“Angels from heaven, and truth from earth,
Have met and both have record borne.”

God has sent his angels, and he has declared
that he would introduce his kingdom and
his government, and establish his dominion
and authority according to the saying of
one of the old Prophets, “The Lord is our
king, the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our
lawgiver; and he shall reign over us.” That
was the kind of feeling the people had in
those days when they felt right, and this is
the kind of feeling the people have in these
days when they have the right Spirit; and
this is the feeling that we profess to carry in
our bosoms, and which we profess to carry
out in our lives. We have generally been
able to see through the fallacy and weakness
of all human institutions. We believe that
the Lord has revealed himself from the
heavens, and that the manifestations of the
power of the heavens have been revealed,
and the intelligence that dwells in the
bosom of the Almighty and the records that
have been hid up for ages we have found;
they have been developed and made known
to us in connection with the revelations of
the Spirit of the Most High God, for the
purpose of establishing the kingdom of the
Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth, and
bringing in a reign of righteousness, free-
dom and peace. These things have been in-
troduced for the very purpose of developing
and accomplishing those things that have
been hid up in the bosom of Jehovah from
before the commencement of this earth. He
well understood his designs ere the morning
stars sang together for joy; he knew what he
was to accomplish years and years ago, be-
fore any of our fathers had an existence
upon the earth; and for this reason the earth
was organized and framed, and for this pur-
pose we came here. God had designs gener-
ations ago to accomplish his purposes,
and those purposes which he designed
from the beginning will be accomplished
in spite of all the combined influences of
earth and hell. What was the object of our
formation and the formation of the earth
and of all intelligent beings upon it? God
in his own due time, after the folly,
strength, weakness and vanity of the
human family have exhausted themselves,
and after trying all their experiments, and
all their wisdom being exerted to find out
God, then the Almighty will show them
that he can accomplish his purposes. It is
our business to lean on the Lord and seek
unto him for wisdom and intelligence. The
Lord has opened up this work by opening
the heavens, by communicating his will
and unveiling his purposes and designs to
the children of men, by the introduction of
the Holy Priesthood and by the manifesta-
tion of his power, and by the marvelous de-
liverance which has been wrought for us,
for our guidance; in this way he has given
proof upon proof, and intelligence upon testi-
mony; and evidence upon evidence have
been given to convince us of the position
that we occupy and of the will of God that
has been communicated unto us. The
Spirit of inspiration has been given unto
us, and we have had our testimony made as
firm and sure as the Rock of Ages, upon
the principles of eternal truth, and all this
that our steps might not waver and that we
might yield obedience to the laws of heaven
and continue in the observation of the
statutes. But, notwithstanding all our privi-
eges and blessings, a great many of us
seem to have ears to hear but hear not,
hearts but we understand not, and although
we are made partakers of the munifi-
cence and goodness of God, and notwith-
standing his intelligence continues to be
poured out upon us from day to day and
from year to year, we seem to treat lightly