doctrines of heavens. We have not char-
ity sufficient to say that that which is
organized by human wisdom is of God,
or that the traditions and command-
ments of men can be substituted for
those of God. Charity does not lead us
to make these assertions. Perhaps you
may inquire—"What evidence have you
then, that the kingdom of God was over-
come, besides the predictions that you
have quoted?" We have this evidence—
in the kingdom of God there were always
inspired Apostles. There is no testimony
in this sacred volume, the New Testa-
ment, that the kingdom of God ever ex-
isted without Apostles in it. Where are
your Apostles inspired of God, modern
Christendom? Where have they been for
the last seventeen centuries of the Chris-
tian era? If you had had Apostles during
that time they would have continued to
exercise the functions and gifts of Apos-
tles: they would have received revela-
tion from heaven, and those revelations
would have been just as sacred as the
revelations that were given to the first
twelve Apostles, and it would have been
just as necessary to have them compiled
in the sacred canon as to compile the rev-
ellations of those who lived in the first
century of the Christian era. This, then,
is a testimony and a very important one
too, that the kingdom that was set up an-
ciently did not continue, but was over-
come, so much so that Apostles had no
existence on the earth, and they have not
had for many long centuries of darkness
that are passed and gone.

Recollect now, that in the New
Testament order of things, given for
the organization of the true Chris-
tian Church, Paul says—"God hath
set in the church, first apostles, sec-
ondarily prophets," &c. Take away,
then, this first officer of the Church,
and say that no Apostles are needed to
inquire of God and receive revelations,
and you do away with the foremost and
most essential member in the kingdom
of God from what you call the Christian
Church. "Secondarily prophets." Who
does not know that for seventeen cen-
turies past the Christian world so-called
has not believed in any prophecy, that
is the foretelling of future events, or in
inspiration from heaven? Who does not
know that all new revelation has been
discarded, not only by the great mother
Church, called the Roman Catholic, but
by the Greek Catholics, and also by all
her descendants, her daughters, the var-
ious Protestant sects? They have all de-
nounced everything in the shape of new
revelation. But the kingdom or Church
of God never did, and it never can, exist
without inspiration and new revelation,
without inspired Apostles and Prophets;
therefore this, besides the predictions
that I have named, proves to every per-
son who believes in the sacred text that
the kingdom of God has not been upon
the earth for a long period of time.

We might go on and show other rea-
sons why it has not been upon the earth.
In order for the kingdom of God to be
upon the earth there must be a continu-
ation of authority. Says one—"Authority
for what?" Authority to administer its or-
dinances. Where that authority ceases
the sacrament cannot be administered;
where that authority ceases no person
can administer baptism, or the laying
on of hands for the baptism of fire and
the Holy Ghost. In fact, where that au-
thority ceases all the ordinances of the
kingdom of God cease. Says one—"Have
they not had the Christian ministry
among the Roman Catholics, among the
Greek Catholics, and among all the