by faith in order to fulfil the mission to
which we had been called by revelation.
But the Lord sustained us; He did not
forsake us.

We went to England, and we bap-
tized, in the year 1840, something like
seven thousand people, and established
churches in almost all the principal cities
in the kingdom. Brother Pratt estab-
lished a branch in Edinburgh, Scotland.
Brother Kimball, George A. and myself
built up a branch in London, and sev-
eral branches in the south of England.
We baptized eighteen hundred persons
in the south of England in seven mouths;
out of that number two hundred were
preachers belonging to different denom-
inations of that land. We opened an emi-
gration office, published the Book of Mor-
on and gathered many to Zion. God
was with us, and I may say that He has
been in all the labors of this Church and
kingdom.

In the pioneer journey, coming here,
we had to come by faith; we knew noth-
ing about this country, but we intended
to come to the mountains. Joseph had
organized a company to come here, be-
fore his death. He had these things be-
fore him, and understood them perfectly.
God had revealed to him the future of
this Church and kingdom, and had told
him, from time to time, that the work
of which he was laying the foundation
would become an everlasting kingdom—
would remain forever. President Young
led the pioneers to this country. He had
faith to believe that the Lord would sus-
tain us. All who traveled hither at that
time had this faith. The Spirit of God
was with us, the Holy Ghost was with us,
and the angels of the Lord were with us
and we were blessed. All, and more than
we anticipated, in coming here, has been
realized, as far as time would permit.

When the Mormon Battalion was
called for by the United States, we were
in our exile, having been driven from our
homes, our country and graves of our fa-
thers, from lands we had bought of the
United States Government, for our reli-
gion, into the wilderness. The Govern-
ment made a demand upon us for five
hundred men to go to the Mexican war.
I do not suppose that they expected we
would furnish them, but we did, and
we did it by faith. Five hundred men,
the strength of Israel, were sent to fight
the battles of their country, leaving their
wives, children and teams on the prairie.
They had to exercise faith, and so had we
who remained, believing it would turn
out for the best, and it has proved so.
Every member of that battalion who has
remained faithful has always rejoiced,
from that day to this, that he was a mem-
ber thereof. It has proved a blessing to
him, and it proved salvation to Zion.

I have referred to these things to
show that hitherto, in our labors to build
up the Church and kingdom of God upon
the earth, we have had to labor by faith.
It is still requisite. God has called upon
us to warn this generation. He has set
His hand to establish Zion—the great
Zion of God—about which the prophets
have said so much. No prophet has
spoken more pointedly on this subject
than Isaiah. Our drivings from Missouri,
our persecutions, our travels along the
Platte River, the manner of our coming to
the mountains of Israel, our return again
to the land of Zion, and the building of
the Temple in Jackson County have all
been spoken of by Isaiah as well as by all
the prophets who have spoken concern-
ing the Zion of the latter days.

We have exercised faith in the
carrying out of these promises and
in the fulfilling of those revelations