talk about the Primaries, and tell us how
the little children are getting along. It
seems hard to get it into the heads of
some of the parents as well as some of
the Bishops to realize the importance
of teaching and instructing these young-
sters, some seem to consider it the sole
duty of the Primary Associations, while
others think it the duty of the parents
only to see after them. Now, I think we
miss it in trying to thus shirk the re-
ponsibility. I think we should all try
to understand more perfectly the worth
of souls. Oh, if the sisters and brethren
that have the charge of these little Pri-
mary Associations could only realize that
every little child is a gem that they are
called upon to polish, to cut, to refine, to
shapen, to burnish, to fit and prepare to
stand in the diadem of its father's crown.
This is the way in which we ought to
look at these small but precious jewels.
We should assist the little ones to grow
up to be mighty men of Zion, that shall
come up to teach Senators wisdom, re-
buke strong nations, though they may be
far off and become a wholesome terror to
the ungodly.

As Apostles, as Bishops, as High
Priests, as Elders, as well as fathers
and mothers, we need to get more of the
spirit of this great work in all its differ-
ent branches, and keep it with us; al-
ways have a blessing to dispense; ev-
erywhere a word of comfort and conso-
lation to bestow. We should seek for
the Spirit of God and get that measure
of it that will bear us up, that they
will make us feel the cares of life are
trivial; that will sustain us under ev-
ery circumstance. We can bear won-
derful trials; we can live though and
outgrow them and look back on them
and wonder how we passed through
them, realizing that we never could
have done so but for the help of God that
sustained us in it. Then give Him the
glory.

Every officer, then, in the Church
should be full of blessing to his fellow
man. Only think how many patriarchs
there are. They should feel to bless all
around. No doubt they do, sealing upon
those to whom they administer the bless-
ing of eternal life in perpetuity.

The school that we are being edu-
cated in is a strange one. You cannot
pick up the Bible and find anything that
is like it. In ancient days, when there
was a warfare, it was a warfare of car-
nal weapons, many times. Not so, in our
days; and as if the Lord were determined
to put carnal weapons far away from us,
He even permitted the Gubernatorial or-
der preventing us carrying firearms with
which to celebrate the 4th of July, and
then, on the top of that, He has given
us the abundant testimony of peace all
around, even with the hostile natives. Is
not this an overwhelming testimony that
the Lord wants us to work with the other
class of weapons—the sword of His Holy
Spirit, the power of eternal truth—the
ammunition that wants to be kept alive,
active and burning in our hearts.

When we come to contemplate this
matter, our warfare is entirely in another
direction, it has to be carried on and ac-
complished by the power of faith. We
have to contend for our liberties and the
rights of the people before the courts,
wherein we strive to maintain the Con-
stitutional rights to which we are enti-
tled, both civilly and politically. We have
not gone to the authorities that are over
us in the nation and supplicated them
saying: 'Will you please give us some
extraordinary liberties or privileges—we