eternity, that we may come forth in the
great hereafter and become associated
with the Gods of eternity. What do the
world know about all this? Simply noth-
ing.

I have been absent from home about
eighteen months; during that time I
have attended meetings in England
among the different Conferences; I have
been to Scandinavia on a short visit, and
have been engaged in the Office at Liver-
pool in the publishing department a por-
tion of my time. I felt exceedingly to re-
joice in my labors, and had pretty good
health, for me, as a general thing; al-
though I have felt as though I could have
done more if my health had been better.
I felt to regret that I could not do half as
much as I wanted to do; this was the only
feeling of regret which accompanied me
on my return. I have not accomplished
half as much as I would liked to have
done. It seems a long way to travel, con-
siderable time spent in coming and go-
ing, for so short a mission, but with me
it is all right to go or to stay; so long as I
am useful in the Church and kingdom of
God, it does not matter to me where my
time is spent as long as I live.

The joy and gladness which I feel in
meeting with my brethren again in this
place is inexpressible. Some of them
have told me that they intended to give
an expression of their gladness at my re-
turn, and were disappointed at my en-
tering the city sooner than they expected
I would. I will take the will for the
deed; the good feelings which prompted
the wish to do that I think more of than
any manifestation or demonstration that
might have occurred. I know there exists
in the bosoms of my brethren towards me
a good and genial feeling that mingles
with the feelings in my own breast. I re-
alize that I have the faith and prayers of
my brethren, and have realized their effi-
cacy in many dangers, both by sea and
by land, while I have been traveling to
preach the Gospel, while I have been
writing, while I have been afflicted in
sickness, and while I have had difficul-
ties to overcome. In all these circum-
stances I have felt buoyed up by that
feeling which beats responsive in your
hearts and my own. I have had the ben-
efit of your prayers and appreciate them;
they have been answered upon my head,
and this is a living testimony to me, also,
that your prayers are heard, and that
you have learned how to approach God in
an acceptable manner to find favor in his
eyes, and have your prayers answered.
My health is much better; the journey to
Europe has done me good, and God has
done it. This is His work, and we are His
people.

We talk about having done this and
that; but it is the Lord who has done
it, and we are merely instruments in his
hands of accomplishing His purposes in
the earth. It is a great honor to be an
instrument in the hands of God of es-
tablising His kingdom, and of bringing
forth His purposes in the last days. The
Saints are based upon the eternal rock
of truth and they will stand when the
refuge of lies is swept away; they are
those who will be found wise in their
generation, and with oil in their lamps,
and they will be the ruling and govern-
ing class of mankind; they will possess
the earth, and the kingdom under the
whole heavens will be given unto them.

If we read the Bible we find that
God has placed in His Church Apos-
tles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, gifts,
and blessings for the edifying of the
Saints and the work of the min-
istry, etc.; but the religious world in
the 19th century say that these are
all done away; they are satisfied to
read about what the ancients enjoyed,
and go hungry and naked themselves.