

## DISCOURSE

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I feel that I am certainly not very tenacious in those things which I have based this mission, and I am very grateful to my Heavenly Father that we have so many evidences of His kindness and mercy towards Zion. We are continually called upon from almost every quarter of the globe for more Elders to be sent out to preach the Gospel, and we have feared it somewhat difficult to supply the demand, although the calls that are made upon the Elders are in the ratio required to all pleasure and advantage. The general answer made by the Elders is that it is somewhat difficult to be called to go to a mission, and with the help of the Lord, I will be on hand at the time appointed." But all of the answers are not of this kind. Occasionally, and especially of late, we receive replies that run somewhat in this way, "I am pleased to be honored with a call to go on a mission, but I am sorry to say that at present I do not see how it is possible for me to respond. I am in the hospital, and I am unable to do that it would be impossible for me to arrange them so that I could have upon the mission at the time appointed, and I am unable to do so." I have heard of such months of a year's time and I am endeavor to strategize as my affairs permit and by that final result I have been able to get out of the hospital a number of responses of this kind from the Elders. Of course, we regret this, but I feel that it is somewhat necessary in the extraordinary field, but because it grieves us to know that our brethren are to die. As we are passing through the winter season, and the weather is so means, it is the best time probably, that we will experience to just only, to get square with the world, and to get square with our brethren, and I assure we will keep out of debt as far as possible. I have noticed that in times when money is plentiful and everything is going on so well, that the brethren are prone to their obligations that they are liable to fail in meeting them. In times of scarcity, it is else to encounter, to be able to get square with the world, as far as we can.

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