rity of it, that he should lay the founda-

tion of it, that he should set it up. If

we go back to the finding of the records

of the Book of Mormon; if we go back
to that eventful day when God sent his

angels to confirm the divinity of that

record to three other persons; if we go
back to the time of the organization of

this Church, we find that God has in all

these matters spoken himself. We did

did not select the day on which this kingdom

should be organized. Joseph Smith, the

Prophet, did not select the day, but God

pointed out the very day, the very month,
in which this work should be performed.

Hence it is God's work; it was God and

not man that set up this kingdom. Has

there been an authority established in

this Church from the day of its organi-

zation that was established by man's au-

thority? Not one. Every authority in

this Church, however high or however

low, or whatever the nature of the call-

ings might be, whatever the duties of the
callings, God has introduced that author-

ity. We have no record, no minutes in our

Church, where there have been Apos-
tles called and ordained in this kingdom,

by man's authority. It is just what we

might expect. Anything else than this

would not be ascribed to the kingdom of

God. The kingdom of God could not be

set up by man. Man has no right to se-

lect even the day for the organization of

that kingdom. Man has no right to se-

lect the least officer of that kingdom; it

must all come from heaven. It was said

that such a kingdom should be set up.

It was set. It was set up according to

the mind of God, according to his own

mind, not according to the whims and

notions of sectarian, or any theologians,
or any learned man, but according to the

mind of the great Jehovah. We have

seen the progress of this kingdom. We

have seen what God has accomplished
during the last 51 years. We have seen

his hand made manifest. We have seen

the kingdom organized, not to dwell in

the place of its particular organization,

and the people be scattered all over the

world like sectarianism, but a kingdom

that should gather together the sons and
daughters of God, according to the pre-
dictions of the ancient prophets into one

place upon the face of our globe, to pre-
pare them for the mighty events and oc-
currences that should take place when

he should accomplish that work. And

how marvelous it is to see the hun-
dreds and hundreds of vessels that have

crossed the ocean, the mighty ocean, in

perfect safety, bringing the Saints of God
to their destined haven, to rejoice in one

body, in one place, in one region in the

mountains of Israel, the great backbone

of the western hemisphere, if we may so

term it. This is all to fulfil prophecy.

But I must not enlarge upon this sub-
ject. How happy I feel that I am once

more, after having been brought so low,

so near the gates of death—how happy

I feel that I am permitted once more to

lift up my voice before you. I do not

know that I can make you all hear, but I

trust that my voice will be strengthened,

I trust that my body will be strength-

ened, I trust that my mind—if it has

been weakened at all by sickness—may

also be strengthened, and that I yet

may have the humble privilege of lift-
ing up my voice and testifying, before

thousands of people in these mountains,

if not abroad among the inhabitants of

the earth, of God's power. It is a day in

which he has commenced to perform a