SKEッチES FROM THE BOOK OF MORMON.

THE ORGAN.

From brother J. H. Ridges, the builder of this magnificent instrument, we are furnished a few items that will interest not only many of our readers, but the musical world abroad. When finished, the instrument will be twenty-three feet wide, thirty feet deep, forty feet high, and will contain over 25,000 feet of lumber. It was commenced in January, 1866, and every effort will be made to complete it by the Conference on the 6th of April next. It is being built on the large scale, and will contain the following stops and pipes:

Great Organ—Principal, fifteenth,
open diapason, stopped diapason,
mixture-three ranks, flute harmonic,
holh flute, flute a cheminee, dulciana,
thirteenth, trumpet, bourdon.

Swell Organ—Claribella, principal,
clear flute, stopped flute, cromorne,
hautboy, open diapason, stopped diapason,
mixture-two ranks, bassoon,
bourdon, piccolo.

Pedal Organ—Open bass, 16 feet;
duc bass, 16 feet; principal bass, 8 feet;
stopped bass, 16 feet; great
open bass, 32 feet.

Mechanical Stops—Great and swell,
pedal and great, pedal and swell,
tremblant, bellows signal.

The organ has two manuals—the
Great and Swell, both heavily filled
and the pipes on large scale. The
pipes will number two thousand or
upward.

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BY ELDER KARL G. MÆSER.

THE SEVEN PROPHETS OF THE HOUSE
OF JACOB.

Seldom has it been the good fortune
of a Prophet, in the whole history of
the kingdom of God, that the keys of
the High Priesthood have been re-
tained in his house for several suc-
ceding generations; in a majority of
cases, almost amounting to a rule, we
behold the mantle of the father falling
upon another man instead of upon the
son, as we see the same principle
verified in the instance of Joseph
Smith, the great Prophet of this last
dispensation. Not that the offsprings
of those wise men had all been Hophi-
nis and Phinehas, but that the Lord
dispenses his gifts and callings ac-
cording to principles, of which we
scarcely have begun to understand
the first letters of the alphabet.

Whatever great and glorious things
have been said of Jacob, the Prophet,
the monument which his son has erec-
ted for him, surpasses in beauty and
grandeur the proudest mausoleum of
a king: "I know that my father was
a righteous man, for he instructed me
in his language, and also in the know-
ledge and fear of the Lord." With
this testimony his son Enos commences
his own record, testifying thereby, be-
sides his filial gratitude, his sincere
appreciation of a good education,
which was to him in itself already a
sufficient evidence of the righteous-
ness of his father. May all sons in
Israel be able to bear a like testimony
on their father's grave, as Enos did
on Jacob's.

Although the son and successor of a
Prophet, having been brought up in
the ways of God, and having, no
doubt, complied long ago with all the
known requirements of the Gospel, he
nevertheless seeks, in repentant and
humble prayer, that union with his
Creator, without which no mortal can
walk in safety and fulfill his destiny
upon the earth. He is the first who
has put on record the future destruc-
tion of the whole Nephite nation, and
the final bringing forth of the plates
again by the power of God as a testi-
mony to future generations.

The notices which Jarom, Omni,
Amarom, Chemish, and Abinadom,
have left, give us, notwithstanding
their, in some instances, self-acquising brevity, an idea of the turbulent times the Nephites had with their enemies, and also that many Prophets among the people endeavored to preserve them in the fear of God, and enforce, rigorously, his commandments.

But Amalecki, the son of Abinadom, is somewhat more explicit, although even he manifests, by his writings, that the old fire of Nephi, Jacob, and Enos, had gone down within him; but still we are indebted to him for his record, inasmuch as it gives us an account of a great change that took place in his time, with that portion of the Nephite nation that wished to be led by the Priesthood. It appears that a certain Prophet among the people, by the name of Mosiah, fled in compliance with a revelation, with all who wanted to render obedience to the voice of God, and discovered another people also dating their origin from forefathers, that had left Jerusalem at the time their own ancestors did, and guided by the hand of Providence in a similar way, had settled down on the western continent, calling their new home Zarahemla.

Mosiah, having been elected by the now united nations as their common king, not only taught the new discovered people his own language, and made a written record of their, hither-to, only traditional history, but also translated, by the power of God, the engravings upon a rock which related to a certain Coriantumr, who had lived for some time among the people of Zarahemla, and was a remnant of a third nation descending from parents who emigrated to this continent after the destruction of the Tower of Babel. The Lamanites must soon have found out the tracks of their hereditary enemies, for we see them again engaged in fighting the house of Nephi in his new home, although with rather poor success.

As it always has been and ever will be, discontented individuals and ambitious spirits wanted to strike out on their own account, contrary to the will of the Lord and his servants; thus we see at the end of Amalecki's record, at two different times, expeditions starting northward to their former homes, but the end of both was the usual one.

Towards the evening of his life, Amalecki hands over the plates to king Benjamin, and the light of the house of Jacob, which had been constantly going down for a generation or two, only once brightening up again at the end, goes down forever in Amalecki, the last of the seven Prophets of the house of Jacob.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1867.

THE DELIVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.

There are many Latter-day Saints in the British Mission who have been members of the Church for many years, and who have, through lack of the necessary means, been unable to gather to Zion, though earnestly desiring to do so. Their prayers for deliverance have ascended to the Father morning and evening, but as yet they have not been answered. Some have become discouraged, forgetting the parable of the unjust judge, which has for its