

mother land, through the medium of the approaching territorial organization, will be duly estimated; and from henceforth, we would fondly hope the most friendly feelings may be warmly cherished between the various States and Territories of this great nation, whose constitutional charter is not to be excelled.

The first presidency of the quorum of Seventies, have been in frequent conference, the past winter, with the presidents of their several quorums, enquiring into the situation of their officers, severing from their office all such as have been known to dishonor their high and holy calling, and filling these vacancies with worthy men; also in filling the places of those who have been known to die since the quorums were organized in Nauvoo. The high priest's, and other quorums of the church, have held their weekly meetings in the council house during the winter, so that the house has scarce been cold since it was so far completed as to be occupied.

In January, we visited the brethren in Davis and Weber counties, and organized a stake of Zion at Ogden city, by appointing a presidency, high council and bishops: Loren Farr is president of the stake. Officers were also appointed in various places in Davis county, as there was occasion.

Elders Amasa Lyman and Charles C. Rich left this place early in March, with others, the camp amounting to about one hundred and fifty wagons, (some of which were to stop and locate themselves in Iron county,) for the purpose of establishing a settlement in the southern part of California, at no great distance from San Diego, and near Williams' ranche and the Cahone pass, between which and Iron county, we design to establish settlements as speedily as possible, which Elder Lyman will commence on his route, if practicable, so as to have a continued line of stations and places of refreshment between this point and the Pacific, which route is passable during the winter months.

March 19, we visited the Saints in Utah, and organized a stake of Zion at Provo city, by appointing Isaac Higbee, president, with his counsellors, high council, and bishops.—On the 24th, we visited Elders Lyman and Rich's camp, at Payson, and saw them organized ready for their departure. Elder Pace presides over the branch at Payson, which is situated on Peteetneet creek. There are settlements also, at Pleasant grove and Springville. We left Elder P. P. Pratt, accompanied by Bishop John Murdock, and Elders William J. Perkins, John S. Woodbury, Richard R. Hopkins, Philo B. Wood, Morris Minor, and Francis A. Hammond, with Elder Lyman's company, on his mission to the Pacific.

Our city is now being fenced into blocks, instead of wards as formerly, and many shade trees are being set on the borders of the side-walks. School houses have been built in most of the wards, both in the city and country, and schools have been sustained therein the past winter, and we joyfully anticipate that the time has arrived, when our children may be partakers of the blessings of constantly continued schools, in their several wards. The Parent school is in successful operation in the council house, under the tuition of Chancellor O. Spencer and Regent W. W. Phelps. The design of this school is to prepare its pupils to become teachers, and for all who may desire to ad-

vance in the higher branches of education. It is designed for the Parent school to be open continually.

Hitherto, California emigrants have been accustomed to leave their sick on our hands, at a heavy expense, and depart without notice; to turn their teams loose in our streets, and near our city, which has caused much destruction of crops and grass, so that if we wanted a load of hay, we have had to go from ten to twenty miles to procure it, and drive our cattle a still greater distance to herd the succeeding winter; but since the organization of a municipality, quarantine has been introduced, and no animals are permitted to roam within the corporation, which extends to some six or eight miles square; and when the surrounding lands are fenced, the accommodations in our immediate vicinity, for those who travel by multitudes, will be small indeed; and, we believe it will be more convenient for the great mass of travellers to the mines, to go by Fort Hall, or some route north of this, saving to themselves the expense and hindrance of quarantine; and other inconveniences arising from a temporary location near a populous city, where cattle are not permitted to run at large.

In view of the anticipated change in our government, and to facilitate business, the General Assembly of Deseret appointed Gov. Young their agent, to receive the \$20,000 appropriated by Congress to build a State House in Utah Territory, and cause said house to be erected without delay on Union Square, in this city, a little north-west of Temple block; and the Assembly adjourned sine die on Saturday last. Dr. J. M. Bernhisel has been appointed by the President to select the Utah library, for which Congress has appropriated \$5000, and, at our latest advices, he was in New York, making the selection. Dr. Bernhisel has issued a circular, soliciting editors and publishers of newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, and books, to forward a copy of their productions to Great Salt Lake City, for the benefit of Utah library. We are happy in announcing the arrival of a few papers and pamphlets already, and if the friends of science generally shall respond in like manner, by forwarding a copy of their works, we will soon have a most valuable reading room attached to the Utah library, which will cause the blessings of thousands to rest upon the heads of the liberal donors.

The best interests of the Perpetual Emigrating Fund are continually before us, and we would urge the importance of its object upon all the Saints, and desire they would add to its funds by all laudable means, for when once a line of communication is established between this and the Pacific, those funds can be made to bear in a more effective manner than they can under existing circumstances. We are looking forward in hope, that the time is not far distant, when the most speedy conveyance may be had between this and the western coast.

It is wisdom for the English Saints to cease emigration by the usual route through the States, and up the Missouri river; and remain where they are till they shall hear from us again; as it is our design to open up a way across the interior of the continent, by Panama, Tehuantepec, or some of the interior routes, and land them at San Diego, and thus save three thousand miles of inland navigation through a most sickly climate and

country. The presidency in Liverpool will open every desirable correspondence in relation to the various routes, and rates, and conveniences, from Liverpool to San Diego, and make an early report, so that if possible the necessary preparations may be made for next fall's emigration.

We contemplate erecting a wall around the Temple block this season, preparatory to laying the foundation of a Temple the year following; and this we will be sure to do, if all the Saints shall prove themselves as ready to pay their tithing, and sacrifice and consecrate of their substance as freely as we will: and if the Saints do not pay their tithing, we can neither build or prepare for building; and if there shall be no Temple built, the Saints can have no endowments; and if they do not receive their endowments, they can never attain unto that salvation they are anxiously looking for. So far as the Saints in the United States and Canada desire to see the work of the Lord prosper, let them arise as one man, and come to Deseret, where they can do more for Zion in one year than they can in many years where they are. Come on the Saints' route north of the Platte, as we stated in our last epistle, leaving the grave yards on the south of the Platte to a future resurrection. If all were agreed in this move, there need not be a Saint left in the States or Canada one year hence. This is wisdom; but, if you shall continue to hold on to your farms, and improvements, and effects, for the purpose of improving the price, and making money, you may expect to want help at a future day, when it will be difficult to obtain; and the Saints need not ever to expect a more convenient time to gather out of the States than the present.

The Indians have been troublesome in their operations the past winter, driving off cattle from remote settlements, but with less threatening of life than formerly, and more secret in their depredations.

We have received very few letters from the elders abroad since our last epistle, although there is a monthly mail between this and Independence, Mo., when not interrupted by snow, as it has been mostly the past three months. The twelve apostles are abroad, except Wilford Woodruff and Ezra T. Benson, who are in the valley. Their president, Orson Hyde, is located at Kanessville, Iowa, and is expected to visit the valley this summer. Parley P. Pratt is on his way to the Society and Sandwich Islands, and Chili; his mission extends to all lands in, and bordering on the Pacific. At last accounts, the work was very prosperous at the Society Isles. We have not heard from the Sandwich mission since the arrival of Elder Hiram Clark and his associates. Orson Pratt is supposed to be in the States on his way to the valley, where he will be associated with the university of Deseret for a season. John Taylor was at Boulogne, in France, at our latest dates, preaching, translating, and publishing. Lorenzo Snow, having visited the Italian States, was located at Piedmont, in Switzerland. Erastus Snow is at Copenhagen, and the work is prospering in Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, and all that region. We received a letter from Brother Snow, dated Copenhagen, August 17, 1850. He is translating the Book of Mormon.—Franklin D. Richards is presiding over the church in the British Isles, and his office is in Liverpool. Amasa Lyman and Charles