of the different use made of the agency
given to man. Be careful, all the world,
and touch not the anointed of the Lord.
Afflict not the people who have the ora-
cles of salvation for all the human family.
Will the world believe this statement?
They can if they choose; but the great
majority of the inhabitants of the earth
will reject life and salvation when it is
presented to them, and in the end it will
be like the gleaning of grapes when the
vintage is done. A few here and a few
there will receive the truth, and the Lord
will empty the earth of the wickedness
that now dwells upon it.

As brother Hyde has stated, the "har-
monious democracy" that undertook to
destroy this people, broke in pieces in
the State where the Lord, twenty-eight
years ago, on the 25th of next December,
revealed to the Prophet Joseph that the
nation would begin to break. But I do
not wish to make a political speech, nor
to have anything to do with the politics
and parties in our Government. They
love sin, and roll it as a sweet morsel un-
der their tongues. Had they the power,
they would dethrone Jehovah; had they
the power, they would today crucify ev-
ery Saint there is upon the earth; they
would not leave upon the earth one alive
in whose veins runs the blood of the
Priesthood. Yet they are our brethren
and sisters—bone of our bone, flesh of
our flesh—sprung from one parentage.
God is our Father—Jesus Christ is our
Elder Brother. If the world would un-
derstand this, and take warning, and
be cautious, it would be far better for
them. Will they? No: they do not
and will not realize facts as they exist,
and we cannot help it. All we can do
is to plead with them, preach to them
the words of eternal life, and offer it
to them as it has been offered to us.
If they receive it, blessed are they. If
they reject it, it is their privilege. The
powers and faculties of their organiza-
tions are for themselves to use as they
elect; for they, as well as we, are agents
before God, and can choose or refuse ac-
cording to their own pleasure. But they
are broken in pieces. Do I wish to pre-
predict this? No, for it was predicted long
ago. The nation that has lifted itself
against the kingdom of God is already
shivered to pieces. Touch it, and it will
crumble under your touch. The cohesiv-
ess of its particles is gone—they cannot
cling together, and they will be sifted as
with a sieve of vanity. God's controversy
with them has commenced; he has com-
menced with this nation, and in its turn
he will sift every nation there is upon the
face of the earth.

In the beginning, after this earth was
prepared for man, the Lord commenced
his work upon what is now called the
American continent, where the Garden
of Eden was made. In the days of Noah,
in the days of the floating of the ark,
he took the people to another part of
the earth: the earth was divided, and
there he set up his kingdom. Did they
receive his kingdom? No; they rejected
it. Afterwards he called a man, and or-
dained him, and showed to him the in-
habitants of the whole earth, and gave to
him a promise that his offspring should
be the people of God. He spoke to Abra-
ham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their chil-
dren, as his covenant people. The Jews
rejected Jesus Christ, who came to re-
deem the world. They cried—"Crucify
him, crucify him! Let his blood be upon
us, and upon our children!" God has
removed the kingdom from Jerusalem
again to Zion, and here he will wind
up the scene. Righteousness will go
forth, and the wickedness upon the earth
will be swept from it. Will I prophesy
evil? No; let us prophesy good. But the