fulfil ancient and modern prophecy, and
the commandments which the Lord our
God has given to us. There must be
something wonderful, indeed, to attract
the attention of all nations; unless there
is to be a very great power manifested,
it would not attract the attention of the
people afar off; if only some few sick peo-
ple were healed, it might, perhaps, not
be heard of only for a few miles from
the place where it happened. It must
be some tremendous power among that
people that build the house of the Lord.
What kind of a city will this Zion be, and
how will the dwellings of the people be
lighted up? Isaiah has told us, in the
fourth chapter, "And the Lord will cre-
ate upon every dwelling place of mount
Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud
and smoke by day, and the shining of a
flaming fire by night: for upon all the
glory shall be a defense." No wonder that
the nations afar off flow to Zion. Did you
ever hear tell of a whole city lighted up in
that manner? You have heard of the in-
vention of gaslights, but this does not at-
tract the attention of the nations; but
there is to be a city called Zion, and
a house of the Lord in the top of the
mountains, that are not to be lighted
up with gas, but by the glory of the
God of Israel—"I will create upon ev-
ey dwelling place of mount Zion," &c.;
not on one house alone, but upon every
dwelling place, "a cloud and smoke by
day, and the shining of a flaming fire by
night." The nations will be struck with
wonder, and will say, "If that people have
such great power, let us leave our own
lands and countries; for it must be that
those people are the people of God, for
their houses are enveloped in a flame of
fire every night, because of His glory: let
us go up there, and know what His will
is concerning us."

But the prophecies are so full upon
these subjects, and the time so far ex-
pired, that I will stop where I am, with-
out saying any more.

CONSECRATION.

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The blessings bestowed upon the Saints are in many instances considered
sacrifices, and for this reason I have con-
cluded to say a few words upon the law
of consecration, surplus property, and

The law of consecration was re-
vealed previous to the brethren's go-
ing to Jackson County, or about the
time they went; after they left Jack-
son County and went to Caldwell, inas-
much as the people did not under-
stand why they should be called upon
to consecrate; for if a man possessed
more than he needed, the Lord was wel-
come to it anyhow, but if a man did not
possess more than he really thought he
needed, they concluded there should be
no such law as the law of consecration,
or the law of tithing; and in consequence
of many questions being asked upon the
subject, a revelation was given after the
Prophet had cried unto the Lord, saying,