to do so. The Savior, it will be remem-
bered, gave them a severe rebuke upon
that occasion saying in substance: How
long shall I be with you as a teacher and
you be so thickheaded that you will not
learn these principles which I teach from
day to day? How long shall I suffer you
to be my disciples, and how long shall I
have to be with you as your teacher be-
fore you learn these things? Bring the
boy to me. The father obeyed and by
that power which had been developed
in Christ by obedience to law he com-
manded the unclean spirit to come out
of the tabernacle of the boy and to de-
part from him and it obeyed him. The
disciples felt the rebuke, and when op-
portunity presented itself they asked the
Savior why they could not cast out the
evil spirit. And Jesus answered and said
unto them, "Because of your unbelief: for
verily I say unto you, If ye have faith
as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say
unto this mountain, Remove hence to
yonder place; and it shall remove; and
nothing shall be impossible unto you."
What? I have heard ministers say, yes
you can remove mountains by utilizing a
lot of Chinamen. But shall we thus cur-
tail the power of faith for it is a princi-
ple of power and not simply a volition of
the will. It was by the power of faith
that God created the heavens and the
earth. And if God could by the power of
faith organize these vast planets which
revolve in most perfect order through
space, if, I say, that he could do this by
the power of faith, how great a portion
of that power would it take to remove
the Wasatch range? Not a very large
proportion. Said the Savior to his disci-
plies in answer to their inquiry: "howbeit
this kind goeth not out but by prayer and
fasting." Then we have a clue from the
declaration of the Savior himself as to
how this power is obtained. To believe
only? No. Belief only would be worth-
less; belief followed by works under the
direction of the Holy Spirit, which is the
power of God, brings forth the power of
faith. Have you Elders of Israel
found yourselves in the same condition
as these disciples, when called upon to
perform a similar act, and if you have did
you know the reason why? Learn the an-
swer from the lips of the Savior. Do you
fast and pray according to the ordinances
of this system, through which the power
of God is obtained? If you have not, then
your ministrations were in vain because
you failed to comply with the conditions.
Are the promises to men in an individual
capacity? In one sense, yes; in another,
no. When the conditions prescribed are
complied with, then the fulfillment of the
promises must be forthcoming, for God
cannot lie. Is it the individual that acts
then? No. He is simply the representa-
tive; it is the ministering servant of
God who acts, not in his own name but
in the name of his principal, by virtue of
the power behind the throne. Just the
same as the Judge upon the bench or
the Police upon the street. Do they act
in their own name? No, but are repre-
sentatives of a power from whom they
hold their commissions. So they who
minister in the holy ordinances of the
Gospel, minister not in their own name,
but by virtue of the authority of their
commission. For how can men preach
the Gospel except they be sent, and sent
of God to declare his Gospel, so that their
words may be the words of God to the
people? Then the exhortation of the El-
ders of Israel is, Repent, every one of
you, and be baptized for the remission
of your sins and the promise is that you
shall receive the Holy Ghost, which will