which I would wish to avoid. As I am not
here to deliver a political speech I shall
not, of course, undertake to explain what
these are. I will simply refer you to cer-
tain little difficulties that have occurred
in neighboring States in relation to the
handling of school funds, and other im-
portant items, which show the delicacy
of these matters unless they are in the
hands of the most reliable men, who are
absolutely responsible to the people by
whom they are appointed and elected.

I feel satisfied, notwithstanding this
good record, that there is a very great
necessity for the minds of many people
to be stirred up in relation to the ed-
ucation of their children, the building
of good, healthy, well-ventilated school-
houses, and the sending of the children
to school, providing suitable books and
seats. I remember once, in a new coun-
try, going into a schoolhouse, and find-
ing the children packed almost like her-
rings in a box, some on the floor, some
on seats, little fellows with short legs sit-
ing on high benches, and all breathing
air that, perhaps, might not inaptly be
compared to that of the black hole of Cal-
cutta. A couple of men, ignorant even of
the most simple principles of ventilation,
were laboring to teach these children,
and I have sometimes taken the liberty
to carry a carpenter's saw into a school
to saw off the legs of the benches to make
them a proper height to correspond with
the length of the children's legs, for I do
despise the idea of putting small chil-
dren upon a high bench and large chil-
dren upon a low one. I am very fond
of seeing straight, erect, well-formed
boys and girls, and in three months a
little inattention on the part of teach-
ers, trustees, and school superinten-
dents in matters of this kind, will crook
the necks, crook the backs, weaken the
stomachs, produce deformity, lay a foun-
dation for consumption, and shorten
the children's lives ten years. I sug-
gest to the brethren from all parts of the
Territory—go into your school-
rooms, measure the children's legs, if you
please, and the benches, and see how
they correspond. See whether the lit-
tle fellows sit up straight, or humped
up as if they were trying to imitate the
back of a camel or dromedary, and give
particular attention to the manner in
which the schoolrooms are ventilated.
Do not deprive the little fellows of the
most necessary and the cheapest of all
elements—atmospheric air, in its purity,
and thereby sow in their systems the
seeds of premature death.

There are many persons come into
the Territory who do not speak the En-
GLISH language. I think more institu-
tions should be got up in all the neigh-
borhoods to encourage the learning of
our tongue. I know young people gen-
erally learn it pretty quickly; but as the
laws and most of the public speeches are
made in the English language, it is im-
portant even in Welsh, Danish, Swedish,
Norwegian, German and French settle-
ments, that the language in which law
and justice are administered, and in
which public meetings are generally con-
ducted, should be well and properly un-
derstood.

It occurs not only with some of the
foreign emigration, but with some other
persons, that they fail to appreciate
the necessity of education, and of send-
ing their children to school. Good and
wholesome influences, exercised through
teachers, Elders and Bishops, should
be brought to bear on all this class
of people, to show them the impor-
tance of educating their children. There
are Elders who seem willing and ready
to take missions to the most distant