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*Of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
to the Saints in the Valleys of the Mountains, and those scattered abroad
throughout the earth,—GREETING:—*

BELOVED BRETHREN,—Under the blessings of an overruling Providence for our preservation, we have renewed obligations of thankfulness and praise to our Father in heaven, whose protecting care has turned aside the shafts of death, and sheltered us, as with a mantle, from the scourges and devastations which have been poured out upon the earth.

We have truly realized that His power has been over us for good, and that these distant vales have thus far proved a safe retreat, wherein the Saints have found quiet, health, prosperity, and peace, while the indignation of the Lord has partially visited the nations. Our hearts are full of joy when we reflect how kindly the Lord has overruled seeming evil for good, and turned the wrath of man to His praise, by delivering so many of His Saints from wicked Babylon, and from the power of their enemies, before these scenes of woe, confusion, and distress spread desolation and affliction over the earth. At the same time we feel anxious for those faithful Saints who are still obliged to wait for deliverance in the midst of such fearful calamities.

The indications of the times and seasons, as they rapidly roll, are truly fulfilling the words of the ancient Prophet, that “the Lord has decreed a consumption upon the whole earth.” In the dispensation of the last days, we are truly gratified with the faithfulness of the Elders in going forth to proclaim the fullness of the Everlasting Gospel to the children of men.

Although a great work yet remains to be accomplished, still it has been carried to the most distant portions of the earth; and been preached to many of the principal nations in their native tongue. In North America and Great Britain it has been extensively preached and published. It has been preached and published in the French, German, Italian, Danish, and Welsh languages. It is also translated, and ready for publication in the Hawaiian language, and will probably be published the ensuing season. In addition to the foregoing, it has been preached to the Spaniards, Norwegians, Swedes, Icelanders, and the inhabitants on the Danube, the Nile, the Indus, and the Ganges. It has been freely offered, by the Elders of Israel traveling without purse or scrip, to all these nations, and to the people of Malta, Southern Africa, Ceylon, Siam, Australia, the largest and most populous of the Pacific isles, and to many other nations and people in their native language. Among all to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed it has found more or less of Israel; but it is worthy of remark that in those countries which were favored with the Gospel in the early ages of Christianity—that had the testimony of Jesus and his Apostles, we find the grossest darkness and idolatry, and the least susceptibility to the principles of our holy religion, while among the more enlightened portions, such as Western Europe, the English settlements in Australia, and America, and in the United States, it is more readily received by the honest and sincere inquirer after truth.

The missions during the past year have been usually successful. We have received intelligence from Australia which shows a considerable increase of numbers, and a constantly increasing inquiry after a knowledge of the truth. From brother Jesse Haven, who is still presiding and preaching in Cape colony, we learn that

quite a Branch has been raised since his arrival, mostly among the English settlers.

At Ceylon the missionaries were badly treated, and were soon obliged to leave the Island. In Siam they have been permitted to remain, but have made very little impression, except among the English, a few of whom have embraced the Gospel. This mission has been in the immediate charge of brothers Ludington and Savage, under the Presidency of Bishop N. V. Jones, whose location is at Calcutta. In this place also, as well as Bombay, Burma, and the Northern provinces of India, small interest has been awakened, and that mostly among the English; but the majority of them being soldiers in the British army, the Officers frequently prohibit their attending the meetings, or in any wise associating with the Saints. They also use a very powerful interest against our brethren in all their labors, even with the natives. In Hamburg, and in several of the European States, our Elders have frequently been imprisoned, and finally banished from their dominions. But in all of those places the word has been sown, and the native brethren, who have a right to remain, are preaching and teaching, as opportunity occurs, thereby laying a foundation which will eventually result favorably to the cause of Zion, by opening the way for the spread of the Gospel, and breaking asunder the bonds of bigotry, superstition, and darkness, which have so long enthralled the earth.

In England, Scotland, the Orkney Isles, Ireland, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the Channel Island, some portions of the United States, the British Provinces, and the Pacific Isles, the work has been and is prosperous, continually adding to the Church, and opening new and more extended fields of labor.

In our own Territory we have been blessed with health, peace, and prosperity unequalled. Crops matured, and were more plentiful than ever before in these Valleys, although much damage was done by grasshoppers in the month of July, and there was hard frost and ice on the 30th of May, and the 15th Oct. It is the first time since we settled in these Valleys, that we could say there was a surplus of grain raised for the inhabitants, and although an unexpected, unusual, and large

amount has been drawn for the U.S. troops who quartered among us during the winter, from the 2nd of Sept. to the present time, we still believe there will be an abundance to last until replenished by another harvest.

(To be continued.)

LETTER FROM THE VALLEY.

Salt Lake City, May 27, 1855.

DEAR BROTHER JONES,—You know from experience that it is sweet to receive a letter from the land of our birth; that is how I felt upon receiving the first letter from you on the 14th of this month, although it is dated from January 24, 1855. The reason for its being so long in arriving was that the mail was three months in being brought in. There are better signs that it will be coming regularly from now on.

I am pleased to hear that the gospel is going forward, especially in the country where I myself labored. I hope the Welsh will use every advantage they have through you and your fellow laborers, so they will not be behind in anything.

My writing gift took flight some time ago, and I must be satisfied in being brief, and strive to give a little of the history of this place, lest I forget what I still remember. You will be glad to hear that the work on the temple is still going forward, and that it is being built of granite, which is to be carried here along a canal from South Cottonwood. I heard also that the Iron Works are in full operation, and that there is a call for an additional one-hundred-and-fifty persons to carry it forward. The furnace was working nearly two weeks ago, and the fire went out only because of a lack of help to obtain fuel. The building for giving endowments is finished and open, and some of the missionaries have already received their endowments. About one hundred and fifty were sent to preach to the Indians, and it is likely that a great work will be done among them. No one has yet been appointed to go to Wales.

The weather has been very dry until last week, when it rained sufficient to water the earth well, which brings better hopes for the

future. The grasshoppers are our worst enemy now, but I hope they can be conquered before they do much damage.

Very many splendid buildings are continually being built in this city; and if God will prosper me, I myself wish to finish my own house before next winter, if possible.

Brother W. S. Phillips now lives in a place called Box Elder, about 60 miles from here, and he has become a farmer.

I was surprised lately to see Sarah, the wife of David Evans, formerly from Cardiff, walking so straight and so flexibly, when I think back that she was unable to take a step in the old country, because of the weakness in her back. I told her at the time that I would write about her in my letter.

I shall end this letter, wishing for you to remember me to all the Saints and the officers, and especially to you and your Counselors.

Yours in the truth,

JOHN DAVIS.

DEBT OF THE WEST GLAMORGAN CONFERENCE.

IN a Conference that was held in this town on the 21st and 22nd of last month, the attention of the Saints was called to the debts that remain in this part of God's vineyard, some of them for years, and to our surprise and great happiness there were over a hundred volunteers who shouted out their names to contribute over £70 of money toward their debt as soon as possible, the last of them during this quarter. In praise of their ready generosity, to show the magnitude of their love for the Lord's cause, and to show how this their example says to all others who are in debt,—“*Go and do likewise,*” we shall acknowledge their payments in the TRUMPET as soon as they come to our hand, so their descendants also will see the work of their fathers; and because of the incomparable willingness of our dear sisters to give their names we believe that they also wish to keep themselves in the memory of the righteous, and prove that they are not guilty of the excuse that some men give for not contributing to God's cause. These men can no longer say of their wives as our old father Adam said, “the woman thou gavest me,” she hindered me. We believe that that was usually

a borrowed excuse; we thank the sisters that their present willingness has proved that our notion about their generosity is correct; we said that they would be the first to achieve completion, and we believe that too, and we believe that they will prove our statement to be true insofar as they are able—they are ahead so far! We rejoice in this zeal for the Church of God, for it gives additional proof of the strength of their love for it, and it opens their hearts and their pockets so that that God who repays an hundred fold, will have open space and worthiness to pour out his spiritual and temporal blessings on them. If we are disappointed in that, let us know at the end of the quarter.

They vied to be the first to make these promises, and with a smile—how much greater will be their joy when they *fulfill*? Time will tell.

The books are open for more names, and the Office is open for the payments. May the Presidents of Branches see to it that those who do not contribute like this, contribute weekly, and let the amount be recorded on the "Sheets." For the volunteers who cannot come here, let the Presidents bring their contributions and names with them to the Councils, and let them be transferred together, or let those that are ready at the same time be combined to make a sum total and let these contributions and the names be sent through the *Post Office*.

We intend to publish the names of those who do not pay by the end of the quarter, if there is anyone, so that the others can assist him in fulfilling his commitment, if he fails to do so, for "it is better to forbear to vow, than after vowing failing to pay," says God. "But, where there is a will there is a way."

Not believing the brethren would be so generous, we promised to assist them in paying their debt; but, *we stand by our word* with PLEASURE, although we did not participate in creating it, nor will we receive any profit from it ourselves; yet, our desire to see the cause of God out of debt is so great, that we dared to promise to pay as much as half a dozen of the brethren that were in the morning meeting who gave the most, which will be seen by our name, and it has been paid, but not *first* as we had thought—*two sisters* went before us despite our best efforts! This is not to boast, rather to clarify what happened. Who will do better? Many can do so.—And the following are the names of those who paid until the 1st of August:—

	£	s.	c.
1. Mary Morgans, Neath	0	2	6
2. Sarah Walters, English Branch, Swansea	0	2	0
3. President Dan Jones	7	16	0
4. Thomas Harries, Formerly from Georgetown	0	10	0
5. Margaret Harries, his wife	0	10	0
6. John Walters, English Branch, Swansea	1	6	0
7. Esther Walters, his wife	0	7	0
8. William Lewis, Swansea	1	0	0
9. John Treharn, Aberafon	1	5	0
10. John Jones, Cwmbach	2	10	0
11. David John, Glandwr, Swansea	0	2	6
12. Elizabeth Jones, Swansea	0	2	6
13. Thomas Lewis, Treboeth	0	5	0
14. Margaret Lewis, his wife	0	5	0
15. John Evans, Treboeth	1	0	0
16. Richard Brooks, English Branch, Swansea	0	5	0
17. Mary Jane Cutliffe, Ditto	0	3	0
18. Benjamin Evans, Cyfyng	0	5	0
19. Henry Mathews, Swansea	1	0	0
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	£18	16	6

N. B. Some others have paid part, but they will not be acknowledged through the TRUMPET, until they have fulfilled their promises.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS IN WALES, FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1855.

PRESIDENT,

Dan Jones.

COUNSELOR,

Daniel Daniels.

<i>Conferences</i>	<i>Br.</i>	<i>HP</i>	<i>Eld.</i>	<i>Pr.</i>	<i>Tea.</i>	<i>Dea.</i>	<i>Cut.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Emi.</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Pres.</i>
East Glamorgan . .	34	0	239	83	97	54	124	12	102	80	1741	R. Evans.
West Glamorgan . .	18	1	77	32	21	19	13	3	6	38	445	Dan Jones.
Monmouthshire . .	20	0	82	22	27	13	30	2	13	34	509	T. D. Giles.
Breconshire	7	0	28	4	5	5	7	0	2	9	138	T. Morgan.
Llanelli	11	0	63	17	6	12	12	5	7	30	313	Ben Jones.
Carmarthen	7	1	20	7	4	4	14	2	8	12	132	T. Jenkins.
South Pembroke . .	12	0	28	5	2	7	6	2	11	15	189	John Price.
North Pembroke . .	4	0	11	2	0	1	2	3	10	1	33	T. D. Evans.
Cardiganshire	5	0	14	4	1	1	3	0	3	1	106	Ben. Evans.
Merionethshire . . .	6	0	14	7	2	2	0	0	0	1	75	John Davies.
Flintshire	5	0	20	4	4	3	3	0	7	15	125	L. Davies.
Denbighshire	4	0	14	4	4	2	4	3	2	5	113	John Parry.
Anglesey and Conway	6	0	22	7	3	2	4	1	11	3	97	Wm. Lewis.
Total	139	2	632	198	176	125	222	33	182	244	4016	

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1855.

EPISTLE OF THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.—It will no doubt be a feast for the lovers of Zion, if not all our readers, to read, ponder, and consider the heavenly principles it contains; our fathers in the Lord show ever increasing care for the benefit of the scattered children of Zion,—the great tenderness of God toward Zion in all its temporal and spiritual circumstances, and it shows topics for rejoicing in the hopes for the future more than ever before.

The coming of this portentous period when the gospel will be sent to the seed of Abraham, beginning with the descendants of the one who had the privileged birth, namely Joseph, the remnants of whom are the American Indians, is the fulfillment of the ancient promise of God, which was renewed through the Prophet Joseph, and which has been longingly awaited by the Saints—the forerunner of the gathering of all the tribes to Jerusalem, and to the “great and marvelous work of the Father”—behold, it has come. The work has already gone out of Zion through the “hunters and the fishermen” a hundred and fifty at a time, and hundreds of the seed of Ephraim already enjoy the Spirit of their fathers! This suggests to us that the “time of the gentiles” is nearly coming to an end, and that only a short work remains.

Let us all awaken to fulfill our part, and it will be our pleasure to drink deeply of the spirit of Zion, through conforming to and fulfilling all that this Epistle commands.

NEWS FROM THE VALLEY.—We are happy to report that we have an abundance of good news in addition to that which the Epistle contains, which we received from a dear brother, a beloved wife (who wishes to send her kind wishes to the Welsh Saints, especially her acquaintances), and that we have received through the “Deseret News,” and through the kindness of our dear Counselor, and others,

putting their letters to the service of the public; despite that, because of the importance of other things please excuse us for reserving all, except for the letter of our revered Brother Davis, to print in the next issue. We give our word to delight you at that time.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—There is an earnest plea from every corner of Wales, by the Presidents and the world, for more of these heroes to be in their midst. Pastors J. Parry and Lewis Davies call earnestly and frequently on the brethren of the South to come to travel in their Conferences before this favorable weather comes to an end. Brethren, do not stop to sharpen your sickles until the harvest is past! Every day we look at you following in the footsteps of the faithful brethren who have gone this way lately! Do not delay, especially those who have already submitted their names. May others who are able come quickly with their names. Wm. Lewis, Anglesey, calls regularly week after week, for assistance to the Counties of Anglesey and Arfon, and the land of Llyn, which is an extensive part of Wales that has not one Saint among the tens of thousands who live there, nor has anyone made hardly any attempt to get them to come. Certainly there are thousands in Wales who have yet to hear the gospel, while hosts of preachers with their preaching are deafening thousands of others who do not want the gospel. Brethren, search out the honest, and warn all impartially, for the time you have is short, remember. Come, then, and do not delay! Let the Presidents search with us for volunteers in their Conferences, and send them here without delay.

The Glamorgan Area.—Elders Wm. Jones, J. Treharn, David Evans, &c., are forming an escort from their army to wage war for Jesus in this broad land, and they are calling for additional help. May the Lord greatly bless their labor. Saints of the Lord! pray for the volunteers, and for the blessing of our God on their labor. Our pages are far too small for us to say even the thousandth part of our feelings on this topic, but this we say from our heart: May the Spirit of our religion like a fire consume us with a zeal for the salvation to save the souls and lives of our fellow men from the disaster which is already nearly upon them!

TO THE PRESIDENTS. Our excuse for not postponing the following observations in this regard, is the great importance we see in it, and the absolute need there exists for a detailed and

thorough investigation into, and an immediate restructuring of the Distribution of the books, the debts for them we could say, and we trust that our request will not be ineffectual!

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES AND BRANCHES!

BOOK DEBTS.—There is a great need for a general reform—*thorough* in some places in this important operation pertaining to the church of God. After a long time of waiting for the promises received to produce facts and reduce the book debts, and seeing them nevertheless rapidly increasing still, with hardly an exception, this worrying, ominous fact forces us to direct the attention of those concerned to the cause of this, and to devise and administer an infallible and speedy remedy for it.

Complete blindness is what will cause anyone to think that paying for the books published by the church of God is too much of a burden on them; only a lack of taste in their spiritual stomach for nourishment to the souls causes that deadly disease in the mind, for the fact is the complete opposite; their primary benefit is the main objective of publishing, and their good is contained in their purchasing of the books, reading them, selling them, and in *paying for them promptly*. The welfare of the Saints is what the servants of God have in mind as they publish the principles of life through the press as well as through preaching to them, and those who are not willing to pay the expense of the one and the other fairly, forfeit their right to the benefit of the service of the one as much as the other. But we need not reason on that point; for, alas, it is not a lack of the Saints' taste for books, neither is it their neglect in paying for them that is the chief cause of the debt increase, although there is room, and a great need for improvement in this, as we shall soon prove.

It is among the Distributors that we have found the greatest disorder of all. Through an investigation into this business lately we have gotten hold of some keys to unlock the mystery as to why the book debts have increased; namely, that the assistant distributors too frequently have kept the accounts of the receipts only in their memory, without considering the sacredness of that money, finding it very convenient to answer their personal requirements, to pay the shop, to buy a new dress for the wife, to

pay the expense of a trip to the seaside, to wander about, go gallivanting, or anything else for which there may be a call at the time; intending to give the money to their chief distributor at some appointed time, to be sure, when they receive the “draw,” the “pay,” or some other large sum of money after the death of an aged aunt, or untold wealth that will manage after ages in the *Chancery* to be on the point of coming into his clutches! Oh no, he’s not even thinking about dishonesty in the matter, of course, but failing to reach his goal at the promised time, there is nothing to be received but resolutions for a time, until those have soured, and he has withered,—the Spirit of God has retreated from him as from a plague, and by then you will get a tongue lashing if you ask for money, and finally away with him to the world believing that he is then free from them! If the Presidents of Branches recognize something similar to the foregoing depiction, we ask them to tell us who is to blame for letting such a one have such a long rope? Oh no, neither the Distributor nor the President should be permitted to use one penny of the book money, or any other money for any purpose except to put it in the intended fund. If an assistant distributor has not turned in money at every council, let the president look into the reason for that immediately, and if he does not obtain satisfaction bring him to the Council, and if he is unrighteous not only remove him from being a Distributor, but let the appropriate justice and satisfaction be done for all the Saints for his transgression against them, for the assistant distributor is a servant for the Branch, of their own choice, and they are his surety for paying his debts. So it is with the chief distributor for the Conference; and it is especially the duty of the President to put men to look into the business, and it is the duty of anyone who knows of negligence in this to report that to his President, and then, if he does not reform, to us. So it is in the branch also.

In order to forestall such confusion, and facilitate the proper organizing of accounts, we have published sheets designed for the Distributors to make up the books on hand according to the price of the Office, with the debts of the branches on one side, and the demands of the Offices opposite them on the other side, the difference will prove the Distributor’s personal debt, which every President should see that it is paid at the time. With one proviso, the sheets can answer for the assistant distributors, which is that they are not allowed to count personal debts on their sheets, for credit is completely forbidden by the law of the church. But if the distributor accepts the responsibility of

doing that as a favor to his subscriber or subscribers for a time, it should be noted that it is he who takes responsibility for doing so. Lately we have seen long lists—huge columns of the names of persons who owe book debts for a few shillings to pounds! Good heavens! no wonder that several of them have angered God by doing that, and apostatizing from the church because of it, some in other countries, from here to Australia, with the name of some officer who has not paid as much as one penny for the *Trumpet* for more than a year. No less than £9 14s of personal debts like this with hardly anyone responsible in any branch, and lesser sums in other places! Brethren, such extravagance with God's possessions is completely unrighteous! God does not give a greater oversight responsibility to those who can be so careless and profligate in a stewardship so small as presiding over a Branch, or distributing books! The profit from the books (as if there existed profit instead of loss as well) is to be used for carrying forth His work, remember, namely for emigrating home the poor, building Zion, and its temples, &c. Mend your ways, then, Brethren. *Let every distributor go at once to those debtors, and get them to pay* at once—ten to one it is easier to do so sooner rather than later; and if he fails to get payment let him write their names and the amounts owed with precision, and let him give them to the President of the Branch to be read in public at the next meeting of the Saints, and if he does not answer the warning let a council of the elders of the Branch judge what he deserves. Let this be done as soon as possible, for if it is seen then that there will be unavoidable loss through excommunication, or, if it is because of poverty that the Branch will be so generous as to pay for the honest poor, the sooner the better for them to understand how much it will be, *and pay that amount immediately. This should be done every quarter, as well as a collection every quarter to make up for the loss if there is one during the quarter*, because of some deficiencies, which, if it cannot be completely prevented from now on, will be forestalled as far as the Presidents are able, we trust.

Under every circumstance the Distributor is responsible for all that he receives until he can pay for it, for, as noted, without permission of the Branch he has no right to grant credit on its behalf. While it is a pleasure for every Branch to pay all legitimate debts for the poor, we hope that the President will foresee the shame

that will cover him if he allows any dishonest persons to become a burden on his Branch!

It is the responsibility of the Presidency also to assist the Distributor, by exhorting everyone in the meetings, &c., to purchase books, and for all who wish the benefit of men and the favor in God's eyes to help the Distributor to sell the stock on hand in every way they can; for distributing pamphlets is as beneficial as preaching, leading, or any other contribution to the work that God requires of us, and will be rewarded as such.

There is one other thing I wish to call to the attention of the Presidents and Distributors, in connection with distributing books, as follows:—profit is permitted for selling the books of about one pound of every six, seven or eight, according to the notice on the books; a third of this goes to the assistant distributors, and the other two thirds to the chief distributor; now, it is not right that they hand over eight or ten pounds' worth, without worrying too much about receiving the money for them, so long as they receive their part! No faithful Distributor, if *honest*, will keep the portion owing to him first, as a “waving of the sheaf,” without bringing the harvest into the Offices. It is true that he is to be compensated, since he has a responsibility to the Conference or the Branch standing surety for him, but he should not take his compensation in money from the firstfruits of everything he gives out; otherwise, we see that he has taken the pick of the crop from off all that is on hand in every branch, and has made little or no effort to sell them, perhaps. Remember that it is not *spreading* the Church's property as much as possible that is a Distributor's job, but *collecting* the money for everything is as incumbent upon him as is the *distribution*, and *paying* it in to the Offices *without delay* is as important as either. We see clearly that permitting the Distributor to pay himself from the first money that comes to hand for his part of everything that has gone out would be to put a skimmer in his hand to gather all the sweet cream from the dishes of milk of his neighbors, and leave his successor to sell “skim milk,” with no pay for his trouble, or to leave them there to go moldy and send for others so that he can do the same thing! But that is not, brethren, how we learned Christ, and that is not how anyone should deal with the possessions that God has put under his care. Only a worthy effort of the Distributor to collect *all* that is owing will entitle him to receive his

share of the money he pays *in*, and not to pay himself in full for all that *goes out* from the little that first comes into his hands.

There are yet other consequences of not paying for their books, that are even more important and more damaging than those that have been mentioned, especially to the debtors, namely, the fact that negligence, if not this *dishonesty*, angers God, and deprives the guilty of his Holy Spirit. This is a lamentable fact, but one that has been proved undeniably to many, besides to ourselves, through too many examples: and if anyone doubts, let him search the history of the deeds of those men who are lukewarm in the cause, and who dwindle into darkness, and if they do not find sufficient proofs that this is the beginning of the blight—the moss that causes the greenness of the tree to wither, if this is not the root of the evil and the beginning of the damaging consumption in nine out of ten cases, let us be persuaded of our misconception. In an examination into this deadly plague before a Council of scores of officers lately, many of them testified that they had clear proofs that the poorest and least productive were nearly always those who contribute least toward carrying forward the cause of God, who are most reluctant to pay for their books, so that is a byword with many that almost without exception their spiritual and temporal poverty are the results of their neglecting these important duties. And is not this principle consistent with all other principles in the church of God? Is it not according to their works that God will reward all his children? Every Saint knows that God will bless him the more faithfully he fulfills his duties; that also proves that the less one does the less he will obtain, the less he contributes to the cause of God the less God will bless the remainder that he has. If this is not true in all things it is not true in anything; if it is not true in things pertaining to money it is not true in that which is called more spiritual; and if that is the case, the religion which asks for either is not divine. The personal welfare of the needy is what prompts us to call the detailed attention of the Presidents to this, then, as well as to other things. Let the man who feels that he is getting poorer, the more he struggles against the Spirit of God and feels that this Spirit is retreating gradually from him, let him search inwardly and ask himself if it is not his neglect in paying to God and his cause his just requests that is chiefly responsible. At least, it is a fact too hard to hide that there are signs of heaven's smile—prosperity

and blessing on the body and soul of the generous contributor, on his family and his possessions, while there are completely opposite effects on his nearest neighbor whose heart is too closed to contribute a little of his abundance to the God who lends it all to him and his *life* besides.

The diligence of the Presidents is commendable in sending the teachers, and in going themselves after the weak and trying to restore them to activity, but if they properly understood their ailment, they would encourage them in the first place to work justice with God in these things—here is the root of the evil, or closer to it than many thought! Here, then, is the way to restore the weak to faithfulness. It is true in almost every case that the medicine is bitter, as in this case; yet, the more bitter it is to the mouth the greater is its need for the stomach, and so it is in this case. We exhort those who suffer this illness to take this infallible medicine for their bodies, their comfort, and for their souls.

Let us not be considered as speaking too bluntly on this matter, and let not the innocent think that either; our duty is to the honest Saints, and to the unfaithful for their restoration to the church of God, according to the stewardship entrusted to us to watch over these things; and the ominous future in face of the worrisome fact that the debt of the Welsh Conferences to this Office has increased by £123 7s 8³/₄c in the last six months, and to the Liverpool Office as well, until it ends up that the sum of £616 11s 9¹/₄c is owing for books to the former office, and not much less to the latter; these staggering figures are what motivate us to summon all to their duty.


In light of this we have published the TRUMPET every other instead of every week, as was done before, and in the previous quarter we sent hardly any halfpenny pamphlets to anywhere, while knowing perfectly well that the Saints are capable of selling several thousands of pamphlets every week, without costing them a penny of their money, just their faithfulness, if they would only accept the responsibility. But the fact that the debts increase the fewer books they receive, on average, proves the need for these observations, and a thorough investigation of the Presidents into the causes for that, and to see that there is proper organization, righteousness and faithfulness in this matter as in all other things, lest the Spirit of God entirely leaves them, because of their neglect; and we are so steadfast in this matter that we do not believe that God will bless their efforts with much success until they cleanse their churches of this “Achan,” or this

“Jonah.” We expect to enjoy the pleasure of seeing the effects of these observations, through the Presidents’ awakening to the work in earnest, selecting the books on hand in their branches, volumes, &c., that are clean and tidy in the stock they hold, and put those that are not marketable in the hands of the Saints to sell to the extent possible, and pay the distributors for them. May you put these matters into order, and may you go forth in righteousness, and you shall have the corresponding blessings of heaven and earth, an hundred-fold more than anyone has ever imagined.

BOOK DEBTS FOR THE VARIOUS CONFERENCES, FOR THE QUARTER
ENDING, JUNE 30, 1855.

Monmouth, £65 11s 2¼c; East Glamorgan, £175 15s 1½c; Brecon, £9 17s 11c; West Glamorgan, £154 8s 6¾c; Llanelli, £61 4s 8½c; Carmarthen, £27 10s; Cardiganshire, £16 14s 10¾c; Flintshire, £22 10s 5¾c; Conway Valley, £12 3s 4¾c; Denbigh, £17 18s 0¾c; North Pembroke, £7 7s 7¼c; Anglesey, £18 15s 4¼c; Welsh Branch Liverpool, £2 8s 5c; Herefordshire, £4 2s 1c; Merioneth, £13 17s 11¾c; South Pembroke, 6s 4½c; Liverpool Office, £5 19s 7¾c.—Total, £616 11s 9¼c.

BOOK RECEIPTS FROM JULY 19 TO JULY 31.—B. Evans, £2; B. Jones, £9 1s 7½c; G. W. Davies, £3 6s 5c; C. Harmon, 8s 2c; W. Lewis, West Glamorgan, £5 2s 7c.

 The Account of the General Conference of Zion, and the delightful accounts of several Welsh Conferences, together with interesting correspondences were pushed out of this issue, which we shall endeavor to push in at the first opportunity.

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