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*Of the Chief Authorities of the British Conferences of the Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints.*

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CLOSING ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT F. D. RICHARDS (CONTINUATION).

The Apostles had much to contend with in consequence of their profession; and so it is now; we have much to bear, and many things to meet. As the principles of truth become more potent and brilliant, we have more stumbling blocks in the way; and so it will be all the way through. And in order that my successor might be the better able to take hold of matters, and rightly carry out all measures for the advancement of the cause of God, I have called you together to give you some instructions in relation to your duties and future course.

Inasmuch as you are the principal men, I wish you to be particularly careful whom you call to the Priesthood. Do not call those whose circumstances prevent them from being useful; but call such as will be of service to the Churches in this land, and know that you call them by the Spirit. Brethren, when you call men to the Priesthood, let me give you a *rule*—choose not men of learning, or of great talents or attainments merely, but those

that desire to do the will of God; and this is the mind of the Lord. If there be men of this description who possess the advantages of a good education, so much the better. If they have gigantic minds, they will become eminent in their turn, by strictly adhering to the counsels of the Priesthood; such will become strong in the Lord, and do much towards accomplishing his purposes in the last days. Don't call a man to the Priesthood, because you want to show him a favor, for if you do, you will be doing more harm than good; and a man is far more potent to do the will of God without office than with it, unless he has a mind and determination to magnify the office; if a man dishonors the Priesthood, it will prove a curse instead of a blessing to him. I speak the mind of God to all present; therefore, see to these things, and the Lord will give you wisdom to act righteously.

It is not that *Traveling* Elders should be allowed to go rambling about anywhere without any restraint. And I should not give counsel for them to be sent out into a field of labor without any limits, unless it was to accomplish some specific object; but let them have their respective fields of labor, and let them feel just as independent as you, or any other authority in their sphere, so as to use their authority in a proper manner. No man is above growing independent, let him be placed in what position he may. A man will take a greater interest in the work, when he has a field appointed him, because he will feel that he will have the honor for what may be done in the particular part of the country. Let not those who are willing (I speak of all who are in your Conference, whose conduct is consistent,) be kept back by your examples, but let your light shine to all around. This is of the utmost importance. I feel the Spirit resting upon me at this time. This is it, brethren,—the people will be what the Priesthood are. You may apply this rule, and it will never fail. When I call a brother to the Priesthood, I don't look so much at a man's abilities, but if he has the interest of the work of God, he is right; if he has an eye single to the glory of God, that man is right, and all qualifications are comprehended in that. If he be so, flatteries cannot decoy him,

and threats cannot hurt him, but he will do all to the honor and glory of God. Again, you are called to be Masters. Then, brethren, be liberal, and those who are below you will bless you, and the more you bless them, the more they will bless you, and seek to do you good in every respect. But if any of you feel like narrowing the spirits of your brethren, bear in mind the time may come when those over whom you now preside, will preside over you: then love to be liberal to your brethren, and they will roll it back into your bosoms, and you will be conscious that you have done your duty.

This is a time when the Conferences feel their pecuniary calls to be rather heavy. The calls for the Temple, the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, together with their current expenses, seem to be rather hard for those who have families, and my heart has been led to consider their pecuniary circumstances, and I feel that those who have given their mites according to their means, shall be rewarded in this world, and be crowned, if faithful, with eternal life in the world to come.

Brethren, if those who are traveling with you have families, let them have your blessing. And I will here say that it is impossible for the Presidency to fix the particular fields of labor to all those who are traveling; but if the Presidents of Conferences can mutually agree about making changes in their traveling Elders, let them do so, and inform the Presidency in Liverpool. This is a nursery for Priesthood; and it may not be more than ten years until those whom you now preside over may be put to preside over you; and therefore, act so as to be able to meet them in the coming day. I am glad that I have this to say, that I have never acted in any way to cause me to be afraid of meeting my brethren again, over whom I have presided, even if the scale had turned and they preside over me.

Next is the keeping of good Records! I wish you to have your attention directed to this subject immediately. Some of the Conferences have good records, and some have not; but I want you to have your Records kept in such a style that you can lay your hands on all your members, and then you won't have to complain that

you cannot find them; and have secretaries who will attend to these things. Seek out the most punctual men to fill the office of secretary. These things have been lost sight of in a great measure by the world at large, but they must now be attended to.

If the human family was in proper order we could trace our lineage right back to father *Adam*, and know from whom we sprang, or from whom we have descended, and who among our forefathers had received the holy Priesthood, if any. The Jews are very particular in these things, so far as their scattered condition will allow of it. Well, let us imitate the Jews in this particular. And when you baptize any persons, put down the day of their birth, where born, and all the particulars, and then when they go home to Zion, they can take all those items with them. I was in the LORD'S HOUSE, and took the names of the brethren who came in there for some time; and there were some who did not know where they were baptized, nor the date, nor anything else connected with their admission into the Church. These are items of great importance, brethren, and I hope you will see that your clerks are attentive unto them. O, what a glorious thing it would be if we could have the dates and ages of our forefathers and friends, who are gone into the world of spirits.

There is a system of keeping Records (and it is the best I have ever seen) in the Glasgow Conference, and if you wish to get a transcript of the particulars, write to the Secretary of that Conference. There cannot be anybody go from there without it being known, and it is because their Records are kept in good order.

There are some strong reasons why this should be attended to, for the time will come when the people will be willing to give all they possess in this world, and half of what they expect in the next, to be in the fellowship with the Saints in the Valley, when peace and safety shall be in Zion alone. And the day will come, and it is not far distant, when nobody will be received unless they bring their proper *credentials*. Then let us have our Records complete, and know who are worthy of our faith and confidence, and of being

recommended to the Priesthood and Saints in Zion. I must offer a few suggestions upon the subject of the GATHERING, do that you may know how to lay it before your Conferences. The instructions to the Presidency at Liverpool are, that the Saints gather by the old route until it is practicable to send them by the *new one*, and that we be upon the lookout for an opening. We have ceased sending the Saints to St. Louis, for many of our brethren have gone there and died; some have lost the Spirit and apostatized, and many, when they get there, become lukewarm and indifferent. We have been at work these twelve years, trying to gather the Saints together in America, and have not been able to do it as yet; but now, all the Saints are about to leave St. Louis, and the counsel from the First Presidency to the Saints in this country is, to remain here until they can go through to the Valley.

Those we send by the "Perpetual Emigrating Fund," we shall not send to feel their way, but shall send some faithful men with every load, so that they may be taken care of; and as it is not our intention to have any stop in St. Louis, we shall book them through. Every one will have to give bonds for the payment of the money expended in their transportation to the Valley. Were we not to be thus particular in our arrangements, the Fund would suffer great losses in consequence of sickness, death, and apostasy; for some, doubtless, will turn away from the truth; and unless some provision is made for such like changes, the finances of the Fund would be reduced instead of augmented. Well, we do not expect to send any but good Saints, but still it is necessary to have such arrangements as these.

I rejoice, brethren, that I have been able to send out the first number by the "Perpetual Emigrating Fund!" I have sent about 250 for a commencement, and laid out about £2400. This is more than has been received in favor of the Fund, but by borrowing a few hundred pounds, we managed to send out so many. We sent out with them two of the best men we had; I mean the best for that business;

men of experience, calculated to do business, having a natural tact for business. Yes, the "Perpetual Emigrating Fund" has begun to work, and it is destined to become one of the most powerful agents for the gathering of the Saints in the last dispensation. I know you have good men over in Zion who are studying your welfare, and I know that they have it in their hearts to do you and all mankind good, and hence they have counseled the Saints to remain here until they can go through to the Valley. Considering all circumstances you will say it is better for the Saints who cannot go right ahead, to stay here a year or two longer, than to go to St. Louis, and probably deny the faith, or lose their lives among the wicked. In consequence of this change, the months of January, and February will be the time of emigration instead of September, October, &c., as heretofore.

A question was asked by Elder Marchant, in relation to the fare from here to the Valley, if it will require £20 per head. I beg to say, that this amount will not be required in future, in consequence of the Saints having left the States. This sum has been required up to the present time, because of the great demand for cattle and teams; but this will not be the case any more, and consequently the expenses between this country and the Valley will be considerably less. Notice will be given by the Presidency here with reference to the emigration by the Perpetual Fund; but that Fund is solely at the disposal of the First Presidency, and will be appropriated according to their order.

We wish the Presidents of Conferences to have it particularly impressed upon their minds, and upon the minds of the brethren in their respective Conferences, that it is the duty of each man to pay his Tithing before leaving this country, and not to make arrangements to take people to the Valley without the counsel of the Presidency in Liverpool.

It is not wise to counsel, or sanction husbands going to America without their wives. There is no knowing what temptations a wife or a daughter may be led into while the husband and father is not in the way. Therefore, take every opportunity to frustrate the machinations of the adversary.

Books, *Stars*, and the accumulation of debts, will form my next subject. The debts of the various Conferences for books, amount to something like £2,500; and those debts are on the increase, and hence it is time for you to stir yourselves, and endeavor to get these debts rubbed off. I find that most of the Conferences have about as much as they can do, and some feel it to be rather burdensome, to meet their contingent expenses, but I would say to such, Be patient and full of faith, and the Lord will give you power to do all that is required of you. And every man that gives in his influence, and lets his whole soul be in the work, shall be able to do it, and nothing shall prevent him. Then let it be one of the most absorbing topics in your Conferences, to preach up the books and *Stars*, and the necessity of keeping straight with the office. I must impress this upon your minds, for it is necessary that some plans should be immediately adopted to get in the money for those books and Stars standing out in your Conferences. But I know you are willing to do it; and therefore, embrace every opportunity to lay the matter faithfully before the Saints. Send out your Elders and local officers to preach the first principles of the Gospel; but when you go before the Saints do not mind so much about preaching the elementary principles of the Gospel, but talk to them about temporal things, and tell the Saints that the way to get the Holy Spirit is to do whatever is wanted. The Spirit will enlighten you to speak to the Saints at one time, and to the world at another. Act up to these instructions and then you will be able to do much towards establishing manufactories in Zion, in addition to clearing off your Book debts at the office; and the Saints will be blessed, and when they get to Zion, they will rejoice exceedingly in the blessings which the Lord will pour out upon them.

Now there is another little matter which we have to handle, i.e., the auditing of the Treasurers' and Book Agents' accounts. This is sometimes a delicate matter, but still we have it to do in order to do our duty; and we have many things to do of an unpleasant nature among the children of men in order to do our duty in all things. There is a proper way of doing business; and it is the duty of every

President of Conference to see that things are looked after, and kept in proper condition. It is your duty to enter into the accounts of your agents, and have their accounts audited, at least every time we publish our quarterly *balance-sheet*, and when there is found an error in our *balance-sheet*, do not wait three or six months before you write to the office about it. If in auditing your agents' accounts there is anything that is not plain enough to be clearly understood, see to it; and then you will keep the Presidency of your Conferences with honor, and perhaps prevent the man who is so situated, from embezzling Church money, and perhaps from apostatizing and going down to hell.

Such is the present stage of this work which is entrusted to our care, that the Conference Presidents, of the large Conferences in particular, cannot devote their time to going to preach in new places, so much as they have done heretofore. I wish to speak to you upon this subject. I know that many of you are well skilled in setting our doctrines before the people, and sometimes it is necessary; but I have often thought this, that a person just come out of the world, and who feels a desire to spread the truth, and is willing to come out, and help those from whom he has just received knowledge and blessings, is the right kind of man to send to preach to the world. The man has just been born into the kingdom, is filled with the Spirit, and is ready to take hold by the aid of those arguments which have just convinced him; and such an one will generally prove successful. You are full of arguments and the principles of government, and, if you are faithful, you will be able to select men right to preach to the world, and therefore you should adapt yourselves to preaching to the Saints more particularly, and the Saints will go and preach to the world; and the sisters, too, and as has been said, they will "flog the best clergyman in this country." Study to send those out to preach to the world who will be capable of putting forth the words of life in such a manner as will bring the honest to see and obey the truth. If any of their converts are moneyed men, teach them their duty in relation to tithing, and the building up of Zion. Show men how to use their money for the honor and glory of God. I would not ask a



man to do anything that I did not believe would be for his good as well as mine. It is your duty and right to give counsel in relation to the use of money, or anything else pertaining to the salvation of the Saints; in fact, brethren, it is your duty to see after the welfare of the Saints, and preach about those things which most concern them. We who have come from the other side, have heard some of our most spiritual men preach about oxen, teams, pine lumber, nails, &c.

I do not know that I need say much about tithing, but the first and leading item is, that every person of property should pay a tenth of all he or she possesses before leaving Liverpool, for the benefit of the work of the Lord; and that money is subject to President Brigham Young's order. That which is being collected through these islands is not tithing; but inasmuch as there is not sufficient tithing to commence building a temple with, this is a call from the First Presidency upon the Saints in Great Britain to contribute their mites towards building a house to the NAME OF THE LORD, wherein He will pour out His blessings upon the faithful.

These, brethren, are the most important items which I desired to lay before you. There are many others, but I have from time to time published them in the *Star*, and therefore it is unnecessary to speak upon them now. I pray that your members, over whom you preside, may have a disposition to emulate your good example in every good word and work. There has been a great deal of trimming up and cutting off during the past year, and it is a good thing, for it will save us the trouble of gathering many. We have plenty of such characters there, and we have no desire to gather any from this country to increase their numbers. As you trim up the tree, it will flourish the more abundantly, and the roots will strike down, and the tree thrives and prospers, growing stronger and stronger, until the perfect day.

May the Lord bless you in wisdom and influence to govern His people in all righteousness, is the earnest prayer of your humble servant and fellow laborer in the cause of our Redeemer. Amen.

[In addition to this, the *Star* contains a copy of the "Memorial" which was presented to President F. D. Richards, in memory of his

tireless labor in every way while he has presided over the British Isles; this was signed by all the brethren who made up the Council.—  
EDITOR OF THE TRUMPET.]

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### EPISTLE OF PRESIDENT S. W. RICHARDS TO THE SAINTS IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

BELOVED SAINTS,—Many are the interests connected with the building up of the kingdom of God among the nations of the earth, which are calculated to bring into lively exercise every energy of that soul to whom is committed, to any considerable extent, the watch care of the Saints. Because of this, we feel it a duty which we owe to those who look to us for counsel, to offer such reflections, in this, the morning of our administration, as shall be calculated to increase and protect those interests, in their general bearings upon the present and future welfare of the Saints, that the kingdom of God may continue to rapidly extend its influence, power, and dominion upon the earth.

Every individual who has been baptized into Christ, by virtue of the new and everlasting covenant, has duties to perform, works to do, which, if left undone, will prove a sure seal of condemnation. A prompt and faithful discharge of these duties, or requirements, is the only thing that can justify, or wash the children of men clean from the stain of guilt, and entitle them to the merits of the Atonement; that their robes may become white through the blood of the Lamb. Every honest soul that has covenanted with its God, will have a desire to learn the will of God; and enjoying much of his Spirit, will ever be found walking in the line of his duty, in the path of wisdom, which is peace, and leads to life.

The daily exercise of the body is consistent with its organization, to provide for this mortal life, and the continued exercise of the mind is essential to its proper development, that it may be capacitated for every enjoyment which intelligence can impart; but the exertions of either should be wisely directed, that the best possible results may follow; and while the one is calculated to supply the wants of the present, the other will also as amply provide for the endless future. Our present object is to direct the mind to some of those duties which immediately demand the attention of the Saints in the British Isles, and upon which the prosperity of the work depends.

It is the duty of all members of the Church of Christ to pray often to the Lord, that they may have much of his Spirit to lead them into all truth; for he has said that his Spirit should be given in

answer to prayer; to cease all evil speaking, which is calculated to justly give offense to your neighbor, brother, or sister—for woe unto them through whom offenses come; to cease all your wrangling, and contentions, one with another; hatred, strife, and divisions are not admissible among Saints, they are of the spirit of the devil, and not of God; therefore, shun every appearance of evil; be kind one to another, seek to build each other up; be cleanly, virtuous, and good, patient in well-doing; and, finally, seek to be clothed with, and in constant exercise of, every virtue that belongs to godliness, which will adorn and make lovely its possessor. Thus let everyone by their own exemplary conduct, and upright course of life, become a living witness to those around them, of the power of God, through the Gospel of His Son, living in all the ordinances and counsels of God.

It is the duty of the head of every family, to see that every member of his or her family, is properly instructed in all those duties which are consistent with their age and position in life: and inasmuch as marriage is an institution of God, it is the duty of the husband to love his wife, and treat her with all tenderness, even as Christ loves his Church, over which his arm of mercy is ever stretched out to save; but it is his duty to love his God supremely, more than his wife, his children, or even his own life, otherwise he is not worthy of a family. It is the duty of the wife to love her husband, and manifest the same with all that willing obedience, to his righteous counsels, that Christ requires of his Church; that as Christ is the Head of the Church, so also may the man be the head of the woman, that in them a worthy example of holiness and piety may be set before their children, and their children be taught to walk in the same.

It is the duty of parents to teach their children, when young, the right ways of the Lord; to teach them to pray; to love each other, and their parents; that the fear of God may be upon them; that they may be prepared, when eight years old, to be baptized, and grow up in the ordinances of God, having a knowledge of the ways of life, and sharing in the privileges and blessings of his kingdom; that every family may exhibit a pattern of the order of heaven, in organization, government, obedience, and every virtue which characterizes the heavenly order, and the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thus let every one walk in the path of their duty, and honor the character of a Saint, and know assuredly that God has provided means for your perfection; hence, it becomes the duty of every one to avail themselves of the benefit of those means. Do you ask what they are? We answer, they are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, and Deacons, given for the perfecting of the Saints, and the work of the ministry; that the wicked may be converted and

brought to the knowledge of God, through the labors and exertions of that ministry. The performance of the duties belonging to these several offices will materially affect the condition of not only Saint, but sinner; not one soul can be perfected without them, otherwise God hath wrought folly, and bestowed vain gifts upon men. But who shall charge God with folly? or say unto Him who hath performed his own will, Why do ye so? If he has ordained the officers of his Church to be the channel through which perfection should come unto the Saints, as well as to promote the work of the ministry, the blessings of either cannot be found elsewhere, hence they are in Christ's stead, who being made perfect, became the author of salvation.

We will now refer to the duties of some of these officers, in their respective fields of labor, as at present assigned to them under our Presidency.

The Pastors and Presidents of Conferences occupy an eminently responsible position, and it is their duty to watch over the flock which is committed to them with a father's care, to rule with all tenderness and affection, yet with integrity, dignity, and honor; to see that every man under their Presidency stand in their lot and place, and fills the calling with which he is honored in the Priesthood, discharging faithfully, yet wisely, the duties of the office which he holds, that he may be able to render, at all times, a good account of his stewardship to his superior in office. Let the Presidents of the Conferences honor the Presidents of Branches under them, if they are worthy; and if they are not worthy, let them repent and become so, or be removed, and their places filled by men who are worthy; and let each one be required to bear the burden which belongs to him, or in other words, answer to the responsibility of the trust reposed in him; and let it be known that his garments are clean, and his conduct unpolled with hypocrisy. It is the duty of every President of a Conference to see that there is not only a Conference Record faithfully kept, but to see that each Branch has a record of every important event connected with that Branch; whether of deaths, births, marriages, additions or removals of members, or whatever circumstances can effect the interests of the Branch, *giving all proper information with each item*, which, when reported and embodied in the Conference Record, will constitute a concise history of the Conference.

It is also the duty of every President of Conferences to see that the book agency of his Conference is wisely conducted, and all exertions used to promote its interests both in and out of the Church; and from henceforth it is expected that he will personally acquaint himself with the fact, that the cash forwarded to this office, and the stock in the hands of the agent, at the office price (branch

debts included), is sufficient to balance his account with this office at the close of each quarter. Not only the interests of the office demand this at your hands, but the people over whom you preside demand of you that you protect them in their rights.

Further delinquency on the part of Presidents cannot be excused. The people should not, through your neglect, be called upon to pay an amount of money which has been embezzled by the agent, simply because your feelings have been so delicate, as to esteem it a breach of common courtesy, to do your duty in examining his books; as has been the case heretofore. Such courtesy as this does not belong in our religion; hence we must be excused for not administering it in others. Some of the Conferences are making noble exertions to free themselves from such unjust burdens; and if their Presidents are wise, we expect they will be relieved from them in the future. All agents whose accounts exceed fifteen pounds per quarter, are expected to make semimonthly remittances to this office, and those under that amount, once per month.

The Presidents of Conferences are expected to devote their time to watch care of the Saints, and the work of the ministry, and not be encumbered with the selling of books, or any other business calculated to divert their attention from the immediate duties of the Presidency. Because of this and other like evils that have existed, the system has been adopted of introducing *Traveling Elders*, for the purpose of taking charge of some few Branches of Conferences. Some of the Conferences are sufficiently numerous to justify this arrangement, but they are few. If every officer in the several Branches of the Church would stand forth in the spirit of his calling, many Traveling Elders might be relieved from their present labors, and go among those who have not yet heard the Gospel preached, but are anxiously waiting for the dawn of that happy day when salvation shall come unto them; and thus the kingdom would be extended abroad, and its dominion increased. It is the duty of the Elders to prove the world, and to do it in the way that God has appointed, that they may witness for those who shall be justified, and against those who shall be condemned;—and by this shall ye know His disciples, if they feed you, and clothe you, and give you money, and receive your testimony. But while a Traveling Elder goes out to preach to the world only on Sunday, and then retreats to the midst of the Saints, he neither proves the world, nor gives them a chance to prove him; and while he thus fails to do his duty, many of the world fail to come under condemnation, and the work is lengthened out, in some instances, to years of indifferent service, while months might have accomplished the same work.

In some cases there is not intimacy existing between the Presidents of Branches and the Presidents of the Conference, that there should be, which renders his labors difficult, and sometimes even unpleasant. This, brethren, should not be.

It is the duty of every officer in the kingdom of God to turn his heart, his feelings, and his affections to his President; and as you seek after the spirit of the Lord to enable you to do his will, so with the same fervency of soul seek after the spirit, the will, and the views of your President, to do the same with all lowliness of heart, and so much the more as you occupy an exalted and responsible station. If you will be like your Master, never seek to do your own will, but the will of him who is greater. That man who will not turn his heart altogether to his President, as his immediate counselor, cannot have power to wield an influence for the salvation of the people; the Priesthood of God recognizes no other principle of government, because it is perfect, and perfect obedience is required of every subject, whether high or low, rich or poor; otherwise, responsibility cannot rest where it belongs; and when a man assumes the right to differ from his ruler, he assumes the right to betray the government of God, and lay it open to the deadly influence of opposition, which is the power of the devil. If evil should exist in the administration of government, the *high power* has a right to interfere.

All are not perfect yet, therefore let everyone look about him, and know his position. Are Presidents losing their power and influence among the people? If so, what is the cause of this evil? Search it out, and put it far from you. You must not expect, brethren, more from those over whom you rule, than you give to those who rule over you. If you take the liberty to withdraw your feelings from, and differ with, your President, you must expect to give the same liberty to those over whom you preside, and who look to you for an example. In this, as in other things, the measure you mete shall be measured to you again; and if you rule with a heavy hand, and will not bear the burden of the flock, you must expect the same measure from those who rule over you.

It gives us great pleasure to know that such cases, within the limits of our acquaintance, are very few; and where they do exist, wisdom we trust will dictate the better way, and restore that harmony of feeling, with that united effort which ever ought to characterize the family of God, and always was an effectual way of preaching the Gospel to a contending world.

(*To be continued.*)

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## INVITATION TO THE SAINTS.

ALL faithful Saints of Jesus,  
 I hereby counsel you,  
     In a most urgent way,  
 To come from the oppression,  
 Where we experience injustice,  
 To the land given us cheaply,  
     Where we can praise,  
     And reign forever  
     In the presence of Jesus,  
 Upon reaching the end of the journey;  
     And marvel forever at the love,  
 Into the long eternity:  
 How happy we shall be before him,  
 After coming home from the wearisome plagues,  
 And the oppressions which now tire us completely,—  
 Shortly we shall bid an eternal farewell to Babylon.

My heart yearns,  
 To be among the family  
     Which is there praising,  
 And singing Hallelujah,  
 In sweet sounds of Hosanna,  
 For delivering them from the hateful  
     Wilderness of Babel,  
     From among the persecutors,  
     And all the maligners,  
 Which now tire the children,  
     But hail to the happy morning  
 We shall go from their midst to a valley,  
 To the place which God has set apart,  
 Where we shall praise for over a thousand years,  
 In the midst of hosts, which sing aloud a tune,  
 Repeating the lovely anthem in blessedness with the Lamb.

*Rhymney.*

WILLIAM CHARLES.

## MISCELLANEOUS, &amp;c.

BAPTISMAL FONT.—President Young has given an order to build a baptismal font on the Temple Block this summer.

We are happy to be able to report that Elders Franklin D. Richards and Erastus Snow, who left Liverpool on the 8th of May, on board the Niagara (steamship), have arrived safely in New York on the 19th of the same month.

It is said in the *Deseret News* that the family of Governor Brigham Young wove 500 yards of cloth during last winter.


It was expected there would be a hundred wagons leaving the Valley in July, loaded with flour, potatoes, &c., with animals to be slaughtered, to assist the immigrating poor on the plains,—we mean the poor who walked, and those who were sent through the instrumentality of the “Perpetual Emigrating Fund.” It was thought that the rich could help themselves. We have an idea in our heads that it is the walkers—namely those Saints with their *wheelbarrows* and their handcarts, who will have the best of the journey after all.


FESTIVAL.—Members of the Government held a Festival on the 4th of March, in the Territorial House, Great Salt Lake City, in which the Governor, and other special persons, were present. The feast was furnished with excellent nourishment for the body, and with singing, dancing, oratory, &c. Governor Brigham Young’s speech can be seen in the *Star*. The printers also had a festival in the schoolhouse of the fourteenth ward of the City, on the 24th of February. The First Presidency were present, and a good time was had.


HINDUSTAN.—From letters written by Elder W. Willis, it appears that the work of God is prospering in that land. About 50 have already been baptized, with very hopeful prospects for multitudes more. The eleven natives baptized on the 6th of April, have been named with the following names: Orson, John, Parley, Thomas, Wilford, Amasa, George, Lorenzo, Erastus, Franklin, and William. Orson was ordained a priest, John a teacher, and Parley a deacon.

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PAYMENTS FROM JUNE 10 TO JUNE 24.—Monmouthshire, £3; West Glamorgan, £4; Merionethshire, £2 6s. 1½c; Flintshire, £1; Anglesey, £1 8s. 1c; Dyffryn Conwy, £1 10s; Pontypridd, 15s. 6c; Cwmbach, 11s. 7½c; Cardiff, 18s; Aberdare, 14s. 6c; Hirwaun, 10s; Georgetown, £1 8s. 2c; Merthyr, £1 1s; Pendaren, 13s. 4c; Ynysgau, 7s.—Total, £20 3s. 4c.

 We are supplied with the numbers of the Trumpet, Doc. and Cov., and the Book of Mormon. The numbers of the Book of Mormon are again for sale here, and the sooner the better they are requested. “Sound Doctrine” is out of print.

 It is better for our correspondent Phillip Davies, if he likes to look into the affairs of other men, to ask the president of the branch.

 May our correspondents be patient, and let us strive to make use of everything we see for the general welfare. No one should be put off, because he does not see his first writing published. Read “The Hero and the Spider” in the first volume of the TRUMPET.