vicious and wicked, but it is a mutual edu-
cation system for the good and industri-
ous, who abide in the Order and ful-
fill the obligations thereof. Who shall
be heirs of the common property? Ev-
ery child who is born in the Order. Heirs
to the whole of it. No, nobody will be
heir to the whole of it. To what portion
of it will they be heirs? Just what they
need. Who shall be the judges? Them-
selves, if they judge correctly; and if they
do not, somebody will judge more cor-
rectly for them. "Well, shall I surren-
der my judgment to anybody else?" Of
course, you will; we all agree to that, if
it must needs be. But he who judges
for himself correctly shall not be judged,
but he who is unable to judge himself,
but covets everything that he sees, and
wishes to scatter and destroy what oth-
ers are seeking to accumulate and pre-
serve, must have a bit put in his mouth
and some, who are more sensible, must
handle the reins. This is no agrarian
document, to level those who are exalted,
down to the mean level of those who are
in the mire, but it is the Godlike doc-
trine of raising those who are of low es-
tate and placing them in a better condi-
tion, by teaching them economy, and pru-
dence; it is for the strong to foster and
bear the infirmities of the weak, for those
who possess skill and ability to accu-
mulate and preserve this world’s goods,
to use them for the common good, and
not merely for their own persons, chil-
dren and relatives, as to exalt them-

ourselves in pride and vanity over their fel-

low men, and sink themselves to ruin by
worshiping the God of this world. This is
beneath the character of those who pro-
fess to be the people of God. We have
done that long enough, but the word of
God to us is to change our front, and
to learn to love our neighbor as ourselves
and so cultivate the spirit of the Gospel.

As to the minutiae of the workings
of the various Branches of this Order,
the details of the business and the rel-
ations of life, one meeting of this kind
would not suffice to tell, nor could the
people comprehend it if we were able to
tell it; but it will be revealed to us as
we pass along, line upon line, precept
upon precept, here a little and there a lit-
tle, and everything necessary will appear
in its time and place, and none need be
overanxious to pass over the bridge be-
fore they reach it. God does not reveal
to us everything at once, for our minds
are not prepared to comprehend it. Like
children we must have experience as we
pass along. One thing is sufficient for
us to understand, and that is that this
Order has made all nations and peoples
who have entered into and practiced it
prosperous.

If anyone doubts for a moment the
success and final triumph of these prin-
ciples, that doubt is founded only in his
own weakness, and in the weaknesses of
his fellow men around him, and the self-
ishness that is in our natures. If we are
determined to make it a success there is
no power beneath the heavens that can
make it a failure. If we engage in it with
full purpose of heart, with faith towards
God, and seeking to cultivate confidence
towards one another, and are outspoken
and frank in all our business relations
and intercourse with each other, and do
do all things by common consent, with a
just and honest purpose of soul, there is
no power that can hinder our succeeding
in our undertaking. But if we are de-
termined to be selfish, and seek to build
ourselves up on the weaknesses of our