degree, whispering to the inmost souls of
the children of men in foreign lands with
a still, small voice, "flee to the moun-
tains, for the day of the Lord is upon the
wicked nations of Babylon;" and the cry:
"Come out of her, my people" has gone
throughout the world. Do we improve as
fast as we should? We do not improve as
fast as we might; but I am happy to know
that we improve, and we can improve
more if we please. Compare the progress
of the Saints in the days of the Savior
and His disciples, with the progress of
the Saints in these days.

When a "Mormon" Elder offers evi-
dence of this great work to unbelievers,
they tell him that he is a party con-
cerned, and his evidence cannot be taken
with regard to Joseph Smith's mission. I
ask the Christian world where are your
witnesses that Jesus is the Christ? Who
are those who testified of His mission,
and how many are there? Eight persons
testified of Him, and their testimony is
recorded, and they were his disciples and
parties concerned; yet at this day all the
Christian world is ready to receive their
testimony. I testify that this work of God
in which we are engaged has been com-
menced to gather the house of Israel and
establish Zion in the last days, and has
more outward and weighty evidence to
prove that it is of God than there was in
the days of Jesus to prove that He was
the Christ. When the Book of Mormon
came forth it was testified to by twelve
witnesses, and who can dispute their tes-
timony? No living person on the earth
can do it; and besides the testimony of
these twelve witnesses, hundreds and
thousands have received a witness to
themselves from the Heavens, and who
can dispute their testimony? No living
person on the earth can do it. This infidel
world inquires, "where do you get your
testimony?" We answer, we get it from
the Heavens. Were we to ask them
where they get the knowledge they pos-
sess, they reply, "We do not know; it
came to us; we know not its source." We
have testimony that the Bible is true,
that the prophecies contained in it are
true, that Jesus is the son of God, and
came to redeem the world. Have the so-
called Christian world this kind of tes-
timony? They have not. All the testi-
mony they can boast of is the testimony
of eight men who lived nearly two thou-
sand years ago. The infidel world can-
ot receive their testimony, because they
were parties concerned.

We are asked if signs follow the be-
iever in our day as in days of old. We
answer, they do. The blind see, the lame
leap, the deaf hear, the gift of prophecy
is manifest, also the gift of healing, the
gift of revelation, the gift of tongues and
the interpretation of tongues. Jesus said
that these signs should follow them that
believe. His Church and Kingdom al-
ways have these signs which follow the
believer in all ages when the true Church
is in existence. Do they follow any but
believers? They do not. The gift and
power of the Holy Ghost, as enjoyed by
the ancient saints, and its various man-
ifestations, are not received in the faith
of modern Christian sects. They say that
the gift and power of the Holy Ghost
have ceased; that the canon of Scripture
is full; that there is no more new rev-
elation, no more prophecy, no more in-
spired visions, no more administrations
of angels as in days of old, no more voice
of God from the heavens, no more in-
spired prophets and apostles, who seal
on earth and it is sealed in heaven;
from whence then have they testimony
that Jesus is the Christ, and that God