strength was made for, and not let their
giant power wilt away in the shadow
of a store. However these are things
yet to come. It is not my design to
offer many remarks, but merely as an
introduction to the conference, to ex-
press my faith. I know that this is
the work of God, and that all the ef-
forts of wicked men to trample it under
foot will be vain. I know the Lord has
commenced his great work of the latter
days, and that Zion will triumph. This
is my testimony. I am not talking what
I guess at, what I imagine or what I
think, but what I verily know—God has
revealed it unto me. Brethren, if you
have not this knowledge within your-
selves, seek it of the Lord by obedience
to his laws, by observing his counsel, by
walking in his ordinances, by laboring
for the upbuilding of Zion, and you will
obtain it, and it will be like a well of wa-
ter springing up in your hearts unto ev-
erlasting life.

May the blessing of Israel’s God be
and abide upon you forever and ever.
Amen.

OUR SCHOOLS.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT GEORGE A. SMITH, DELIVERED IN THE NEW TABERNACLE,
SALT LAKE CITY, MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, 1872.

REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

I am gratified in the enjoyment of
the privilege of continuing our Confer-
ence, and rejoice in the instructions and
testimonies of the Elders which have
been given during the two days past.
There are a few subjects I feel anx-
ious to lay before the brethren and sis-
ters. I should be glad, had I strength
and opportunity, to explain many things
more minutely. I feel that God is with
us, but that a great and fearful respon-
sibility rests upon our heads. In or-
der that we may be prepared to en-
joy the blessings of our high and holy
calling we should be diligent, humble,
faithful, and constantly unite our pow-
ers of mind to magnify our Priesthood.

One great responsibility which rests
upon us is the education of our chil-
dren—the proper forming of their
minds and understandings, not only in
the ordinary branches of education, but
in the principles of our holy religion.

I understand from the reports of Mr.
Robert L. Campbell, Superintendent of
common schools for the Territory, that
there are about thirty thousand school
children in the Territory, between the
ages of four and sixteen.

Our golden browed neighbors here
in Nevada, who have for several
years enjoyed all the benefits and
blessings accruing to common schools