to keep the commandments and be
governed by the counsels of God;
and if you are governed by that he
will lead you on from light to light,
from strength to strength, from in-
telligence to intelligence until you
will be exalted among the Gods,
there to rejoice forever and ever.

We have commenced the race and we will
go on and win it; we have commenced
a battle, and we shall triumph, for the
kingdom of God will go on, and no power
can stop it.

May God help us to be faithful in the
name of Jesus, Amen.

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REVIEW OF GOD'S DEALINGS WITH THE PROPHET
JOSEPH—COMING FORTH OF THE BOOK OF
MORMON—GATHERING, ETC.

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Having been requested to address the
congregation this afternoon, I do so with
the greatest cheerfulness. There is one
passage of Scripture I would like very
much to take as a text, if I knew where
to find it. It is somewhere in the book
of Jeremiah or Ezekiel. I have not time
now to look it up, and perhaps it would
be better to take some other text hav-
ing a bearing on the same subject. The
text to which I would like to direct the
attention of the people has reference to
the colonization of this country by one
of the descendants of Zedekiah, king of
Judah. It reads something like this:
"Thus saith the Lord God; I will also
take of the highest branch of the high
cedar, and will set it; I will crop off
from the top of his young twigs a ten-
der one, and will plant it upon an high
mountain and eminent: In the moun-
tain of the height of Israel will I plant it:
and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear
fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under
it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in
the shadow of the branches thereof shall
they dwell."

We read of the fulfillment of this
prophecy in the Book of Mormon; but
because I cannot direct your attention
to the passage, I will read another text,
which will be found in the 11th verse
of the 85th Psalm: "Truth shall spring
out of the earth; and righteousness shall
look down from heaven."

Forty-five years ago this morning
this prophecy, so far as it relates
to "truth springing out of the earth,"
was fulfilled. Forty-five years ago,
early this morning, plates resembling