divine aid? Shall he undertake to ef-
flect these great changes and bring to
pass this great deliverance without seek-
ing the aid of the Supreme Being, who
created the earth and the inhabitants
thereof? Or shall he in humility bow
himself in the dust, and await the dis-
pen-sation of truth from heaven, await
the bestowal of the light and knowledge
necessary to enable him to accomplish
these mighty works; and then, in faith,
plant and water and wait upon God to
give the increase?

I think that the course that we as a
people have taken, is the course which
all should take; I think it is the only
proper and legitimate course for any in-
dividual and people to take. Men may
say that we are deluded and that we de-
ceive ourselves; they may say that our
system is one of imposture. Whether
this be so or not matters but little to
the point in question; the course that
we have taken, whether our system be
divine or not, is the course which all
should take. What we have done we have
claimed to do under the inspiration and
direct guidance of heaven. Every move
that we have taken since our Church was
organized, on the 6th of April, 1830, we
claim has been by inspiration and un-
der the guidance of the Almighty. On
the day I have named our Church was
organized by revelation. On that day
the Church was organized and ministers
chosen; Elders were endowed with, or
ordained to, the Priesthood. They were
sent forth by revelation, and commanded
to go to this place and the other place,
to this and to that land by revelation
from the Lord. A message was given
unto them, not from the Bible, or Book
of Mormon; not from any written record,
not a copy or transcript of some message
carried by some previous generation of
men; but an original message, direct to
them, to be conveyed by them to their
fellow creatures; a perfectly original
message, so far as this generation was
concerned, delivered to them by the
Almighty; and they were sent forth to
proclaim it to the inhabitants of the
earth.

They were commanded by revelation
to gather together. A place was des-
ignated as a place of gathering. Cir-
cumstances favored the procuring of that
place; but they were not allowed to re-
main in it. They were driven forth, and
again they were guided by revelation
to another place, and again they were
driven forth and compelled to abandon
their homes; and again another place
was designated to which they should
go; again they were driven forth, and
again they were directed what to do, and
they came to this land, guided by rev-
elation, inspired by the Almighty, not
knowing where they were going. Thou-
sands started out on the plains without
having the least idea where they would
stop; they launched forth on the track-
less prairies without any location ahead
of which they knew anything; and when
they reached here they settled by revela-
tion; and since then, in our movements,
in our settlements of various localities,
in all our labors at home, going to the
nations of the earth or returning there-
from; in our migrations, in sending out
colonies, and in every variety of labor
which we have performed we claim to
have been guided by the spirit of revela-
tion; and mark, my brethren and sisters,
the wonderful results.

Have we had wealth? Have we had
societies organized to aid us? Have we
had popularity with or popular support
from the nation? No, we have had noth-
ing of the kind. We have stood alone,
with none to aid, sustain, or comfort
but God. Instead of aid from our fellow