because I have believed it so long, but I
knew it twenty years ago, just as well
as I do now, and have testified of it to
the nations of the earth. And what will
be the consequences of this testimony?
They that believe and are baptized shall
be saved, and they shall receive the Holy
Ghost under the hands of those who have
due authority to confer that blessing;
and if they go forward and are baptized
with full purpose of heart, believing with
all their soul, obeying the Gospel, be-
ing buried with Christ by baptism, they
shall obtain the Holy Ghost.

On the day of Pentecost, when Pe-
ter proclaimed the Gospel, about 3,000
souls were added to the Church that day.
How long did it take them to repent? No
longer than they were willing to believe,
and put away their sins, with a deter-
mination to forsake them, and not sin
again.

I rejoice that I live in this day and age
of the world; I rejoice that I have passed
through what I have for the Gospel's
sake; but will it compare with what men
passed through in the days of Jesus, who
was hung upon a cross for his religion?
He expired upon Calvary for his religion;
they killed him as a false prophet, and
even those of his own household did not
believe in him; they also slew his Apos-
tles, and those who believed in them.
Don't you suppose it was as degrading
to them to believe in Jesus Christ, as
for us to believe that Joseph Smith was
a Prophet? He was a Prophet, and Je-
sus was the Son of God; and Hyrum
Smith was a Patriarch, and a son of God,
and I bear witness of it unto all men.
Many feel to damn the "Mormons," and
call them everything that is evil—does it
harm us? Does it affect our salvation in
the least? No! The more patiently we
bear it the greater will be our glory and
exaltation. It is because of our religion
that the people are in trouble.

In the United States they are trou-
bled about it; in Great Britain, France,
and Denmark, they are troubled about
it. The priests of the day are stoutly cry-
ing, false Prophet, and delusion; and the
invisible world are rapping, muttering,
and peeping, and they are finding fault.
They are at a loss to know what can be
the matter. The invisible world are in
trouble; they are knocking, and rapping,
and muttering; and the people are in-
quiring of them to know concerning the
things of God, and there is not a soul of
them can tell them anything about the
end of the world. They are in a dread-
ful situation; and in the city of Rochester,
near where I used to live, the last infor-
mation I received from there, there were
135 spiritual writers in that city. I have
a brother-in-law there, who is a Presby-
terian priest: he couldn't inquire of God
about future things, so he inquired of the
spirits; but they could not tell him any-
thing about the dead nor the living. They
are just about as intelligent in their rev-
elations as this world are in theirs. They
are all in commotion—what is going to
be done? I will tell you—God is going to
make a short work upon the earth, and
the invisible world are troubled about it.
You do not doubt that, gentlemen; you
who come from the United States can see
that it is so; and the people are trou-
bled in New York, and in many of the
other States, so that they cannot rest,
no not a day. They are in confusion,
and so dispirited they know not what to
do. The idea strikes me that the day of
the Lord is approaching, and nearer than
you think it is. You are here in quest of
gold, but there is something here worth
more than the glittering jewels of the
earth. I say, let me serve God, and keep
His commandments, and you may have
the gold, and all the riches and wealth
of the earth in welcome; I care noth-
ing about it; for all you can take with