appeared to have more inspiration than
the men and the women of that age, be-
gan to come from the forests towards
the ark, and finally the door was closed.
They must have been prophetic beasts,
beasts that had revelations, beasts that
were able to judge far better than the
world of mankind in that age. The rains
descended, and the earth was covered
with the flood, and we read that Noah
by his testimony condemned the whole
world. What! One witness? One wit-
ness alone condemned the whole world,
and they perished from off the face of
the earth, because one witness was sent
unto them! The Lord has done a lit-
tle better with this generation. He sent
four witnesses before he organized the
Church, and that was not all. There
were other men that had great testi-
mony and evidence given to them; but
they did not see the angel; they did
not see the plates in the hands of the
angel; but what did they see? They
saw this boy have these plates. They
took the plates and handled them them-
selves. They saw the engravings upon
these plates—eight other men, besides
the four I have mentioned—and they tes-
tify to what they saw. They bear witness
in words of soberness, that they did han-
dle the plates with their own hands, that
they did feel the weight of the plates,
that they did observe the engravings
thereon, that they had the appearance
of ancient work and of curious workman-
ship, and they bear testimony to what
their eyes saw and to what they handled
with their hands. Their names, as also
the names of the four that saw the angel,
were attached to this record, when the
first edition of that book was issued from
the press. Twelve witnesses then did
God condescend to raise up immediately
before he organized this Church. Are not
twelve witnesses sufficient to condemn
the world in this age, if one witness con-
demned the world in the days of Noah?
I think that God has been very lenient,
very kind and very merciful in beginning
the work with so many witnesses.

But there seem to be other witnesses
and evidences concerning the correct-
ness and divinity of this book that are far
greater than those I have named. There
is a promise to all the human family, that
is far better than the ministrations of
angels to others. What knowledge does
it give to me, to you, to any other per-
son, among all the nations and kindreds
of the earth, concerning the divinity of
the Book of Mormon, because four wit-
nesses, that lived in some portion of our
globe, state that an angel had come from
heaven? Does that give me a knowledge?
No. Did that impart a knowledge to any
other creature on the face of the globe?
No. Did we not need a knowledge as well
as they? Yes. I have a soul as well as
these four men that must be saved or
must be lost. If that be the case, ought
I not also to have a knowledge concern-
ing my safety as well as they? I think
so. Has the Lord made it impossible for
me to obtain this knowledge? No. The
very message itself in the book, and in
the New Testament, and in the modern
revelations that are given through the
prophet, told me, told you, told all the
people upon the face of this earth, how
they also might obtain a knowledge of
the truth of the Book of Mormon and of
this work. How? By getting a vision or
manifestation from that same God? No.
That we should all have the minis-
tration of angels? No. To some is given one
gift, and to some are given other gifts.
To some it is given to know in one way,