

to realize that a man can make such a statement? There must be more or less truth in it, or I do not think he would say it. We raise in this Territory some four or five millions of bushels of wheat a year, and at forty cents a bushel it would take 2,500,000 bushels of that wheat to pay for all we consume in breaking the Word of Wisdom. A pound of coffee amounts to thirty cents and a bushel of wheat only amounts to forty cents, and there are sixty pounds in it. I went out to Wasatch Stake not long ago, and took dinner with Brother Hatch, the President of the Stake. He gave me a cup of coffee, and it was very good indeed, and it only cost three-fourths of a cent a pound, because it was made of wheat. I am acknowledged to be a crank on home productions and home manufactures, and when I get first-class coffee for three fourths of a cent a pound, I ought not to be such a fool as to pay thirty cents for it. If a man pays one cent a pound for wheat and makes coffee of it, he is making twenty-nine cents profit by not drinking the other article. Brother Hatch told me that by browning it good and steeping it a long while it was not necessary to grind it up, and that it made first class chicken feed after you had had it for coffee. Then, if it is worth one-third the original price for chicken feed, that would make the coffee only half a cent a pound, and the actual profit made by drinking home-made coffee would be 6000 per cent. Now, if we could only make 6000 per cent in investing in some business, how soon we would all get wealthy. And every one of you coffee-drinkers can make 6000 per cent on your coffee if you do not on your other investments—that is, Brother Cannon says, if you keep chickens. (Laughter.)

I will not say anything about the greater blessings that you will receive by keeping the commandments of God; that when you have any sick you are entitled to call down the healing influences of the Spirit of God into your homes; that you are to have health and strength and power given unto you, and hidden treasures of knowledge. All these things you will find recorded in the Word of God revealed to us and known as the Word of Wisdom. But I have been requested by President Smith to give a few figures, and that is why I am talking on this side of the question. We have it given as a fact that in the business that is transacted only about five per cent of it is actually in money; the balance is in exchange of values. Money represents to the business world what the blood represents to the body of man. The heart takes that blood every few hours and it goes through the body over and over again. Tons and tons are pumped by the little heart within us in a day or two. Yet it is the same blood going over and over again. It is the same with money. It goes over and over again. Brother Brigham Young stated to us here yesterday that twenty years ago the Prophet of God laid it down to this people that the Word of Wisdom was no longer given merely by way of constraint, but that it was from that time a commandment of God that we keep it. Now, if we have expended from half a million to a million dollars a year for twenty years in breaking this commandment, the total amount would be at least fifteen millions of dollars of money during that time, and with compound interest semi-annually at 10 per

cent for the term of twenty years it would amount in round numbers from thirty-five to forty millions of dollars, or enough to build Salt Lake City. As I have said, it takes two and a half million bushels of wheat, at the present price, to pay for breaking the Word of Wisdom. Where are there any Latter-day Saints who would contribute a bushel of wheat to have a match set to it? Where are there any Latter-day Saints who would gather together 2,500,000 bushels of wheat and burn it up? Yet I say that it would not be half the crime in the sight of God to burn that quantity of wheat as it is to spend its equivalent in breaking a commandment of the Almighty God. I am informed that there is in the neighborhood of \$250,000 worth of tobacco consumed in this Territory by the Latter-day Saints alone. Figuring on the basis of \$5 of actual circulation of money to every \$100 of business that is done, if we could save in this Territory a million dollars a year of hard cash that goes out for these articles, that amount of money, circulating around during the year, would cancel twenty million dollars of the bondage of indebtedness which today rests upon the people. I remember hearing Brother George L. Farrell in the Assembly Hall six months ago make a statement with reference to home made goods, and I have quoted it at every conference I have been at since, and I expect to go on quoting it. He stated that he bought some home made shoes, and he met at the depot the man he owed for making these shoes. He went up to him and gave the \$5. This man turned around, saw another person that he owed, and handed him the \$5. He saw another and gave it to him; and he saw another and gave it to him; and he saw another and gave it to him, and the fourth man walked up to Brother Farrell and said, "Brother Farrell, I owe you \$6; here is \$5 of it, I will give you the other dollar the next time we meet." The \$5 cancelled, in about the same length of time it takes to tell it, \$25 of debts. And debt is bondage; therefore, it lifted \$25 of bondage from the shoulders of those people. Now, if this \$5 cancelled \$25 in ten minutes, to make a mathematical calculation, how much will it cancel in the remaining 364 days and twenty-three hours and fifty minutes of the year? Figuring on what a million dollars would do to the Latter-day Saints if they were to obey the Word of Wisdom, I say to you that it would make the Latter-day Saints, in twenty years from today, the wealthiest rural and laboring people in these United States, in proportion to their population, if they would save this money that is now worse than burned up. In speaking in this way I do not wish to rail at anybody, because I want to say that some of the sweetest spirited men whom I have ever known, and men as true to the Gospel as I ever could be, have disobeyed the Word of Wisdom. But I endorse with all my heart and in all humility President Smith's remark that if any are standing in the door of salvation and their example is injuring other people, let them step aside.

I want to make a few remarks on another subject. A statue of President Young and the Pioneers has been executed and a great many thousands of dollars are due on it. It has been decided by the Presidency of the Church to call upon the Latter-day Saints to

pay something towards that statue, and I hope that every man, woman and child will pay from five cents up, so that every one of us can say, when the monument is erected on the corner of this block, "I contributed something toward erecting that." I take pleasure in being able to say when I enter the Temple at Logan that I gave some means towards erecting that monument to the name of God. When I went to the St. George Temple to be married I felt to thank God that I did something towards erecting that house, where I was to receive that great blessing from God—a wife. I feel to thank God that I did something towards erecting the Manti Temple and the Salt Lake Temple. And there is not a child but who will rejoice in after years, in seeing the statue of the Prophet of God upon this block, to know that he cast in his mite towards erecting it. President Cannon told us last night that the senator from Wyoming recently stated at a public gathering in Denver that President Young was one of the greatest men America had ever produced. He was to us the Prophet of God, the mouthpiece of God. In this Tabernacle, in the Temples, in Z. C. M. I. store, and in the theater, we see the monuments of his greatness. In the settlements, from the north to the south, we find the labors that he did for us. Many an Elder in Israel today owns 160 acres of beautiful land that he owes to the foresight, inspiration and determination of President Young. Why? Because they themselves lacked faith to settle the very places they now occupy. I understand that in all the beautiful valley of Cache the finest agricultural spot is the town of Lewiston. I am told that when the Bishop was sent there, under the direction and inspiration of the Spirit of God to Brigham Young, he felt as though he was called upon to sacrifice almost everything and to live in poverty all the days of his life, and he wanted to go back to Richmond, have his twenty acres of land, and live and die there. Yet I do not think today that that man would give twenty acres of land in Lewiston for about forty acres in Richmond. It was the carrying out of the inspiration of God that located Lewiston, and scores of other places in this Territory. I feel in my heart a debt of gratitude for the material wealth that Brigham Young has given to this people, and I want to be one of those who shall erect that statue to his memory. I have had influential men from the east and the west say to me times without number, "Why, Mr. Grant, I am surprised in traveling around this beautiful city and seeing the evidences of the ability and statesmanship of Brigham Young, to find no monument to his name." He has monuments that he left to his own name, as in the case of this Tabernacle; but we have erected no monument to show our appreciation of his life and labors for us. Let us all do something, and have our children do something, and the burden will be very light. I have contributed my mite, and I want to make another contribution, and I propose that every one of my children shall save their nickles and dimes until they get a dollar, and let them remember by the sacrifice they made in saving these nickles that they did something to erect the statue to our beloved prophet. May God bless you is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.