say, speaking of the Lord, "Judgment
and justice are the habitation of thy
throne." But "who shall dwell in thy holy
hill? He that walketh uprightly, and wor-
keth righteousness, and speaketh the
truth in his heart. He that backbiteth
not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to
his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach
against his neighbor. In whose eyes a
vile person is comemned; but he hon-
oreth them that fear the Lord. He that
sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth
not. He that putteth not out his money
to usury, nor taketh reward against the
innocent. He that doeth these things
shall never be moved." Let us seek to
promote one another's welfare, and feel
that we are brethren, that we are the
representatives of God upon the earth.
Our Heavenly Father is desirous to pro-
mote the happiness and welfare of the
whole of the human family; and if we,
any of us, hold any Priesthood, it is sim-
ply for that same purpose, and not for
our personal aggrandizement, or for our
own honor, or pomp, or position; but we
hold it in the interest of God and for the
salvation of the people, that through it
we may promote their happiness, bless-
ing and prosperity, temporal and spiri-
tual, both here and in the world to come.
That is why the Priesthood is conferred
upon us, and if we do not use it in this
way, then there is a malfeasance in of-
office; then we violate our obligations be-
fore God, and render ourselves unworthy
of the high calling that the Lord has con-
ferred upon us. The Priesthood always
was given for the blessing of the human
family. People talk about it as though
it was for the special benefit of individ-
uals. What was said of Abraham? 'In
thee and in thy seed'—what? I will con-
fer blessings upon thee. O, that is all
right so far as it goes. But "in thee and
in thy seed shall all the families of the
earth be blessed." Let us act in the ca-
pacity of benefactors, and if we are de-
scended of Abraham, let us walk in his
footsteps and make ourselves worthy of
the promises, let us extend our feelings
wide as eternity, and seek to bless and
benefit, lift up and ennoble all around
us; that we may all rejoice together and
be exalted by the same principles which
have been revealed for the benefit of all
men. That is the way I look at these im-
portant matters, and such is the position
we all should occupy.

People talk sometimes—they have a
particular case to be adjudicated, and
they would like to get hold of a High
Councilor and warp his judgment, and
make him dishonor himself and his call-
ing. Tell such men when they approach
you, to desist; that you are after jus-
tice, equity and mercy among men; and
then let everything else go, yielding in-
dividual feeling, relations and all else to
justice and equity, and God will sustain
you. While speaking of justice, I do not
believe in seizing a man by the throat
and crowding him down; but do justice
between man and man when placed in
that position. We do not wish to de-
stroy men, nor to use any vindictive or
oppressive measures. It is said of the
Savior: "The Son of man is not come to
destroy men's lives, but to save them."
That is the way I read these things. And
while we deal justly, let us deal merci-
fully. While we act in righteousness, let
us do it with judgment. We all need the
Spirit of the Lord; and we all need to
humble ourselves before him and seek
for his guidance. Were I a President of
a Stake, I would feel like saying, O God,
help me to control and manage things