, who is called to guide the tempo-
ral affairs of this Church and kingdom,
for its advantage, redemption and exal-
tation, as pure as a bride adorned for her
husband, if it be not that man who is
placed as the lawgiver and leader of Is-
rael? There is no man on the footstool
of God who has this authority but him
who stands at the head; and his Coun-
selors and the Apostles, Bishops and El-
ders ought to be coworkers with him,
and they should work together in carry-
ing out his counsel. And when counsel
comes we should not treat it lightly, no
matter to what subject it pertains, for if
we do it will work evil unto us. Coopera-
tion, it is well known to every Saint who
has his eyes and ears open, has brought
much good to Israel, yet from the very
commencement of it there has been more
or less discontent and dissatisfaction felt
and manifested towards it; but there is
not an individual who has attempted to
work against it but who has lost the
Spirit of God unless he has repented.
It is so in all things, as every one of
us who has had experience in this king-
dom has seen over and over again. No
man has ever prospered by this course,
but if he has continued it he, by and by,
has gone downward instead of upward;
no such man ever received and gained