will not follow, but flee from him for they
know not the voice of strangers." Was
it the Priesthood that did it then? Yes
and no. It was they in obedience to the
commandments of God that went forth,
but it was the power of God in them,
and the power of God operating upon our
hearts that led us to the truth; and had
God not operated with them they could
have done nothing, and unless God had
revealed from the heavens the prin-
ciples of the gathering and the priesthood
and power thereof and sealed that upon
Joseph Smith, and he in turn conferred
the same upon his brethren, they never
could have got this people here, as they
are today. You all know that this is a
fact when you give the matter thought
and reflection. We learn from the Doc-
trine and Covenants that on a certain
occasion Jesus and other heavenly mes-
sengers appeared to Joseph Smith and
Oliver Cowdery, and among them was
Moses, who conferred upon them the
keys of the gathering, which should ex-
tend to all Israel, and also bring back
the ten tribes. And my brethren, let
me say to you, that if the Lord had not
sent us these keys in the manner he did,
you would not be here today. But that
principle was unlocked, and when you
received the Gospel you received it,
because it is a part of the Gospel, and the
consequence was you wanted to gather
and you hardly knew why. You used to
sing the songs of Zion in far-off lands
with much earnestness, and the gath-
ering was the theme of your conversa-
tion and also your preaching, and in your
dreams you have many times seen your-
self among the Saints of God, long before
you managed to get here. The Lord as
we well know has an object in thus gath-
ering his people from among the nations
of the earth, but it would take me too
long to talk about that this morning; suf-
face it to say that the scripture is be-
ing fulfilled, which says, "I will take you
one of a city, and two of a family, and I
will bring you to Zion: And I will give
you pastors according to my heart, which
shall feed you with knowledge and un-
derstanding." And this is why we are
here. He designed that here his Priest-
hood should be organized, that his will
and mind should be made known here
and his power made manifest. And it is
expected that we will not barter away or
trample under our feet this knowledge
when we get it, but use it in a proper
manner; and in order for us to do so we
must comprehend our position and un-
derstand the relationship that exists be-
tween us and God and his kingdom. It
is true our organization has been greatly
perfected of late, but then there needs to
be a great many other developments and
much more willing obedience and sub-
mission to the law and word of God. It
is, "Not every one that saith unto me,
Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom
of heaven; but he that doeth the will of
my Father which is in heaven." Let me
quote a little further. "Many will say
to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we
not prophesied in thy name? and in thy
name cast out devils? and in thy name
done many wonderful works? And then
I will profess unto them, I never knew
you: depart from me, ye that work in-
iquity." Or in other words, you are not
my sheep, I have never approved of your
actions. Who does this scripture refer
to? Is it the unbelieving Gentiles? I
think not; I don't think they can cast
out many devils, at least I never heard
of their having done so, I have never