around them, because of evil here in our
city, for instance. There was a time when
we were free from these evils, many of
which now abound, and some are fear-
ful that the evil is overcoming the good.
I do not share in these apprehensions.
I think it is our duty to be vigilant, to
be watchful, and to be all the time do-
ing our best to repel every iniquity, to
extinguish as far as we can every tem-
pitation, every wrong that is practiced; to
use our influence against it, and to do
all in our power to stamp it out. For
instance, there is drunkenness and the
sale of spirituous liquors or intoxicating
drinks. I think it is the duty of every
Latter-day Saint to help put away such
things and to do all in their power to
put down gambling houses, houses of ill
fame, and other haunts of vice; to dis-
courage blasphemy, the use of profane
language, dishonesty, taking advantage
of our neighbor, everything of this char-
acter. I believe this is our duty, and
every man and woman should exercise
himself and herself to this end; but af-
ter having done that and those efforts do
not succeed in preventing or in extirpat-
ing them entirely, then what? Shall we
be discouraged? Not in the least. You
and I cannot sustain this work alone;
it is no use thinking the burden of the
work is upon us. It is God's work. I
have been made to feel this a good many
times when I have been concerned in my
mind, being in a strait, as it were, as
though everything was closing around
me. But I have learned by experience
that this work is not the work of man;
that the responsibility of carrying it for-
ward and gaining success and prevent-
ing evil does not depend upon me alone. I
of course have my part, but God presides
over it, God has it in his keeping, he is
arranging and overruling everything for
its final success and triumph. He will
make the wrath of man to praise him,
and the remainder of wrath will he re-
strain. All, therefore, that we have to do
is to do that which devolves upon us in-
dividually and collectively, and leave the
rest to him, and borrow no trouble. One-
half of our unhappiness is due to bor-
rrowed trouble, looking forward to some-
thing that will never occur. The Savior
gave us a very wise admonition upon this
point. Said he, "Sufficient for the day
is the evil thereof." Enjoy today, not im-
properly, but properly. Take pleasure to-
day and let the threats come. The clouds
may be dark here in the west, when the
sun sets, and you may think tomorrow is
going to be a stormy day; but how unwise
it would be for us to make ourselves mis-
erable in anticipation of the storm tomor-
row, when we have the sun shining upon
us today, when the heavens are glad and
all nature is thankful for the goodness of
God. Why should we think of the storms
tomorrow? Let them come, and let us be
prepared to meet them as best we can.
Let us put our trust in God, and while we
have peace today, let us enjoy the peace.
Be happy as you progress. Enjoy the
day as it comes. If adversity comes you
will be prepared to meet it, just as well
as if you had been brooding over it for
months or years. The Latter-day Saints
should be the happiest people upon the
face of the whole earth. I believe we
are. There is one thing the Lord has done
for us. He has removed that uncertainty
and fear that people have respecting the
future. And if we do right, if we keep the
commandments of God to the best of our
ability, confessing our sins and repent-
ing of them, we have no cause to be un-