

bid good bye to fathers, and mothers, and were turned out of doors; that taught them the first principles of gathering up to Zion. And the idea that there was a place here that could be truly called home inspired them to go along, to the astonishment of their friends, and kindred, and that of the gentiles on the way.

When I think of the devilish doings of those abroad, I feel wroth in my soul to see what the Saints have to put up with. The wicked found, after trying their best, that they could not coax away even the most tender and delicate from their toil of drawing their hand-carts from 15 to 20 miles a day, and the Saints are happy to perform this labor, and make the welkin ring at night, when their day's toil is over, with their songs of praise and rejoicing. I could but think of the way Israel walked in olden times, when the Lord rained down manna for bread, and they were not allowed to keep any till to-morrow, and in that wilderness required of them to build a gorgeous tabernacle and carry it on their shoulders.

I have thought that the gathering of the honest in heart in these latter times is much like that good old mode; and it must be good, because it is in the Bible. The gentiles found that they could not turn away the good and the faithful, who are back in the hills pulling their hand-carts.

Many of those now back are poor, and had not enough to get away from their homes with, and now they have scarcely a change of clothing. If they can have some shoes sent out to them, and a few blankets to make them comfortable at night, and flour enough, with what beef they have along, to make them a good meal in the morning, they will make those hand-carts work powerfully. But if they are tender footed through going shoeless, and when they lay down at night if they lay cold, it will tend to retard their progress very much, however good their faith and resolution may be.

I realize in talking to you, and applying to you for help to aid those brethren and sisters, that it is as just and worthy a cause as can be espoused. I pray you, as you regard those on the plains, as you wish them to come and share with you the words of life and the ordinances of the House of the Lord, and as you desire Zion to be strengthened and righteousness to take the place of wickedness on the earth, to arise up and bring those Saints in, for it is late in the season, and ten to one they will have snow storms to encounter; though the Lord will not let them suffer any more than they have grace to bear. It is our highest privilege to do all we can to ameliorate the sufferings of those brethren that are thus trying to work out their emigration.

Prest. Young wrote to me a year ago stating that if I got his letter I should have joy in carrying out his plans; I testify here that I never entered into any measures that filled up my soul with joy, faith and energy so much as this plan for the gathering of the honest poor. It was late when I began the work, but we could not get at it any sooner. We have wrought with our might, and br. Daniel Spencer has been a pillar of strength upon which the hopes of thousands have rested securely. I rejoice exceedingly with him in the excellent feelings that his own conscience and bosom inspires him with when he remembers his labors.

Br. Wheelock has been like an angel among the churches in the old countries, and they have been strengthened in the work we are called to do. We did not stop to enquire whether the plan was a feasible one or not, that was none of our business; and when the word said hand-carts, we understand it so.

Brs. Vancott, Grant, Kimball, Webb, and others have labored with us with all their mights this season. I assure you it has been by some hard thinking, hard working, and doing the best we could unitedly that we have accomplished what we have. But our souls cannot be satisfied nor rest, until we feel assured that the brethren and sisters now on the plains are brought forward, and made as comfortable as the circumstances of the case will admit of.

Before leaving England, on the 26th of July, I had the pleasure of welcoming brs. Pratt and Benson, to that interesting and important field of labor. We had a joyful conference at Birmingham, and a council of the general authorities of the church in those countries. Those brethren expressed themselves very satisfactorily and cheerfully as to the condition in which they received the work at our hands; they spoke with great energy and power. The fire of the Lord was felt through that conference, and will be felt in all the conferences through the pastors and presidents who were with us, counseling on the condition of the work of the Lord in the European missions. The cause of truth is progressing there as well as here.

It gives me great joy, on returning, to see what an advancement there is in the increased out-pouring of the Spirit of God upon this people. Those that stay here continually cannot so abundantly realize and appreciate this, as those can who go out into the world for a season and return again.

I feel thankful for the privilege of being with you to try to partake of that spirit, and improve with you in the work of reformation. I realize, every time I go out from you, that the works of darkness are more consolidated and powerful against the cause of God on the earth, hence the Saints need increasing strength and power. I feel joyful to come back here, and feel the spirit and influences that are here.

The brethren that abide here year after year, do not know the power that is in them by the workings of the Holy Ghost, and the exercise of the Holy Priesthood; but when they get out in the field of battle where they have to contend against the adversaries of truth, then they

can realize the strength of the Lord upon them, they can realize that he is with them and makes their labors successful.

It is I believe as comforting a thought as the human soul can enjoy, to realize the worth of home, while abroad in the world. When you were first called to receive the gospel many of you were at once alienated from your homes and nearest kindred, and have never found a place where you could feel at home until you found it among the Saints. This is the only home for the righteous on the earth, and blessed is that Saint who can appreciate it, and enter into the righteousness and power of it, and enjoy its benefits in their true light and spirit.

I felt to-day that I could love to sit and drink in the Spirit's gracious influences. I could feel, while on my way in from the Weber, that there is a spirit here watching over the people, such as is not to be found anywhere else on the face of the earth. It is nourishing and cherishing to the servants of God, and the whole church in these mountains. How thankful we ought to be. The Lord has brought his Zion here to strengthen her; to admonish, reprove, build up and prepare his Saints for the events that are coming. And I pray the Lord to give us hearing ears and understanding hearts, that we may always have ready hearts to do his will.

In ten years past, last July, I have been sent to England on three missions; and out of that ten years I have been absent from home something over seven. I have made a good many acquaintances and friends in the old countries; I have labored with joy in my field of labor, and God has blessed me. My heart has been made glad, and I have been enabled to bless others.

During the last two years we have sent out eight thousand Saints, and nearly double that number have been added to the church by baptism in that country. I fear that I have almost become a stranger in Israel; there are but few that I am acquainted with here, and it helps me to appreciate the privilege of getting home, and of seeing br. Brigham, and Heber, and Jedediah, and the Saints in Zion.

The elders that go out to labor in the world are from time to time called upon to measure themselves, and they have labors and duties laid upon them that no man can perform, except in the name of his God. And it behooves every man and woman to strengthen themselves in the name of their God continually, to have their armor on and keep it bright, as the President said to us last night; I do not intend to lay it off.

I thank God for the strength he has given me among the nations; I praise his name for these good brethren that were with me. I never labored with a company of brethren with more joy, satisfaction and good cheer; I mean these brethren who went with me, Joseph A. Young, Wm. H. Kimball, George D. Grant and others. They have been like the deer on the mountains to carry the expresses of the Saints, and to render any and all kinds of help in hard times. They are men for whom the Lord has much regard; and though their words might not come forth in the same smooth shape as those of some men, yet they hit as hard when they were called upon to chastize the wicked; and they also comforted those that needed comfort.

They took hold with me, shoulder to shoulder. I do not wish to take much credit to myself, for what I have done has been accomplished in the name of the Lord, my brethren out of the office and in the office helping me to their utmost. I wonder and am astonished, when I think of what the Lord has brought his people through in the last days. What would have put another people under ground, they have surmounted by the influence and power of the Eternal.

Already we are a great people, there is hardly room for us, yet we are but as a drop of the bucket to the great work before us which has yet to be done; and the more there is accomplished the more we see there is to do, and doubtless it will keep on so, worlds without end.

I want to grow up with the church; it fills my heart with praise and melts me into contrition, when I think I am called upon to engage in such a work. I wish to employ all my energies and influence, everything I can control in its interests. I ask the Lord to lend me the blessings and comforts of this life for the time being, and to inspire me to use them to his glory, whether it be a family, or earthly substance.

It is one thing for a man to learn to live away from home, and to preach the gospel and magnify his calling there, and it is another thing for a man to learn to live at home, and magnify his calling here. I want to obtain grace, that I may magnify my calling at home and away from home, and I desire the continuation of your confidence, love and faith, that I may live and wisely improve upon that which is not my own; that in the end I may receive the true riches.

Concerning the hand-cart companies this year, it is an experiment. We cannot yet tell you exactly what it costs to come through in that way; but we know that it is going to cost those on the other side of the mountains cold feet and a great deal of affliction and sorrow, unless we help them. The word to-day is, mules, wagons, flour, shoes and clothing. I entreat you, as you value yourselves and the interests of this people, do to those brethren and sisters that are out on the plains as you wish to be done by.

Many of you have been permitted to live at home to enjoy the comforts of life, and you have accumulated to yourselves wagons and teams, and now is a time for you to do good with them. I feel to thank the Lord my God; my heart is full of thanksgiving and praise to

him, for blessings bestowed upon me and upon his people, while I have been gone. When we were crossing the plains, men, women, and children were destroyed, but the Lord has preserved us and permitted us to arrive in time to attend conference.

May he ever help us to appreciate his goodness unto us, and thereby we be led to do good unto others so long as we dwell on the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE DESERET NEWS.



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GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15.

TO THE BISHOPS AND SAINTS.

You are well aware that many of the brethren and sisters who annually arrive are destitute of teams, wagons, goods, cash, and almost everything except what they have on. This is more particularly the case with those who have and will soon come in with hand carts, and calls for general and prompt philanthropic action on our part, that the time and skill of the new comers be not wasted, and that they may not needlessly suffer.

Heretofore it has been too much the practice of the Bishops and brethren in the country to select the single and able-bodied, and leave the old, the infirm and children on the hands of the Bishops and people in this city. A moment's candid reflection will convince all of the impolicy and injustice of such a course, for the majority of those located outside of this city are where land is cheap and plenty, water and cattle range abundant, and fuel easily obtained. At least these are the arguments they have used, and if this city has some disadvantages for obtaining a livelihood, how can they expect all of the old, the very young and the infirm to be properly cared for therein?

To avoid this, and to more equally distribute duties among all who profess the same faith, the Bishops throughout the various settlements in Utah are requested to take prompt measures for the speedy removal of those now on Union Square, in this city, and those yet to arrive, ere inclement weather sets in; also to devise ways and means for the most advantageous employment of the time and skill of all. The Saints are counseled to aid their Bishops in these duties; and those who have acquaintances and relatives are more particularly expected to look after their welfare and location.

The several Bishops in the Territory will call upon the Presiding Bishop, Edward Hunter, and his Counselors, Leonard W. Hardy and Jesse C. Little, who will direct them who and how many to take into their different Wards, that no Ward or locality receive an undue share of the poor, helpless and infirm. This city has invariably borne the heat and burden of supporting that class, and it is high time that those who are living amid an abundance of grain, cattle, horses; range, fuel, water, &c., should round up their shoulders to receive their share of the load.

From all the settlements far and near, those willing to aid can bring in tithing wheat and other articles, and thus come prepared to take back such as Bishop Hunter and his Counselors may designate, without depending upon this city to furnish transportation as has too often been the case.

Hear ye, O ye Bishops in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints dwelling in the mountains, see that no man, woman, or child, living in your Wards and able to labor and sustain

themselves, is idling away his time; and especially the poor who have to call upon you, from time to time, for help. And now, while provisions are plenty and cheap, see that they procure a sufficient quantity to sustain them through the year, that none need suffer.

Suffer not people to run from Ward to Ward, without a recommendation from their Bishop, that you may not be imposed upon by idlers or loafers.

If your Wards are so large that you cannot attend to them and do your duty, you have the privilege of dividing them, that others may help bear the burden.

While these steps are taken by the faithful and liberal, that the new comers may not be discouraged, or suffer hardships uncalled for, it will be wisdom in them to reflect that they have come to a new and strange country, where comforts and conveniences have to be wrested from the rude elements with much patience and labor; that they have not come here to sing themselves (nor to be sung) away to everlasting bliss; but that useful occupation is honorable in all. This is necessary, in order that they may not become a burden to the cause, prove recreant to their duties, after many hardships, and thus lose the reward of their baptism and journeyings.

Let all be sure not to be off their watch nor lay down their armor; but live your religion, that you may be comforted, and enabled to accomplish the purposes of your being here, with joy and honor to yourselves and to the acceptance of our God.

BRIGHAM YOUNG,
HEBER C. KIMBALL,
JEDEDIAH M. GRANT.

HIS EXCELLENCY GOVERNOR YOUNG, accompanied by the Hon. H. C. Kimball and J. M. Grant, Lieut. Genl. D. H. Wells, Messrs. J. Ferguson, L. Smith, J. Tobin, J. M. Barlow and others, left this city, on the 13th inst., on a visit to the Shoshone Indians in the neighborhood of Forts Bridger and Supply and the crossing of Green river. They expect to be absent some two or three weeks; and, in addition to exerting a salutary influence upon the natives in that region, their presence and counsel will greatly cheer the hearts of the incoming immigration, and nerve them for encountering the rugged Wahsatch mountains, the last barrier to these happy valleys.

MISSIONARIES.—Elders O. Pratt, E. T. Benson, P. H. Young and T. O. Angel arrived in Liverpool, England, on the 13th of July.

ARRIVED, on the 11th inst., Capt. Croft and company, mostly from Texas and the Cherokee lands.

Summary.

In addition to scissortings, which will appear as fast as more important matter will permit, we glean the following from the New York Herald [from July 25 to August 25 inclusive; July 27, 28 & 30 and Aug. 4 & 15 missing] and from late dates furnished by P. McClanahan, Esqr., Post Master in Independence.

—Cholera is prevailing in Madeira Island, and in Madrid, Spain; and is increasing in Lisbon, Portugal.

—The South side of Sebastopol is about being rebuilt by the Russians.

—The army appropriation bill had not been passed, so late as the 26th of August.

—Fire in Chicago, Aug. 13, destroyed property valued at \$200,000.

—Fire and explosion of powder at Salonica, Turkey, July 17, destroyed several buildings, killed over 1000 persons, and wounded a large number.

—This season's crops in Europe have generally proved abundant.

—The celebrated 'Charter Oak,' at Hartford, Conn., fell on the 21st of Aug., and but six feet of the stump remains.

—A heavy rain, Aug. 20, caused a freshet in Hudson river and some of its tributaries, and destroyed bridges and other property valued at \$500,000; the greatest damage was in and around Poughkeepsie.