

The Council House is progressing finely, being built of stone. Farming, gardening, fencing, building houses and bridges, opening of streets, and of various kinds of mechanical operations are in rapid progress, while health, peace, union and happiness generally abound with those who take pleasure in the things of God.

We must now close our hurried communication, by asking an interest in all your prayers, and we pray the choicest blessings of Almighty God to rest upon the Saints in the British Isles, and upon all who love and seek and practice the truth, now and for ever, worlds without end. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Quorum who are in the valley,

PARLEY P. PRATT, President, pro tem.  
FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS, Clerk.

P.S.—April 12th; The mail is now about to depart soon. Since the above was written, Elder Charles C. Rich, of the Twelve, is appointed to take his stand in Western California, with a view to give guidance to the affairs of the Church and kingdom in that region. He will probably repair thither when Elders Pratt go on their way to the Islands this season.

P. P. P., President, pro tem.  
F. D. R., Clerk.

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## The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star.

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AUGUST 15, 1849.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED.

“This letter certifies that Elder Orson Pratt, of Liverpool, England, is a duly appointed and authorized agent of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to receive, solicit, and gather tithing and donations in the British Islands and adjacent countries; and he is hereby instructed to keep a detailed account of all such receipts, specifying the amount, name, and residence of each individual making remittances, and forward the same to us by some faithful brother, or appropriate the same to our order.

Given under our hands and seal, at Great Salt Lake City, Great Basin, North America, this 9th day of April, 1849, for and in behalf of said Church,

BRIGHAM YOUNG,	}	Presidency
HEBER C. KIMBALL,		of said
WILLARD RICHARDS,		Church.

The emigrating Saints should recollect, for it is published in the STAR, that those who have £9 or more per head are required to pay one-tenth of the same as tithing at our office in Liverpool; and those Saints who are not ready for emigrating this season should not neglect the law of tithing, for we wish to forward all we can to hasten the building of another temple unto the Most High.

**MECHANICS WANTED AT THE GREAT SALT LAKE.**—A letter has just been received from the First Presidency, stating that they intend establishing an iron foundry in the Great Basin without delay. They have sent an express desiring mechanics of the best kind, “such as blowers, moulders, and all kinds of furnace operators, to immediately emigrate to the Valley without any delay.”

They also want “one or more mechanics or practical operators in smelting, assaying, mixing, compounding, dividing and subdividing, and proving all sorts of metals and minerals, and wish them to bring with them all tests and apparatus they will need to operate with.”

We wish the presiding elders of the conferences to search out such mechanics as named above, and have them emigrate immediately. Let those Saints who have means to spare help such mechanics to emigrate in preference to any one else, that

is, if they need help; for this is the will of the Lord that such should be helped to the Valley first, that a good foundation may be laid against the time that others of the poor shall go. Let not the presiding elders be slothful upon this subject until it is accomplished. When you find mechanics of the above description use every effort to get them off to the Salt Lake Valley. We shall expect you to communicate with us by letter upon this subject, and let us know the prospects. Such mechanics are loudly called for and must be forth-coming."

DISCUSSIONS.—There are many persons who are very fond of discussion, and yet they have neither talents nor ability to know how to discuss a subject, nor to perceive when their own arguments are refuted. As a general thing we would advise the officers of branches to avoid discussions, unless by the consent of the presiding elders of conferences. There are many apostates and wicked corrupt men whose characters are too low and degraded to be noticed by the Saints or the public generally: with such have nothing to do, only to treat them with silent contempt. The Lord has sent his servants to preach the gospel and testify to the truth, instead of sending them to contend with such corrupt unprincipled men; therefore be humble and wise servants and harmless as doves, contending earnestly for the truth when circumstances require it, but avoid all vain janglings and strifes, and let all things be conducted in order and wisdom, and by the counsel of those who are over you, and in this course you will prosper.

IN one of the back numbers of the STAR an engraved profile of Elder G. D. Watt was recommended to the Saints. Now the object of this likeness is to supply Brother Watt with means to help him and his family to the bosom of the Church in the mountains. For his convenience, and to facilitate his departure, we wish the book agents of conferences and branches to supply themselves with the amount of portraits they think they can dispose of. By sending orders to this office they can be supplied, and the required number be forwarded with the STAR. There are three kinds of them, viz.—India Proofs, quarto; Plain Proofs, quarto; and Prints, octavo. The India Proofs are limited in number. The prices will be given with the parcels, and a proper remuneration will be allowed to book agents for their trouble. If the Saints will encourage the sale of these likenesses they shall thereby be laying up for themselves treasures in heaven; for Brother Watt is worthy, having laboured and suffered much in preaching the gospel to the poorer portions of the people of this island. He may be expected to visit and preach to the Saints in the various conferences, and we have no doubt but that his teachings will be highly appreciated by every lover of truth.

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LETTER FROM ELDER ADDISON PRATT, LATE OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

(From the *Frontier Guardian*.)

Dear Brother Smith,—Having learnt by my wife that you have written me several letters since I left Nauvoo, and, notwithstanding I have received none of them, I will write to thank you for your kindness. I suppose that you have been apprized of our proceedings among the Society Islands, by way of our letters, up to the time I left there for the Paumotu group. This cluster lies between Tahiti and South America, and on account of their being low coral islands, they are very dangerous to sail among, and of course not much known to navigators. Chain Island, or Aua, is the metropolis of that group. The inhabitants of that island have conquered the whole group: they carried on a war of extermination for more than twenty years, and their mode of warfare was to depopulate every island they could