and he would have given thee living wa-
ter." "Whosoever drinketh of this water
shall thirst again: But whosoever drink-
eth of the water that I shall give him
shall never thirst; but the water that I
shall give him shall be in him a well of
water springing up into everlasting life."

Did the world know who these Elders
are that go forth among them bearing
the precious seed of eternal life; could
they comprehend and realize it, they
would ask of them, and they would give
them water which would be in them
a well springing up into eternal life;
for they are the representatives of God
on the earth, going forth with author-
ity from Him to impart unto the world
the Holy Ghost, and lead them into the
paths of life. We have partaken of this
Holy Spirit, and hence there is confi-
dence manifested in all our movements
and actions as a people.

Who among the true saints of God
ever doubts as to the destiny of this
kingdom? Who that has the spirit
of revelation—the spirit of truth—ever
dreams that this kingdom will ever be
overthrown? They quake in the north,
and in the south; they wonder what the
end will be—whether they will gain that
victory or lose that battle; whether we
are going to be divided into two separate
nations, be consolidated in one, or di-
vided into a great many. These are mat-
ters that puzzle the wisest of our states-
men. If we have any wise men in the
United States, and in the nations of Eu-
rope or the earth, let them manifest their
wisdom and put the world right.

The Latter-day Saints have no won-
der what is going to become of them,
it never enters into our minds that
anything will transpire that will over-
throw the Church and kingdom of
God on the earth. What man that
is a Saint and has in his possession
the gift of the Holy Ghost, that does
not know that the kingdom of God is
onward? We know that we shall over-
come every opposing power. No matter
what transpires, what effect has it on us?
None at all. It only affects the weak and
vacillating, that have not lived their reli-
gion and followed the light of the Holy
Spirit in them, they may fear; but the
men and women of God, those who live in
the light of the countenance of the Lord,
and cherish the Holy Spirit in their bos-
soms, having no other feeling but the fi-
nal triumph of the kingdom of God on the
earth, they know nothing else.

What inspired the ancient prophets
to know that the time would come when
the Saints of God should take the king-
don, and the greatness of it under the
whole heavens should be given to them
and He whose right it is, should rule and
reign, and have dominion? The same
Spirit that dwells in us proceeds from
the same God that inspired the prophets
of old, developing the same truths, mak-
ing manifest the same things, and un-
folding the same principles. We have
confidence in relation to these matters;
and hence men that understand this,
who live their religion, feel perfectly sat-
isfied in regard to any or all the events
that shall transpire on the earth.

We were driven out of Missouri—we
were driven from one place to another
in Missouri, before we were driven out
altogether; then we were driven from
Illinois to this Territory. But what of
that? I know some men who thought
the work was at an end. I remem-
ber a remark made by Sidney Rigdon—
I suppose he did not live his religion—
I do not think he did—his knees began
to shake in Missouri, and on one oc-
casion he said, "Brethren, every one of
you take your own way, for the work
seems as though it had come to an end."
Brigham Young encouraged the peo-