the Holy Ghost upon the people. When
the Baptist baptized for the remis-
sion of sins he said, "There cometh af-
ter me one mightier than I, the latchet of
whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose.
I indeed have baptized you with water:
but he shall baptize you with the Holy
Ghost." And we read in the New Testa-
ment, in the Acts of the Apostles, that
on a certain occasion when the apostles
were passing through the upper coasts
of Ephesus, they found certain disciples
who had simply been baptized with the
baptism of John, who did nothing but
baptize for the remission of sins, he hav-
ing no authority to lay his hands upon
the people; they had not received the
Holy Ghost. But the apostles had re-
ceived that power and authority from Je-
sus Christ, which He himself held, and
they laid their hands upon these peo-
ple, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Here is the difference, or one point of dif-
ference, between those two priesthoods.
Now this priesthood has not remained
upon the earth, hence the necessity of
restoring it. The only person in Chris-
tendom who professes to have the keys
of the apostolic priesthood is the Pope of
Rome. What is the Pope of Rome? Is he
an apostle? No; he does not profess to be
an apostle. Then how came he to be the
successor of Peter? Peter was an apos-
tle. He held the keys that Christ gave
to him. Christ ordained him. Does the
Pope of Rome profess to have the keys
of revelation? No, he does not profess
to receive any new revelation. He, with
others, sometimes meet in holy Convoca-
tion, as it is called; they meet in council,
they enunciate certain dogmas, but he
does not profess to receive any revelation
from God. What was the great power of
the ancient apostleship? The power to
commune with the Highest. The form of
the apostleship was nothing; the power
was everything. That power departed
from the earth. The people in ancient
times were unworthy of it. They put out
the lights of God which He had placed in
the world, and left themselves in dark-
ness. They cut short the apostles' lives,
and the world was left in the gloom.
They would not have the power and au-
thority of that apostleship in their midst,
and instead of the ancient Church of
Christ with the power of God, with the
ministration of angels, with the gifts and
blessings we read about in the New Tes-
tament, we find arising a church of a
different form, a church that has perse-
cuted the Saints, a church that is stained
with the blood of the innocent, a church
that put people to death for their rela-
gious belief (which the Church of Christ
never did), and yet that church, includ-
ing all the various contending denomina-
tions and sects extant upon the earth, is
called "Christian!"

Now, our testimony to the world is
that God has restored these two ancient
priesthoods—that is, the power to ad-
minister in the name of the Lord by au-
thority, and that the power of God ac-
companies that authority. Here are men
who profess to have the right to admin-
ister the ordinance of baptism for the
remission of sins, who profess to have
the authority to lay hands upon the peo-
ple for the gift of the Holy Ghost. Now,
an impostor might profess to have this
power. Having read about it in the New
Testament, and seeing that the ancient
servants of God possessed such power,
a man might profess to have author-
ity to lay hands upon people for the
bestowal of the Holy Ghost. But an