

else which may tend to facilitate the improvement of the old and young, in a knowledge of the arts, sciences, and general intelligence.

Several thousand dollars were subscribed to the Perpetual Fund during Conference; and several individuals subscribed one thousand each. Since that time, the Perpetual Emigrating Company, of not less than 13 members, consisting of a President, and Assistants, has been incorporated by an Ordinance of the General Assembly of the State of Deseret, with power to choose their own officers, to wit: a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Recorder, and Agents; and transact all business necessary for the furtherance of emigration; in accordance with the general principles of transacting business among States and Nations.

Brigham Young was unanimously elected President of the Company, who have since completed their organization by electing Willard Richards Secretary; Newel K. Whitney, Treasurer; and Thomas Bullock, Recorder; every member of the Company to give good and sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of their several duties; and all the Co. is responsible for the acts of its officers and agents.

It is confidently reported that there is a great failure of the gold dust, the present season, in California; and many of the donations made to the Perpetual Fund, have and will be made in live stock, grain, &c., and should a proper proportion of cash be wanting, the Company will issue their paper, for the purpose of fitting out emigrants abroad, which paper will always be good; as a sufficiency of the stock will be retained, in deposit, by the Company, to redeem that paper, at any moment; and any person coming to this place, can, with more convenience, bring the paper, than flour, stock, or even gold; which will make it an object for the brethren who have the means, and travellers bound for Deseret, to secure the Company's paper, wherever they can find it;

for, with that paper, they can get such articles as travellers most need, when money will not purchase them in this market.

The Twelve Apostles are mostly in their several fields of labor abroad. Elder Orson Hyde has been with us a few weeks on a visit, and is about to return to Kanesville, and continue his labors in the States. Elders P. P. Pratt, Geo. A. Smith, and E. T. Benson are at this place; and, with Wilford Woodruff, who is journeying thither, will spend the winter in the Valley. O. Pratt and F. D. Richards are in England. John Taylor, who left for France; Lorenzo Snow, for Italy; Erastus Snow, for Sweden, last fall, have not been heard from since they arrived at their destination. Amasa Lyman is daily expected, with a large company of the brethren from California. Charles C. Rich is expected to continue his labors in California, and commence a settlement, with such of the brethren as wish to tarry there, in the southern part of the Territory. Orson Pratt is expected here, as early next spring, as circumstances will permit; otherwise, the Apostles are expected to continue in their several appointments, according to previous instruction; extending their labors into other countries, as opportunity presents, and as they shall be directed by the Holy Spirit.

We received a long and cheering communication from Elder O. Pratt by Elder Hyde, and we feel to say to the Saints in England, lift up your hearts and rejoice, for the Lord hath done a great work in your midst, and speedily a greater responsibility must rest upon your shoulders. The reason why a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and among his own kin, is the want of faith and confidence among his countrymen. Immense treasures of time and means have been expended by the American brethren, to extend the work in Great Britain; and the time has now come when we must begin to have a

care for other nations, and leave you to prosecute the work begun in your midst, without continuing to send you Elders, as heretofore: God is no respecter of persons, and he is just as ready and willing to qualify your own Elders to preach and preside over Conferences, as to qualify men from abroad; and he will do it if you will give them your faith and prayers, and honor them in their calling, as you have done the foreign Elders.

We do not wish the American Elders to leave England, unless they shall particularly desire it, and that desire shall be approved by the Presidency at Liverpool; and we suggest to that Presidency the propriety of electing presiding Elders of Conferences, from the native brethren, as soon as circumstances shall render it convenient; and begin to initiate them into the practical duties of their calling; leaving the few American brethren more at liberty to visit the Conferences, and attend to general instructions.

Presiding Bishop Newel K. Whitney, died very suddenly on the 23d inst. Bishop Whitney was one of the oldest members of the Church, who have to deplore the loss of an exemplary member, and a most upright and thorough business man; and while we thus mourn his absence, we are again reminded that the Church of Christ is built upon no man; and that God is able to do his own work.—Bishop Partridge was the first Presiding Bishop in the Church in these Last Days, and died several years since; he was succeeded by Bishop Whitney, who is now gone to the world of spirits; and the voice to all is, be ye also ready.—The health of the people in the Valley is generally good: there have been a few deaths; mostly of Emigrants.

Every possible exertion will be made on our part, and that of the Emigrating Company, to extend the usefulness of the Perpetual Fund in gathering the Saints; and it is important that those who an-

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