were found. There they fought day after
day; there they struggled, one party against
the other until millions were swept off.
Only one man survived his nation for a
very short space of time to see the fulfill-
ment of a prophecy that was uttered by a
great and mighty prophet that lived in
those days, who stated that he should be
permitted, after his nation was destroyed,
to behold the colonization of the land by
another people. This man, whose name
was Coriantumr, King of a certain portion
of the Jaredites, after the destruction of his
nation, wandered, solitary and alone, down
towards the Isthmus of Darien, and there
he became acquainted with a colony of
people brought from the land of Jerusalem,
called the people of Zarahemla. He dwelt
with them for the space of nine moons,
and then he died.

After the destruction of the Jaredites, the
Lord brought two other colonies to people
this land. One colony landed a few hun-
dred miles north of the Isthmus on the
western coast; the other landed on the coast
of Chile, upwards of two thousand miles
south of them. The latter were called the
Nephites and Lamanites. It was some four
or five centuries after these two colonies
came from Jerusalem and occupied the
country before they amalgamated. A little
over one century before Christ the Nephites
united with the Zarahemlaites in the north-
ern portions of South America, and were
called Nephites and became a powerful na-
tion. The country was called the land
Bountiful, and included within the land of
Zarahemla. But to go back to their early
history. Shortly after the Nephite colony
was brought by the power of God, and
landed on the western coast of South
America, in the country we call Chile, there
was a great division among them. The
righteous were threatened by the wicked
who sought to destroy them. The Lord
warned Nephi, their leader, to flee from
among the Lamanites, to depart for the
safety of himself and his family and those
that believed in the revelations of God.
Nephi and the righteous separated them-
selves from the Lamanites and traveled
about eighteen hundred miles north until
they came to the head waters of what we
term the Amazon River. There Nephi lo-
cated his little colony in the country sup-
posed to be Ecuador, a very high region,
many large and elevated mountains being
in that region.

Here the Nephites flourished for some
length of time. The Lamanites followed
them up and they had many wars and con-
tentions, and finally the Lamanites suc-
cceeded in taking away their settlements,
and the Nephites fled again some twenty
days' journey to the northward and united
themselves with the people of Zarahemla.

I mention these things in order to im-
press one particular item upon the minds
of the Latter-day Saints concerning the in-
heritance or possession of this land. The
Lord not only made decrees in the early
ages with the first colonists that came here,
but He renewed these decrees every time
He brought a colony here, that the people
should serve Him, or they should be cut
off from His presence, and you will find
that God, in every instance, has remem-
bered these decrees. And there is one thing
remarkable in relation to the history of
these nations, and that is the rapidity with
which they departed from the faith and
righteousness and the love of the true God.
Sometimes they would, after some great
judgment, or scourge had fallen upon
them, causing the death of many of
them, repent and become a righteous peo-