be introduced, that the children may be
more perfectly connected with the fa-
thers of all the former dispensations; and
that the Saints of all former dispensa-
tions may understand the work that is
being done by their children on their be-
half, so that when the heavens shall re-
veal them, they will find things ready
to receive them. Before that time, I
have no doubt, the generation will have
passed away that were living in 1829;
but all things will be added to those reve-
lations that the Lord gave to that gener-
ation, namely, the records of the ancient
Nephites; they existed in great numbers
and are of great importance, records kept
by their Kings, records of the history of
the Nephites for over a thousand years,
records of their proceedings and of the
things that God had revealed to them,
records that were secret, and not permit-
ted to come forth in the days of weak-
ness, records that revealed all things
from the foundation of the world to the
end thereof; records that were kept when
Jesus administered to the Nephites, the
ninety-ninth part of which was not writ-
ten by Mormon, all of which are to come
forth. What for? To teach the Latter-
day Saints how to organize, how to be
prepared for the things that are com-
ing. Then we will know something about
what is termed the United Order, when
we get hold of these records of the expe-
rience of the Nephites for 165 years in
the Order; the experience of the people
of this great western hemisphere, from
the northern to the southern extremity;
they will have left some records of their
acts and doings that cannot fail to be of
great worth to the people of these latter
times.

But first, says the Lord, "I will
try my people; I will perfect them;
I will see whether they will be obe-
dient to my commandments; I will
reveal to them little by little; I will give
them line upon line; I will impart a lit-
tle light upon this subject and upon the
other subject: and if my people shall in-
quire of me, in relation to these things,
then I will teach them still more, giving
them another line and another precept,
I will issue forth another commandment;
but if they do not inquire of me, and their
hearts be found full of covetousness, and
they feel in their hearts to slight these
things which I have given to them, then
I will withhold the greater information;
I will not let them know the law which I
gave to the ancient Nephites; I will with-
hold many things calculated to benefit
them, until they learn the things that
they are already taught. But when they
become obedient students, obedient men
and women of God, obedient to my com-
mandments, hearkening to the voice of
my servants, giving heed to the whisper-
ings of my spirit, doing away with cov-
etousness, then I will reveal more; I will
introduce more and more of the princi-
ples of the United Order, necessary to
govern the people, and to prepare them
for the great day of the Lord, which is to
come."

In the beginning of the dispensa-
tion it is necessary that there should
be chosen vessels, raised up on pur-
pose to bear witness of the things of
God, to lay the foundation, and to es-
ablish the Gospel in the earth. To
do this, it is necessary that these wit-
nesses, though inexperienced, should re-
cieve revelations and administration of
angels, that they may testify, that there
may be sufficient evidence, or sufficient
number of witnesses sent forth, that
the Lord may be justified, in the great
day of judgment, in judging the peo-
ple. But how dangerous it is for peo-
ple to see heavenly visions, and receive
the ministration of angels in their igno-