

tofore hindered members of the Church from gathering with the people of God, have suddenly taken a different course, have sold off their property, and not only assisted our friends, but have cast in their lot with them, and are now on their way with them to the land of Zion.

In every movement that is made for the gathering of the people and the general interests of this great work, we have the positive and unmistakable assurance that the Lord works with his servants, and that their success is due to his power. This has a double effect, it strengthens and encourages us for the work to which we are called, and leads us to look to him continually for aid, to acknowledge his hand in all things, and to realize our own insufficiency unless sustained and guided by him.

After laboring earnestly to help gather Israel, it is indeed a joyful time for the Elders, when they behold the Saints on board the noble vessels that have started this season. When they hear their songs of praise, and witness their feelings of gratitude and pleasure, it in some degree compensates them for the toils and sacrifices of their mission. While such men are sent forth from Zion to preach the Gospel, and bring the people together from afar, Archdeacon Pollock and his friends may look for more of the finest vessels in the Mersey to be chartered for the benefit of the Latter-day Saints; and we beg to assure that gentleman, that the "Mormon" missionaries will not leave the field until commanded by the Lord, when, having faithfully warned this nation, it shall be left to the judgments of God, which will follow the testimony of his servants.

DEPARTURES.—The magnificent packet-ship *Emerald Isle* sailed from this port for New York on the 20th June, with a company of Saints numbering in all 876 souls. Of these 627 were from Scandinavia, and the rest from the British Isles. The following-named returning missionaries were in the company:—Elders Hans Jensen Hals, John Fagerberg, and Peter Hansen, from the Scandinavian Mission; and James Smith and Henry Barlow, from the British Mission; also Samuel Southwick, James Stuart, Andrew Simmons, and Elisha Peck, native Elders, who have been travelling in the ministry. Elder Hans Jensen Hals was appointed President of the company, and Elders James Smith and John Fagerberg his counsellors. Previous to sailing, a meeting was held on deck, when the Saints were addressed by Elder Carl Widerborg in Danish, and Elder Charles W. Penrose in English. Every one was in good spirits, and was thankful to the God of Israel for deliverance from Babylon.

The ship *Constitution*, which was engaged in consequence of the non-arrival of the *Resolute*, sailed for New York on the 24th, having on board a company of Saints numbering 457 persons, 45 of whom were from Switzerland, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and the Netherlands, and 412 from the British Isles. The following-named returning missionaries took their departure in the *Constitution*:—Elders Joseph S. Horne and John Hoagland, from the Swiss and German Mission, and Elders Harvey H. Cluff, C. P. Liston, Hyrum T. Spencer, and Nephi R. Fawcett, from the British Mission; also Elder Hugentobler, who has been laboring in the ministry in Switzerland, and Elder Van Stetter, who has been laboring in the Netherlands. At a meeting held on

deck, President F. D. Richards delivered an address to the Saints, instructing them upon their duties to God and each other upon their journey both by sea and land, and promising them, on conditions of faithfulness, a quick and safe passage across the deep. He then appointed Elder Harvey H. Cluff President of the company, and Elders Joseph S. Horne and C. P. Liston his counsellors. Elder Horne interpreted his remarks for the benefit of the Swiss and German Saints, and the whole company voted unanimously to sustain the appointments. Everything on board the *Constitution* was neat and in good order, and the Saints departed in excellent spirits.

May the Lord bless his people on the *Emerald Isle* and the *Constitution*, and bring them safely into port in due time, that they may continue their journey to Zion in peace.

THE "CONSTITUTION."—By letter from Elder H. H. Cluff, we learn that the steam-tug left the *Constitution* off Skerries at midnight of the 24th ult. The Saints were all well, delighted at their pleasant trip down the channel, and perfectly satisfied with their position, and the arrangements which had been made for their comfort.

THE "COLORADO."—The steamship *Colorado* will leave this port for New York, with a company of Saints, on the 14th inst. All who intend going to Utah this season will have to take passage on this vessel, as she will be the last ship on which we shall forward through passengers this year.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.—Presidents of Conferences are requested to make out their Statistical Reports for the half-year, so as to include the changes made by the departure of the *Colorado* on the 14th inst., and to forward them to us as soon as possible.

ARRIVAL.—Elder William C. Thomas arrived here on board the steamship *City of Boston*, on the 24th of June, in good health and spirits. He left Salt Lake City by stage, on the 3rd June, and having staid two days in New York, made the trip in 19 travelling days.

APPOINTMENT.—Elder William C. Thomas is appointed to labor in Wales, as he shall be directed by Elder Elias Morris, President of the Welsh District.

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Isles and adjacent countries.*

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E .

AMERICA.

Salt Lake City, May 23, 1868.
Elder Franklin D. Richards.

Dear Brother,—I have contracted

for the grading and masonry on the Union Pacific Railroad from near the head of Echo cañon to the lake shore, or to this city, depending upon which