please, and when they called upon the
people to repent and be baptized, and
they did so, they received the Holy
Ghost, and among other things received
was this principle of gathering, and I
defy all Israel to have so gathered with-
out these keys and been brought to-
gether as they are today. But we had
no trouble in gathering because we had
the keys. I have seen the time when the
people were almost willing to sell them-
sons in order to get here, and you know
this to be true; it is all from God.

Our Temple building is of the same
nature; we are living in the dispensa-
tion of the fulness of times, embrac-
ing all the powers, principles, doctrines
and covenants since the world was, and
among the rest is Temple building. The
speaker here read from the Doctrine and
Covenants, concluding with, “Before the
great and terrible day of the Lord shall
come, I will turn the hearts of the chil-
dren to the fathers, and of the fathers
to the children, etc., lest I come and
smite the children with a curse.” Did Eli-
jah hold these keys? He did. Did he
give them to Joseph? He did. You will
find it in the same revelation as that
quoted; a feeling of that kind sprang up
in the breasts of the Latter-day Saints,
till we hardly know sometimes why we
do so, but we do. We built our first
Temple in Kirtland, then one at Nau-
voor, and laid the foundation for one at
Far West, Missouri; we have also built
one here at St. George; it is a beauti-
ful building, and we are performing the
ordinances there for the living and the
dead. Do any of us regret the part we
have taken in it? I think not. Then
we have been doing work on another in
Salt Lake, another in Sanpete, and an-
other in Cache Valley, all of which will be
magnificent buildings when completed;
not less than 500 men are at work on
them. It looks odd to some people who
don’t know what it means, but we know
because God revealed it to us; we are al-
ways on hand.

The year past, 1876, feelings were
stirred up in the mind of the President,
and he called on the Twelve, the High
Priests, the Seventies and Elders to sub-
scribe to build the Temple at Salt Lake.
Did they do it? Yes. You, here, did
your share and gave means freely, as
thousands did throughout the Territory.
Why did he feel like this? Because the
spirit of God prompted him. Why did
the Seventies, Priests, Teachers, etc., re-
spond so promptly? Because the spirit
of God rested on them and all hands
wanted to help build the Temples to the
name of God, that we might adminis-
ter the ordinances necessary to be per-
formed for the living and the dead. If
we turned our Temples over to the world
today, they would not know what to do
with them; they could not administer in
the ordinances, and we should not know
if God had not taught us; but the Gospel
brings us light and places us in com-
munion with the heavens through time
and eternity; they tell us to build Tem-

dles and then instruct us how to ad-
minister in them for the living and the
dead—that men who are placed here are
for a certain work, and they are help-
ing us to do our work and are operating
with the Gods in the heavens in our be-
half, and we for them—they without us
are not made perfect, nor are we per-
fect without them. It requires union—
union cemented by indissoluble ties; it
unites us to each other and to them,
and enables us to act intelligently, and
when we get through with our affairs,
to assist others in the accomplishment
of theirs in the interest of God and hu-
manity. This is not our work, nothing
that we have done; God has done it, He