

—20.—In company with bro. Woodruff I rode to Stafford, and from thence to Wolverhampton.

—21.—We took coach to Dudley, and had a plain view of the old Dudley Castle, the age of which is not known: it is partly in ruins. We rode to Worcester, and spent several hours in the city, visited the noted ancient Cathedral, which is 400 feet in length, and contains many fine specimens of sculpture of ancient bishops, lords and princes, some of which, historians say, have been there for 700 or 800 years, and are reported to be as fine specimens of statuary as can be found in Europe. Nearly every portion of this majestic edifice is carved out of solid marble; the pulpit is carved out of one block. It also contains a small chapel hewn out of solid marble. The Church of England hold service in this Cathedral twice each day in the year: we remained during the afternoon service, at the close of which we rode to Ledbury.

On the road we passed through the town of Malvern, at the base of Malvern Hills, the most beautiful range of hills in England, being among the highest and affording the most splendid prospect of the surrounding country for 30 miles. Surrounding one of the highest hills, which is called the Herefordshire Beacon, are many large intrenchments one above another, supposed to have been made by the ancient Britons for a retreat in time of war. These hills have been a famed place of resort for the kings, queens, princes, lords and noblemen, and also the poets of England during the summer season. We had a view of Eastner Castle as we passed along. We spent the night at Mr. Francis Pullen's, having traveled 51 miles.

—22.—We walked to Froom's Hill, and called upon bro. John Benbow, who received us kindly. We also had an interview with Elder Thomas Kington, and in the evening we held a meeting at Stanley Hill Branch, and ordained four priests and one teacher.

—23.—We walked to Moorends Cross, where I remained, and Elder Woodruff walked to Malvern Hills and preached.

—24.—I preached at Malvern Hills, and returned to John Benbow's, at Froom's Hill, where I remained till the 30th, preaching, and writing letters to E. Robinson and Don C. Smith, also my wife and my brothers, John, Joseph, and Lorenzo D. I baptized four. Elder Woodruff returned, having preached at Growcut, Moorends Cross and Ashfield, and baptized thirteen. I walked in company with bro. Woodruff to Dymock, where we met bro. Willard Richards at Elder Kington's, and spent the night together.

May 1.—We walked to Ledbury, and mailed our letters; from thence to Froom's Hill, and staid all night.

—2.—I returned to Ledbury, where I remained preaching and baptizing until the 6th, when I proceeded to Lugwardine, and preached in the evening, and confirmed several.

—7.—Wrote a letter to Prest. Joseph Smith. I went to Marden, confirmed twelve members, and preached.

—8.—Went to Shucknell Hill, and preached at the house of bro. Ellis.

—10 (Sunday).—Returned to Lugwardine, and preached in the evening.

—11.—Went to Shucknell Hill, and preached in the evening.

—12.—Proceeded to Froom's Hill, and on the 13th bro. Woodruff and I preached, administered the sacrament, confirmed nine, and ordained one elder, two priests, and one teacher.

—14.—I walked to Ledbury with bro. Woodruff, where I remained and preached, and ordained a priest.

—15.—I went to Dymock, and met Elders Woodruff, Richards, and Kington: I preached at bro. Kington's.

—16.—I walked to Turkey Hall with Elder Richards, and staid over night.

—17 (Sunday).—We met at Gadfield Elm Chapel. Elder Woodruff preached in the forenoon; and while I was preaching in the afternoon, several opposers endeavored to raise a disturbance; I commanded peace and order in the name of the Lord, and by virtue of the laws of the land. Elder Richards and another brother went to the door, and peace was restored: we administered the sacrament, confirmed five, ordained four priests, and one teacher.

—18.—Elders Woodruff, Richards, and myself went to bro. Kington's, in Dymock, and baptized several. As it had been customary for the United Brethren, over whom Elder Kington had presided for several years, to have a feast on that day, Elder Kington prepared a feast, and at 4 p.m., about 100 Saints congregated; I addressed them, much assisted

by the Spirit of God, and asked the Lord to bless the food prepared for us, when we sat down and partook of the bounties presented on the occasion. Elder Richards made some appropriate remarks, and I followed him; after which we confirmed three, and ordained one elder and six priests; three were baptized after meeting, making twenty baptized that day.

—19.—Bros. Richards, Woodruff and myself went to Keysend Street: I preached. After meeting bro. Woodruff baptized four, and bro. Richards and I confirmed them.

—20.—Bros. Woodruff, Richards and myself went on to the top of the Herefordshire Beacon, where, after prayer, we held a council and agreed, that, since we had obtained £250 from bro. John Benbow, and £100 from bro. Kington, towards publishing the Book of Mormon and Hymn Book, I should repair immediately to Manchester, and join the brethren appointed with me as a committee, and publish 3000 copies of the Hymn Book without delay. It was also voted that the same committee publish 5000 copies of the Book of Mormon, with an index affixed.

I started for Manchester (accompanied by Elder Kington a short distance,) and went to Wolverhampton.

—21.—Went to Burslem, and found Elders Geo. A. Smith and Theodore Turley: bro. Geo. A. approved of the proceedings of the Beacon Council. I remained in Burslem until the 23rd, when I proceeded to Manchester, and found bro. P. P. Pratt and the brethren all well.

—24 (Sunday).—Met with the Saints at Manchester, and preached.

—25.—Waited upon publishers to find out their prices, &c.

—26.—Elder Taylor arrived in Manchester.

—27.—Elder Kimball arrived. The committee on the Hymn Book commenced, and we continued selecting hymns until the 30th, when, in company with Elders Kimball and Taylor, I went to Liverpool and preached on Sunday, 31st.

June 1, 1840.—Bro. Kimball and I met with the brethren about to sail for America, and organized the company.

—3.—Bro. Taylor and myself visited the printers.

—6.—The first company of Saints from England, numbering 41 souls, sailed for the land of Zion; John Moon, president.

—7 (Sunday).—I preached, and on Monday, 8th, visited Cheshire, in company with bro. Taylor.

—9.—We went to Manchester, and continued the selection of hymns.

—11.—Went to the Zoological Gardens; it rained, and I returned thankful that I had a comfortable lodging place, in my own hired house. After a conversation with bro. Pratt on the necessity of the elders having the power of God with them, I retired to my bed, and soon fell asleep, and had a dream about my family being well. They informed me that the church were not able to sustain the families of the elders on missions.

—14 (Sunday).—I preached to the Saints.

—21 (Sunday).—Bro. P. P. Pratt and I preached to the Saints in the Carpenter's Hall, for the first time after I had hired it.

I remained with bro. Pratt, preparing the Hymn Book until the 22nd, when I returned to Liverpool, in relation to the printing of the Book of Mormon. I went to Manchester on Friday, the 26th, and on Sunday, 28th, preached in the hall. We finished the collection of Hymns, and prepared the index for the press.

On the 30th, Elders Kimball and Richards joined us at Manchester.

July 1.—Elders Wilford Woodruff and Geo. A. Smith arrived at Manchester.

—6.—I attended a general conference of the church in Britain, in the Carpenter's Hall. Elders H. C. Kimball, P. P. Pratt, W. Woodruff, J. Taylor, W. Richards and Geo. A. Smith were present. Elder P. P. Pratt, president; W. Clayton, clerk.

There were represented 41 branches, comprising 2513 members, 56 elders, 126 priests, 61 teachers, and 13 deacons: increase the last three months, 842 members, 22 elders, 74 priests, 23 teachers, and 5 deacons. The apostles present, and 20 elders, volunteered to devote their time exclusively to the work of the ministry.

—7.—I attended a general council of the church officers in the council room of the Star Office, Manchester, at which the missionaries were assigned their fields of labor. I addressed the meeting at length upon the duties and calling of the servants of God.

—12.—I preached in the hall in the morning, and bro. Woodruff in the evening: we con-

firmed four. Soon after our conference bro. P. P. Pratt started for America to bring his family to England, and I took charge of the Millennial Star, and edited the same, assisted by bro. W. Richards. I was much confined to the office for several months, proof reading the Hymn Book, conducting and issuing the Millennial Star, Hymn Book and Book of Mormon, giving counsel to the elders throughout the European mission, preaching, baptizing and confirming.

August 21.—I visited the church at Preston, remained three days, and preached.

—23 (Sunday).—Ten were confirmed in the Hall, Manchester; and on Sunday, 30th, twenty were confirmed.

September 5.—I went from Manchester to Liverpool, accompanied by bro. W. Richards, and in the evening organized a company of Saints to sail for the land of Zion: Elder Theodore Turley was appointed to preside, with six counselors.

—6 (Sunday).—I preached in Liverpool.

—8.—The North America sailed with 200 souls. Bro. Richards and I accompanied the Saints about 15 or 20 miles; left them in good spirits, and returned to Manchester on the 10th.

Bro. John Benbow, who had furnished two hundred and fifty pounds sterling, towards printing the Hymn Book and Book of Mormon, relinquished all claim to said money, except such assistance as his friends who might wish to emigrate to America the next season, might need, leaving the remainder at the disposal of Willard Richards, Wilford Woodruff and myself, who borrowed said moneys, for the benefit of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for ever, also the avails of the Gadfield Elm Chapel, when sold, which money we paid out in emigrating brethren to Nauvoo.

—16.—Removed to No. 1, Chapman Street.

October 6.—I attended a general conference held in the Carpenter's Hall, Manchester; Elders H. C. Kimball, O. Pratt, W. Richards, W. Woodruff and Geo. A. Smith were present. Elder O. Pratt was chosen to preside, and Elder George Walker, clerk. There were represented 3626 members, 81 elders, 222 priests, 74 teachers, and 26 deacons, showing an increase for the last three months of 1113 members, 25 elders, 96 priests, 15 teachers and 13 deacons. A call being made for volunteers to labor in the ministry, 10 high priests, 13 elders and 19 priests gave in their names; a fund was established by the voluntary contributions of the Saints for the support and clothing of laborers in the vineyard, whose circumstances might require it.

—7.—I sat in council with the Twelve and several other officers. In the evening attended a discussion between Elder Alfred Cordon and Mr. John Berry, who attempted to prove the Book of Mormon false; and baptism by immersion not essential to salvation. Elder Cordon replied, proving the Book of Mormon true, and baptism by immersion a gospel ordinance and essential to salvation; there were about 1500 people present.

—8.—Attended council with the Twelve, when it was voted unanimously that Elder Richards take charge of the Millennial Star.

—11 (Sunday).—I preached in the morning in the Carpenter's Hall; afternoon, Elders Kimball and Woodruff confirmed nine. We administered the sacrament. I preached in the evening to an attentive congregation of about 1500.

—21.—Went to Preston with bro. Kimball; staid with bro. Burrows.

—22.—We held a council in the evening with the brethren, at bro. Joseph Fielding's.

—23.—We visited the Saints in Preston, and instructed them in their duties.

—24.—Visited the Saints in Penwortham, and in the evening we attended council with the official members of the church in Preston.

—25 (Sunday).—I preached in the morning, partook of the sacrament in the afternoon, and went to Penwortham in the evening, and held meeting at bro. Edward Martin's.

—26.—We went to Preston, and from thence to Longton, and held meetings. The brethren kindly administered to our wants.

—27.—We went to Churchtown and preached.

—28.—We attended a blessing meeting in the evening; Peter Melling, patriarch, officiated. Four were baptized.

—29.—Elder Kimball and I went to Southport, accompanied by Elders Peter Melling, James Whitehead, Robert McBride and wife, and sister Alice Highton. The patriarch blessed us, and prophesied that there were those present who should not sleep in the grave

until they should see the Son of Man come in his glory—namely, bro. Kimball and myself.

—30.—We went to Liverpool by coach.

—31.—We went to Harden.

November 1 (Sunday).—We went and heard the Rev. Mr. Beckwell preach. In the afternoon, Elder Kimball preached to a very attentive congregation, and I preached in the evening, congregation attentive.

—2.—Returned to Liverpool, and proceeded to Manchester; where we found bro. Levi Richards, Lorenzo Snow, J. Blakeslee and James Burnham, who had just arrived from America upon a mission.

—8 (Sunday).—I had organized the priesthood in Manchester to meet every Sabbath morning, and distribute themselves throughout the different parts of the city to preach in the streets. In this way they occupied about forty preaching stations, at each one of which the congregation were notified of our regular meetings in the Carpenter's Hall; this so annoyed the sectarians, particularly the Methodists, that they made complaints to the mayor, who issued an order to have all street preachers arrested. I went to the priesthood meeting in the morning, and felt impressed to tell the brethren to go home. The police, who had been instructed to arrest all street preachers that morning, took up about twenty, who all proved to be Methodists; when the magistrate learned they were not Mormons, they were dismissed.

I baptized John Taylor, of Manchester, who had been an infidel.

—10.—Went to Pendleton.

—15 (Sunday).—I went to Duckinfield with Elder Charles Miller, and preached in the forenoon. In the interval heard a gentleman and his daughter play beautifully on a double harp. Met with the church in the afternoon; then went to Stockport and preached in the evening, and returned to Manchester.

—16.—Elder Taylor came to Manchester, and remained till the 20th.

—21.—In company with bro. Levi and Willard Richards, I went to Bolton and attended council meeting in the evening with the authorities of the branch. Staid with bro. Adam Young.

—22 (Sunday).—Bro. W. Richards preached in the morning upon the priesthood, and I in the evening upon the same subject.

—23.—Returned to Manchester.

—25.—I started for London in company with Elder Kimball. Went by railway to Stockport, and from thence by coach to Macclesfield, and staid with bro. James Galley, the presiding elder, and counseled the Saints.

—26.—We rode to the Potteries by stage coach; stopped at Burslem, where we met bro. Geo. A. Smith. I preached in the evening upon the evidences of the authenticity of the Bible, and the Book of Mormon.

—27.—Staid at bro. Johnson's with bro. Geo. A., who was afflicted with bleeding at the lungs. I preached in the evening at Stoke-upon-Trent.

—28.—Elder Kimball and I left for Gret's Green, near West Bromwich; we called on the Saints. We met a man staggering; and on inquiring the reason, he informed us that he had not tasted bread for two days; Elder Kimball gave him sixpence.

—29.—I preached at Gret's Green in the morning. We staid over the afternoon meeting, and then walked to Birmingham, where we heard Elder Snow preach. Bro. Kimball and I followed him.

—30.—We took the cars for London, where we arrived at 6 p.m., and found bro. Woodruff well and in good spirits.

December 1.—I preached in Barrett's Academy, London; Elder Kimball followed me.

—2.—Elders Kimball, Woodruff and myself called on a few friends.

—3.—We visited the Tower of London, the Horse Armory, the Jewel Room, and the Thames Tunnel. I preached in the evening in Barrett's Academy.

—4.—With bro. Woodruff I visited Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey.

—5.—I walked out with bro. Woodruff to try and find the Book of Mormon, having heard that it was published and for sale by some unknown person, but could not learn anything about it.

—6 (Sunday).—With Elder Kimball and Robert Williams I attended service at St. Paul's Cathedral this morning. Met with the Saints at Barrett's Academy at 3 p.m.; bro. Kimball preached, about fifty present. In the evening I preached, and was followed by bro. Kimball and Woodruff. We had a very interesting meeting; one person applied for bap-