this they pass the greater portion of their
time from under the influence of their
parents and teachers, and are kept in ig-
norance of the rudiments of learning and
of the principles of moral rectitude, and
are exposed to the pestilential influences
of evil, and to the temptations of those
who are older and more experienced in
the nefarious practice of stealing and
running off horses and cattle. They learn
to gamble, to steal, to blaspheme the
name of God, to lie, to chew and smoke
tobacco, and drink whiskey, while they
are in the bush herding our stock. Some
of the sons of our citizens have come to
a premature grave because they would
steal, and, if the truth were known, this
fatal practice can, in almost every case,
be traced to have found its origin in them
when they were herd boys. They then
learned to skillfully throw the lasso, they
became helps to older thieves for a tri-
fling bribe, until finally they by degrees
became lost to all self-respect, refused to
labor for an honest livelihood, having im-
bibed the idea that they could live eas-
ier by stealing, became a pest to soci-
ety, and prematurely met a felon’s fate.
We are the guardians of our children;
their training and education are commit-
ted to our care, and if we do not our-
selves pursue a course which will save
them from the influence of evil, when we
are weighed in the balance we shall be
found wanting, and the sin will be laid
at our doors.

Let good schools be established
throughout all the settlements of the
Saints in Utah. Let good teachers, who
are Latter-day Saints in principle and at
heart, be employed to educate our chil-
dren. A good school teacher is one of
the most essential members in society; he re-
lieves parents, in part, of a great respon-
sibility and labor; we should, therefore,
make the business of school teaching

a permanent institution, and the remu-
ereration should be in amount and in
kind equal to the receipts of our best me-
chanics; it should also be promptly and
willingly paid, and school commissioners
and trustees should see to it that teach-
ers are properly qualified and do earn
their pay. Could I have my wish, I would
introduce into our system of education
every real improvement, for all the great
discoveries and appliances in the arts
and sciences are expressly designed by
the Lord for the benefit of Zion in the
last days, and would be for the benefit
of all mankind if they would cease to
be wicked, and learn to acknowledge the
hand of God in all things.

The Saints of God should be self-
sustaining. While they are laboring to
gain the mastery over themselves, to
subdue every passion and feeling of their
nature to the law of Christ; while they
are striving to possess the Holy Ghost
to guide them every moment of their
lives, they should not lose sight of their
temporal deliverance from the thralldom
which has been thrown around them
by the traditions of their fathers and
the false education they have received
in the nations where they were born
and reared. In Utah territory they are
well located for variety of climate suit-
able to the production of materials nec-
essary to gratify every reasonable want.
So far as we have learned the resources
of the country, we are satisfied that we
need not depend upon our neighbors
abroad for any single necessity of life,
for in the elements around us exists ev-
ery ingredient of food and raiment; we
can be fed with the daintiest luxuries,
and can be clothed almost equal to the
lilies of the field. Cotton and fruits
tropical climes can be grown to per-
fection and in abundance in the south-
erm portions of Utah, while cereal crops,
flax, wool, silk, and a great variety of