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OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-  
DAY SAINTS, FROM THE GREAT SALT LAKE VAL-  
LEY TO THE SAINTS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT  
THE WHOLE WORLD,

GREETING:—

BELoved BRETHREN,—Since the date of our last Epistle, of September 22, many things have transpired to cheer our hearts, and encourage the labors of the faithful; and we improve the present moments in presenting our annual salutations to you, that you may be conversant with the welfare of Zion, and rejoice in all her rejoicings.

The past winter has been one of unusual mildness in these valleys, insomuch that our flocks and herds, so far as they have been free to range, have fed sumptuously, needing no hay; much wheat has been sown, and at an earlier date than is common in this country; and many buildings have been erected, or finished, since the usual time of closing Fall business. The first “bent” of our New Tabernacle was raised on the 21st of November, and the whole shingled and enclosed Jan. 16. One hundred and twenty-six feet in length, and sixty-four in breadth, with three-foot walls; the whole in one entire arch sprung from the base. The pulpit is situated near the center of the west wall, to be entered by an anti-

court or vestry; the slips are ascending on three sides from the pulpit, so that the prospect for all is equal; and about 2,200 can be pleasantly accommodated; the whole completed and dedicated on the 6th of this month, it being the opening of the General Conference; and never were the Saints of Latter-Days so conveniently and numerously assembled on any previous occasion.

A considerable portion of the earth has been excavated, ready for the reception of the wall around the Temple, and many stones are on the ground. The brethren generally have been prompt in paying in one-tenth of their property according to their vote of last September Conference; and never before has the Lord's storehouse been so well supplied with wheat, meat, butter, eggs, vegetables, and other useful articles, and his pasture with cattle, as at the present time.

There has been very little cash in circulation among us the past year, it having been previously vended in foreign goods, which were necessary for our comfort; but of late, the want of cash to purchase importations, has induced the people to enter into domestic manufactures as fast as possible. A small woolen factory in this valley, commenced last year, is expected to go into operation about mid-summer; and another in Utah Valley will be ready for this year's wool. Many handwheels and looms have been in operation in families, and several thousand yards of cloth have been manufactured, beside carpets, mittens, stockings, &c.

Besides the Deseret pottery in this city, another is open at Provo, in Utah county, and another is expected to commence this summer at Fillmore, in Millard county. A machine for manufacturing combs is nearly ready for operation. There is a nail factory in operation in Iron county, another in San Pete, and another is being built in this city. Building has been materially hindered for want of nails hitherto, which we trust will soon be prevented, by the use of domestic machinery. Most of the principal settlements are comfortably supplied with flouring mills, and where there is a deficiency, mills are being built there. The number of sawmills is increasing. The country is supplied with wooden bowls, from a factory at Provo.

Tanneries have been commenced at most of the principal settlements, and at some two or three, and, after another season for peeling bark, the prospect will be good for a supply of domestic leather.

The iron ore at Coal creek, in Iron county, has been tested, and proved to be of an excellent quality, though but little has been done for want of coal, an abundance of which is on the mountain nearby, but inaccessible to teams, until a road can be made, for which there have been some public appropriations.

The *Deseret News*, which was suspended for lack of paper, commenced its second volume, November 15th, on an enlarged sheet, and has exerted a salutary influence on the subject of domestic manufactures, and there is a general exertion among the people, to produce the various articles needed for their consumption; and chairs, tables, stands, pails, tubs, barrels, knives, and many other useful articles, are becoming more common in our markets.

The territorial Legislature assembled in this city on the 22nd of September, and after a short session, having located the seat of government at Fillmore city, in Millard county, and appointing commissioners to select the site for the capitol, &c., adjourned to the first Monday in January, when they reassembled, and after enacting many general laws for the benefit of the territory, (which are now in press,) and memorializing Congress for appropriations for the construction of a national road, railway, and telegraph, from Missouri river to the Western coast; a road to run from north to south through the territory; for a hospital and penitentiary; for establishing a mail route from hence to San Diego; a weekly mail to the States; a distributing post office; and other great public improvements, adjourned on the 14th of February.

President Orson Hyde left this city for Kanesville, on the 23rd of September; Ezra T. Benson followed the next day for the same place, accompanied by Elder J. M. Grant for Washington, and Samuel W. Richards, and others mentioned in our last, for England, Germany, &c.

September 25, 1500 pounds of sugar beet seed was received from Elder Taylor in France; and we learn that the machinery for

sugar and woollen factories, before referred to, are at Kaneshville, and will be here this season.

Elder Orson Pratt arrived on the 4th of October from England, bringing with him an excellent *telescope*, and also a *microscope*, *globes*, chemical tests, and mineralogical specimens; all of which are most valuable acquisitions, in promoting scientific research. The books of the Utah Library have been unpacked, and found in good order, great variety, and of a choice selection. The September Conference, which was adjourned to the 6th of October, was held and closed on that day.

The Commissioners appointed by the Legislature to locate the capitol at Fillmore, left this city October 24th, accompanied by brothers Young, Kimball and others, who visited Fillmore, Manti, Nephi, Provo, and other places, and returned November 7th. The Legislature accepted the report of the Commissioners, confirmed the location of the site for the public buildings at Fillmore, 38 deg. 58m. 40s. N. L.; 4,789 feet altitude; and men are engaged for their erection. The Legislature will continue to meet at this city till the new capitol is prepared for their reception, having purchased the Council House for that purpose.

The last company of the immigrating Saints arrived October 24th; the mountains and table lands were covered with snow, for the first time, last fall, November 10th, followed the next day by the severest gale of wind ever known in our Valley, where but little snow had fallen during the winter, and that remained but a short time. Schools have been common in the various Wards and districts, and well attended. The parent school has been continued under the tuition of Chancellor Spencer, and others. Professor Pratt has given a course of lectures on Astronomy, and every exertion possible has been made for the promotion of the arts and sciences.

But one mail has been received from Oregon since last fall, and that on the 10th of this month. The November mail from Sacramento was cut off and lost, and the carriers doubtless killed by the Indians of Mary's river, though the body of Mr. Woodward has been found thirty miles beyond Bear river. No mail had been

received from the States since the one which left Independence on the 1st of December, until the 3rd of this month; consequently, we have been poorly advised of the state of foreign missions. From last accounts we may reasonably suppose that Elder John Taylor, and F. D. Richards are on their way home; Elder Erastus Snow is in Calcutta (where missions have been established the past year), expecting to return by the Pacific. The work had been prospering in France, England, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, and all places around, so far as the Gospel had been preached; and in many places great opposition has been manifest, which proves that Satan is not bound; and the Book of Mormon has been translated in Welsh, French, Danish, and probably before this into German, and Italian; and is acquiring general circulation.

The only intelligence from the West, of late, was by the Sacramento mail of February, containing but little information of any kind; yet we are pleased to learn that Elder P. P. Pratt arrived at Valparaiso, Chile, in November, accompanied by Elder Rufus Allen; that he had commenced forming acquaintance, and was preparing to proclaim the Gospel. It was reported that Elders Hawkins, Cannon, and Farrar, had baptized upwards of 400 at the Sandwich Islands, previous to the 20th of November. Elder Woodbury was at the Island at the time; and several Elders had called there on their way to the Society Isles. We have not heard from Elder Addison Pratt since September 13th. Elders A. Lyman and C. C. Rich were on the western coast, having established a settlement at San Bernardino, Los Angeles county, California; but we have few particulars concerning them or their settlement; their principal letters having miscarried, or not arrived. Elders John Murdoch and Charles W. Wandell, are supposed to be at Sidney, New South Wales.

The new year, the first day of 1852, was ushered in as a day of humiliation, praise and thanksgiving, by proclamation of Governor Young; and thus far the year has never been equaled by the Saints in their willingness to pay their tithing and to do as they are counseled; and joy of heart, through a greater flow of the Holy Spirit unto them, has been made manifest in a manner not to be mistaken, that

when the children of the kingdom do their duty, God is ready to fulfill his promises unto them, and pour them out blessings, until there is no room to receive.

Notwithstanding the spacious Tabernacle we occupied at Conference, many hundreds waiting without, could gain no admission and all felt the necessity of a larger building; yet all was peace, union, love and the Holy Ghost appeared to have the Presidency in every heart. Brigham Young was sustained by the unanimous vote of the Conference, as the President, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in all the earth, and Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards as his counselors, and the authorities of the Church generally, as hitherto organized, were sustained in like manner.

Conference continued until Sunday, the 11th of this month, and much of the time was spent in teaching and revealing things new and old; and the hearts of the Saints were filled with joy, praise, and thanksgiving. The report of the financial affairs of the Church, by the trustee in trust, showed that, from the commencement of tithing in the Valley on the 6th of November, 1848, to March 27th, 1852, there had been received at the office, on tithing, mostly in property,

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Valued according to price . . . . .	244,747	03
Received in loans, &c. . . . .	145,513	78
	<u>390,260</u>	<u>81</u>
Total. . . . .		
Expended, during the same time, on council house, storehouse, stores rented, old bowery, blacksmith's, carpenter's, and paint shops, Church Barn, Tabernacle, Bath house, trench round Temple lot, railroad, farms, city lots, paper factory, pottery, water ditches, the poor, houses for Elders on missions, superintendents, clerks, public labor, grain, hay, provisions, assisting immigrants, cattle lost by Indians and wolves, stationery, &c. . . . .	<u>353,765</u>	<u>69</u>
Remainder . . . . .	36,495	12
Now on hand in grain, vegetables, merchandise, cut stone, lumber, shingles, printing press,		

obligations, horses, mules, and stock of various kinds	. . . . .	. 74,512	50
From which take	. . . . .	<u>. 36,495</u>	<u>12</u>
Remainder	. . . . .	. 38,017	38

Profits to the Church, in the management of the funds.

It appeared also, that the Trustee in trust, was responsible for some cash liabilities, for glass, nails, clothing, and various articles of merchandise, which were necessary to rear the public buildings, and sustain the public hands, which cost cash; that little had been received in cash, and though there was abundance of property on hand to pay all the debts, leaving a handsome surplus, yet the property could not be immediately converted into cash; and as the merchants were wishing stock to drive to California, it was proposed that those having extra oxen, horses, or mules, should bring them to the tithing office, to help liquidate the cash debts of the Trustee.

The proposition met with a warm response from the entire Conference, and many cattle have already been received; and if others do as some have done, which we doubt not, old debts will be canceled, and a handsome sum will remain in the hands of the trustee to prosecute the public works this season; it is contemplated that we shall be ready to commence the Temple next spring, and that fonts and other preparations will be made ready the present season on the Temple block; but cash will be wanted from all who have, to purchase such articles as demand cash, and such as cannot be produced in the valley. We hear a good account from the Saints in England, and trust they will continue in good works, and others follow their example.

The subject of the Saints walking over the prairies with handcarts and wheelbarrows, was presented to the Conference, when ninety-three brethren volunteered to go with teams and provisions to meet them, and assist them on their journey, as a free donation to the kingdom of God.

It was voted that Thomas Margetts and Alfred Smith take a mission to Italy; William Fotheringham to Calcutta; John C.

Armstrong, Edward Bunker, David B. Dille, Samuel Glasgow, T. B. Broderick, John Dalling, John Barker, and George Fenn, on foreign missions (probably to or through England).

Edward Hunter was ordained presiding Bishop of the whole Church, who proposed Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball as his Counselors, with the entire approbation of Conference.

Seth Taft, David Pettegrew, Abraham Hoagland, David Fullmer, and Daniel Spencer, were unanimously chosen assistant Presiding Bishops. A few were disfellowshipped, and sixty-seven ordained to the Priesthood. The last day of the Conference, Sunday afternoon, was devoted to administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and social observations by the assembly; after which a contribution was made for the purpose of procuring the furniture for the communion service in the Tabernacle, when 149 dollars was presented in silver coin, besides several pounds of watchcases, spoons, rings, and other silver ornaments. Conference adjourned to the 6th of October next. Also a special Conference was appointed for the last Saturday in August, for the purpose of transacting business relative to the appointment of Elders on foreign missions.

And now, breather, having given you a brief history of the situation of the Church in the Valley, which is altogether more prosperous than we could hitherto communicate, we have a word of counsel, which we hope you will give heed to, that you may become partakers of the rich blessings of Ephraim with us; and first, as far as possible, live in peace with all men, even as it was agreed at our last Conference to cease all contentions and lawsuits, one with another, and if possible with all men. When you are sick, call for the Elders, who will pray for you, anointing with oil and the laying on of hands; and nurse each other with herbs, and mild food; and if you do these things in faith, and quit taking poisons and poisonous medicines, which God never ordained for the use of men, you shall be blessed.

Sustain the government of the nation wherever you are, and speak well of it, for this is right, and the government has a right to expect it of you, so long as that government sustains you in your



civil and religious liberty, in those rights which inherently belong to every person born on the earth; and if you are persecuted in your native land, and denied the privilege of worshipping the true God in spirit and in truth, flee to the land of Zion, to America—to the United States, where constitutional rights and freedom are not surpassed by any nation—where God saw fit, in these last days, to renew the dispensation of salvation, by revelations from the heavens, and where all, by the constitution and laws of the land, when executed in righteousness, are protected in all the civil and religious freedom, that man is capable of enjoying on earth; and our national institutions will never fail, unless it be through the wickedness of the people, and the designs of evil men in brief authority; for those rights were ordained of God on this land, for the establishment of the principles of truth on the earth; and our national organization originated in the heavens.

Let all the Elders of Israel sound the trumpet of salvation with a loud voice, knowing that the time is short, in which a great work is to be done; and fear not what men can do, who can only kill the body: but fear God, who will destroy the souls of the fearful and the apostate in hell. If the Saints have more gold and silver than they need to bring all the poor, bring it along with you, but help one another,—do as you would be done unto, and not leave the poor to perish at home or by the way. Those in the western Islands, New Holland, the East Indies, and the warm climates generally, will do well to come to San Diego, in California, and receive the instructions of the Apostles or Presidency at San Bernardino; while those of England, and northern Europe will do well to take a more northern route, by New Orleans, Kaneshville, and the South Pass; and when you come, bring models of the most approved machinery for manufacturing all useful articles ever wanted by man, and choice seeds of all kinds. The world is full of labor-saving machinery; and models thereof, with such articles needed in the manufactory of the machinery, as cannot be obtained here, and will be worth more to the Saints than their weight in gold and silver. Finally, brethren, fear God; work righteousness, and come

home speedily. Prepare, against another season, to come by tens of thousands; and think not that your way is going to be opened to come in chariots, feasting on the fat of all lands. We have been willing to live on bread and water, and many times very little bread too, for years, that we might search out, and plant the Saints in a goodly land. This we have accomplished, through the blessing of our Heavenly Father; and we now invite you to a feast of fat things, to a land that will supply all your wants, with reasonable labor; therefore, let all who can procure a bit of bread, and one garment on their backs, be assured there is water plenty and pure by the way, and doubt no longer, but come next year to the place of gathering, even in flocks, as doves fly to their windows before a storm.

When a people, or individuals, hear the Gospel, obey its first principles, are baptized for the remission of their sins, and receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, it is time for them, to gather without delay to Zion, unless their Presidency shall call on them to tarry and preach the Gospel, to those who have not heard it; and generally, the longer they wait the more difficult it will be for them to come home; for he who has an opportunity to gather, and does not improve it, will be afflicted by the devil.

When Jesus was on the earth, he said to his people, "How oft would I have gathered you, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not; therefore, behold, your house is left unto you desolate." And if the Saints of this dispensation do not listen to the call of the good Shepherd, and gather according to the holy commandment, the time is not far distant, when the representatives of the Savior now on earth, may have occasion to say, as he said, "Your house is left unto you desolate;" for plagues, famine, pestilence, and death are beginning to circumscribe the earth; and where will safety be but in Zion—the land of God's appointing—the home of the Saints; a land choice in products and government above all other lands; therefore, we say unto you, Arise and come forth, and tarry not, for the great day of the Lord is at hand, and who shall abide His coming?

O Lord God of Abraham, our Father, pour out thy Spirit upon thy people throughout the earth, even that Spirit which thou dost bestow upon thy servants; that all thy children may be obedient in all things, and speedily become one with us in the valleys of the mountains of Ephraim; that thy will may be done on earth as in the heavens; which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BRIGHAM YOUNG,  
HEBER C. KIMBALL,  
WILLARD RICHARDS.

Great Salt Lake City, April 18, 1852.

[Translated by Thomas Job.]

## 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*

[FROM THE "DESERET NEWS."]

PRESENT—the First Presidency, namely Brigham Young, President, and Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, Counselors. Patriarchs—John Smith and Isaac Morley. Of the Twelve—O. Pratt, W. Woodruff, and G. A. Smith. Presidents of the Seventy—Joseph Young, Zerah Pulsipher, A. P. Rockwood, and Henry Herriman. Presidency of the Stake—Daniel Spencer, President, and David Fullmer, Counselor. Presidency of the High Priests Quorum—John Young, President, and Reynolds Cahoon, Counselor. Presiding Bishop—Edward Hunter. Scribe of the Conference—Thomas Bullock. *Reporter*—George D. Watt.

Conference was called to order by the President, who stated that at the last Conference, we adjourned to meet in a new Tabernacle on the Temple Block; and we will now proceed to dedicate this hall, and take up the business of the Conference, as the Spirit shall manifest itself on us. He then read the 201st hymn, "Lord in the morning thou shalt hear," which was sung by the choir, under the direction of James Smithies, chorister.

President Richards offered the following

### DEDICATION PRAYER

Great and all-wise God, our Heavenly Father, who dwellest amid the cherubim, and art clothed with light as with a garment,

in the name of Jesus thy Son, and by virtue of the holy and eternal Priesthood with which thou hast endowed us, we come before thee upon this occasion, invoking thy rich gifts and blessings to rest down upon us. Pour out, we pray thee, of thy Spirit upon each and every soul now waiting before thee, that our hearts may be united as one, and that we may approach thee in a manner acceptable in the sight. May every emotion of our souls arise in unison unto thee in humble praise and adoration for all thy mercies, unto the creatures of thy creation.

We remember, our Father and our God, that we are indebted unto thee for our existence, for having been sent to the world in this day and generation, in which the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ thy Son has been made manifest, in which the celestial messenger from thy presence has again proclaimed the way of life and salvation to the children of men upon the earth, saying "Fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come;"—shadowing forth the restoration of all things that have been spoken by the mouths of all thine holy Prophets since the world began—establishing the pure principles of the eternal Heavens, which constitute the laws of the kingdom of our God upon the earth; opening up anew the great principles of revelation and communication with the Gods of Eternity—principles which have been hid in the heavens for many centuries, while many generations have lived and died, looking for the blessings and promises of this day, desiring that they might have a part in the great preparatory work of the coming of the Son of Man, in power and great glory, to reign upon the earth.

We remember before thee, O our Father, that we, thy servants, now in thy presence, having heard the heavenly message, and yielded obedience to its holy mandates, have become the happy recipients and partakers of this holy ministry; and that we have oft-times been delivered from the power of the devil, and the devices of wicked and designing men, who have sought our overthrow, and conspired against our lives, to destroy us from the face of the earth. But thou, O our Father, hast even been mindful of us, overruling all seeming evil for our greater good; until by thy mighty power thou hast brought us to a glorious inheritance of this goodly land, choice above all other lands, far from the retreats of mobbers and murderers who have slain thy Prophets, and from the land where their blood yet cries from the ground for vengeance to be poured out from the Heavens.

Mercifully hast thou dealt with us, our Father; for through all the scenes which thy people have been called to pass—all the perils, and sufferings we have had to encounter, thine angels have watched over and protected us, and the gentle and refreshing influences of thy spirit have comforted us, and we have been spared as monuments of thy mercy. Multitudes of our brethren and friends have fallen by mobocracy, violence, disease, and death, and their bones have been left to molder upon the prairie, and in the wilderness, while we are

again permitted to gather ourselves together in this goodly place, and bring into requisition all the powers of body and mind with which thou hast clothed us, for the advancement and building up of thy kingdom upon the earth. When thy people have called upon thee in their extremities, thou hast not been slow to hear, but hast exerted thine Almighty power, and encircled them in the arms of love and of mercy, until thy people have been permitted and enabled to build and inhabit, to labor and enjoy the fruits thereof; and to come forth from our comfortable habitations, this morning, to worship and praise the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Jesus, and Joseph, in this commodious edifice, erected for the assembling and worship of thy people.

Oft-times have our hearts rejoiced together in councils, and meetings, and in Conference; yet never have we met when the manifold mercies and blessings of our Heavenly Father called for more ardent praise and thanksgiving to his holy name, than at the present in this spacious and commodious room, which thy Saints are now permitted to occupy. Here, in this place appointed for the assembly of thy Saints, on this the anniversary of the birthday of thy Church and Kingdom upon the earth, in this last dispensation from the heavens, and in the midst of the congregation of the Most High God, we, thy servants, O our Father in heaven, in the name of thy Son Jesus, dedicate and consecrate this house unto thee, and unto thy cause, for the assembling of thy Saints to worship before thee, and to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; for prayer, for praise, and thanksgiving, for transacting business relating to thy Church and kingdom, or for whatever purpose thy people shall assemble themselves together in thy name.

We set apart and dedicate this house as a holy sanctuary for thy people unto the Lord forever; and we consecrate the ground upon which it stands, and dedicate it unto the Lord our God. May the floor upon which we walk be holy under our feet; may the covering which protects us from the snow, the rain, and the sun be holy over our heads; may the walls which protect us from the chilling blasts of winter be holy round about us, and may the doors, and the windows, and the *slips*, and the fastenings, and the trimmings of this house, together with all the various materials of which they are composed, be holy unto the Lord, for the meetings, the Sacraments, and the transaction of the business of thy people. We dedicate and consecrate that portion of this house, where thy Prophet and thy servants now are, to be a holy and sacred place in the name of the Son, and before thee, O our Heavenly Father. May every part and portion thereof, be holy unto the Lord our God; may no unclean thing be permitted to enter into any part of this Tabernacle, but may it be preserved with the *vestry* thereof, and the doorkeepers thereof, and with everything pertaining thereunto or round about, a holy and sacred sanctuary wherein the pure in heart may rejoice forever, and no foul spirit ever be permitted to disturb their worship.

May the angels from thy presence be within and round about this habitation. When thy servants shall stand in this sacred place to minister unto thy people, may they feel the blessed influences of thy heavenly messengers; may they be filled with the Holy Ghost, as with manna from heaven, and be clothed in robes of righteousness; may the visions and revelations of the eternal worlds be open before them continually, and may thy Saints ever have the listening ear and the understanding heart, to receive and improve upon the instructions of thy servants, that they may grow unto the stature of perfection that is in Christ Jesus, that they may be one with him forever.

If thy people shall sin and repent of their sins, and call upon thee in the name of Jesus from within these walls, then hear thou in heaven, thy holy dwelling place, forgive thou their sins, and give them answers of peace. May thy fear and thy dread be upon the heathen that may enter into this sacred place, and may thy spirit rest upon the honest in heart, who shall hear thy word from this stand, that they may believe, obey, and be saved with thy people.

And now, O Father, be pleased to accept the dedication of this house, which we now present unto thee, in the name of thy Son, as a tribute of gratitude from thy people, and listen to the voice of our supplications, that it may be preserved from the rage of the elements, and the pollution of ungodly men, and that thy glory be upon it, and abide therein, forever; so that when thy Saints shall call from hence upon thy holy name, in righteousness, then thou wilt hear in thy holy habitation and grant an answer of peace.

Bless all those who have assisted in the erection of this edifice. May they ever rejoice in the labor of their hands, and have the glory they desire in the presence of their God. Bless those also who have contributed of their substance for its erection, with all those who have desired to contribute, and have not had the means or opportunity; may they also partake of the rich inheritance of a celestial glory, and habitations of comfort and delight among the children of men. Bless all those who profess thy name, and have had the means to contribute for the upbuilding of this house, and have neglected their privilege and their duty; may thy spirit rest upon all such, that they may humble themselves, repent of their shortcomings before thee, and in the sight of their brethren, and arise and do their duty from this time henceforth and forever, that they lose no more blessings through slothfulness in thy service.

Bless thy servant Brigham with health and strength of body and of mind, with long life, and peaceful days; may he be endowed with thy spirit, and the revelations of eternity continually, and may thine angels visit and sustain him, and ministering spirits from thy presence attend him in all his ways. Guard him, O Lord, from the malicious designs of wicked men; turn aside every shaft that is aimed for his injury; fit and prepare him with every necessary qualification to lead and guide this thy people; may his strength and ability be according to his duties, and the burden he is required to bear; may the rich blessings of heaven and earth be poured out upon him, and

upon his household; may they, individually and collectively, enjoy the communion of God, and his Saints, and have bestowed upon them every desirable gift that shall promote their peace, comfort, health, and happiness. Bless his habitation, and all therein, his flocks and his herds, the ground that he cultivated, his fields, his garden, and his vineyards; bless him in basket and in store, and in all that pertains unto him.

Bless his Counselors, thy servants Heber and Willard, with the same blessings. May they always live in the unity of the faith, and preserve those bonds of love and union which dwell in thy presence. Continue to strengthen their faith, their power and their influence, until their voices shall reverberate thy word in tones of thunder throughout earth's remotest bounds, resounding in every ear, "make ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb," *his kingdom has come: prepare to receive the Lord!*

Bless the aged Patriarch, O our Father. May his days continue to be multiplied, and his faculties be strengthened, and may he be filled with the Holy Ghost to bless thy children as he approaches the dawning of a brighter day; that amid the exaltations of a celestial glory, he may seal blessings upon the heads of the faithful, until thou shalt receive him into thyself, to rest with his brethren, in thy presence. And may the like blessings rest upon all the brethren of his quorum of the Patriarchs.

Remember the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, with their President, Orson Hyde. Grant, O, Lord, that thine angels may go before them, and preserve them from all evil. Wilt thou give them power to overcome all the designs and purposes of wicked men, and all the devices of Satan; may they be enabled to carry the Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people upon the face of the whole earth; may they have, in connection with, and under the direction of the First Presidency of thy church, power to roll forth thy work upon the earth, like a mighty torrent that no barriers can resist. Wilt thou bless them, Father, in the good things of this world, that their families may be provided for during their absence, while on missions of thy will to the nations, and among all people. Wilt thou encircle them in thine arms of mercy, and preserve them, one and all, to the accomplishment of their several missions, and safe return to the bosom of thy Church, and to their families in the valleys of the mountains.

*(To be continued.)*

#### MISCELLANEOUS, &c.

HAPPENING.—In the banquet after the latest Conference in Newport, when the hall was overflowing with Saints, the *ceiling* fell on them, from above the platform; but we are happy to report that no one received any injury, which caused surprise through the whole town.

PREPARED DRINK.—With regard to this drink, we said in our last issue, “If you wish to have a different flavor, add 40 drops of *essence of spruce*.” but since hardly anyone likes this flavor, it is better for them to put a halfpenny or a penny’s worthy of *essence of lemon* instead, which will make a drink like *lemonade*.

CONFERENCES OF THE NORTH.—The Flintshire Conference will be held on the 8th of August; Denbighshire, on the 15th; Dyffryn Conwy, on the 22nd; Anglesey, on the 29th; and Merionethshire, on the 5th of September.


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BOOK DEBTS OWED BY THE CONFERENCES, BRANCHES, AND OTHERS, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JULY 3, 1852.

*Conferences*.—Monmouthshire, £40 0s 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Breconshire, £7 9s 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Llanelli, £13 7s 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Cardiganshire, £7 15s 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; North Pembroke, £2 5s 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; West Glamorgan, £54 2s 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Merionethshire, £7 8s 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Flintshire, £11 14s 6c; Anglesey, £15 19s 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Dyffryn Conwy, 14s 2c; Denbighshire, £10 10s 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Liverpool Welsh Conference, £3 13s 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Carmarthen, £1 19s 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. *Branches*.—Dinas, £1 19s 9c; Llanilltyd, £4 9s 8c; Pontypridd, £6 13s 3c; Llanfabon, £2 3s 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Cwmbach, £4 6s 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Pendulwyn, 9s 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Twynrodyn, 10s 10c; Llandaf, £1 11s 1c; Gostwng, 7s 4c; Eglwysnewydd, 7s 6c; Cowbridge, £1 14s 10c; Cardiff, £11 15s 10c; Aberdare, £15 5s 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Aberamman, £5 6s 5c; Dowlais, £4 17s 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c; Hirwaun, 10s; Cwmnedd, £1 14s 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Rhymney, £2 6s 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Georgetown, £2 2s 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Merthyr, £3 11s 5c; Pendaren, £4 17s; Cefn, £2 13s; Ynysgau, £1 9s 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Gwernllwyn, £1 19s 2c; Ffynnon Tydfil, £3 4s 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Troedyrhiw, 16s 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Rhymney (English), 4s 3c; Gellifaelog, 9s; Gog, £1 9s 5c. Individuals, £3 15s 2c.—Total, £268 11s 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c.

PAYMENTS FROM JULY 9 TO JULY 21.—Monmouthshire, £4; Cardiganshire, £2; North Pembroke, £1; Anglesey, £1 7s 10c; Dinas, 15s; Llanilltyd, 13s 6c; Llanfabon, 16s 3c; Cwmbach, 3s 9c; Pendulwyn, 9s 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c; Twynrodyn, 10s 10c; Llandaf, 4s; Eglwysnewydd, 7s 6c; Cowbridge, 5s 4c; Aberdare, £1; Aberamman, 10s; Hirwaun, £1 0s 3c; Cwmnedd, 7s 9c; Rhymney, £2; Georgetown, 2s 5c; Pendaren, 11s 4c; Gwernllwyn, £1 9s; Ffynnon Tydfil, 18s; Troedyrhiw, 9s; Rhymney (English), 4s 3c; Pontypridd, 18s 7c.—Total, £24 6s 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c.

TREATISES ON MIRACLES.—The last number will be sent out with the next Trumpet; and whoever requests the “*Treatise on Miracles*” (which we published last year), to bind at the end of the six current numbers, let us know in time, before all are sold.

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