

manded in your order, who had been released on the evening after my arrival in their vicinity.

I took up line of march, and encamped in the direct road between the two hostile encampments, where I have remained since, within about two-and-a-half miles of Wight's encampment, and sometimes the other camp is nearer, and sometimes further from me. I intend to occupy this position until your arrival, as I deem it best to preserve peace, and prevent an engagement between the parties, and if kept so for a few days, they will doubtless disband without coercion. I have the honour to be, yours with respect,

A. W. DONIPHAN,

Brig.-General 1st Brigade, 3rd Division  
Missouri Militia.

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## HOME INTELLIGENCE.

THE WORK IN WALES—BAPTISMS—GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT—GOOD PROSPECTS.

Merthyr, April 3, 1854.

President S. W. Richards—Dear Brother—On the 25th and 26th ult. we enjoyed a good meeting of the East Glamorganshire Conference here. All was peace and goodwill with the Priesthood and the Saints, much of the Spirit of God was enjoyed, all seeing eye to eye in all matters of business done; many responded to the call to go and open new places of preaching, two new Branches were organized, and fifty baptisms reported.

The Priesthood generally are realizing their duty of saving souls; they take hold with zeal in reformation, out-door preaching, tract distributing, and, better than all, they manifest a determination generally to *live* their religion before the world; the results are, that the Lord rewards their diligence by copious out-pourings of His Holy Spirit, nearly all the Branches in this Conference have received the various gifts of the Spirit, of late; and I am cheered with similar good news from all the Conferences. Present prospects flatter me that, by the aid and blessing of Him who owns the work, much good will be done, and there will be a great gathering into His fold.

The Presidents of other Conferences are alive to the importance of faithfully warning men this coming summer, and are preparing for the campaign with energy.

By this it is clearly seen that the officers and troops acting under the Governor's orders, had very little regard to the laws of the land, otherwise, Comer, Miller, and McHoney would not have been discharged by them.

I was at and about home this day, attending to my business as usual.

The camp travelled twelve miles before breakfast, and pitched their tents near Elder Keeler's. There was some contention among them, and brother Pierce's child died this afternoon, and was buried in the camp ground.

I have just returned from attending a Conference in Brecknockshire, and I am happy to say that truly the Spirit of the Lord is there, and the prospects are cheering; love and union abound generally.

I intend visiting Monmouthshire Conference next Sunday, where they have lately baptized about fifty.

I learn that the circulation of the *Star* and the *Udgorn* is increasing gradually, although the agents do not order more from the offices.

A few days ago, we had the pleasure of baptizing a neighbouring Baptist minister, and one of his local preachers. Many of their former members came to witness their confirmation, when I had a good opportunity of laying the truth before them. They listened attentively and respectfully, and I believe that the spirit of truth impressed an unvarnished testimony upon their minds. The two brethren have received testimonies of the truth, and are zealously testifying unto others.

The same day and hour, at another place, a Unitarian minister was baptized, who is a promising young man also. He never ceased praying for forty-nine hours after baptism, until the Lord blessed him with His Spirit in much power and demonstration.

The young man straightway went amongst his old associates, and testified



of the truth. Instead of converting all before him, as he had anticipated, he was expelled from a college where he had been sometime graduating, his friends scorned and his parents disowned him, but he came here in good cheer, and says that he has found a better Father than the one he lost, and better friends.

May the Lord bless the three with perseverance to endure all things, and make them a blessing to many of their old associates, many of whom are not far behind, they say.

Thus, you see, dear brother, that the Lord is crowning our labours with some success, although but preludes to a spon-

taneous harvest of souls, I trust. A spirit of inquiry is manifest in the world, and the crowds who come to hear preaching, indicate that the Lord has many more children in Wales yet.

I crave an interest in your prayers, to rightly administer the word of life to Saint and sinner, and for the prosperity of the kingdom of God in Wales.

With kind regards to yourself, brother Linforth, and the brethren in the office, and ever praying for your success in all things pertaining to your high and responsible calling, I am truly your brother, &c.,

D. JONES.

#### THE FRENCH EMIGRATION.

Liverpool, April 8, 1854.

Dear Brother S. W. Richards—It is with great pleasure that I now write to inform you that I have just returned to this town, after escorting a company of Saints under the presidency of Elder William Taylor, on board the splendid ship *Marshfield*, bound for New Orleans, all in good health and spirits, rejoicing that the time had come that they could leave the shores of Babylon for their home in the West.

I arrived in Liverpool, from the Isle of Jersey, in the French Mission, on the 17th of March, with a company of Saints on their way to the Valleys of the mountains, all enjoying a good degree of health and spirits. We left Elder James Hart in London, with some few Saints from Jersey, who followed, and went with the Saints on board the *Germanicus*, it being more convenient for his family to go in company with their relatives from London.

Our company numbered some forty-three beside those with Elder Hart. When we arrived in Liverpool, we found that the ship in which the Saints with me were to sail, was not fully determined upon, which somewhat disappointed them for a moment. But when they became acquainted with your zeal and untiring exertions in behalf of the Saints, they felt satisfied that all was well, and consoled themselves with this saying—all things will work together for good to them that love God, and are called according to His purpose. The favourable cir-

cumstances under which they left were satisfactory evidence of that faith.

From the best accounts I have of the ships that have been employed in shipping the Saints this season, the *Marshfield* was not inferior to the best, as to cleanliness and convenience; and with regard to her officers, I say, with great pleasure, that the short acquaintance I had with them was very satisfactory. Captain Torrey appears to be a man well adapted for the situation he holds, as also the first mate, and I believe that they will do all in their power to make the Saints comfortable. I was also well pleased with the wisdom and zeal manifested by Elder William Taylor, in organizing the company into wards or districts, and placing proper officers over them. Also I was pleased to learn that the Saints fully concurred in his plans and rules, by which they were to be governed during their voyage.

The ship weighed anchor about nine o'clock this morning, and was towed by the steam tug into the open sea, when brother James Marsden and myself took leave of the Saints and returned with the steamer, leaving them rejoicing in songs, and full of gladness that they were bidding farewell to the shores of Babylon. My heart is filled with joy to see the prophecies fulfilling, and the sons and daughters of Israel gathering home to Zion.

I expect to start in the morning for