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### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL

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

Held at 23, Ratcliffe Terrace, Goswell-street Road, Islington,  
London, on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of April, 1852.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6.

OFFICERS present:—Of the Twelve Apostles—Erastus Snow,  
Ex-President of the Danish Mission, and Franklin D. Richards,  
President of the British Churches.

Counselors to the President of the British Churches—Levi  
Richards, and Samuel W. Richards.

President of the Danish Mission—Willard Snow.

President of the French Mission—Curtis E. Bolton.

President of the Welsh Church—William Phillips.

Counselors to the President of the Welsh Church—Thomas  
Pugh.

Pastors—Jacob Gates, Cyrus H. Wheelock, Robert Campbell,  
Appleton M. Harmon, and Moses Clawson.

Presidents of Conferences—James Marsden, John Lyon,  
Abraham Marchant, John Hyde, sen., George Halliday, Claudius V.  
Spencer, John Albiston, Joseph W. Young, Thomas Squires,  
William Speakman, John O. Angus, Henry Savage, Vincent  
Shurtleff, James F. Bell, John V. Long, James Mc. Naughton,  
Robert C. Menzies, William Brewerton, William G. Mills, Job

Smith, William McGhie, Matthew Rowan, George Kendall, Richard Rostron, John Carmichael, James T. Hardy, John W. Lewis, Edward Frost, Charles Derry, and Martin Slack.

Traveling Elders—James W. Works, and Dorr P. Curtis.

At half past ten o'clock, President F. D. Richards called the Council to order, and requested Elder J. V. Long to act as Reporter.

The Council was opened by singing Hymn 227, "Come all ye sons of Zion;" after which President F. D. Richards offered up the following prayer:—

O God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, we desire this morning to appear before thee, and with humble supplication ask for the forgiveness of all our sins and follies which thou hast discovered in any of us. We pray that thou wilt bestow upon us thy royal favor, and the approving influence of thy Holy Spirit, that we may feel that spirit copiously poured out upon us; for this purpose we come together, that we may be the better qualified to carry on thy work in this region of country, and we humbly pray that thou wilt look with mercy upon us. We sense that thou knowest us altogether. Do thou grant that we may have holy boldness in our meeting together, that our prayers may come up before thee. Wilt thou make the Holy Spirit to overshadow us while in this place, that every man who may speak, may speak in the power of the Holy Spirit, that thy blessings may be upon us and upon all our devices, that the Conferences in these lands may be strengthened through our counsels and assembling together this morning. We feel to give unto thee the glory for thy blessings already conferred upon us; thou hast given unto us many people who love us; thou hast made them to feel that our counsels are of thee, and that they have life when they abide in them. We pray that we may ever be worthy of these blessings from thee: may Thy Holy Spirit in us be as a well of living water, springing up unto everlasting life; that hundreds and thousands may be brought to a knowledge of the truth through our instrumentality. We humbly pray also that thou wilt bless our brethren on foreign missions, and all those who are not with us of the Presidents of Conferences and Branches; do thou make them to feel the weight of responsibility that rests upon them, that they may seek to enjoy thy Spirit, and be sufficiently qualified to fill their

important stations with honor before thee, that they may not have the name of Presidents, and be incompetent to discharge the duties which pertain thereto. Do thou send forth thy Spirit into our hearts to teach us in what manner to officiate in thy work, that while the enemies of this cause are reporting slander, and heaping contumely upon it, we may be able to show that we are thy children, that we may be enabled to magnify our callings whereunto we are called. We pray that thou wilt cause those who try to frustrate thy designs, to be put to silence. Notwithstanding the anathemas that have been poured out upon them, thou hast sustained thy servants and people, and thou hast opened up the way by which they have been preserved, so that they are now gaining notoriety in the world. We pray that thou wilt pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant Brigham: we thank thee that thou hast made his voice terrible to evildoers, insomuch that those who have designed to injure thy people have fled before thy power, manifested through thy servant Brigham. Continue to bless him we pray thee, that thy mind and will may come forth; even from him whom thou in thy goodness hast placed to teach thy people in all the world. We also pray that thou wilt bless each of us now before thee with health, and spirit and power, that in all places we may, in connection with all thy servants, be a terror to evildoers, that we may rejoice together in thy goodness. We pray for thy Spirit to be more abundantly given unto thy Saints in these lands, that they may grow and increase in the knowledge of the truth. We thank thee for the liberality that thy Saints have manifested in regard to the temple, which thou hast commanded to be built, that thy Saints may enter therein and receive their blessings according to thy promises. Bless those, O Lord, who are rendering their ready responses toward establishing various kinds of manufactories in Zion; prosper them in their important and laudable undertakings.

And we pray thee likewise to bless thy servants brother Smoot and brother Haight, who are on their way with a company of thy people to the home of the Saints; may they be successful in keeping thy Saints together who are under the charge, until they get to the valleys of the mountains.

And now, O Lord, as we are together, and some of our families in the valleys, do thou bless them with all blessings needful, and

preserve them from all evil, and grant that they may live to rear up generations yet to come. We ask thee to bless thy Saints in foreign parts,—in Denmark, and in Germany. Bless Brother Forssgren, and we pray that thou wilt bless thy servant Willard Snow, who is about to repair to Denmark, to take charge of that important mission; grant that he may feel thy spirit richly to dwell with him, that he may realize the spirit of his mission. And bless thy servant Brother Bolton in his labors in France; grant, that although there are many difficulties to put up with in that land, that he may be enabled to do much towards establishing thy work there upon a safe and sure footing.

We ask thee to bless brother Parley P. Pratt, in South America: wilt thou give him thy royal favor, and grant that he may be enabled to publish thy Gospel in the Spanish language, and thereby lay the foundation for a great and mighty work among the children of Joseph. Bless our brethren in Australasia, and on the South Sea Islands; may they likewise be eminently successful in bringing about thy purposes on those distant islands.

We would not forget thy servant Lorenzo Snow, who has a very important mission to fulfil; preserve him from all the dangers to which he may be exposed, and may he be the means of establishing thy Church in Malta, and also among the various Hindu nations which he may visit; and may blessings be with all who are called to be coworkers with him. We thank thee for what thou hast done by Brother Willis in the East Indies, and grant that he may continue to prosper and bring many to know thee, the true and living God.

We pray that thy servant Brigham, with his Counselors, Heber and Willard, may be blessed more abundantly, that success may attend their every effort for the promotion of thy truth, and the upbuilding of thy Kingdom. O Lord do thou bless me, thy servant before thee; thou hast blessed me in my weakness, and for this I feel to praise thee in the midst of these my brethren. And now, we feel to commit ourselves and our little meeting to thee; and when we separate, may we have to exclaim, It has been good to wait upon thee. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(To be continued.)*

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## THE WORD AND WILL OF THE LORD.

*Given at the Winter Quarters of the Camp of Israel, Omaha Nation, West Bank of Missouri River, near Council Bluffs, January 14, 1847.*

THE Word and Will of the Lord concerning the Camp of Israel in their journeyings to the West.

Let all the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and those who journey with them, be organized into companies, with a covenant and promise to keep all the commandments and statutes of the Lord our God. Let the companies be organized with Captains of Hundreds, Captains of Fifties, and Captains of Tens, with a President and his two Counselors at their head, under the direction of the Twelve Apostles; and this shall be our covenant, that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord.

Let each company provide themselves with all the teams, wagons, provisions, clothing, and other necessaries for the journey that they can.

When the companies are organized, let them go to with their might, to prepare for those who are to tarry.

Let each company with their Captains and Presidents decide how many can go next spring; then choose out a sufficient number of able-bodied and expert men, to take teams, seeds, and farming utensils, to go as Pioneers to prepare for putting in spring crops.

Let each company bear an equal proportion, according to the dividend of their property, in taking the poor, the widows, the fatherless, and the families of those who have gone into the army, that the cries of the widow and the fatherless come not up into the ears of the Lord against this people.

Let each company prepare houses and fields for raising grain, for those who are to remain behind this season, and this is the will of the Lord concerning his people. Let every man use all his influence and property to remove this people to the place where the Lord shall locate a stake of Zion; and if ye do this with a pure heart, in all faithfulness, you shall be blessed; you shall be blessed in your flocks, and in your herds, and in your fields, and in your houses, and in your families.

Let my servants Ezra T. Benson and Erastus Snow organize a

company; and let my servants Orson Pratt and Wilford Woodruff organize a company. Also, let my servants Amasa Lyman and George A. Smith organize a company; and appoint Presidents, and Captains of Hundreds, and of Fifties, and of Tens, and let my servants that have been appointed go and teach this my will to the Saints, that they may be ready to go to a land of peace.

Go thy way and do as I have told you, and fear not thine enemies; for they shall not have power to stop my work. Zion shall be redeemed in mine own due time, and if any man shall seek to build up himself, and seeketh not my counsel, he shall have no power, and his folly shall be made manifest. Seek ye, and keep all your pledges one with another, and covet not that which is thy brother's.

Keep yourselves from evil, to take the name of the Lord in vain, for I am the Lord your God, even the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. I am He who led the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, and my arm is stretched out in the last days to save my people Israel.

Cease to contend one with another. Cease to speak evil one of another.

Cease drunkenness, and let your words tend to edifying one another.

If thou borrowest of thy neighbor, thou shalt return that which thou hast borrowed; and if thou canst not repay, then go straight way and tell thy neighbor, lest he condemn thee. If thou shalt find that which thy neighbor has lost, thou shalt make diligent search till thou shalt deliver it to him again.

Thou shalt be diligent in preserving what thou hast, that thou mayest be a wise steward; for it is the free gift of the Lord thy God, and thou art his steward. If thou art merry, praise the Lord with singing, with music, with dancing, and with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

If thou art sorrowful, call on the Lord thy God with supplication, that your soul may be joyful. Fear not thine enemies, for they are in mine hands, and I will do my pleasure with them. My people must be tried in all things, that they may be prepared to receive the glory that I have for them, even the glory of Zion, and he that will not bear chastisement, is not worthy of my kingdom. Let him that is ignorant

learn wisdom by humbling himself and calling upon the Lord his God, that his eyes may be opened that he may see, and his ears opened that he may hear, for my spirit is sent forth into the world to enlighten the humble and contrite, and to the condemnation of the ungodly. Thy brethren have rejected you and your testimony, even the nation that has driven you out; and now cometh the day of their calamity, even the days of sorrow, like a woman that is taken in travail; and their sorrow shall be great, unless they speedily repent; yea, very speedily; for they killed the Prophets, and they that were sent unto them, and they have shed innocent blood, which crieth from the ground against them: therefore marvel not at these things, for thou art not pure; thou canst not yet bear my glory; but thou shalt behold it if ye are faithful in keeping all my words that I have given you from the days of Adam to Abraham; from Abraham to Moses; from Moses to Jesus Christ and his Apostles; and from Jesus Christ and his apostles to Joseph Smith, whom I did call upon by mine Angels, my ministering servants; and by mine own voice out of the Heavens, to bring forth my work, which foundation he did lay, and was faithful and I took him to myself. Many have marveled because of his death, but it was needful that he should seal his testimony with his blood, that he might be honored, and the wicked might be condemned. Have I not delivered you from your enemies, only in that I have left a witness of my name. Now, therefore, hearken, O ye people of my Church; and ye Elders listen together; you have received my kingdom, be diligent in keeping all my commandments, lest judgments come upon you, and your faith fail you, and your enemies triumph over you.—So no more at present. Amen, and Amen.

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**EPISTLE OF A CONFERENCE PRESIDENT TO THE  
SAINTS UNDER HIS CARE.\***

DEAR SAINTS,—Allow me to call your attention to some things that pertain to you in the present days. Since our God is the author of order, and it is necessary to keep all things that are taught by his

\*The substance of this Epistle was taught by President Phillips at the General Conference of Officers on the 26th and 27th of April; and we thought it better to leave out the name of the Conference, and apply the Epistle to the Saints of every other Conference.—EDITOR.

Spirit through his servants, it is proper that you be aware of the measures established through the unanimous voice of the Priesthood on your behalf.

Therefore, I shall strive to cause the TRUMPET to give an extraordinary sound, so that you may prepare (1 Cor. xiv, 8); for we hope to have the cooperation of every one of you, for you know that this is the work of God; therefore, remember that this is the work of God, believing in the one he has sent, and since it is to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that Christ was sent, and the apostles were sent to the Gentiles, so it is also that we have been sent to you; consequently, we shall teach to each one his own lesson, and no one has time to search and find fault with other work, and leave his own work behind.

First, the branch President: this person must be humble and obedient to every call he may have, being ready to accept everything that may be given to him to do, with neither anger nor argument. He must also govern over his wife, and not be governed by her; for unless a man can govern himself and his wife, how can he take care of the church of God? Also every mother must govern over her children; otherwise, she cannot have part in the kingdom; for unless she can govern over her own, how can she reign? Therefore, if the wife governs the husband, and the children govern their parents, they will all be damned, and there is no redemption. Also the President must have government over the officers under his supervision, so that he may say to one, Go, and he will go, and to another Come, and he will come, and to another, Do this, and he will do it; otherwise, neither he nor they will be saved.

It is not appropriate for the President to think himself a better preacher than anyone else, for he was not placed to be a preacher, rather to preside; therefore, it would be a strange thing to see a supervisor doing everything himself, with all the workers standing and watching him. It is not in public meetings that the President is recognized, rather in the council; for there he is like a chairman to keep order, and like a judge to determine important causes, and like a supervisor to send every servant to his own task. The President should be heard by all the officers as to what they are to teach to the



Saints, and when each one is to visit those who are under his care, for appropriate order makes all things orderly.

Second, counselors of the *President*: these are to watch into each case, such as questioning those who bring an accusation to the council, &c., so that the accused may have justice, and that nothing will be done impulsively or partially; the counselors also are to teach the officers how to carry out their respective tasks. You see that it is the FATHER who is the *President* of all the work of our salvation, but it is the Son who is the Wondrous Counselor, and it is he who has taught us to organize all things. Also it is the Holy Ghost who takes from the Son and shows it unto us (Isaiah ix, 6; John xvi, 15). Therefore, when counselors are under the Spirit of their offices, they can teach the elders how to visit the Saints every month without fail, and teach them what are the gifts of the Holy Ghost, so the young Saints can recognize its effects; and that is how the elders can know of what spirit the member is, for the gift of discerning spirits shows the difference between the work of God and the work of men. Prove the spirits whether they are of God; but the elders who neglect these things, cannot see the glory of their calling; and he who does not learn his own lesson, will not be able to stand.

Third, the scribe of the Branch. His task is to keep correct records of all things, such as each one who is baptized, and who is received by letter, every child who is blessed, &c., also, the departure of each one, or the death, or the cutting off. Although these things are so clear, some are negligent, and do not keep a record of them. He also needs to be particular with the council minutes, so that important things are written understandably, and so that things that are decided there, will be put into action afterwards. Also, he needs to write in a book suited to the purpose an account of every meeting the Saints hold, whether it is a prayer or a testifying meeting; not recording what each one says, but noting what kind of meeting it was; and if something special is taught, to note what it was, and not how it was taught, such as, "The President taught the Priests to preach—the Teachers to feed the Saints—the Deacons to take care of the collections—the members to practice cleanliness, and to come to the meetings." Each member should also keep his own

record of the most noteworthy things in his life, and the place he was born, and when, where and when his parents were married, and where and when his ancestors were buried. If these things are necessary according to English law in order to receive inheritance, how much more so among the tribes of Israel? He who does not do this, will regret it.

Fourth, the book kept by the branch distributor. He is to counsel with the President as to what books are needed, and to make sure that all who ask for books receive them, and that they should not receive them without paying for them; for the money for books is not a debt to the publisher, rather a debt to the Church; therefore, whoever is deceitful with this money, shall not escape unpunished, for he is robbing God as to the things God has organized to build his kingdom. And not so much as one book is to stay in anyone's hands, or to be given as a present to anyone, unless care is taken to pay for it; and whosoever spends book money for something else, will be punished, and he cannot gain forgiveness until he makes restitution to the church for that. If books are on hand, it is better for the members to purchase them, even if they are worth only a shilling each, and sell them to their neighbors and their acquaintances. And may the blessing of God the All-wealthy Father be on every faithful Saint, Amen.

R. EVANS.

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LETTER FROM GREAT SALT LAKE CITY TO THE  
EDITOR OF THE "TRUMPET."

*Great Salt Lake City, January 31, 1852.*

DEAR BROTHER DAVIS,—With delight and pleasure I write to you again from the far west, hoping that this little paper will reach you safely, and that you are enjoying health and temporal and spiritual success, which is the wish of your old friend. The earlier time in Llanybydder comes to mind often, when we were small babies newly born in the fold of the good Shepherd. Great was the joy we felt at that time, when there were but four of us holding our meetings in my old home (Glantrenfawr), and asking for great things from our kind Father; and greater was our joy when we would get an answer to that

which we had requested, and that we also knew at the time that our closest neighbors, and our relatives whom we loved so dearly, were bereft of those truths about which we had already come to know.

We had not been there long before some others enlisted under the same banner as we, ourselves. Some of our neighbors complained at that time that old Captain Jones (as they said) had deceived us, that we had promised all we had to him, &c., which neither they nor anyone else could prove one word of truth in it until this day. At that time several faithful brethren came to us, namely, brothers Abel Evans and Thomas Harries, and others, who were of great benefit to us through their valuable counsels, and the greater experience which they had had in the Church of Jesus Christ. When in that condition, and increasing gradually, the father of lies and his children raged greatly against us, until we came to be the target and scorn of some nearby reverends; but all worked out to our good. You will remember that letter that I received from Capt. D. S. Davies, Dolau, threatening me so greatly because of the religion I professed, calling the Saints, poor things, "The damned night deepers that leadeth the people away down to hell;" but the Lord saw fit to bless us in proportion to the persecution we suffered. It would be too lengthy for me now to mention old Dark Daniel, and other cruel persecutors, for I know that they all shall receive justice in the day to come, when the secrets of all hearts will be examined.

Forgive me, dear brother, for writing that which you know already; it is a pleasure for me to write and remember former times.

Now, I venture to give some of our story here to you. Several of the nation of the Welshmen came here last fall, and all of them are enjoying excellent health. Shortly after they came here, I had the honor of baptizing about 18 of them the same day; they were confirmed in my own house; after baptizing them, the Lord poured out his Spirit on them in abundance, and on us also in an extraordinary manner as we administered. No wonder we feel good, for love and joy dwell in every heart. The ordinance of baptism is necessary for all of the Saints to obey after coming here. Our revered president Brigham Young and his counselors, and the twelve, gave obedience to the above ordinance when they came here, renewing

their covenants to the Lord to live faithfully, &c. Everything is going along well here; the storehouse of the Lord is being filled quickly; we anticipate more and more blessings continually, because the promise is on our side. The Lord said through the prophet, "Will I not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it?" Hosts of the Saints last year received their endowments, and they continue to be given again this year. Several of the Welsh had the extremely high honor of receiving it also. I say to you, brother Davis, blessed are those humble and faithful (and I fully believe that you are one of those), for there are many blessings for them which they have not hitherto had. I do not possess the words or expression to describe the excellence, glory and wisdom of the holy order that my Master, my goodly Father, has established to bring his children to receive an inheritance of eternal life. Several large houses were built here last year by the Church, and preparations are now being made to make large walls around the *Temple Block*; soon no doubt an excellent temple will be seen here, the like of which has not been seen in this dispensation, if the Saints continue as faithful as they are at present. Their diligence and faithfulness, and their success, are a matter of wonder for the world, and they do not really know what to say or what to think about us; but they admit that there is something wondrous about us. Oh, that they were wise, that they understood that the invisible hand of the Lord is protecting and keeping his children daily, although he suffers the enemies of the Saints to persecute them from place to place, from city to city, until finally they persecute them to the wilderness, about a thousand miles from all settlements of white people. This is good that we are so far from them; we may have calm here to worship our God, "with no one to hurt us or to make us afraid," for the mobs of Missouri and Illinois are too far away. We do not hear in this quiet city here the cruel blasphemies, namely deceivers, satanists, and false prophets, &c., &c. Oh, how lovely is the dwelling of brothers together, far from the Pharisees and hypocrites of this age; but no matter how far we are, several of the Gentiles come past us, who are sick from yellow fever. They are desirous of gathering before their golden god in Lower California; they stay here but a short time.

Why? Because the Spirit of the living God reigns here; for sinners in Zion are filled with fear, terror, and horror. Yet, we baptize a few of the honest in heart of the blood of Ephraim who come here in their midst. Such are happy and rejoice with us in the salvation of our God. When will I see you here, dear brother? Doubtless you would like to be in the great source of light and knowledge, which with its crystalline waters goes quickly to the four corners of the earth; but yet, perhaps duty calls you to stay there for a while; if so, you lose nothing, but it is a loss to those who refuse to come here when the way is open to them to come.

How sweet it is to listen to the counsels of our president Brigham and his counselors, together with the Twelve in their turn: they show so clearly our duties in this Church, and the great reward that comes from fulfilling them. What is the wisdom of the Colleges of the world compared to God the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ, and the powerful works of the Holy Ghost? I answer, nothing; for their wisdom is carnal, earthly, for they do not believe the things from above; they oppose godly wisdom, and the power of God in our age, just as they did in every age when the priesthood was on the earth.

I must end; and if you see this letter as worthy of appearing in your TRUMPET, it is at your discretion; and if it appears in the TRUMPET, I say again to those of the Saints who read it, Flee, flee to Zion, according to the counsel of the servants of God, the presidency in Wales. I wish very much to hear from my relatives, my Father, and David, my brother, and my sister Sarah, if they have not started toward here. I wish for the family of Cefncrwth, Meidrim, to send a letter to me; I would very much love to see them here, and I hope that what I have said to them will stay in their minds. I wish for my mother-in-law to send a letter to me frequently. My wife joins with me, together with brothers Benjamin Jones, Sadler, and Richard Jones, in sending fond regards to you and brother Thomas Harries.

Farewell for a while, dear brother,

Your humble servant,

THOMAS JEREMY.

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## FALSE SPIRITS.

THE Lord, through his prophet Joseph Smith, declared that many false spirits had gone forth in the earth, deceiving the world; and just so it is. It appears to be one of the most difficult tasks imaginable, for the world to speak the truth about the marvelous and wonderful work of God, and his servants. If an individual goes to hear our Elders preach, or lecture, it seems almost impossible for him to return to his friends and render them a correct version of what he has heard. If the people report things to our evil, they invariably overshoot the mark. If a few speak in favor of us, they often laud us to the skies. A truthful equilibrium is the last point obtained. A recent number of a respectable journal informs us that "The Mormonite population of the Territory of Utah is credibly estimated at 300,000."

We know not on what authority this journal obtained its "credible estimation," but we certainly believe it to be a long way outside the truth. This item of intelligence would lead us to suppose that the Latter-day Saints from all the nations of the earth had simultaneously poured themselves into the Territory of Utah; or, that Joseph Walker, the celebrated Indian Chief, had prevailed upon the multitudinous tribes of his red brethren to amalgamate and fraternize with the Saints. One thing, however, we are sure of; much as they are despised, the world will have to look through "*Mormon Spectacles*," ere it finds out the undisguised Truth.—*Editor of the STAR.*

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 EISTEDDFOD OF THE SAINTS.

AN Eisteddfod of oratory, recitation, and singing, was held on the 26th of April, in Merthyr Tydfil, toward paying the debts of the Conference; and the occasion was presided over by brother Dewi Elfed Jones. The meeting was spent in a pleasurable fashion, and to the general satisfaction. Among other things that took place at this Eisteddfod, we can specify that we had the honor of presenting President Phillips with a handsome copy of the Book of Mormon in the Welsh Language, which had a moving effect on all of those present. The scene will be long remembered. On the occasion we spoke only the impromptu language of our hearts, which will always travel far; and the revered President Phillips answered us in a similar fashion. Each one was glad to take hold of this excellent book, considering that we had had the privilege of being instruments of the Lord in bringing it forth to the nation of the Welsh. And after our brother Phillips took his seat, brother R. Evans, Glan Conwy, arose, to recite the following verses:—

True, sweet rejoicing, public and deserving,  
 Was had appropriately and truly refreshingly;  
 The treasure that was hidden in Cumorah was obtained,  
 It has been translated into the language of the sons of Gwalia.

Praise be to God for showing the treasure,  
 And for giving permission for the chest to be opened;  
 And the labor in translating it will be remembered,  
 Among the feats accomplished in Wales.

The work was finished through labor and toil,  
 And given as a gift to the President, a happy man;  
 Long live the Translator, and the President to guide us,  
 And praise for the book in the dialect of the Welshman.

### MISCELLANEOUS, &c.

COMMON LAW IN UTAH.—“The man who seduces his neighbor’s wife must die, and her nearest relative must kill him.” So do the Saints put away wickedness from their midst.

THE “STAR.”—In a Special General Conference, which was held lately in London, it was determined that the “Millennial Star” will come out every week from now on, in the same size and for the same price as before. This is yet another sign of the success of Mormonism. Over twenty-three thousand of this valuable periodical will be published weekly, which will have a strong effect in shattering the kingdom of the enemy and lifting up the name of Christ.

DEFENSE OF THE MORMONS.—A correspondent in Philadelphia of the *Manchester Examiner* says:—“I have noticed the utterly untrue and vain accounts of the tumult of the Mormons in Salt Lake, and their unwillingness toward the federal government, &c. Many of these that are mentioned are erroneous and exaggerated, and inappropriately tend to cast undeserved insult on that deceived and misguided, but diligent, frugal and successful society; for it has clearly been shown through more recent information, and through being able to hear the two sides of the controversy, that the judges and the other officers who were sent out by the government in Washington, have behaved in an arrogant and improper manner, and are more to blame than are the Mormons. It is beyond argument that the Mormons have been highly successful, and on the whole contented and happy, in their new settlement, and their numbers are rapidly increasing.—*Liverpool Journal*.”

THE bill regulating the wages of the Territorial Officers became *engrossed* in the United States Senate yesterday (March 23). The Bill repeals the Act

that prevents officers from withdrawing their wages when they are away from their stations for over sixty days; rather it requires that their absence, from now on, must be approved by the President. It is likely that this measure was intended for those gentlemen who deemed it wise, for their own personal benefit, to leave Utah suddenly.—*New York Herald*.

BOOK OF MORMON IN ITALIAN.—We have just seen a volume of the Book of Mormon in this above language, translated and published under the supervision of Elder Lorenzo Snow. We are happy to see this book coming forth in different languages.

J. TAYLOR.—Elder John Taylor and his company arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 17th of March, all healthy and in good spirits.


CONGRESS.—The “New York Herald” gives an account of two members of Congress fighting with one another in the house, because one said the other was telling a lie. There was considerable commotion, but it appears that the two asked forgiveness, which was given them.


LETTERS have been received from Elders Eliezer Edwards, Henry Evans, and others, reporting they have reached New Orleans, and that they had a very comfortable voyage.

CONFERENCES OF THE NORTH.—The Flintshire Conference will be held on the 16th of May; Denbighshire, on the 23rd; Dyffryn Conwy, on the 30th; Anglesey, on the 6th of June; and Merionethshire, on the 13th.

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PAYMENTS FROM APRIL 14 TO MAY 5—Monmouthshire, £4; Breconshire, £1 11s; Cardiganshire, £1; Pembrokeshire, 12s; West Glamorgan, £6; Flintshire, £1; Anglesey, 12s; Dyffryn Conwy, £1 12s 6c; Denbighshire, £6 0s 7½c; Llanilltyd, £2 6s 8c; Pontytypridd, £2 11s; Llanfabon, £2 7s 7c; Cwmbach, £1 11s; Pendulwyn, £1 8s 6c; Twynrodyn, £1 17s 3½c; Llandaff, 9s 8c; Gostwng, 3s 9c; Eglwysnewydd, £1 17s 7c; Aberdare, £2 12s 3c; Aberaman, £2; Dowlais, £1 8s 0½c; Hirwaun, £2 4s 9½c; Cwmnedd, £1; Rhymey, £3; Georgetown, £1 5s 6c; Merthyr, £4 3s 5½c; Pendaren, 16s; Gwernllwyn, £4 11s; Ffynnon Tydfil, £2 0s 2c; Troedyrhiw, 6s 3c.—Total £62 8s 7½c.

 If anyone has segments 2, 7, and 9 of the “Doc. and Cov.” for sale, we would like to purchase them; also issue 14 of the “Trumpet” for 1851. Numbers 7, 8, and 28 of the Prophet of the Jubilee are also needed; and whoever can spare them, we shall pay full price for them.

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