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### ADDRESS TO THE SAINTS.

BY PRESIDENT S. W. RICHARDS.

THE Seventh General Epistle of the First Presidency, published in the last number of the *Star*, contains counsel and instruction of the utmost importance to the Saints scattered abroad, and we wish to call the particular attention of those in the British Isles to it. Nothing has ever gone forth to the Saints in this dispensation more suited to their condition than the document to which we refer, and never have the people of God been better prepared in their feelings to receive such a godly message, than they are at the present time.

In this Epistle we behold the condition of a people portrayed, of whom it may almost be said—they know not want; a people who feel the power of God in their midst, imparting to them, according to their capacity, a fullness of enjoyment of heavenly and earthly blessings. Peace and plenty abound with them; therefore, with propriety the call is renewed for the Saints to gather home by tens of thousands. This call applies more especially to the Saints of the British Isles, and they must respond to it. We are satisfied that they do respond to it in *feeling* already, but something more must be done; they must respond to it in action also, the work itself must be performed, or the Saints in Babylon will never be delivered from bondage.

How great the contrast between the glorious echo of salvation that is heard from yonder mountains, and the cry of the world for gold that has drowned the nobler qualities of men, and exposed their cupidity and avarice in bold relief. The Lord's anointed ones who have prepared all things ready, cry for the souls of men, especially those of the humble poor, that they may go to the valleys of the mountains, and there obtain the blessings of the earth, and the riches of eternity. They ask not for the gold and the silver to be brought to Zion, until *all the faithful poor* are first presented there as an offering to the Lord. In this we recognize the fervent breathings of holy men, under the inspiration of the Almighty, pleading the cause of the poor and the needy who seek after the beauty of Zion. It is a manifest indication of the care they have for the salvation of a degenerate world, and is calculated to fill the hearts of the upright and the faithful with joy, peace, and comfort, and the hopes of future blessedness.

Who is to do this work, and how are the poor to be gathered, if those who have gold and silver will not consent to appropriate their riches for the accomplishment of these things? When Jesus was upon the earth, his language was, "How oft would I have gathered you together, &c., but ye would not." Now is the day that the rich among God's people can do the work that Jesus sought to do, if they will, for the people are now willing and anxious to receive the temporal deliverance which it is in the power of the rich to grant them; and now, O ye rich Saints, the poor begin to look upon you as capable of being their temporal saviors, and they will consider you as such in proportion to the blessings you bestow upon them. Where is the heart, not dead to pity, that has the power, and will not follow the example of his Savior Jesus Christ, and seek to gather the Lord's people, when so emphatically called upon as at the present time? The spring of 1853 will furnish an answer to this question, and proclaim abroad who is on the Lord's side; for the secrets of men's hearts will be revealed by their actions.

This call of the First Presidency is timely to the Saints in Britain; and all who have property, and feel inclined now to work righteousness, should make it their first great work to prepare by

another season to gather to Zion, and to commence in time to dispose of their property, converting it into money, and to wind up all their business in this land, so that they may without fail have all their means under their own control before this present year closes. It is far better to commence in suitable time to wind up business, than to do it in haste at a great sacrifice of means, which might be used to bless the poor.

We expect the Presidents of Conferences will turn their attention to this subject, and let no man under their Presidency feel that he is walking in the commandments of the Lord blameless, if he will not from henceforth set his face toward Zion, and use all just means to rise up and go out of Babylon. We do not expect men who are constantly in the ministry to leave their posts without permission from the respective Presidents, or from us. But we wish all the Presidents of Conferences to make themselves acquainted with all the Saints under their watch care who have a desire to gather to the mountains, and who can be in Liverpool next January with £10 per head for themselves and families; and we wish the Presidents to report to us by the first of November next, the number of such Saints in their respective Conferences, and the true amount of their means, where it exceeds £10 per head. By forming the Saints into companies, and placing their collective means in the hands of a wise and experienced man, so that they can be expended to the best advantage, and for the general good of the respective companies, we anticipate the £10 per head will suffice to remove to the Valley next season all who are thus prepared, and who are willing to do it. But we do not recommend the Saints to think of starting with that amount of means only, if they purpose to control the expenditure of it themselves individually. Much can be accomplished by a *unity of means and effort* which *individual enterprise* would fail to perform.

Let all who can, arise and go forth next season, and tarry no longer in these lands; for the day has already come when the Saints have to go up to Zion amidst that pestilence and the desolating scourge, and these difficulties will increase peradventure, until none shall be able to go but the pure in heart, those who have kept all the commandments of God, and can in the full assurance of the Holy

Ghost claim the protection of heaven. The great day of the Lord is near at hand, and let the Saints haste to prepare for that day, for it is a day in which the cry shall be heard, Woe, woe, unto the inhabitants of the earth; a day in which shall be heard wailing and lamentation because of the fierce anger of Him that shall sit upon the throne to execute judgment among men, when the time of his tender mercies shall be past, and when He will laugh at the calamities of the wicked, and mock when their fear cometh.

In consideration of what is so near at hand we would exhort all the Saints to live near to their God, and know that they possess his favor. Let the poor who cannot see their way open before them, pray unto God in much faith, that He will soften the hearts of the rich to appropriate of their means for the gathering of those who have not means, and also that he will give influence and wisdom unto his servants, to provide for the salvation of his people in all their temporal as well as spiritual interests; and while the poor plead earnestly their own cause before God, who can turn the hearts of the children of men to favor His sons and daughters, others in higher courts will also plead in their behalf, and fervently espouse their cause. Let the Saints be diligent in keeping all the counsels of the Lord, being full of blessing and not of cursing. Seek to build each other up, and not to pull each other down; let envyings and jealousies be done away, that the love of God may abound to the good of all.

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#### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

*Of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, held in the New Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City, April 6, 1852, at ten o'clock in the morning, President Brigham Young presiding.*

[Continuation of the Prayer on page 243.]

BLESS with the same blessings all thine Elders of every quorum who are absent upon foreign missions to the nations and islands of the sea afar off. May the quickening power of thy Spirit rest upon them, and their words be like fire, sinking deep into the minds of their hearers; may their testimony be as the sea that is broken up, roaring and rolling with no rest, until the voice that spake as never man

spake, shall say, Peace, be still; when all the honest in heart shall have listened to the whisperings of the spirit of our God, and learned the way of life and salvation. Bless all the families of thine absent servants.

O, Lord bless the High Priests quorum, and the quorums of the Seventies of thy people; yes, the Presidents thereof, with their Counselors, and all the members that are striving in their warfare to overcome the world and its evils, and are endeavoring to roll back the curtain which has enshrouded the earth in darkness, and the minds of the people in bigotry, superstition, ignorance, and sin, until wickedness covered the face of the whole earth, and there was none found thereon to walk in righteousness before thee, but all were walking in the precepts of men, and in the vain imaginations of their own hearts. O Lord God Almighty, we pray thee in the name of Jesus, to inspire thy servants, the High Priests, and Seventies, with the influence of thy Holy Spirit; pour it out upon them to great effusions; may they gird up their loins, and renewing their strength from the fountain of light and intelligence, which thou art spreading forth, come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and wax strong in the cause of our God, to the utter overthrow of all his enemies, even to the downfall of Satan's dominion; that the kingdom of our God and His Christ, may be established upon an everlasting foundation, never more to be taken from the earth.

Bless, O Father, the Elders quorum, and awaken them to a sense of their great responsibilities. May they all partake of like blessings with their brethren. May they arise in power, and walk forth in the strength of Israel's God to the faithful performance of their duties, and qualifying themselves for the work of God, putting on the armor of righteousness, may they be prepared to fight the good fight of faith, and wield the sword of the spirit to the convincing of multitudes, who shall become partakers in this holy ministry, and be ready to go forth in their time and season, and labor in the vineyard.

Bless the Presiding Bishop, with his Counselors, assistants, and all the members of the Bishop's quorum. O Father, thou knowest their labors, and the faithfulness which they have manifested in thy cause, and in the discharge of their duties. The overflowings of thy storehouse speak in their behalf, as well as the liberality of thy Saints; and as they have manifested by their labors, a willingness and desire to observe the counsel of thy servants, and to build up and roll forth thy kingdom, we pray thee to acknowledge their ministrations, and bless them with every blessing pertaining to thy faithful servants; and may they have every enjoyment emanating from a faithful and acceptable performance of their several duties before thee and thy servants, that they and their household may never lack for any good thing.

Regard in tender mercy, O our Father, thy servants of the Priests quorum, with their President and his Counselors; and thy servants of the Teachers quorum, with the President and his Counselors; also the President and Counselors and members of the Deacons quorum; that they all in their several callings may lift up their heads like men of God and work righteousness, instructing thy Saints continually in their several duties, and ministering in those things pertaining to their high and holy callings. May they be filled with the Holy Ghost, and perform a great and glorious work in the midst of thy people Israel.

Grant that thy blessings may be propitious toward this Stake of Zion; its President and his Counselors, and the High Council thereof. May they be men after thine own heart, quick to discern between good and evil; filled with the spirit of the Presidency, and of counsel, of justice and judgment, that the hearts of the people may be made glad, and that they may rejoice in all the administrations of thy servants. And may all the Presidents, Counselors, High Councils, and Stakes of Zion, in all the valleys of the mountains, be partakers of like blessings.

Have mercy upon thy servants who labor upon the public works, and are striving continually to build up thy kingdom, whether in the various offices and shops, or by the wayside. Bless them with the refreshing effusions of thy Spirit, that they may have joy of heart continually; bless them in their bodies, that they may have health and strength; bless their tools, and their shops, and everything that they put their hands unto, and that is round about them, even all that pertains to the general welfare of thy people. May the ground of this *block* be preserved holy unto the Lord, and the time be hastened when its walls and gates shall preserve it from all unhallowed intrusions; when fountains shall come forth thereon, for the cleansing and purifying, and healing of thy people; and when a house shall be reared unto thy name, from which the ordinances of eternal life shall flow forth to the living and the dead, and the whole shall become a paradise in Zion, even as the garden of the Lord.

Bless all thy people in these valleys of the mountains; may thy Spirit dwell richly within them; and may they serve thee in spirit and in truth; may they cleave unto thee with full purpose of heart, never failing to acknowledge thee in all things, and give thanks and praise unto thy holy name. Wilt thou multiply their posterity, that they may become a great people, and increase their flocks and their herds, and their farms, and their gardens, and their orchards and vineyards, and houses, and shops, and factories, and everything they shall stretch forth their hands to do. May the earth yield its increase without measure unto thy people, that there may be abundance in store for all who shall come hither, to learn more fully the way of life and salvation, and for the sustaining of the public works. Wilt thou grant this rich blessing unto thy people, even that they may never be slothful, or grudgingly tithe their increase, for the upbuilding of thy kingdom, and the spread

of thy Gospel on the earth. Bless and preserve thy people from all evil influences, from all untimely and false judging, from all evil thinking and speaking, from all enemies within and without; may their enemies have no power over them, to prevail against them, or to injure them in their persons, families, or property.

Bless thy servants who have gone to gather up thy people in Pottawattamie, and lead them to this place; give them wisdom and power to accomplish their mission to thy divine acceptance. In an especial manner would we remember before thee, O our Father, thy children who may attempt to walk across the *prairies* this season, with handcarts, and *wheelbarrows*, pitching their tents by the way, or having naught but the heavens for a covering. Be very merciful unto all such, and increase their faith; may thy strength be their strength, and may they be invigorated continually by thine almighty power, that every bone, and sinew, and nerve, and every part of their bodies may be renewed, day by day, that their strength fail not. May they have such a power given unto them, that nothing but thine angels can go before them. May no enemy have any dominion over them, or any accident befall them. Provide food for them by the way, even if it needs be manna from heaven, as thou didst unto our fathers in the wilderness. May disease and death have no power over them, but may every soul arrive safely in our midst, to unite with us in songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God for his great and merciful kindness unto them.

Have compassion upon thy people, O Lord, who are scattered among the nations, and desire to gather according to thy word, but have not the means. Open the hearts of those who have, to impart unto those who have not, that the rich and the poor may journey together, according to thy will. And may all who are now on their way, or may be coming this season, whether by land, or water, with horses, or mules, or oxen, or wagons, or chariots, or by any means whatever, experience thy blessings, that they may be delivered from all evil, and arrive in safety, that the rich valleys of the mountains may be filled with the Saints of the Most High.

Bless the Governor of this Territory, with the Legislators, Judges, *Marshals*, Sheriffs, and all in authority among the people; and may the spirit of love, obedience, union, and peace prevail. May the lawyers not have power to stir up strife and contention, and lawsuits in our midst, and may the spirit of peace and conciliation be cultivated by all in authority.

May the Delegate from Utah, now in the Congress of the nation, be clothed upon with the spirit and the power of Elijah's God, that he may put to silence the tongues of evil men; may all the enemies of our God be confounded before him; may the wisdom of heaven be his, to lead and guide him in every emergency; may he never be confounded or put to silence or fear, but may he feel that God is with him, and that he will bring him off conqueror over every foe. May

he stand forth triumphant in the midst of the nation, clothed with the principles of eternal truth and rectitude; may his daily walk be an example to the world, and all with whom he associates, so proving himself a friend of God, and a man after his own heart, seeking diligently to know thy mind and will, and yielding humble obedience thereunto.

We pray for the President of the United States, for the heads of departments, for the members of Congress, and all those in authority over us. May they have wisdom to discern the signs of the times, and administer in righteousness in their respective callings, in their high and responsible stations; may they love mercy, deal justly, and seek knowledge, wisdom, and judgment from Him whose right it is to rule, and become subservient to His holy teachings. O Holy Father, may no evil spirit be suffered to prejudice their minds against us, thy servants, or thy people, or cause them to seek our injury; buy may the good influences of thy Spirit control them in all their acts towards thy people, and towards all thy people over whom they preside, or for whom they legislate, that the pure principles of our national institutions may be perpetuated forever.

Bless all the governments and rulers of the earth, who bless thy people and protect thy servants; and overthrow all thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, and governments that fight against thy cause and thy servants; that the way may be opened for the spread of eternal truth, even the Gospel of salvation, to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people that dwell upon the face of the whole earth; and that thy servants may have access to the honest in heart everywhere.

Vouchsafe unto thine ancient covenant people, O Lord, the renovating spirit of thy grace, that they may be prepared to receive their promised inheritance, and be gathered from among all nations, whither thou hast scattered them, and may they become polished even after the similitude of a palace, and become fit temples for the reception and indwelling of thy Holy Spirit.

Remember, O Lord, in mercy, thine ancient covenant people who inhabit this land, even the seed of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. Give unto thy Saints the spirit of patience and forbearance, that they may act wisely, and justly in all their intercourse with them. Be merciful unto them, O our Father, in their ignorant, degraded, and miserable condition, inflicted on them as a living witness of thy righteous judgments; yet remember, we beseech of thee, our Heavenly Father, that they are of thine ancient covenant people, and to them pertain the promises made unto their fathers; and we pray thee, that their past experience in drinking of the cup of thy displeasure may suffice, and that thou wouldst now stretch forth thine arm for their deliverance from the darkness, superstition, and ignorance that reign in their souls. Give unto them dreams



and visions, and revelations by thy Spirit, that they may see their degraded condition, and the blessings which are in store for them through the obedience of their fathers, that they may search after thy servants, and receive their teaching, and the teachings of thy Spirit; that they may be enlightened in principle, in doctrine, and in duty, and learn the way of life and salvation, which their fathers knew and loved, but lost through transgression; that they may again become a white and delightsome people in the midst of the nations, and find salvation at last in thy presence.

Bless all men, everywhere, who love and obey thy laws, and bless and do good unto thy people; let their days be lengthened and multiplied upon the earth; multiply their joy, and increase their posterity, that peace may prevail, and righteousness spread abroad among the nations.

We present before thee, our Heavenly Father, all men who have had the privilege of thy Gospel, who have heard the teachings of thy servants, and felt and beheld the manifestation of thy Spirit, and have turned away from the testimony of Jesus, and persecuted and mobbed thy Saints, and slain thy Prophets, even thine anointed ones, and done despite unto thy mercy and thy love, and have waxed old in iniquity, and changed thine ordinances, have rejected the testimony of thy servants, and sought to destroy them from the face of the earth, whose days of repentance and salvation are past, and who are unmindful of thee, and will fight against thy cause and kingdom, and have shed innocent blood. We pray thee, our Father in the heavens, that thou wilt divest them of all power to injure thy people, that they may fall in the pits, and be taken in the snares which they have spread for their neighbors; that they may go backward and not forward, and fall and rise not again. May the plagues which thou hast instituted come upon them, that they may perish from the face of the earth, and their generations after them, that their names be blotted out from henceforth, that the posterity of the righteous may fill the earth.

And now, our Heavenly Father, we beseech of thee to listen to the voice of our supplication, and give us an answer of peace. Accept, we pray thee, of this, our dedication of this house, of ourselves, our wives, our children, our houses, our flocks and our herds, and all that we possess, unto thee, and to thy cause forever.

Praying that thy good Spirit may be poured out upon us, thy people, while we remain together at this Conference; that thou wilt dictate all things pertaining thereunto, that we may be enabled to accomplish thy righteous will in all things, and grow up in perfection through the gift of thy Spirit, that at last we may rest in thy presence with all thy sanctified ones; and we will ascribe all praise, glory, and honor unto God, and the Lamb, forever and ever. AMEN.

President Young read the hymn, "The morning breaks, the shadows flee," which was sung by the choir, concluding with, "Hosanna in the highest," like a choir of heavenly angels.

A hymn composed for the occasion by W. W. Phelps, was sung by John Kay, accompanied by instruments.

President Young addressed the congregation in the most animating speech, after which the choir sang, "Ere long the mount of God in latter days shall rise."

Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

At two, in the afternoon, Conference opened in the usual manner by singing and prayer.

Elder Orson Pratt addressed the Elders on the responsibility that is resting upon them to prepare for the morning of the resurrection, and for celestial glory, referring to the work of God in England, Denmark, &c. He was followed by Elder Orson Spencer, who felt to rejoice in the thrilling accounts that had been presented this afternoon, and realized that they were true. The people of the earth may as well attempt to stop the progress of the rays of light as to stop the power of truth.

Choir sang, "Before Jehovah's awful throne."

Benediction by President H. C. Kimball.

Adjourned to April 7, at 10 in the morning.

At 6, in the evening, the Seventies assembled to hear instructions from President Joseph Young, and to take into consideration the continuation of building of the Seventies' Hall of Science.

*Wednesday, April 7.*—When the doors of the Tabernacle were thrown open at 9 in the morning, the people rushed in as if the floodgates of a mighty *reservoir* had given way, and in a very few minutes all the seats were occupied, so great was the desire of the Saints to hear the teachings of the servants of the Lord. The eight doorkeepers used every exertion to seat the dense throng of anxious souls, so as to give room for all, but it was impossible; all the alleys were crowded by men standing, and many could not even be admitted at all. Several pieces of music enlivened the vast audience with their sweet strains of heavenly harmony until the Presidency arrived, when the congregation was called to order by President Kimball.

Choir sang, "Once more my soul, the rising day," &c. Prayer by Elder H. G. Sherwood. The choir sang, "Lift up your heads, ye scattered Saints."

President Young then stated that the first business would be the presentation of all the Authorities of the Church.

Brigham Young was then presented as the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; also as our Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, and our Leader in Israel; also Heber C. Kimball, and Willard Richards, as his Counselors, and as Apostles of Jesus Christ. They were all unanimously sustained.

John Smith was sustained as the Presiding Patriarch to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Orson Hyde was sustained as the President, and P. P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles to all the world.

John Young was sustained as the President of the High Priests Quorum; also Reynolds Cahoon, and George B. Wallace, as his Counselors.

Joseph Young was sustained as the First President of all the Quorums of the Seventies; and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Herriman, Zera Pulsipher, Albert P. Rockwood, and Jedediah M. Grant, as his Associate Presidents. Benjamin L. Clapp having expressed many feelings which are opposed to the truth, and having been in the background for some time, his standing was laid over for the present, until he makes a humble confession of his folly before the Conference; and a letter was sent to him to appear accordingly.

John Nebeker was sustained as the President of the Elders Quorum; also James H. Smith, and Aaron Sceva, as his Counselors.

Edward Hunter was sustained as the Presiding Bishop to the Church; also Nathaniel H. Felt, John Banks, and Alfred Cordon, as Assistant Presiding, and Traveling Bishops among the people.

Lewis Wight was sustained as the President of the Priests Quorum; also John Groves, and George Deckstader, as his Counselors.

McGee Harris was sustained as the President of the Teachers Quorum; also John Vance, and Reuben Perkins, as his Counselors.

Return R. Hill was sustained as President of the Deacons Quorum; also Andrew Burt, and Oswell Barlow, as his Counselors.

Brigham Young was sustained as the Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Edward Hunter as Assistant Trustee.

Willard Richards was sustained as the Historian and General Church Recorder.

Daniel H. Wells was sustained as the Superintendent of the Public Works.

Brigham Young was sustained as the President of the Perpetual Emigrating Company to gather the poor; also Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Wilford Woodruff, Orson Hyde, G. A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, Jedediah M. Grant, Daniel H. Wells, Willard Snow, Edward Hunter, Daniel Spencer, Thomas Bullock, John Brown, William Crosby, Amasa Lyman, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo D. Young, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, and Franklin D. Richards were severally sustained as Assistants to President Young.

Daniel Spencer was sustained as President of this stake of Zion; also David Fullmer, and Willard Snow, as his Counselors.

Henry G. Sherwood was sustained as President, and Eleazar Miller, John Kempton, Herman Hyde, William W. Major, Levi Jackman, Ira Eldridge, John Vance, Edwin D. Woolley, John Parry, Winslow Farr, and William Snow, as members of the High Council.

President Young remarked that this is the best hall on one floor he had ever seen in his life, as there are 2500 persons present this morning, and every one can see the face of the speaker. President Young continued to address the assembly, followed by G. A. Smith, and W. W. Phelps.

Singing. Benediction by President Young.

Opened as usual. President Young laid before the Conference the amount of Tithing received, and expenditures, which was then read by William Clayton.

President Young occupied the remainder of the afternoon in preaching.

Singing. Benediction by Elder H. Herriman.

At 6, in the evening, the House was crowded by the Officers of the Church, when Elder G. A. Smith, Z. Pulsipher, and President Young

addressed the Elders.

*Thursday*, April 8.—Conference opened in the usual manner at 9 in the morning, when the Saints were edified with a lecture on Education, by Orson Spencer, Chancellor of the University of Deseret, followed by Z. Snow, and W. W. Phelps. President Young spoke during the remainder of the morning service, which will be hereafter published in full.

Adjourned for one hour.

Then Conference was again opened, after which a song, composed by Miss Eliza R. Snow, was sung by John Kay.

President H. C. Kimball pleaded in behalf of the Saints who were coming over the plains with *wheelbarrows* and handcars, when 93 persons volunteered to go out with their teams to carry provisions and assist them on the road.

President Young followed on the same subject; then the persons who had volunteered to go, voted to donate their services.

Thomas Margetts, and Alfred Smith were voted to take a mission to Italy; William Fotheringham to Calcutta, and John C. Armstrong, Edward Bunker, David B. Dille, Samuel Glasgow, T. B. Broderick, John Dalling, and George Fenn, to go on foreign missions.

Choir sang, "The prodigal son." Adjourned to April 9, at nine in the morning.

At four in the afternoon, the Seventies were convened, and were seated by quorums. Several persons were disfellowshipped, and sixty-seven persons requested ordination, who were sustained in their applications.

Preaching by Joseph Young, Wilford Woodruff, G. A. Smith, and others, until half-past nine in the evening.

*(To be continued in the next.)*

## ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS TO THE SAINTS IN WALES.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS,—I have not had the privilege of greeting you for a long time through means of the TRUMPET, because

so many excellent Epistles have filled it, some of which contained glad tidings from Zion. I feel thankful to have this opportunity of giving a word of counsel to the Saints under my presidency. I have been visiting the greater part of the districts in the South, and I testify with joy that I have never before seen the Saints in such good condition as they are now in; and the Churches in Wales have taken hold in the Kingdom of God in faith, with all their heart, and all their soul, and all their strength, which causes me great joy to see all the *Body* working, as if the dreadful day were at hand; and they are all like the ant gathering in the summer for the winter, while all the religions of this age are shouting, "Peace, peace, blissful peace," building, planting, &c., and trying to trample the servants of God under their feet: Alas! a dreadful day awaits the ungodly and all the workers of lies! Woe, woe, woe unto all the unbelievers of Wales! those who have refused the prophets who have been born in their midst; they will suffer for this in the coming years. But let us go forward, leaving that between God and the unbelievers, recognizing that it is our calling to redeem the Saints from among them, and take them to that country which God has hidden with water until these last days, so that the wise men could not give any notice concerning its existence. And let all the Saints thank him for his goodness and his preparations in their behalf, for having kept the mountains of Ephraim hidden from the nations; and that the children of Ephraim can be gathered home, from among every nation, to rejoice in the land of their fathers, a land which has been given to them and their children as an inheritance forever and ever. And now we proclaim through the TRUMPET, Flee homeward, yea, Saints, flee, for our home is not here; this is a place where the Priesthood of God is scorned. Let those who have wealth flee; yea, and everyone who has ten pounds, flee. Let the poor prepare; be ready, for in the hour you do not suspect will you be called. We cannot answer yet which of you will get to emigrate next time; but be ready so that you all can go, as the end will be but a few years. We wish for all the Presidents and all the Saints to work diligently for the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, and we hope that all the Saints throughout the country will have the

Spirit that is presently here, and in this letter. Appoint good men in each Branch to collect each week for the Perpetual Emigration Fund; we intend to get hundreds of pounds in each quarter from Wales, instead of about thirty pounds which has come in before. We counsel those brethren who have money, to put it into this Fund to gather the poor home. There are many of the wealthy who intend to contribute to this Fund when they begin their journey to Zion. But please notice, that we need them to contribute now; it will be too late then, for we need to arrange for the poor to go the same time they do to Zion.

I now intend to visit the counties of the North; and I desire an interest in the prayers of the Saints, in order to open the closed hearts throughout the country. And I pray to God, the Eternal Father, to bless the Church throughout this principality, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WILLIAM S. PHILLIPS.

14, Castle St., Merthyr, August 1, 1852.

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LETTER TO PRESIDENTS W. S. PHILLIPS AND JOHN DAVIS.

*Pottawatomie, June 22, 1852.*

DEAR BROTHERS PHILLIPS AND DAVIS,—I take the present opportunity to write to you from Pottawatomie. The Welsh Branch has begun its journey toward the Great Salt Lake Valley, with some of the English and the French in the company. Fifty wagons make up the camp, and are divided into five groups, namely 10 wagons in each group, and a captain over 10 wagons; also, there is a captain over the entire camp: I shall name the ones I know,—Capt. D. Evans, Llanelli, the first; John Rees, blacksmith, formerly from around Pont Haiarn, Merthyr Tydfil, the second; H. Evans, the former president of West Glamorgan, the third; Coward, fourth; the fifth, I do not know. William Beddoe, *Brickman*, formerly from Pendaren, the scribe of the camp, and Abel Evans as captain of the *Guards*, and the writer is the servant of the entire camp. I have written three letters, and according to what I heard from Brother Evans, they have not reached the end of their destination.

All the Saints are in good health, each one with his *canvas* house as white as snow; and we would be glad if our brothers and our

sisters, many of whom we know, were closer to us to be able to see the truth of the proverb which is like this:—"A land flowing with milk," &c. There is plenty of milk in our camp that is being thrown out as casually as is the water, which three or four of the *colliers* in Merthyr have bathed in, for we have more than we can make use of, or than anyone needs that is close by.

Rachel Rowlands, Hirwaun, is improving well; she and William's two daughters are in the camp on their journey to the Valley, together with Thomas Morris and my sister Ann; thanks to you for sending them over. I shall close now; you shall have more of our story after we have crossed the river.

I am in haste,

WILLIAM MORGAN.

### MISCELLANEOUS, &c.

LIKENESS OF PRESIDENT W. S. PHILLIPS.—We are happy to report that the Image of President Phillips is ready. It is carved on steel, and not on stone, as is common. We think that it is more handsome than any image we have seen among the Saints, and is excellent in its likeness. The price of the best images is 1s. 6c. each; but the others will be sold, when they are ready, for 1s. each. Now is the time to obtain the best ones, before they are all sold; for we think that all are desirous of having an image of their President.

FOOLS should never get to see a job that is half finished.

MOVE an old tree, and it will wither.


JUST as the light of day is seen through the smallest holes, so also the most unimportant things show a man's character.

SLEEP without supper, and you will not awaken in debt.

OF all the virtues, Zeno chose silence, for through that he could discern the ignorance of others, and hide his own.

FRIENDS abound when the purse is full.

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