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"Come, Heavenly Dove."

[TRANSLATED FROM THE WELSH HYMN BOOK.]

TUNE—"Begone, Dull Care."

COME, Heavenly Dove,
Descend, and gladness bring;
Come, Heavenly Dove,
And tune each heart to sing.
The Savior promised, when on earth,
The Comforter to send;
Then, gracious God,
Let him be now our friend.
He leads us right, dispels our fears,
Makes sweet the chastening rod,
And in our bosoms testifies
That we are saints of God.

Heavenly Dove,
We hail'd thee oft before;
Heavenly Dove,
Stay with us evermore.
It comes as if with burning fire,
Yet comes but to its own;
Then, Heavenly Father, hear us now,
And pour its blessings down.
It leads us right, dispels our fears,
Makes sweet the chastening rod,
And in our bosoms testifies
That we are saints of God.

JOHN S. DAVIS.

G. S. L. City, Jan. 7, 1858.

HISTORY OF BRIGHAM YOUNG.

December 22, 1839 (Sunday).—Preached at bro. Murdoch's, and went to Waterville on Monday, 23rd, with bro. Gifford.

—25.—Went six miles beyond Rome, and met with Elder James Blakeslee and bro. Joseph L. Robinson, stayed with bro. Spinning. Returned on the 27th to Waterville, and on the 28th to Hamilton.

—29 (Sunday).—Elder Blakeslee preached. Bro. George A., who had been confined to bro. Murdoch's house during the last three weeks, was now so far recovered as to be able to proceed; and on the first day of January, 1840, bro. James Gifford took us in his sleigh to Waterville, where we stayed over night with bro. Sykes. This evening bro. Blakeslee read us several chapters of a work which he had written for publication, and as he earnestly solicited my opinion on the subject, I pointed out to him so many palpable errors in principle and doctrine, that I convinced him his work would have to undergo a thorough revision before it could be published to the world as the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

—2.—Bro. Gifford carried us to Utica.

—3.—Went by railroad to Albany, and put up at the Railroad House.

—4.—Found bro. Robert Campbell, who lived with his mother, and staid with him. I went to Troy, and proceeded to Lansingburgh. I went to meeting, where Elder Phineas Richards was preaching.

—5 (Sunday).—I preached in Lansingburgh, and returned to Troy and preached in the evening.

—6.—Returned to Albany.

—7.—Elder Smith and I took stage for West Stockbridge, starting at daybreak; the weather cold and the snow very deep. Elder Smith's health still very poor, and though only 22 years of age his eyesight was so impaired by disease that I had to wait on him while

traveling, and select his food and put it on the plate, as he could not tell one dish from another: while I was settling our bill, I heard some gentlemen conversing, who said, "Do you know that old gentleman who came in the stage?" He was answered, "No." "Do you know that young man that waits on him?" "No."

We arrived at West Stockbridge, and I proceeded to Richmond, and sent a team for bro. George A. I preached on Wednesday evening amid considerable opposition, and bro. George A. on Thursday evening. While we were opening the meeting, three sons of sectarian deacons threw a quantity of sulphur on the stove, which was very hot; it produced such heavy fumes that some left the house, others raised the windows and opened the doors. It was with great difficulty we could proceed with the meeting. After the stench had a little abated, bro. George A. said it was the first time he had ever been permitted to visit the State of Massachusetts; he had heard much from his childhood of the refined morals, high state of Christianity and perfect order that reigned predominant in this State, and of the great missionary exertions made to civilize, moralize and Christianize almost every portion of the world. He said he had traveled in the west, north and south; met in congregations with the savages of the forest, and he had never seen so mean a breach of good order and decency before in his life. His first impression was that some sectarian preacher, a wholesale dealer in fire and brimstone, in making an exposition of his creed, had got so near hell that he had been unable to take all the brimstone away with him. At least he considered himself in no danger of catching the itch in Massachusetts, for the smell of brimstone indicated it was thoroughly cured.

—12 (Sunday).—We had a meeting at William Parsons'; bro. Jonathan O. Duke preached.

—17.—Edwin Pearson took his horse and cutter, and brought us to Canaan, Litchfield Co., Connecticut: in some places the snow was fifteen feet deep. We stayed at Gibson Smith's, and visited the Saints on Canaan Mountain, and preached at bro. Francis Benedict's.

—19 (Sunday).—We preached at Sheffield Mills. We visited the scattered Saints in this vicinity, and on Sunday, the 26th, I preached a lengthy discourse at the house of brother French.

—27.—Bro. French carried us in a sleigh to New Haven. We put up at Lewis' Tavern, where we anxiously waited for a steamboat. We visited the New Haven Museum.

—30.—We took steamboat and started, but on getting out a few miles, a portentous cloud in the east caused the captain to return, and we went back to the hotel.

Next day we took steamboat, and went within 18 miles of New York. When we came into the channel of East River, we found it frozen over. The captain ran his boat as far into the ice as he could, but the ice was so thick he had to land us at Fr. g's Point, where we hired a Paddy's dirt cart to carry our luggage a mile, when with other passengers we hired a market wagon to carry us to Harlem, paying all our money on our arrival there. It was late in the evening, and all the stages had left for New York, but one, which had only two horses, sixteen of us got on to it, and we arrived in New York by 10 p.m. When we landed I observed Captain Stone, the commander of the steamer, come out of the coach, and asked him if he would have the goodness to pay this gentleman's fare and mine (pointing to bro. George A.) He replied, "With pleasure." I thanked him. He said it was all right, and shaking hands with us both, bade us God speed. We left our trunks in the baggage room of the North American House, and soon found bro. P. P. Pratt and family, who lived at No. 58 Mott St. We were heartily received by the family, and returned thanks to God for having preserved us and brought us in safety so far on our mission to the nations of the earth.

February 1.—Spent the day at bro. Pratt's; my health was feeble.

—2 (Sunday).—Attended three meetings at the Columbian Hall, Grand Street. Elder Geo. A. Smith and myself preached.

I attended a meeting in some part of the city every evening during the week, and on Sunday, 9th, preached three times in the hall. I again attended meetings every night during the week, and was constantly conversing with people and teaching them the principles of the gospel. Passing from Brooklyn to New York, I jumped on to the ferry boat with my left arm extended, meaning to catch hold of the stanchion, but I fell on a large iron ring on the deck, which put my shoulder out of joint. I asked bro. Hedlock to roll me over on my back, which he did, I directed bro. Kimball and Hedlock to lay hold of my body, and bro. Pratt to take hold of my hand and pull, putting his foot against my side, while I guided the bone with my right hand back to its place. The brethren wound my handkerchief round my shoulder and helped me up; when I came to a fire I fainted and was not able to dress myself for several days.

—23 (Sunday).—I attended meeting. Elder P. P. Pratt preached.

I visited Long Island, and preached in the counties of King and Suffolk, at Hempstead, Rockaway, Brooklyn and other places. At the last meeting I held, I told the people I was on a mission to England with my brethren; I had never asked for a dime in all my preaching, but we had not sufficient means to proceed, and if any one wished to contribute to help us, I would thankfully receive it. After meeting, \$19.50 was put in my hands. We baptized nine, and returned to New York.

March 4.—Attended a conference with the church in New York. Elders Kimball, Parley P. and Orson Pratt, and Geo. A. Smith were present. Much instruction was given to the Saints, and a number of elders were ordained.

On Sunday I taught the Saints to ask the elders, when they came to stay with them, if they wished water to wash their feet. In the evening we went to bro. Addison Everett's; sister Everett asked us if we would have some water to wash our feet; having no fire, she brought us a bucket of ice and water, and we washed our feet, the cold, however, was alleviated by our exceeding good humor.

We engaged our passages for Liverpool on board the Patrick Henry, a packet ship of the black ball line, Captain Delino, and paid \$18 each for a steerage passage, furnished our own provisions and bedding, and paid the cook \$1 each for cooking. Bro. H. C. Kimball and myself occupied a lower berth, bro. Parley and Orson Pratt the one over us, bro. Geo. A. Smith and R. Hedlock, an upper berth at their feet; two Englishmen occupied the berth below. The brethren in New York furnished us with an ample supply of provisions by donation; the sisters made us ticks and filled them with straw for beds, and filled some bags with straw for pillows.

—9.—A large number of Saints came down to the wharf to bid us farewell. When we got into the small boat to go out to the ship, the brethren sang, "The gallant ship is under way," we joined them as long as we could hear. When we got on board, the vessel weighed anchor; the steam tug took us out to Sandyhook, bro. L. R. Foster, the presiding elder of the New York Branch, came out to the Hook, and returned with the tug. We set sail, and by sunset lost sight of our native shore. I was sick nearly all the way, and confined to my berth. For eight days we had a fair wind, from the eighth to the tenth day a very heavy gale, from the eleventh to the thirteenth day part of our bulwarks were washed away, and the water ran down the hatches in large quantities.

April 6.—We landed in Liverpool, I got into a boat with Elders Kimball and P. P. Pratt, and when I landed on the shore I gave a loud shout of hosannah. We procured a room at No. 8 Union Street. The ship failing to get in to the dock with the tide, I sent a boat for bro. O. Pratt, Geo. A. Smith and R. Hedlock.

We held a meeting, partook of the sacrament, and returned thanks to God for his protection and care exercised over us while on the waters, and asking that our way might be opened before us to accomplish our missions successfully.

—7.—We found Elders John Taylor and

John Moon, with about thirty Saints who had just received the work in that place.

—8.—Went to Preston by railroad, and found a multitude of Saints who rejoiced at our arrival and made us welcome.

—9.—Bro. Willard Richards came to Preston; I was so emaciated from my long journey and sickness that he did not know me. He gave us an account of the condition of the churches in the British Isles. I wrote for bro. Woodruff to come to Preston and attend conference with us.

—12 (Sunday).—I met with several of the Twelve in the Cock-pit, Preston, and bore testimony to a crowded assembly of the truth of the gospel.

—14.—I met in council with six of the Twelve in Preston, viz.: Heber C. Kimball, P. P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor and Geo. A. Smith, this being the first council held by a majority of the quorum of the Twelve in a foreign nation. Elder Willard Richards was ordained to the office of an apostle, and received into the quorum of the Twelve by unanimous vote, agreeable to a revelation given to Joseph Smith in Far West, July 8, 1838. I was chosen standing President of the Twelve by unanimous vote.

—15 and 16.—Attended a general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, held in the Temperance Hall, Preston, Lancashire, England. Elder Heber C. Kimball was chosen to preside, and Elder William Clayton, clerk. There were represented 1671 members, 34 elders, 52 priests, 38 teachers and 8 deacons.

During this conference we resolved to publish a monthly periodical in pamphlet form, to be edited by Elder P. P. Pratt, also to publish a selection of hymns, and that Elders P. P. Pratt, John Taylor and I select said hymns.

It was also resolved that Elders H. C. Kimball, P. P. Pratt and myself be a committee to secure the copyright of the Book of Mormon, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants, as soon as possible.

I wrote as follows:—

"To President Joseph Smith and Counselors:

Dear Brethren:—You no doubt will have the perusal of this letter, and minutes of our conference; this will give you an idea of what we are doing in this country.

If you see anything in or about the whole affair that is not right, I ask, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you would make known unto us the mind of the Lord, and his will concerning us.

I believe that I am as willing to do the will of the Lord, and take counsel of my brethren, and be a servant of the church, as ever I was in my life; but I can tell you, I would like to be with my old friends; I like new friends, but I cannot part with my old ones for them.

Concerning the Hymn Book—when we arrived here, we found the brethren had laid by their old hymn books, and they wanted new ones; for the Bible, religion, and all is new to them. When I came to learn more about carrying books into the States, or bringing them here, I found the duties were so high that we never should want to bring books from the States.

I request one favor of you, that is, a letter from you, that I may hear from my old friends. I trust that I will remain your friend through life and in eternity. As ever,

BRIGHAM YOUNG."

—17.—I met with the quorum of the Twelve at mother Moon's. She presented a bottle of wine for us to bless and partake of, which she had kept for forty years, and she said there was something providential in its preservation, for when she was married she designed to use it, but forgot until the event was over, and when her first child was married it was also forgotten, and so it had passed over several events, until she now had the privilege of presenting it to the quorum of the Twelve Apostles. We spent the day in conversing and counseling with each other pertaining to the things of the kingdom of God. We held a council at her house in the evening, and ordained Peter Melling a Patriarch.

—18.—I accompanied Elder Woodruff to Burslem by railway and stage; staid at bro Samuel Johnson's.

—19.—I preached to the people in Hanly in the forenoon and evening; partook of the sacrament with the Saints in the afternoon. After evening meeting I accompanied bro. Woodruff and other brethren to Stoke-upon Trent, and spent the night with bro. Hulme