EMIGRATION.

We feel truly thankful that amidst the general distress, poverty, and famine which prevails throughout this country, several hundred of our brethren and sisters have just been enabled to embark for the country which God has provided for a refuge for all nations. Upwards of two hundred and forty of the Saints were to sail from Liverpool, for New Orleans on Sunday last. They were from Preston, Manchester, and various other towns in England, and were destined for the colonies of the Saints in the State of Illinois, and in the Territory of Iowa.

Among this company was a large proportion of the industrious poor, who were upon the point of starvation in this land, or who were working like slaves to procure a very scanty subsistence. By the kindness of their brethren they were enabled to escape from worse than Egyptian bondage, and go to a country where they can by their industry obtain an inheritance, and enjoy plenty for themselves and their children. May the Almighty preserve them upon the waters, and bring them to Zion with songs of everlasting joy. May they obtain "joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing flee away."

We sincerely hope that the Saints will continue to cultivate that spirit of love and union which will work a full and complete deliverance of the rich and poor of his people, that they may all be gathered in one; that "there may be one fold and one shepherd."

We understand that another ship company was to sail from Bristol, about the same time. These would be from Herefordshire and the surrounding country.

The news from the emigrants who sailed from this country last season, is so very encouraging that it will give a new impulse to the spirit of emigration, and put to shame those who have published falsehoods concerning this plan of deliverance. Nay, so far from being ashamed of their former lies, they will put in circulation as many more.

NEWS FROM THE ELDERS.

The accounts from Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Birmingham, Stockport, Bolton, Oldham, Ashton, Herefordshire, Staffordshire, Wales, and many other places, are very favourable, in regard to the success of the gospel. Scores are bringing forth fruits of repentance, and are uniting with the Saints in baptism, notwithstanding the weather is so severe.—This is a matter of astonishment to the public: some threaten our lives, thinking it will kill those who go into the cold water, and others exclaim that it must be the work of God, or they would die, by being thus exposed in such cold weather. In the mean time the Sectarian priests are raging and lying as usual, and the editors of newspapers are helping them to publish lies against the truth. But all to no purpose; for God works and none can hinder.

BOOK OF MORMON.

This long looked for work is now out of press. The European edition consists of 5,000 copies, which we humbly trust will so far supply the public that they will now be able to peruse for themselves, a work which has been so grossly misrepresented; and which is in reality of more value to them than all the gold and silver
of England. What heart can be so indifferent as not to wish to peruse the record of half a world? Bringing to light Gods dealings with them, together with their history of the past, and their prophecies of the future.—I repeat the declaration, strange as it may seem, that a knowledge of the things contained in this record is of more value to every one of them than the gold and silver of Europe.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE TWELVE.

The quorum of the twelve will meet as many officers of the Church of Latter-day Saints, as can conveniently attend, in general council, at Manchester, on the 6th day of April next, at 10 o'clock, a.m., when much business of general interest to the Church will be attended to. And the presiding Elders universally, are particularly directed to hold their several conferences, previous to the general conference, so that they can make returns of all the churches, members, and officers on the occasion. By order of the High Council.

ELEGY

On the death of the dearly beloved, and much lamented father in Israel, Joseph Smith Sen., a Patriarch in the church of Latter-day Saints; who died at Nauvoo, Sept. 14th, 1840.

Zions noblest sons are weeping;
See her daughters bathed in tears,
Where the Patriarch is sleeping,
Nature's sleep—the sleep of years;
Hushed is every note of gladness,
Every minstrel bow's full low,
Ev'ry heart is turned to sadness,
Ev'ry bosom feels the blow.

Zion's children lov'd him dearly,
Zion was his daily care.

That his loss is felt sincerely,
Thousand weeping saints declare;
Thousands, who have shar'd his blessing,
Thousands, whom his service bless'd,
By his faith and prayer's suppressing
Evils, which their lives oppress.

Faith and works, most sweetly blended,
Provd his steadfast heart sincere;
And the power of God, attended
His official labors, here,
Long, he stood in the power's of darkness,
Like an anchor in the flood;
Like an oak amid the tempest,
Bold and fearlessly he stood.

Years have witnessed his devotions,
By the love of God inspired;
When his spirit's pure emotions
Were with holy ardour fill'd,
Oft, he wept for suffering Zion—
All her sorrows were his own;
When she pass'd thro' grievous trials,
Her oppressions weigh'd him down.

Now he's gone; We'd not recall him
From a paradise of bliss,
Where no evil can befall him,
To a changing world like this,
His lov'd name, will never perish,
Nor his memory crown the dust;
For the saints of God will cherish
The remembrance of the just.

Faith's sweet voice of consolation,
Soothes our grief; His spirit's down
Upward, to a holier station,
Nearer the celestial throne;
There to plead the cause of Zion,
In the council of the just;
In the court, the saints rely on,
Pending causes to adjust.

Though his earthly part is sleeping
Lowly, 'neath the prairie sod;
Soon the grave will yield its keeping—
Yield to life, the man of God,
When the heavens and earth are shaken—
When all things shall be restored—
When the trump of God shall waken—
Those that sleep in Christ the Lord.

ELIZA K. SNOW.

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