thy left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus an-
swered and said, Ye know not what ye ask.
Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall
drink of, and to be baptized with the bap-
tism that I am baptized with? But to sit on
my right hand, and on my left, is not mine
to give, but it shall be given to them for
whom it is prepared of my Father.”—Matt.
xx. 20—23.

Here we find set forth by the Savior the
doctrine that it belongs to the Father to
give each one his place in that kingdom,
hereafter to be inherited by the faithful
Saints. Now let me ask, can we walk with
Jesus in the regeneration that is spoken of?
But before I proceed further, let me ask,
what is the regeneration? I should call it an
improvement, or an advancement in the
things of God. By some it is said to be the
change and renovation of the soul by the
Spirit and grace of God. Then again, it is
called the new birth. Titus is somewhat
more explicit upon the subject. He says,
“But after that the kindness and love of
God our Savior toward man appeared, Not
by works of righteousness which we have
done, but according to his mercy he saved
us, by the washing of regeneration, and the
renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he
shed on us abundantly through Jesus
Christ our Savior; That being justified by
his grace, we should be made heirs accord-
ing to the hope of eternal life.” And our
Savior speaking to Nicodemus, says, “Ver-
ily I say unto thee, Except a man be born
again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
In another place Jesus says—“Verily I say
unto you, That ye which followed me, in
the regeneration when the Son of Man
shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also
shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the
twelve tribes of Israel.”—Matt. xix. 28.

Many other passages might be
quoted to show how the doctrine of
regeneration was taught by Christ and his
Apostles, but these will be sufficient for my
purpose at the present. I know that we, the
Elders of Israel, are walking with Jesus in
the regeneration, and we are becoming re-
generated in Christ Jesus, and the blessings
of the kingdom are being multiplied unto
us day by day, and we shall continue to be
enriched forever and forever. What! In
property? Yes, and in everything that is
good. If it were not so, how could you pos-
sess all things, which are certainly promised
through progression and faithfulness.

I suppose I felt as the Apostles did an-
ciently, when I went with the Elders into
the State of Ohio, and through the New
England States to the State of Maine. We
called the people together and organized
them into Conferences, and we went to
work and selected wise men to receive and
take the moneys of the brethren and pur-
chase lands in Missouri. We performed our
duties and were faithful unto the Lord, and
if all the people had been as faithful as we
were we should have gained an advantage;
but as it is, I know that the day will come
when we shall possess that land, and I can
tell you that I expect to have and possess all
that I merit, in the own due time of the
Lord. When the kingdom triumphs, every
man will be rewarded according to his
works, and will receive that which is de-
signed for him, and in all things be blessed
according to his merits. By merit I mean
that which a man earns, and you will see
the day when you will get nothing but
what you earn by your works and your in-
tegrity to God and your brethren.

I recollect when we returned from
our mission to Missouri, Joseph said,
“Now, brethren, it is a good time to
get property; now is the time for
you to get rich.” Well, it was one of