such, and that we have been greatly fa-
vored of God in being permitted to fin-
ish one more temple in which the ordi-
nances of life and salvation can be at-
tended to. There has been great rejoicing
over its completion, and those who have
been engaged in it have labored very as-
siduously. They have been untiring in
their efforts and exceedingly liberal in
furnishing the necessary means to ac-
complish the great work.

It is very encouraging to think that,
in the midst of the assaults which are
being made upon the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the
threats that are in circulation concern-
ing us and our future fate, there is faith
enough found in the midst of the people
to pursue, without discouragement and
without cessation, the great work which
we feel that our Father has laid upon
us. We have not been situated as we
were in Nauvoo, when we finished our
temple there, for then the workmen who
labored upon it, were like the Jews in
the days of Nehemiah, when they under-
took to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
and had to labor a portion of the time at
least, and a great portion of it too, with
their instruments of labor in one hand,
and weapons to defend themselves in the
other. We were surrounded by mobs, and
living in a constant state, it may be said
of fear, because of the threats which were
made and the combinations which were
formed, and the attacks upon our outly-
ing settlements in the burning of houses,
in the destruction of grain, in the shoot-
ing down of cattle, and in the driving
out of the people from their homes. But
while we have not been in this condition
through the years that we have been en-
gaged in the erection of the Logan Tem-
ple, we have not been free from attacks
and from threats and from combina-
tions for our destruction. Had we been
prompted by the ordinary faith of man,
the hands of the people would have been
weakened in this great work, and they
would have hesitated in its performance.
But no such feeling has been manifested
or expressed. Undismayed and undis-
couraged by all the surrounding circum-
stances, the people have pressed forward
the work, and have now the joy and sat-
sisfaction of witnessing its completion. It
seems as though in the performance of
such labor there is a degree of faith re-
quired, an unusual degree; for if our
views be correct, it is an important work,
an important part of the work of the
great God, the building of temples by
His direct command. And this being the
case, undoubtedly such work will be met
by opposition on the part of him who is
determined to do everything in his power
to retard the work of God. By the rev-
elation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
the two forces which have been arrayed
against each other since the beginning of
the earth have been brought out unto, it
may be said, extraordinary prominence.
No sooner did the sound go forth that
God had again spoken from the heavens
than an antagonism and an opposition
was aroused, such as the world for a long
period had seemed to know nothing of.
The power of evil was brought to light,
brought into active exercise, and the say-
ing of the Savior was exemplified where
He said: "Think not that I am come to
send peace on earth: I come not to send
peace, but a sword. For I am come to set
a man at variance against his father, and
the daughter against her mother, and
the daughter in law against her mother
in law. And a man’s foes shall be they
of his own household." And that has con-