earth and before each other, is very
great. We are called of God; we have
been chosen, we have been ordained as
men who have been called to bear the
priesthood and to attend to the ordi-
nances of the house of God, to preach
the Gospel, to warn this generation, to
build up Zion, to redeem the earth, to
erect temples unto the name of the Most
High God, to redeem the living and the
dead, and to carry out those great pur-
poses which have been foreordained be-
fore the world was. It is a great calling, it
is a great responsibility: and I feel that
we, as servants of God and as elders of
Israel, that we should try in our minds
to comprehend these things.

I reflect a good deal with regard to
our position, as was described to us to-
day by Brother Pratt. It has been my
faith and belief from the time that I was
made acquainted with the Gospel that no
greater prophet than Joseph Smith ever
lived on the face of the earth save Je-
sus Christ. He was raised up to stand
at the head of this great dispensation—
the greatest of all dispensations God has
ever given to man. He remarked on sev-
eral occasions when conversing with his
brethren: "Brethren you do not know
me, you do not know who I am." As
I remarked at our priesthood meeting
on Friday evening, I have heard him in
my early days while conversing with the
brethren, say (at the same time smiting
himself upon the breast), "I would to God
that I could unbosom my feelings in the
house of my friends." Joseph Smith was
ordained before he came here, the same
as Jeremiah was. Said the Lord unto
him, "Before you were begotten I knew
you," etc.

So do I believe with regard to
this people, so do I believe with
regard to the apostles, the high
priests, seventies and the elders of Israel
bearing the holy priesthood, I believe
they were ordained before they came
here; and I believe the God of Israel has
raised them up, and has watched over
them from their youth, and has carried
them through all the scenes of life both
seen and unseen, and has prepared them
as instruments in his hands to take this
kingdom and bear it off. If this be so,
what manner of men ought we to be?
If anything under the heavens should
humble men before the Lord and before
one another, it should be the fact that we
have been called of God.

I believe the eyes of the heavenly
hosts are over this people; I believe they
are watching the elders of Israel, the
prophets and apostles and men who are
called to bear off this kingdom. I believe
they watch over us all with great inter-
est.

I will here make a remark concern-
ning my own feelings. After the death of
Joseph Smith I saw and conversed with
him many times in my dreams in the
night season. On one occasion he and
his brother Hyrum met me when on the
sea going on a mission to England. I
had Dan Jones with me. He received
his mission from Joseph Smith before his
death; and the prophet talked freely to
me about the mission I was then going
to perform. And he also talked to me
with regard to the mission of the Twelve
Apostles in the flesh, and he laid be-
fore me the work they had to perform;
and he also spoke of the reward they
would receive after death. And there
were many other things he laid before
me in his interview on that occasion.
And when I awoke many of the things
he had told me were taken from me, I
could not comprehend them. I have had