hands. For behold, I do not require at
their hands to fight the battles of Zion;
for, as I said in a former commandment,
even so will I fulfill—I will fight your
battles." But this he does require of us,
that we attain to a devotion of heart and
sanctification of feeling, that we be will-
ing that all our substance be controlled
by counsel for the advancement of the
kingdom of God. It is more than forty
years since the Order of Enoch was in-
troduced, and rejected. One would nat-
urally think, that it is now about time
to begin to honor it, and that we had
gained sufficient knowledge and experi-
ence in the Lord's dealings with us, to
prepare us with faith and devotion to
cheerfully comply with all its principles
and requirements. But how many of us,
upon such a requisition, would follow the
example of the young man referred to—
turn away sorrowfully?

I notice the great interest which is
now being taken by the Saints in the
various settlements in establishing coop-
erative institutions. These embrace the
great principles, in connection with the
Order of Enoch, which are intended to
join together our hearts, feelings and in-
terests, and effectually build up the king-
dom of God and redeem the earth.

The people of Brigham City have
been operating a number of years upon
these principles, and are beginning to de-
rive therefrom various financial advan-
tages, as well as many spiritual bless-
ings. The hearts and feelings of the
people are being considerably united
through practicing this system of coop-
erating in our temporal interest.

Honesty, ability and devotedness
are required in order that coopera-
tion may be successfully carried out,
and the Spirit and wisdom of the
Lord are necessary, as much so as
in proclaiming the Gospel or adminis-
tering in its holy ordinances. Some El-
ders are very devoted and wholehearted
in going on missions and in most every-
thing that pertains to the advancement
of the spiritual interests of the kingdom
of God, and almost blameless, and seem-
ingly without fault, but, strange to say,
in temporal affairs they are highly re-
miss, if not dishonest. When Saints feel
like this they cannot act to advantage or
with profit in cooperation; they cannot
inspire confidence nor exercise a proper
influence. In temporal administration,
the same as in spiritual, one should ex-
hibit in his labors a self-sacrificing prin-
ciple when necessary, that is, he should
show that he labors for the interests of
the people rather than for building up
himself. With this spirit one will be very
sure to maintain an influence, and instill
into others the same character of feel-
ings.

When one goes into cooperation with
proper spirit and proper views, to super-
intend or operate in any of its depart-
ments, he has a lawful claim to the Spirit
of inspiration, to aid him in his calling.
We read that Jacob, through his hon-
esty of purpose, fair-dealing, and free-
dom from selfishness, was assisted by an
holy Angel with information how to in-
crease and multiply his flocks. It is far
better to build up the kingdom of God,
in its temporal interests, by the Spirit of
God and the wisdom of God, than by the
spirit of man and the wisdom of man; on
the latter principle we shall always fail,
but on the former the results will always
be successful.

Our Cooperative Institution, at
present, in Brigham City, comprises
eight distinct departments, and is
generally very well sustained by
the people. It embraces a mer-
cantile department, a tannery, a