that is holy and pure. We are all con-
scious of the existence of these two in-
fluences within us. There is no child
that has reached the age of accountabil-
ity and in the possession of his or her
faculties but what has had these two in-
fluences pleading with him or her—one
entreaty to do right, the other entic-
ing to do wrong, to commit sin and to
violate the commandments of God. If
we cultivate the good influence it will
lead us into the truth (if we are not al-
ready in possession of the truth) when
we hear it. It was through this Spirit
that you Latter-day Saints accepted the
Gospel in the various lands where you
heard it preached. That Spirit that came
from God taught you by its sweet and
heavenly influence that it was the truth
you heard, and when you espoused it you
had a feeling in your hearts that you can-
not describe. It was the testimony of the
Spirit of God that this was indeed the
truth of heaven, and it led you to obey
the commandments of God; and to re-
cieve in greater fullness and power the
gift of the Holy Ghost, which you have
received through obedience to the com-
mandments that God has given.

Time will not permit me to say a
great many things that I have on my
mind. I see the time is nearly expired.
But I wish to say that we had an exis-
tence before we came here. "But," says
one, "I do not remember anything about
it." No, you do not. You do not remem-
ber the day you were born on the earth,
yet you will not deny that you had an
existence at that time. When you were
a year old you do not remember begin-
ning to walk, yet you will not deny that
you had an existence then. God, in His
wisdom, has withdrawn the recollection
of these things from us. If we could
understand the glory we once had with
our Father in heaven we would be dis-
contented in dwelling in this condition
of existence. We would pine for the
home we left behind us. Its glory and
its beauty, its heavenly graces and de-
lights were of such a character that we
would pine for it with that homesick-
ness that men have some partial knowl-
edge of here on the earth. It is said
that at one time in the French army,
the bands were forbidden to play cer-
tain airs because of the effect they had
upon the Swiss soldiers whom they em-
ployed. These Swiss airs would arouse
such sensations of homesickness as to
cause the Swiss to throw down their
arms and desert and go back to their
native valleys and mountains. Now, if
such a feeling of homesickness can be
brought about in that way, how much
more would it be the case if we could
recollect our association with our Father
and God in the eternal world! Wisely,
in the providence of God, this knowl-
edge is withdrawn from us. We can have a
glimpse occasionally, through the reve-
lations of the Spirit to us, of the glory
there is awaiting us, and sometimes
when men and women are approaching
death—when they are ready to step out
of this existence into the other—the veil
becomes so thin that they behold the glori-
ess of the eternal world, and when they
come back again—as some have, we all
probably have met those who have been
snatched from death—they come back to
this mortal existence with a feeling of re-
gret. They have had a foretaste of the
glory that awaited them; they have had
a glimpse of that glory that is behind
the veil; and the love of life is so com-
pletely lost—the love of earthly home
and friends is so completely taken from