agine, by the craft and cunning of
men who understand human nature,
but because we have received the same
spirit. Men who oppose this work—
"Mormonism" as they call it—leave this
matter out of consideration altogether.
In consequence of this they can never
comprehend this work, they cannot dis-
cern the cause of the union of this people;
they cannot account for the work accom-
plished by the Latter-day Saints, in spite
of all the opposition and persecution they
have had to endure. But the real cause of
our union is the Spirit of the living God,
which rests upon us. That Spirit led us
here, and we are here to stay. We are
here to do the work which God designs
shall be done. We are willing to make
any sacrifice—if there be such a thing as
sacrifice—because God Almighty has en-
lightened our minds, because we know
that he lives, that he hears and answers
our prayers and gives us the blessings
we ask for when they are good for us,
and withholds them when they are not;
for like children we are apt to ask for ra-
zers to cut our fingers with. God answers
our prayers when it is wise to grant the
things we desire.

This testimony which we have re-
ceived is not imaginary, it is not a phan-
tom, it is a fact, and the same tes-
timony has been experienced wherever
this Gospel has gone. It is claimed
that Joseph Smith was an impostor. We
say we know that Joseph Smith was a
Prophet of God. The promises he
made have been fulfilled. When the
Elders were sent out to proclaim the
Gospel, they made the promise to all
who should obey it, that they would re-
cieve the testimony I have been talk-
ing about. Could man have bestowed
this testimony? No. But we received
it and we know it came from God, and
as I said before, wherever people have
received this Gospel, this religion that
the Lord has something to do with
personally—they receive the same testi-
mony, and when they seek for the gifts of
the Gospel, they obtain them if they ask
in faith. I speak now of the gifts enu-
merated in the Bible, that were mani-
fested in the ancient Church. They are
now manifested in this Church; for it is
the Church of Christ, and it is estab-
lished on the same basis that it rested
upon in the first place. In the Church
now is the power of the holy Priesthood,
the authority of the Apostleship, and of
all the different offices of the Church,
as was the case in the Church anciently.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-
day Saints is joined to the Church of the
Firstborn behind the veil. This is not
the church of man. The principles we
have received have not sprung from the
brains of men. They have been revealed
from God. This Gospel is now being
preached as a witness to all nations be-
fore the end shall come. Jesus promised
this to his disciples just before his cru-ci-
fixion. He gave a number of signs, "Be-
hold the fig tree, and all the trees; When
they now shoot forth, ye see and know
of your own selves that summer is nigh
at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see
these things come to pass, know ye that
the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."  
"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be
preached in all the world for a witness
unto all nations; and then shall the end
come." This Gospel of the kingdom, the
Gospel that Christ preached, has been
sent down from heaven in our own time,
and is being preached as a witness to all
the world—not preached for hire or pro-
claimed for money; for the Elders go out
without hope of pecuniary reward, in fact