

Correspondence.

WILLIAMSBURG, June 24th, 1868.

Editor *Deseret News*.—I have read this morning in the telegrams of the death of Heber C. Kimball, and cannot post my correspondence to you without paying a tribute to his memory. On the first publication of the sad news in Zion one might have said, there has fallen this day one of the mightiest men in Israel. He was not our Moses. Brigham is that, with all the qualities of character and mission that we associate with the great lawgiver of ancient Israel. But I look upon Heber C. Kimball as one of the mightiest men of this dispensation, after Joseph Smith. I know it is thus Fowler & Wells would judge him scientifically. He was a pillar, indeed, in his character, apostleship and life. I revere his memory and love him for his matchless fidelity to the "Mormon" mission. In this he was second to none, not even to Joseph, who died for that mission. His works, devotion and zeal have made him truly worthy of the deep reverence of every soul in Israel. It is not every one that venerates Heber or values him at his real worth, but that is because their own estimate is bad. I will tell you, sir, what first led me to so love and prize Heber C. Kimball. Elias Harrison and myself one morning went up to Heber's on some business matter, and we had to kneel with his family in the morning prayer. Sir, I never in my life felt God so near me as then, never seemed so much in His presence before. Heber C. Kimball brought Him down into that room. I felt that Heber knew God and that God had come down to hear what His servant had to say. Yet was the prayer as simple as that which a child would offer up in trustfulness to its parent. Indeed there was its might. The prayer was like Heber's character and life exactly. That prayer enabled me to rightly understand that great Apostle who is now removed to a higher sphere. Elias and myself came out of Heber's presence as from the presence of a God, and we marvelled one to the other. From that day we have revered Heber C. Kimball. May his name live for ever, and among those who reverence him most will ever be found!

EDWARD TULLIDGE.

Lock Box 556, OMAHA,
June 27th, 1868.

Dear Brother Cannon:—A few days since, the wires brought to us the sad news of the death of President Kimball, whom it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home from his earthly labors. We mourn (to us) the loss and absence of Bro. Heber, and condole with his bereaved family. I have been intimate with Elder Kimball for a quarter of a century. He has been more than a father to me and all the Saints. He stood firm like the rock in the midst of the ocean, by the side of the youthful Prophet of God, Joseph Smith, in all his trials and troubles to the day of his death, (24 years ago this day); and from that on, the second great pillar in the Church on earth till the 22d inst. He is again with Joseph and the faithful beyond the veil. His position is an enviable one.

The elders in the Southern States were all well when last heard from, and are having good success in getting a hearing among the people, and are adding to our numbers by baptism pretty frequently. A few are collecting at this point to be in readiness to go on west when the time arrives, and others are on their way in small parties from different sections of the country.

When I arrived here I found Elder A. Larson, of Weber City, a returned missionary from Denmark. He brought with him seven or eight Saints. He had been here a few days. We appointed a meeting at a private house, and gathered together all we could find and had a good time. There are a few families here who have been detained for the want of means. They have been here one, two and three years without any organization or meeting, yet they have retained their faith and will go on this season. We hold meetings regularly, and a good feeling prevails. We have baptized five and collected together about forty. The majority of them are Scandinavians. We all meet together and the services are conducted in the English and Danish languages, and I never saw Saints enjoy themselves better.

Brother Larson will go, in a day or so, to Nebraska City. We learn that there are a few Saints there who have been left

in like circumstances, and no doubt he will do good there. I expect to remain here till the middle of August, brother H. B. Clawson having appointed me to assist him in the emigration this season at this point. Brother Larson joins in love to you.

I am, as ever, your brother and fellow servant in the cause of truth.

JOHN BROWN.

OGDEN, July 8, 1868.

Editor *Deseret News*.—Not many weeks ago the hearts of our farmers were gladdened by the prospect of a bountiful harvest. Never since Weber county was settled was there a more flattering one. But lately the grasshoppers have come and done their fell work. Some of the settlements have suffered worse than others. At Eden the crops have been entirely destroyed; at Huntersville very nearly; and at Plain City there will not be over one-fourth of a crop of small grain. The other settlements have also suffered greatly. The gardens in some places have been considerably injured, and all more or less.

The ravagers are now leaving and making their way north-westerly, and from what information that can be gleaned, it is considered that if there be two-thirds harvested of what was expected, it will be all. Still, the people are not discouraged, but thankful and resigned to the providences of the Almighty, and those who have lost their crops are willing to turn their energies in other directions to make their bread last them until another harvest.

The Fourth of July, '68, came and went with us in a more quiet way than is usual. At sunrise the Stars and Stripes were unfurled to the breeze, and the firing guns by Wadsworth's artillery proclaimed that another Fourth had come. Capt. Pugh's brass band serenaded the citizens during the fore part of the day. All business was suspended, and the day was spent by the citizens in family and other social gatherings.

Respectfully,

W. THOMPSON.

FROM THE BRITISH MISSION.

By letter to President Brigham Young from President F. D. Richards, England, under date of June 13th, from which we are kindly permitted to make extracts, we learn that several missionaries who have been released, and whose names we publish to-day, are coming home earlier than expected, on account of their delicate health and the climate of England not agreeing with them, especially during the winter season. Bro. Richards says:

"The young Elders generally have been applying themselves diligently and appear to me to have made good proficiency in their ministerial labors. I have felt to put them forward into responsible positions, by changing their fields of labor, believing that it will prove the greatest benefit to the people and themselves; thus making the best use I know of the available help; for, it will be observed that when those were released whom it seemed necessary should be, there are few but young Elders left."

The ship *Emerald Isle* and *Resolute*, which were to sail from Liverpool on the 20th and 24th of June, were both full at the date of the letter, and applications were still being made for passages. Bro. Richards thought of sending the remainder by steamer. By reference to a telegram, from H. B. Clawson, Esq., in another column, it will be seen that he chartered passages for 400 statute adults on the steamship *Minnesota*, which sailed from Liverpool on the 30th ult.

RELEASES AND APPOINTMENTS

The following named missionaries are released from their labors in this Mission, with permission to return home to Zion.

Joseph S. Horne, John Hoagland, Harvey H. Cluff, John Parry, Barry Wride, John D. Reese, Griffith Roberts, Moses Thatcher, Aurelius Miner, Ezra J. Clark, John Barker, Henry Barlow, George Hunter, James Smith, Jonathan Steggell, Richard Benson, Isaac A. Kimball, C. P. Liston, William S. Grant, Nephi R. Fawcett, Hyrum T. Spencer, Zebulon Jacobs, and George W. Burridge.

The following named Elders are released from their present fields of labor with permission to emigrate:—

A. N. Macfarlane, Samuel Southwick, Andrew Simmons, James Stuart, Elisha Peck, William Park, and — Hugentobler, of the Swiss Mission.

SWISS AND GERMAN MISSION.

Elder Karl G. Maeser is appointed to preside over the Swiss and German Mission, and Elders Heber Young and Willard B. Richards are appointed to labor under his direction.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT.

Elder John E. Pace is released from the Presidency of the Bedfordshire Conference, and appointed to preside over the Glasgow Conference; and Elder Joel Grover is appointed to labor under his direction; Elder James Sharp is appointed to preside over the Edinburgh Conference, in which the Dundee Conference is hereby included.

WELSH DISTRICT.

Elder Elias Morris is released from the Presidency of the Glamorgan Conference, and appointed to preside over the Church in the Welsh Principality; Elder Nephi Pratt is appointed to preside over the Glamorgan Conference; Elder John S. Lewis is appointed to preside over the Swansea Conference; Elder Levi W. Richards is appointed to preside over the Monmouthshire Conference; Elder William L. Thomas is appointed to preside over the Carmarthen Conference, in which the Pembroke Conference is hereby included.

ENGLAND.

Elder Platte Lyman is appointed to preside over the London Conference, and Elder John F. Hardie is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Edwin Walker is released from the Presidency of the Sheffield Conference, and is appointed to preside over the Birmingham Conference, and Elder Erastus R. Egan is appointed to travel under his direction.

Elder Henry C. Jacobs is appointed to preside over the Manchester Conference, and Elder Almon Robinson is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Lewis W. Shurtliff is appointed to preside over the Nottingham Conference, and Elder Joseph H. Lee is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Alonzo E. Hyde is appointed to preside over the Leeds Conference, in which the Hull Conference is hereby included, and Elder Orson C. Holbrook is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder James Needham is appointed to preside over the Kent Conference.

Elder Edward A. Noble is released from the Presidency of the Cheltenham Conference, and appointed to preside over the Durham and Newcastle Conference, and Elder John W. Lee is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Abiah W. Brown is appointed to preside over the Bristol Conference, in which the Land's-End Conference is hereby included, and Elder Henry J. Moore is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Frank H. Hyde is appointed to preside over the Sheffield Conference, and Elder Edgar Dalrymple is appointed to labor under his direction.

Elder Joseph S. Richards is appointed to preside over the Bedfordshire Conference.

Elder Joseph Lawson is released from the Presidency of the Herefordshire Conference, and appointed to preside over the Norwich Conference.

Elder Robert Dye is appointed to preside over the Herefordshire Conference.

Elder Edward L. Butterfield is appointed to preside over the Warwickshire Conference.

Elder Marius Ensign is released from the Presidency of the Southampton Conference, and appointed to preside over the Liverpool Conference, in which the Preston Conference, and the Branches of the church in Ireland, are hereby included.

Elder William H. Homer is appointed to preside over the Leicestershire Conference.

Elder Henry Woodmansee is appointed to preside over the Southampton Conference, in which the remaining members of the Channel Islands Conference are hereby included.

Elder John R. Clawson is appointed to preside over the Essex Conference.

Elder Josiah F. Gibbs is appointed to preside over the Cheltenham Conference.

Elder Henry J. McCullough is appointed to preside over the Reading Conference.

Elder Nathan B. Baldwin is appointed to preside over the Staffordshire Conference.

FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS.

President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the British Isles and adjacent countries.

KEAN'S MOURNING PROCESSION.

At one time a quartette of friends dined weekly together, of whom Edmund Kean and Elliston were two. After dinner, on one dark winter's evening, a hackney coach was called, and the four friends, each secretly carrying a small bag under his arm, entered the vehicle, which was ordered to be driven to a street off the Strand, which was not very brilliantly illuminated. When it had reached a gloomy spot where the gas lamps were widest apart, the driver was told to halt and open the door, and from the steps descended a gentleman in full mourning costume, cloak, and hat-band; then another, similarly caparisoned, and another, and another; but these were not all! The flow of mourners continued, without interruption, and seemed likely to "stretch out to the crack of doom." The muffled driver, stood at the door, holding his arm to assist the strange company as they alighted, bore it for a while; but, overpowered at last with fear and horror, ran off, shouting to the watch to exorcise this demoniacal procession. This was a piece of Edmund Kean's wild fun. He had furnished his companions with their funeral gear in the bags. The cloaks, etc., were assumed as they drove along, and the opposite door of the coach was quietly opened and the steps let down before the occupants got out from the other side. To slip unperceived around the back of the coach, and pass nimbly through again and again, before the coachman, who was of the true Jarvey type, could discover the trick, was easy enough to such old stagers; and whether they had not "all melted into air, thin air," before the roused Dogberry could be dragged from his watch-box, and brought to the scene of action, must be left to the reader's imagination.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animal, which will be sold in thirty days from date, if not sooner claimed:

One red and roan, 7 year old OX, underbit and slit in right ear, crop off left ear, S on left shoulder. ELI WHITEAR, Littleton, Morgan Co., Co. Poundkeeper. July 7, 1868. s47-2w23-1

NOTICE!

I HAVE in my possession the following estray animal, which, if not claimed within thirty days from the last publication of this notice, will be sold according to law:—

Sorrel 12 year old Horse, white in face, right hind leg white, branded on left thigh, has some saddle marks.

DAVID UDALL, Poundkeeper, Juab County. Nephi, July 10th, 1868. s46-2w23-1

ESTRAYS.

(From Lehi.)

OX, 9 years old, red, small spot in forehead M on left side, crop and slit right ear. M

OX, 6 years old, red, white on belly and end of tail, slit left ear.

The above described Oxen, if not sooner claimed, will be sold at the County Pound, Provo, August 6, 1868.

s46-2w23-1 EDSON WHIPPLE, County Poundkeeper.

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