phets know what God was going to de-
mand of them? No, they could not. And if
they could not, if they were to tell a truth
that God has revealed to them, would
their telling it make it a falsehood? I
think not. It was an unpleasant thing for
a man to rise up and tell the people they
were wrong. To go to our divines—our
right reverend divines—and their follow-
ers and tell them they were all out of the
way! I expect they would be no more
satisfied with such a message than the
same class were with the teachings of
Jesus when he spoke of the Scribes and
Pharisees and called them hypocrites,
like unto whited sepulchers which ap-
peared fair on the outside to men, but
inwardly they were nothing but rotten-
ness and dead men's bones. This was not
very palatable for some of the wise of the
Jews and some of the leading men of that
day who professed such a great amount
of piety. But he came to tell them the
truth, not to speak his own words but
the words of his Father who sent him
and to communicate those great princi-
ples which God had revealed to him.

Well, now, do I believe that Joseph
Smith saw the several angels alleged
to have been seen by him as described,
one after another? Yes, I do. Why
do I believe it? Because I obeyed this
Gospel. And what was there connected
with the obeying of it? What was the
Gospel that he taught? Precisely the
same as that that Jesus and his dis-
ciples taught both on the continent of
Asia and on this continent. What did
he do? Why, says he to his disciples:
"Go ye into all the world and preach
the gospel to every creature." Was he
an enemy of mankind? I think not.
Go unto all the world and tell them of
the love of God to man, preach the
Gospel to every creature, and, "He
that believeth and is baptized shall be
saved; but he that believeth not shall be
damned." What else? "And these signs
shall follow them that believe; In my
name they shall cast out devils; they
shall speak with new tongues; They shall
take up serpents; and if they drink any
deadly thing, it shall not hurt them: they
shall lay hands on the sick, and they
shall recover." Here was something prac-
ticable, something real, something intel-
ligent, something that was worthy of a
God, communicated by the Son of God for
the welfare of the human family.

What have we now? Ideas, notions,
thories, opinions, hypotheses, and all
the various confusion of ideas and no-
tions, but no man to say, "thus saith the
Lord." They used to say, "thus saith the
Lord;" they had the word of God for the
people, and not the opinions and creeds
and notions and fancies of men.

The Lord has restored the same
Spirit by which we know of the truth of
the principles declared by Joseph Smith
and by others. I know it and so do you,
many of you, who hear me. Was it an
injury to the world in the days of Jesus
for his disciples to go and proclaim sal-
vation? I think not. Is it an injury to the
people today for us to proclaim the same
Gospel to the world? I think not. You can
find very few people who will do what
thousands of our elders have done—go
out without purse or scrip to proclaim
the glad tidings of salvation, things that
they not only believe in but know for
themselves before God that they are
true—go out as the friends of mankind
to publish the same Gospel under the
same authority that others had in former