The beacon light is he whom our heav-
enly Father has ordained and appointed
to lead His people, and give them coun-
sel, and guide their destiny. That is the
light to which the eye should be directed.
And when that voice is heard, let every
bosom respond, yea and amen.

But, says one, "If this be correct, it
is giving to one man almighty power. It
is giving to one man supreme power to
rule." Admit it. What are we all aim-
ing for? Are we not aiming for supreme
power? Are we not aiming to obtain
the promise that has been made to all
believers? What is it? "He that over-
cometh shall inherit all things, and I will
be his God, and he shall be my son." Are
we not all seeking for this, that we
may overcome, that we may inherit all
things? For says Paul, "Therefore let
no man glory in men. For all things
are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or
Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or
things present, or things to come; all are
yours; And ye are Christ's, and Christ is
God's." Well, then, if all things are ours,
we should be very insensible to our best
interests if we did not seek diligently for
that which Heaven promises as a legacy
to the faithful. It is our right, then.
Do we not all expect to be armed with
almighty power? Is there a Latter-day
Saint under the sound of my voice, whose
heart is fired with celestial light, but
that seeks to be in possession of supreme
power (I had like to have said) both in
heaven and on earth? It is said, we
are "heirs of God, and joint heirs with
Jesus Christ." Does Jesus Christ pos-
sess all power in heaven and on earth?
He said, when he rose from the dead,
"All power is given unto me in heaven
and in earth." Are we heirs of God, and
joint heirs with that illustrious charac-
ter? He has so declared! If we are, do
we not, in common with him, possess the
power that is in heaven and on earth!

If one individual, then, is a little ahead
of us in obtaining this power, let us not
be envious, for it will be our time by and
by. We ought to be the more thankful,
and glorify God that He has armed one
individual with this power, and opened
a way that we may follow him, and ob-
tain the same power. Instead of it being
a cause of envy, it ought to be, on the con-
trary, a matter to call forth our warmest
thanksgivings and praise to God, that
He has brought back that power again
to the earth in our day, by which we may
be led step by step to the point we hope
to attain.

After reflecting a little this morning,
a passage of Scripture occurred to my
mind—the words of John the Revelator,
or the promise made to him. It says,
"Him that overcometh will I make a pil-
lar in the temple of my God, and he shall
go no more out; and I will write upon him
the name of my God, and the name of the
city of my God, which is new Jerusalem;
which cometh down out of heaven from
my God; and I will write upon him my
new name."

In the course of my travels in preach-
ing the Gospel to different nations, I
have often heard it remarked by the peo-
ple, in days gone by, "We have heard your
testimony; we have heard your preach-
ing; but really, why does not Joseph
Smith, your Prophet, come to us and
bear testimony? Why does he not come
to us and show us the plates from which
the Book of Mormon was translated? If
we could see the Prophet and the plates,
then we should be satisfied that the work
is genuine, that it is of God; but if we can-
ot see him and the ancient records, we
are still in doubt with regard to the gen-
uineness of the work."

My reply to them was something
like the followings—"Joseph Smith can-
ot be everywhere, and the plates
cannot be presented to every eye.
The voice of Joseph Smith cannot
be heard by every ear." And I have