sengers in the latter days, for and in be-
half of the remnants of the house of Is-
rael, which should fall into a low and de-
graded condition in consequence of the
great wickedness and apostasy of their
ancient fathers; that they should be in-
struments in his hands in bringing these
remnants to the knowledge of the truth.
We hear that these messengers have
come, not in one instance alone, but in
many instances. Already we have heard
of some fourteen hundred Indians, and
I do not know but more, who have been
baptized. Ask them why they have come
so many hundred miles to find Elders of
the Church and they will reply—"Such a
person came to us, he spoke in our lan-
guage, instructed us and told us what to
do, and we have come in order to comply
with his requirements."

Perhaps you may inquire—"May not
this great work, the redemption of these
Indian tribes, take place after we have
returned to our inheritances?" No doubt
but what there will be a great work tran-
spire among the Indians after we do re-
turn; but let me say to you that there will
also be a great work performed among
them before we return to receive our in-
heritances and before the redemption of
Zion. In order to prove this I will read
what Jesus has said further on this sub-
ject. After having foretold a great many
things that should transpire in the latter
days our Lord and Savior also spoke of
that portion of the Gentiles which would
repent and receive this book called the
Book of Mormon, and he makes the fol-
lowing promise unto them—"If they will
repent and hearken unto my words, and
harden not their hearts, I will establish
my Church among them." This the Lord
has done, and the Church now num-
bers over a hundred thousand right here
in this great desert. "I will establish
my Church among them, and they shall
come in unto the covenant and be num-
bered among those of the remnant of Ja-
cob unto whom I have given this land for
their inheritance."

A great many have desired to know
what this means. Are you Mormons go-
ing to be numbered with them and wan-
der about with them in these mountains?
Are you going to hunt as they hunt, and
lead a wild, nomadic, vagabond life as
they do? No. What is the meaning of
it then? The meaning of it is this—the
Lord God made a promise to the fore-
fathers of the Indians, about six hun-
dred years before Christ, that all this
continent should be given to them and
to their children after them for an ev-
erlasting inheritance; and he made a
promise also by the mouth of Nephi,
one of the first colonists who came from
Jerusalem, some twenty-four hundred
years ago, that, when the Gentiles in
the latter days should come forth upon
the face of this land and receive the
records of the descendants of those an-
cient colonists, they should be numbered
with the remnants of Jacob in the in-
heritance of the land. Not numbered
with them to come down to their foolish,
degraded, wicked, warlike customs, but
numbered with them in the inheritance
of the land.

Another thing mentioned in prophecy
is that they, "the Gentiles," shall ass-
ist my people, the house of Israel, the
remnant of Jacob, and also as many
of the house of Israel as shall come,
that they may build a city, which shall
be called the New Jerusalem; and then
shall they assist my people, who are
scattered upon all the face of the land,
that may be gathered in unto the New
Jerusalem; and then shall the power of
heaven come down and be in the midst
of this people, and I also will be in their