

— 21.—The wind is favorable; busily engaged nailing down and lashing our luggage to prepare for sea. The anchor weighed and sails spread at 12 m. We had a good breeze through the day, but nearly all the passengers were sea sick and vomited at a dreadful rate. The Twelve and the Saints occupied the second cabin, other passengers occupied the steerage. The fare was £3 15s.

The Rochester was a fast sailing ship, about 900 tons burthen, and passed all the ships that went out of port with us, among which was the Oxford of the Black Ball Line.

— 22.—Many arose quite weak through vomiting and sickness. Pleasant morning; nearly out of sight of land; ten sail in sight. Elders Kimball and Woodruff assisted me in getting the sick passengers out of their berths to take the air. Elder Geo. A. Smith was quite sick with a severe cough.

— 23.—Cloudy and some rain; contrary winds.

— 24.—Commenced at midnight to blow a gale, head wind, blew away our fore topsail; all very sea sick.

— 25.—Sea mountains high, head wind, ship rocking and pitching; nearly all sea sick.

— 26.—We partook of a little food this morning, but were weak and feeble. We still have head winds and rough sea, though the sun shines. We met and prayed for the sick and they began to amend.

— 27.—Still high wind; the sick somewhat better; the Twelve are generally well.

— 28.—Strong head winds, which increased to a tempest. The sails were close reefed, the tempest raging furiously, sea running mountains high. We shipped heavy seas and, while in the midst of this scenery, the cry of help was heard in our cabin; we rushed to the scene and found the ropes giving way and breaking which held about 40 tons of luggage, piled up between decks, consisting of heavy trunks, chests and barrels, which, if once liberated from their confinement, would with one surge be hurled with great force into the berths of men, women and children, and would have endangered the lives of all.

On seeing the foundation of this mass giving way, Elders Richards, Woodruff, Pratt and others sprang to the place of danger and braced themselves against the baggage and held it for a few moments until we partially secured it, when the captain sent several sailors with ropes, who made the same fast and secure. When this was done I repaired to the aft quarter deck with brothers Kimball, Richards, Woodruff and Smith and gazed upon the grandeur of the raging tempest and the movements of the ship for a short time. We all went below, except Elders Woodruff and Richards, who remained until a heavy sea broke over the quarter deck, which thoroughly drenched br. Woodruff; br. Richards was partially saved by throwing himself under the bulwarks; they then thought it best to leave and followed our example by coming below. We did not sleep much during the night, for boxes, barrels and tins were tumbling from one end of the cabin to the other, and in the steerage 15 berths were thrown down, nine at one surge, all the men, women and children thrown together in a pile; but no lives were lost nor bones broken.

— 29.—The gale has ceased, sea rough, sun shines pleasant, a fair wind for the first time since the day of sailing. We are sailing ten knots an hour; nearly all had a good night's rest, I was very sick and distressed in my head and stomach.

— 30.—Fine breeze, sailing ten knots an hour; fears entertained that the ship was on fire, as smoke arose, but it was found to come from the cook's galley. Br. Woodruff, in the morning, was requested to carry the dishes to the cook for washing; he got his hands full of dishes of various kinds and, as he stepped to the door of the galley, the ship gave a dreadful lurch and rocked until her studding sails reached the water; this unexpected heave plunged br. Woodruff head foremost about ten feet, the whole width of the galley. The cook, in trying to save him, fell on the top of him. As this was his first introduction to the galley since he had been to sea, he begged the cook's pardon for such an abrupt entrance and withdrew, leaving the cook with three smashed fingers to pick up his dishes at leisure, they being scattered from one end of the galley to the other. When the cook saw me he beseeched me very earnestly, whoever I sent to the galley, for mercy's sake never to send Mr. Woodruff again, as he came nigh getting killed by him.

May 1.—Fine beautiful morning; the passengers have got over the sea sickness and all

seem cheerful. Fair light breeze, water smooth; nineteen pieces of canvas spread; sailing twelve knots an hour.

— 2.—Strong favorable wind; cloudy; sailing twelve knots an hour. We saw a fin back whale rise out of the water several times about twenty rods from the ship.

— 3.—Morning calm; strong, fair breeze in evening; sailing twelve knots an hour.

— 4.—Clear, serene morning; water almost perfectly smooth; scarcely air enough to move a sail. The captain took the names, ages and occupations of each person on board, to make a correct entry when he arrives in port.

— 5.—Warm, pleasant morning; almost a dead calm; sounded, but did not find bottom. We saw a large shoal of porpoises to the north of us. Elder Peter Maughan lost a child, six weeks old, this morning. His wife died a short time before he set sail. The body of this child was committed to the watery grave by sewing it up in canvas and tying a stone to it, sinking it in the sea on the banks of Newfoundland, lat. 42° 25'; long. 50° 10'. Evening chilly and foggy.

— 6.—Slight breeze, sailing eight knots an hour. All the Saints on board are well, except Sister Richards, who is still feeble. We enjoy ourselves well, singing and praying with the Saints morning and evening.

— 7.—Head winds and very foggy. A storm arose in the evening from the south west; the sails were close reefed, the heavens gathered blackness, the sea piled up into mountains. In the midst of this a fight ensued between the cook and the Irish, which was stopped by the first mate. We had the roughest night we have experienced on the voyage; the spars and other things were afloat on the main deck.

— 8.—Fair weather, but strong head winds; sea rough, shipping heavy seas.

— 9.—Strong, fair wind; sailing twelve knots an hour; the coldest day on the voyage.

— 10.—Fine, pleasant morning, but calm.

— 11.—Strong west head wind; sailing nine knots an hour. We passed a full rigged ship standing the same way we were. We have passed every ship we came in sight of since we left Liverpool.

— 12.—Head winds; fair weather, but cool. Capt. Woodhouse proclaims land in sight, which we soon saw with the naked eye. It proved to be Cape Sable, Nova Scotia.

— 13.—Dead calm, sea smooth, cloudy, head wind in the evening.

— 14.—Dead calm to-day.

— 15.—Pleasant morning, light breeze, sea smooth; saw a shoal of mackerel.

— 16.—A light breeze; sailing four knots an hour. We sounded and found bottom at twenty fathoms on Nantucket shoals.

— 17.—Strong head winds; we came in view of Long Island, three p.m., took a pilot on board at four, who informed us that they had not heard from the Oxford nor any ship which left Liverpool at the time we did nor for several days before; he also informed us that no word had been heard of the steam ship President; all expected she was lost.

— 18.—Strong N. W. wind; sailing nine knots an hour. We heard of the death of General Harrison, President of the United States.

— 19.—While passing through Sandy Hook we ran into a fishing smack, came near sinking her with all on board. We had a head wind and could not run into the dock; cast anchor at 11 a.m. at the quarantine ground. A steamer came down to get the latest Liverpool news. An editor, who came on board paid the steamer \$45 to bring him out to the ship to get the latest news.

— 20.—Warm, pleasant weather; we commenced early in the morning to get our luggage on deck. There was a fight between the carpenter and second mate, which was ended by the first mate striking the carpenter with a junk bottle and, as he went to strike the second blow, I caught his arm and prevented him.

Two quarantine lighters came alongside the Rochester and took all the passengers and baggage to the Custom House, where we had to unload all the baggage, which was inspected by the officers, after which we reloaded on board the lighters, which took us to New York City.

When we arrived at the docks, we found them covered with horses and drays and a great crowd of draymen and pickpockets, who stood ready to leap on board and devour all our baggage and, because we were unwilling to be robbed and felt disposed to do our own business without being forced to measures by draymen, they cursed and swore at a dreadful

rate and acted more like savages than civilized men, but, after much difficulty, we got our goods out of the lighters and loaded on drays and had to keep constant guard over them to keep them from being stolen. Many attempts were made to steal our baggage; I collared some of the thieves and threatened to throw them overboard, if they would not let it alone. I was under the necessity of striking their fingers to keep them from carrying off the trunks they laid hold of.

We were until ten o'clock at night getting from the docks to an inn. We were all very much fatigued, for we had been constantly handling boxes, chests, barrels and trunks from sunrise till ten p.m. without eating or drinking. We took supper about midnight, and laid down to rest at the Battery Pavilion.

— 21.—Brs. Kimball, O. Pratt and myself took lodgings at the house of Elder Adams.

— 23 (Sunday).—The Twelve met in council in the morning. Elders Kimball, Pratt, Woodruff and myself gave an account of our mission to England to the Saints in the Columbian Hall, Grand street.

— 30 (Sunday).—Forenoon attended meeting. Elder Woodruff preached. Afternoon, held a conference meeting. Evening, Elder Kimball addressed the people.

— 31.—I visited the Saints on Long Island.

June 1.—I returned to New York and on the 4th, in company with Elders Kimball and Taylor, I left for Nauvoo by way of Philadelphia.

— 7.—Arrived in Pittsburgh.

— 12.—We started on board the Cicero. The water being very low, we ran on a sand bar twelve miles below and there remained all day and night. We went ashore and spent the time agreeably, having a good company with us.

— 13 (Sunday).—Remained all day on the sand bar. I went ashore. We got off the bar about half-past seven in the evening.

— 14.—Spent the time agreeably.

— 15.—Proceeded down the river till about eleven a.m., when the boat stopped till about half-past twelve p.m., when we started. The condensed steam being let off, scalded a woman, her daughter, and a child by the name of Thomas. We laid up seven miles above Wheeling.

— 16.—We started very early and, after proceeding about three miles, we ran on a sand bar; got off about four p.m., and soon arrived at Wheeling, where we staid all night. Capt. Thomas O'Connor was very kind to us.

— 17.—Proceeded on our way finely and arrived in Cincinnati on Sunday morning, the 20th. We went ashore and found several brethren. We went on board the Mermaid for St. Louis, and arrived in Louisville on the 22d, at six p.m., where we remained all night and, at noon on the 23d, started and arrived at the mouth of the Ohio on Saturday the 26th.

July 1.—We arrived in Nauvoo and were cordially welcomed by the Prophet Joseph, our families and the Saints.

— 9.—President Smith called on me at my house, when he received the following revelation:

"Dear and well beloved brother Brigham Young, verily thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant Brigham, it is no more required at your hand to leave your family as in times past, for your offering is acceptable to me; I have seen your labor and toil in journeyings for my name. I therefore command you to send my word abroad, and take special care of your family from this time, henceforth, and forever: Amen."

— 19.—Elders Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, John Taylor, George A. Smith and myself met in council, and conversed with Lyman E. Johnson, who formerly belonged to the quorum.

August 1 (Sunday).—Br. Joseph wrote the following in his history concerning the late mission of the Twelve:

"All the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who were expected here this season, with the exception of Elders Willard Richards and Wilford Woodruff, have arrived. We have listened to the accounts which they give of their success, and the prosperity of the work of the Lord in Great Britain with pleasure.

They certainly have been the instruments in the hands of God of accomplishing much, and must have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their duty. Perhaps no men ever undertook such an important mission under such peculiarly distressing, forbidding and unpropitious circumstances. Most of them, when they left this place, nearly two years ago, were worn down with sickness and disease, or were taken sick on the road. Several of their families were also afflicted and needed their aid and support. But knowing that they had been called by the God of Heaven to preach the gospel to other nations, they conferred not with flesh and blood, but obedi-

ent to the heavenly mandate, without purse or scrip, commenced a journey of five thousand miles entirely dependent on the providence of that God who had called them to such a holy calling.

While journeying to the sea board, they were brought into many trying circumstances; after a short recovery from severe sickness, they would be taken with a relapse, and have to stop among strangers, without money and without friends. Their lives were several times despaired of, and they have taken each other by the hand, expecting it would be the last time they should behold one another in the flesh.

However, notwithstanding their afflictions and trials, the Lord always interposed in their behalf, and did not suffer them to sink in the arms of death. Some way or other was made for their escape; friends rose up when they most needed them, and relieved their necessities; and thus they were enabled to pursue their journey and rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. They, truly, 'went forth weeping, bearing precious seed,' but have 'returned with rejoicing, bearing their sheaves with them.'

— 10.—The Prophet met in council with Elders Kimball, Pratt, Taylor, G. A. Smith and myself, and appointed a special conference for the 16th instant, and directed us to send missionaries to New Orleans, Charleston, South Carolina, Salem, Mass., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C.; and also requested the Twelve to take the burthen of the business of the church in Nauvoo, and especially as pertaining to the church lands, settling of the Saints on their arrival and selling church lands.

— 15 (Sunday).—I attended conference in Zarahemla and addressed the brethren on the subject of building the Temple in Nauvoo.

— 16.—I copy from the History of Joseph Smith:

"At a special conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, held in the city of Nauvoo, August 16, 1841, Elder Brigham Young was unanimously appointed to preside over the conference, and Elias Smith and Lorenzo Barnes were appointed clerks.

Singing by the choir; conference opened by prayer by the President.

The object of the conference was then presented by the President, who stated that President Joseph Smith (who was then absent on account of the death of his child) had called a special conference to transact certain items of business necessary to be done previous to the October conference, such as to select men of experience to send forth into the vineyard, take measures to assist emigrants who may arrive at the places of gathering, and prevent impositions being practised upon them by unprincipled speculators, &c., and he hoped that no one could view him and his brethren as aspiring, because they had come forward to take part in the proceedings before them, for he could assure the brethren that nothing could be further from his wishes, and those of his Quorum, than to interfere with church affairs at Zion and her stakes; for he had been in the vineyard so long, he had become attached to foreign missions, and nothing could induce him to retire therefrom and attend the affairs of the church at home but a sense of duty, the requirements of heaven, or the revelations of God; to which he would always submit, be the consequence what it might; and the brethren of his Quorum responded, Amen.

A list of names of the Elders and cities were read by the President, and a few were selected by nomination, and designated as follows:

Voted that Elders Henry G. Sherwood go to New Orleans; A. O. Smoot to Charleston, South Carolina; Erastus Snow and B. Winchester to Salem, Massachusetts; John Murdoch to Baltimore, Maryland; and Samuel James to Washington, D. C.

On motion of Vinson Knight, seconded by Samuel Bent,

Resolved, that the Quorum of the Twelve select the individuals to go and preach in such places as they may judge expedient, and present the same to conference, with a view of expediting the business of the day.

The situation of the poor of Nauvoo city was then presented by Bishops Knight and Miller, and a collection taken for their benefit.

After singing, conference adjourned until two o'clock p.m.

All of the Twelve present at the conference went and visited President Joseph Smith to comfort him in his affliction.

Conference assembled at two p.m., and was addressed by Elders Lorenzo Barnes and Henry G. Sherwood, concerning the spread of the gospel and the building up of the kingdom of God in these last days.

President Joseph Smith now arriving, proceeded to state to the conference at considerable length, the object of their present meeting, and, in addition to what President Young had stated in the morning, said that the time had come when the Twelve should be called upon to stand in their place next to the First Presidency, and attend to the settling of emigrants, and the business of the church at the stakes, and assist to bear off the kingdom victorious to the nations, and as they had been faithful and had borne the burden in the heat of the day, that it was right that they should have an opportunity of providing something for themselves and families, and at the same time relieve him, so that he might attend to the business of translating.

Moved, seconded and carried that the conference approve of the instructions of Presi-