

as upon all nature. Vessels have been dispatched as near as possible to the time indicated in our instructions from the President, and we believe that the passengers will land and arrive at the terminus of the railroad at such times, and just as fast, as it will be found convenient to forward them thence to the mountains. Our emigration has, this season, been forwarded part by sailing vessels and part by steamships. The reasons for this have been explained in former numbers of the STAR. The *John Bright*, the *Emerald Isle*, and the *Constitution*, are sailing vessels, and started respectively on the 4th, 20th, and 24th June. The *Minnesota* and the *Colorado* are steamships, and started, the former on the 30th June, and the latter on the 14th July. All things being taken into consideration, these were the most timely and favorable arrangements which were in our power to make, and we are exceedingly thankful that through the good hand of God all has passed off so satisfactorily. We hope and pray that the same blessings which have attended our efforts in starting the Saints from Europe across the seas, will attend our brethren in the States, who have the important duty of receiving and forwarding the emigration on their land journey.

The first news of the call made by President Young for donations to gather the poor from abroad, caused great rejoicings throughout this Mission. The hopes and anticipations thus created, were heightened by letters received by the Saints from their friends in Zion, until such enthusiasm began to prevail, that it became our duty to throw a little cold water upon the wild-fire. We endeavored, both by public preaching and through the medium of the STAR, to modify the enthusiasm of the people, without weakening their faith or destroying their hopes. But, notwithstanding our cautions, and the efforts we made to direct them to a reasonable and consistent course, some, through giving greater heed to letters from their relatives than to the counsel of the Elders in their midst, brought themselves into trouble and distress. Many very unwise letters have been received from people in the valley, who ought to have had better judgment and greater discretion. Some have sent means sufficient to emigrate one member of a family, with the assurance that upon application to this office, the balance necessary to emigrate the whole family would be furnished. Others have sent word to their relatives here to sell off their furniture and prepare to leave, without forwarding a cent to aid them, but with the startling information that every Saint would be gathered from Europe this season. And others have not only written to the effect that all would be helped away, but have advised their friends to expend their means not for their own emancipation, but to purchase all kinds of articles—many of them useless—to take with them, while depending upon the Church for their emigration, and even going so far as to advise those who had means, to keep it from the knowledge of the Elders, thereby encouraging and advising a spirit of sponging and deceit. Some of the Saints here have been wiser and better disposed than their would-be advisers in the valley, and have repudiated the foolish counsel which has been sent; but others have been led away by it to their own sorrow and embarrassment. Applications for assistance have poured in upon us by the bushel, till our desk has almost groaned beneath the load, and our eyes have grown weary in looking upon them. Many of the applications we have been compelled to refuse, much to the chagrin of those who had been led to believe that every member of the Church in Europe would be helped away. Those who could not be assisted, and who through foolish

advice have given up their employment, and the tenancy of their habitations, have received what we hope will be a permanent lesson. We trust they have learned that their proper counsellors are the Elders whom the Lord has appointed to direct them, and not irresponsible advisers at a distance. And we really hope that zealous and enthusiastic people in Utah will also learn a lesson on the principle of wisdom, and avoid a repetition of their folly another season. By taking this hint, they will save much unnecessary trouble here, and preserve to themselves the confidence of their friends, which they are liable to forfeit by their unreasonable epistles.

The means which were placed at our disposal for the emigration by President Young, we have endeavored to use to the best advantage, according to his instructions and the wisdom of the Spirit imparted to us. The oldest members of the Church in England who have been faithful, have been sought out and assisted. Some had been in the Church from the commencement of the work in this country, thirty-one years ago. All these have been sent away with but one exception. Others who had faithfully clung to the kingdom for thirty, twenty-five, or twenty years, have been delivered from their bondage, and are now enjoying what they have desired for many years. A very great many who lacked a small amount for their emigration, have been supplied with the deficiency. The assistance thus bestowed has been spread over all the Mission, every Conference, more or less, receiving some help. We have endeavored to extend the blessing of deliverance as far and as consistently as we could, seeking constantly and earnestly for wisdom from on high, that we might feel the witness of the Lord's approval.

We have been compelled to deny many urgent requests for assistance, in consequence of lack of means. This has been done with sorrow. We are acquainted with the indigent and trying condition in which many of our brethren and sisters are situated, and we should have had great joy in calling them to come forward, if it had been possible to assist them all. We hope they will be patient in their disappointment, and still trust in God, who will open their way in his good time. And we take this opportunity of exhorting them to commence at once to make the best and wisest preparations they possibly can for the next season's emigration. They should begin now to save up from their weekly earnings as much as possible towards their own deliverance, so that should help come again next year, all may have something of their own to increase their chance of being assisted. If each member of the Church in the Mission, or even each head of a family, were to put by only sixpence per week for the year, what a nice little sum would thus be on hand to swell the amount forwarded from Zion!

For the comfort of those who are left behind, we remind them that the work on the Great Railroad, on which many who have emigrated this year will be engaged, will be paid for in money, which will give those who have been assisted the opportunity to repay what has been advanced to them, and thus enable the President of the P. E. Fund Company to send for many more next year. The near approach of the railroad, and the changes it will bring, will also no doubt open a market for the stock in the hands of the President, which will place more means at his command for the gathering, which he will be only too glad to use in the good work, for brother Brigham loves the Lord's poor, and his heart is set upon their deliverance. Then let all be encouraged, and strive by faith and good works to obtain the blessing another season.

The work of the gathering will be continued as the Lord shall direct, from year to year, until all his people are brought to Zion. A great work has been done the present season. When we think that more than three thousand of our brethren and sisters have in one year been taken from poverty and bondage, and are now wending their way to the tops of the mountains, to help build the latter-day kingdom, joy should swell our bosoms, and our grateful thanks should go up in unison to our Father in heaven, and our confidence in his word should increase, that he will not leave his people to perish in Babylon.

The Latter-day Saints Emigration from Europe in 1868, includes from England, 1845; Wales, 232; Scotland, 193; Ireland, 16; Channel Islands (Jersey), 24; Isle of Man, 5.—Denmark, 540; Sweden, 216; Norway, 63; North Germany, 3.—Switzerland, 41; Italy, 8; Bavaria, 2; France, 1, and Netherlands, 3, making a total of 3,192 souls; besides returning missionaries from British Isles, 29; Scandinavia, 8; Switzerland 2, and Netherlands, 1—Total 40; making a grand total of 3,232.

SUSPENSION AND APPOINTMENT.—Elder Elwin Walker is suspended from further ministerial labors in this Mission.

Elder R. E. Egan is appointed President of the Birmingham Conference.

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ARRIVED OUT.—The S. S. *Colorado* arrived at New York on the 28th July.

DEPARTURE.—President F. D. Richards left Liverpool on Wednesday, the 29th July, to attend a Conference at Zürich, and visit the Saints in various parts of the Swiss and German Mission.

CORRESPONDENCE

AMERICA.

Steamship *Minnesota*, near New York,
July 12, 1868.

President F. D. Richards.

Dear Brother,—According to your request, we write to you from on the face of the great deep, after an unusually pleasant voyage of 11½ days. The captain, officers, and crew, say that they never had such a favorable and delightful passage over the ocean before. No death occurred, although we numbered about 1,150 passengers, and crew 104. All enjoyed the best

of health, with the exception of seasickness for a couple of days, and a few for most part of the way, though they have been very well for the last two or three days.

We realized your promise to the letter—viz., if we would keep the commandments of the Lord, that we would have good times and a pleasant voyage, for the fulfilment of which we feel exceedingly thankful to the Lord, and for the kind Providence which has watched over us all the way through. More delightful weather could not be