a piano; they want somebody to come
every day to give them lessons on the
piano; they want two hired girls and a
mansion, so that they can entertain com-
pany, and the boys are afraid to marry
them. Now mothers, teach your girls bet-
ter things than these. What are the facts
in the case? If you had been brought
up to know what property—fine furni-
ture, carpets, and so on, was worth, you
would take care of it, and be prudent
in the use of it, and teach your girls to
take care, instead of wasting it. Do you
believe it? This does not hit all, but
too many. I wish you would hearken to
these things. I am taking up the time,
and not giving to others an opportunity
to address you. We have not said what
we want to say to the Latter-day Saints.
We ought to have a house four times as
large as this, and we ought to fill it; and
we ought to sit together not only four
days, but a week and perhaps two weeks,
and leave home at home, leave Babylon
in Babylon—leave everything and come
here to worship the living God, and learn
of his ways, that we may walk in his
paths. This is our duty, and what we
should do. But there are so many who
can hardly spend time to go to meet-
ing on the Sabbath day; and they can
hardly spend time to go to Conference.
They have so much business on hand, so
many cattle to take care of; they have
money to let out, or money to borrow;
they have men to see to, or something or
other, and it seems as if the affections
of the people are hankering after the
things of this world too much, too much!
Stop, Latter-day Saints, and reckon with
yourselves, and find whether you are ac-
tually in the path of obedience to the
requirements of heaven or not. Some
suppose that they are serving God and
are on the road to eternal life, but
many will find they are mistaken if they
are not careful. We had better reckon
with ourselves and look over our ac-
counts, and see how we stand before the
Lord. See if we are doing good, if we
are bestowing our substance on the poor,
that they may have food to eat and habi-
tations to dwell in, and be made comfort-
able: see if we are sending our means
for the poor in foreign lands, and aiding
to send the Elders to preach to the na-
tions and gather up the people and make
them happy and comfortable. Instead
of doing this I fear that many are wan-
dering away from the commandments of
the Lord. "O fools, and slow of heart
to believe!" We can get rich a great deal
quicker by serving God than by serving
ourselves, do a great deal better, and do
a great deal more good. The earth is
the Lord's and the fullness thereof. He
is anxious, and is waiting with extended
arms and hands, comparatively, to pour
the wealth of the world into the laps of
the Latter-day Saints, if they will not
give it away to their enemies. But now,
just as soon as anything is given to the
Latter-day Saints they are looking from
east to west, and from north to south, to
see where they can strew that that God
gives them among their enemies—those
who spurn the things of God, and would
 destroy his kingdom from the earth. I
say, let the Lord keep us poor rather than
forsake our religion and turn away from
it! Why cannot a man serve God with
his pockets full of greenbacks, and not
lust after them one particle? If he can-
not do it, he is lacking in wisdom, faith,
and knowledge, and does not understand
God and his ways. The heavens and the
earth are full of blessings for the peo-
ple. To whom do they belong? To our
Father in heaven, and he wishes to be-
stow them upon his children when they