upon this subject, particularly with men
who have jumped at conclusions and who
have reached them without measuring
every step they have taken, without ana-
lyzing the elements of the doctrines they
call in question; but we can say in meek-
ness of heart and in confidence, without
hypocrisy and without a zeal that is not
in accordance with knowledge, but with
a zeal that is being fanned into a glow
that becomes honest men, that we know
our doctrines are of God and the whole
world who oppose its principles lie in the
gall of bitterness and in the bonds of in-
iquity.

I feel grateful, my brethren and sis-
ters, that we have a religion that is self-
sustaining; that we have a faith whose
foundations are God and heaven, whose
bulwarks are immutable, indestructible
truths. We may fight them as did the
ancients; our enemies may fight those
doctrines as did the unbelieving Jews,
and the surrounding unbelieving Sad-
ducees and Pharisees, and the various
discordant faiths, during the ages that
are past; but truth, like the diamond, is
unchangeable in its nature, it is unbe-
dimmed in its own eternal luster. You
may heap upon it the odium of grosser
materials; you may endeavor to con-
ceal it from the gaze of the world or
cover it up in reproach, it is a diamond
still, and like truth, it will one day tri-
umph and conquer, and roll forth in its
own, naked and unborrowed luster and
brightness and vindicate its own claims.
So it will be with the truth of the Gospel
we have embraced. We have received it
from God, and we have but one thing
to fear. I am not afraid of the prej-
udice of the world; I am not afraid of
the influences that are and might be
brought to bear against us by people
and communities or the universal world
who are opposed to the progress of hu-
manity, who are stereotyped in their
views, who make no advancement in
that path of the righteous which shines
brighter and brighter unto the perfect
day; but I fear more for our own ne-
glects, our own selfishness, our own
yielding to the depravities of human na-
ture, our own backslidings from God and
the covenants we have made, than any-
thing else. I have no fear of the final tri-
umph of truth; I do not shake or tremble
while contemplating the results of the
great work which the Lord has recom-
menced in this dispensation, which is
one of the many dispensations which
have preceded it, for God will so conduct
the issues of his work, the labors of His
Priesthood, the operations of His min-
istry and the final consummation of His
purposes as to cause to be torn asunder
all false systems, false politics, false re-
ligions, false philosophy and false bonds
and obligations of society; and in the
place thereof he will fill the earth with
true and correct knowledge. Then every
man in every place shall meet a brother
and a friend; then no man shall have
need to say to his brother, Know ye the
Lord, for all shall know him, from the
least to the greatest. This will be the fi-
nal result; this will be the finish, the con-
summation of the purposes of Jehovah in
perfecting the earth and the sanctifi-
cation of his children who dwell thereon.
They shall no more see as through a
glass, darkly, but face to face; becoming
heirs with God and joint heirs with Jesus
Christ to a kingdom and government in
which dwelleth righteousness and peace.
This will be the final triumph, fight it
who may.

I will conclude my remarks, thank-
ing you for your attention, and feel-
ing pleased for the opportunity of