achieved, Zion will arise and shine, and
then the glory of our God will rest upon
her, then his power will be made mani-
fest in our midst.

You heard this morning a good deal
said, and that very correctly too, in re-
lation to Priesthood and the organization
thereof, and the position we occupy in re-
lation to these matters. You voted yester-
day that the Twelve should be Prophets,
Seers, and Revelators. This may seem
strange to some who do not comprehend
these principles, but not to those who
do. The same vote was proposed by
Joseph Smith and voted for in the Tem-
ple in Kirtland, so long ago as that; con-
sequently there is nothing new in this.
And, as you heard this morning, this is
embraced in the Apostleship, which has
been given by the Almighty, and which
embraces all the keys, powers and au-
thorities ever conferred upon man. I do
not wish to enter into the details of this
matter; you will find them in the Book
of Doctrine and Covenants, very clearly
portrayed, and I refer you there for the
evidences on these points.

You heard too that although the
Priesthood held certain powers and priv-
ileges, the manifestations and powers
thereof were only conferred according
to the exigencies of the case and the
necessities and requirements thereof.
God has conferred upon us these bless-
ings, but here are certain manifesta-
tions and powers that must come di-
rectly from him, and it is the duty
of the Twelve to hunt up, search af-
ter, pray for and obtain them; and it
is also the duty of these Presidents of
Stakes, Bishops, High Priests, Seven-
ties, and all men holding prominent po-
sitions, to seek after and comprehend
God, whom to know is life everlast-
ing. We need, all of us, to humble our-

As has been referred to, the Presi-
dent was operated upon to organize the
Church throughout the Territory more
completely; the Twelve were called upon
to visit every part of the Territory and
organize it, which they have done. There
are now twenty different Stakes fully or-
ganized with their Presidents and Coun-
selors, with their High Councils, with
Bishops and their Counselors, who op-
erate as common judges in Israel, and
with High Priests, Seventies, Elders, and
the lesser Priesthood, that they may
administer in all things in their sev-
eral Stakes under the direction of the
Twelve. As was remarked this morn-
ing, the Church never since the day of
its organization was so perfectly orga-
nized as it is today. What has this been
done for? Is it to place some men in posi-
tions of honor or emolument? No, but it
is to organize the Church and Kingdom
of God according to the pattern that ex-
ists in the heavens, that we may be pre-
pared to comply in all things with the
ordinances of God, for, as we are told,
"In the ordinances, the power of godli-
ness is manifest. And without the or-
dinances thereof, and the authority of
the priesthood, the power of godliness
is not manifest unto men in the flesh;