only pay them; but the great cry now is—
“We cannot afford to teach school, for the
wages is too low, and low as it is we cannot
get it when it is earned.” This is the great
difficulty among us in this matter, and it
has always been a crying evil. It has no
need to be so; we should pay our school
bills among the first things we pay.

If we wish to have teachers for our chil-
dren let us sustain them. And we should
sustain our own publications, which incul-
cate the principles of truth and righ-
teousness, in preference to any others
which may be brought into our midst.
There are other works that are good,
against which I do not wish to say any-
thing; but let us first sustain our own
works, which are exclusively devoted to the
spread of the principles of truth. The Lord
has undertaken to raise the standard of
truth in the earth through the instrument-
tality of His servants, and it is the duty of
the Saints to sustain those works which
have the dissemination of truth for their
only object. We send forth Elders to the
nations of the earth, as messengers of salva-
tion to the people; and while we sustain
those who go to proclaim the gospel, let us
also sustain the printed word.

Enough has been said on this subject,
and I do not wish to recapitulate. Let us
pay our tithing, and do all we can to sus-
tain the servants of God. And in paying
our tithing we should not forget our
money tithing. We hear considerable about
hard times, so far as money is concerned;
they who are endeavoring to sustain
the work of God feel the pressure as much
as anybody else. Let us contribute our
mites to assist; if we have not much let us
give a portion for that purpose—be free
and liberal. What have we to do but to ac-
complish our mission in building up the
Kingdom of God? I know of nothing else
that is worth the attention of the Latter-
day Saints. Then let us do this with all our
faith, might, and means, and be united as
the heart of one man in sustaining what-
ever is brought before us by those who are
placed over us to lead, guide, and direct
our labors.

Has not the Lord the right to dictate the
earth and its inhabitants? Most assuredly,
He has; and it would be a great blessing for
the people if they would allow Him to do
so. We who have come here have said we
are willing to be dictated by the Lord
through His servants; then let us make it
our business to be so as long as we dwell in
the flesh, the more especially as we expect
to reap the rewards and benefits that will
result from such a course. If we expect the
blessings of heaven we should take a course
that will draw them down upon us, for
they will most assuredly be ours as fast as
we can make good use of them. If we are
only true to ourselves, and are faithful to
the end, our reward will be such that we
will have no need to complain of it. And
even while we pass along through life, the
course of the Latter-day Saint is more con-
ducive to happiness and peace than that of
any other individual on the face of the
earth.

Let us not be disheartened nor discour-
age, but press onward in the good work
which we have espoused. Our minds have
been lit up with the principles of life and
salvation and the truths of heaven; then let
us cleave to those principles with full pur-
pose of heart, keeping God’s commands,
and walking blamelessly before him in
all things every day of our lives. We shall
thus accomplish our mission in the King-
dom of God, and eventually be welcomed
into the presence of our Redeemer, which,
I hope, will be the lot of every Latter-