

God. The money expended for these articles is not kept in this territory; for these things are not produced here. They are articles that have to be imported from abroad, and every dollar that is expended for them by the Latter-day Saints goes out of the country. If there was no other cause than this, it would be ample cause for a scarcity of means in the territory. We believe that it is unwise for us to expend our means in this direction. It is doubly unwise. In the first place, it is unwise for the reason that these articles do not give us health or vitality. They are not necessary to life or to health. They are only necessary to our supposed happiness in so far as we have become happy in a pernicious practice. The drunkard becomes a slave to his drink; others become slaves to the use of tea, coffee and tobacco, and therefore they consider them necessary to their happiness; but they are not really necessary to their happiness nor to their health. Indeed, they are injurious to health. You cannot find an intelligent physician in the world that will tell you these things are not hurtful for common use. Every man that knows anything about the laws of life will tell you that the use of these articles is injurious to the human system. Yet we will use them, and we will become slaves to them, in defiance of the laws of nature and the word of the Lord unto us. Thus it is an evil and wrong. Furthermore, it is wrong because it takes our means from us and gives it to the stranger. Probably every drop of spirituous liquor consumed by those who profess to be Latter-day Saints is imported from abroad. Consequently every dollar that is expended for it goes abroad. We have a number of breweries, I am sorry to say, in Salt Lake City, and there are a number of people engaged in the brewing of beer. Of course, the money that is spent in this direction does not go abroad; but it is a business that is calculated to build up no one but the brewer and the vendor of his product. It does not build up the man that buys and drinks the beer. It does not give him strength or health. The brewer and the seller may become rich and build palaces out of this business; but they are the only ones that are benefited by this traffic, while those who patronize them only become the poorer for it. But aside from all this, the thing is, it is wrong for the Latter-day Saints to do it. The Lord has laid down a rule for us to go by. He has told us what is good for man and what is not good for man; and if we will only humble ourselves and acknowledge that the Lord knows what is best for us, and do as He tells us, we will begin to see the effects of it and be able to appreciate the beauties of it better than we can now. It is by putting the word of the Lord into practice that we will be able to appreciate it, not by simply looking upon it without doing it. When we do the will of the Lord, then shall we know of the doctrine, that it is of God; then shall we build upon the rock; then when the floods descend and the storms beat upon the house, it will not fall.

Let us be doers of the word, and not hearers of it only. Let us keep the commandments of God, and not merely pretend to believe in them; for it is an axiom among mankind that when a man says he believes in something and yet does not do it, he either is deceiving

himself or he is trying to deceive others; but when a man believes a thing and puts it into practice he is consistent. A man should walk according to his belief or his knowledge of that which is good. He must be consistent with his professions, or God will reject him. These are my sentiments. I believe in obeying the commandments of God, or else get out of the way. We ought not to be stumbling blocks to those who are trying to enter in at the door. God will hold us responsible for this. If there is a man on earth that has done wrong because I have set him the example, I am in some measure responsible for that wrong, and I will have to pay the debt in some way. Therefore, that I may not be a stumbling block; that I may not stand at the door and hinder those who would enter, but that I may be an assistance to those that are faltering, I want to be consistent with my professions and do the things that I am commanded to do. No doubt I fail in a great many things, and others may see my weaknesses and failings much better than I do. We have not all yet attained the power to see ourselves as others see us, yet it stands to reason that every man ought to know himself better than his neighbor, and I believe that every intelligent man does know himself better than anybody else, unless it may be his wife or his children. Of course, your wife knows you better than you do yourself, and your children have a great deal of knowledge concerning you. If there are any defects in a man or virtues either, the wife and the children will be pretty apt to see them, because he is right with them, and they see every side of his life—in his unguarded moments, in his thoughtless hours, as well as when he is on his knees before the Lord. They know him on every hand. And when a man's wife and children respect and honor him because of his good examples, you may depend upon it he is a pretty good man.

My brethren and sisters, may God bless you, and help us all to live righteously. May we keep the commandments of God, save our means at home, pay our debts, be free men and free women, and not bondmen and bondwomen, as many of us are today. Many of us are in the bondage of debt, and it may be difficult for us to get out of it; but if we possibly can get out of it in honor, let us bend all our efforts to that end and do it; that when we are called to go on missions we can say, "Yes. I am ready and willing to go," and what is more, "I do not owe anybody, and I have the means to go with, and to provide for my family while I am gone, that they shall not become a charge upon the Bishop." If this people will only quit using strong drinks, and tea and coffee, and tobacco in any shape, and then cut off a great many foolish extravagances that they have become addicted to, they will have abundance of means to provide for themselves and their families; and with all, they will have health, the destroyer shall pass them by, they shall run and not be weary, walk and not faint, and they shall have access to the treasures of knowledge and of wisdom. For these are the promises that have been made to those who will keep the Word of Wisdom. God grant that we may be able to do it, is my prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

A museum for postage stamps is soon to be erected in Stockholm.

Written for this Paper

### FROM THE FAR ANTIPODES.

PINE VALLEY, November 9th, 1894.

Enclosed please find a letter written in New Zealand by my son William Gardner, president of that mission to his wife in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah. As many of the readers of your valuable paper in Utah have husbands, brothers, or sons in the far off land, and William has many friends here, I thought if you could give space in the News to such parts of the letter as you think suitable for publication, it might be interesting to the above-named and to those interested in that mission.

ROBERT GARDNER.

GISBORNE, Poverty Bay,  
September 29th, 1894.

You will pardon men for not writing you last mail, but it was impossible for me to write after receiving Bishop Snow's letter with the sad, sad news of the death of our darling little baby boy. \* \* \* I have been enjoying excellent health, and have been very busy traveling in the midst of the Saints settling up troubles, excommunicating some from the Church and also baptizing into the Church. On the 2nd of September I had the privilege of baptizing seventeen and we blessed eight children, I also married three couples, and altogether there is a good prospect for the future. There have been over fifty baptisms in the Te Malia district since our conference in April. I lately visited the place where we held our general conference on the 6th of April; and while we were having a good time with the Saints, on the 2nd of September, the Devil took possession of one of our sisters. She was staying with some of her relatives who did not belong to the Church, but some of the Saints were there. They sent for us to come and administer to her. I did not like to go amongst outsiders in a case of this kind, but our sister was in such a condition that it took five men to hold her on the bed; so we went and administered to her and she was released, though so weak she could not raise her hand to her head. We tried to get them to consent to take her to the house of the Saints and let them nurse her, but they would not, and as soon as we left the house, the adversary returned and they came running after us to hurry back for there were five strong men again trying to hold her on the bed. We rebuked the evil one again and he left, and still they would not consent to let her go to the Saints. So we left again and during the night the evil one came again; she raged all night and at last they got tired of her and brought her back to the Saints. I told them all to fast and pray; we administered to her and afterwards I took a walk out to the sea shore, lonesome and blue; when I returned the adversary had come back; she was getting weaker, but we again administered to her and rebuked the evil one and told him to return no more. She seemed to get better from that same hour and is well and hearty now. This was a great victory for us and a testimony that the Lord will hear His servants if they will fast and pray before Him in humility. The Saints are rejoicing over the great testimony that was given in their midst, and I believe it will do much good. I was very much concerned over it, and I was anxious to