man on the earth wherein a message was
sent forth to the human family unless
there was revelation connected with that
message, unless the ministers who bore
that message forth to the human family
were divinely called by revelation, new
revelation I mean. I need not go back
and trace the callings and the gifts of
God unto the patriarchs before the flood,
nor those who lived immediately after
the flood, nor in the days of Moses, nor
in the days of the prophets who followed
Moses; nor in the days of Jesus, nor in
the days of the Apostles. All these are
before the people, the callings and the
gifts that were manifested in those days
among the various dispensations which
God has introduced among the human
family. In all these various dispensations
God has directly spoken from the heav-
ens; he has communicated his will to the
human family. He has raised up revela-
tors and inspired them, he has filled his
servants with the spirit of prophecy, that
they should foretell the future. He has
inspired them to write revelations, and
hence in all these different dispensations
the God of heaven has thus authorized
the children of men to build up his Zion
on the earth, and without these no such
thing as Zion can be built up among the
children of men.

Those persons were not only called
by revelation, but they also were guided
after they were called by the spirit of
revelation in all their travels. Some-
times when they, of their own accord,
would have a disposition to visit a cer-
tain city, town, neighborhood or nation,
the Spirit would speak unto them and
say: "Not so, that is not the place for
you;" and they would be constrained
by the Holy Ghost not to travel in
that direction, but to go to some other
city that same Spirit should des-
ignate and point out to them. Thus
they were guided and directed where
they should go, what they should preach,
what form of doctrine to deliver to the
people, what kind of ordinance to admin-
ister to them; every particular was given
by revelation from the Most High.

Let us stop right here and enquire.
Have there been any Christian denomi-
nations for the last seventeen centuries
that have enjoyed this spirit of divine
revelation? If there have been, then
Zion existed on the earth during the
period this spirit of revelation was en-
joyed. When this spirit of revelation
ceased Zion ceased; when people ceased
to be called by direct revelation, and the
Scriptures ceased to receive any addi-
tional books, then Zion ceased among
the children of men. When mankind
came to the conclusion that their own
wisdom was all-sufficient, independent
of any more revelation, Zion ceased from
off the earth.

How long is it since Zion ceased? For
everybody will admit, among all Chris-
tian denominations, that there has been
no revelation for some seventeen hun-
dred years—among all the Protestants of
the present day, among all the Catholics
that lived before them and that now live,
and among all the different peoples and
nations and tongues that have received
the doctrines of the Catholics, or of the
Greek Church. They all admit that, they
all testify and acknowledge that God has
had no inspired men on the earth since
the days of the Apostles, consequently
he has had no Church on the earth,
for whenever the Church of God exists
there exists prophets and men who are
capable of writing Scripture; there ex-
ists men who have communion and fel-
lowship with God; there exists men to
whom the Lord communicates his will
by the ministration of holy angels and
by his own voice. Therefore when these