

the adversary of your souls. We commend | is able to make us wise unto salvation.
 you to God and the work of His grace, which | Amen. JOSEPH SMITH, jun.

(To be continued.)

MEMORIAL PRESENTED TO ELDER SAMUEL WHITNEY RICHARDS, PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH MISSION OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, FROM MAY 1852, TO JUNE 1854.

Beloved President—Permit us, the Representatives of the Latter-day Saints in the British Isles, France, and Gibraltar, to express our sentiments concerning your personal character, and the performance of your official duties, during upwards of two years, in which you have had the oversight of the Church in the British Isles.

A deep sense of duty, together with unfeigned gratitude for benefits received, indicates that, as you are about to leave the field of your present labours, and return to the bosom of the Church and your dear family, this is the proper time to give utterance to our feelings.

It has fallen to your lot to preside over the British Saints at a time and under circumstances unparalleled in the history of the work in this country. The introduction of the Law of Celestial Marriage, which, in its operations, will revolutionize all our political, religious, and domestic arrangements; and the announcement of the position which Adam, our great progenitor, occupies among the Gods; have marked your Presidency as a special epoch in the history of the British Mission.

Our intercourse with you has discovered to us an amiability of disposition, integrity of heart, and a steadiness of purpose to do good to all. Your government has been characterized by wisdom, firmness, and a fatherly consideration for the welfare of all those who have had the honour to labour under your Presidency. Your administration and policy have given universal satisfaction, and have shown that a due regard for the honour and dignity of the *Holy Priesthood* is highly compatible with a proper appreciation of the rights and interests of those around you.

The *Millennial Star*, whose contents have been a source of seasonable instruction and comfort to us all, is a true reflex of those qualities of mind and character, which have won for you the confidence and high esteem of the people of God.

The publication of the *Seer* and the *Journal of Discourses*, those powerful auxiliaries to the faith and zeal of the Saints, calls forth our warmest gratitude.

The shock to the work, which was naturally looked for, through the introduction of new principles, so radical in their nature, has, by the spirit and power of the Almighty, in and through you, to a great extent been prevented. This is shown by the prosperity of the cause, in the addition to the Church by Baptism of 5,380 souls; the emigration of 7,200 to the Valleys of the Mountains, 1,473 of whom were, through your noble exertions and liberal policy, aided to emigrate by that powerful auxiliary the Perpetual Emigrating Fund; the readiness of the Saints to comply with all your counsels; and, above all, the manifest improvement in the spirit and character of the Church throughout the Mission.

The parental regard which has characterized your relation to the adjoining missions, and which has been manifested in the appointment of your Counsellor, Elder John Van Cott, to the Presidency of the Scandinavian Mission, at that critical and afflicting period of its history when mourning the loss of its late President Willard Snow, affords ample assurance of your readiness to extend universal support to the cause of truth. This has rendered it a pleasure to those missions to seek counsel and aid at your hands, and has afforded you the proudest satisfaction to reflect that none have applied to you for aid in vain, while it has secured to them the success and blessing which have so universally followed the execution of your wise deliberations.

These are some of the considerations which induce us to tender you this inadequate, yet hearty and spontaneous declaration.

In bidding you farewell, we beg to assure you, though other duties may sometimes press heavily upon us, to pray for you will ever be a delightful exercise.

May you have a safe and speedy journey home. May your present God-like career continue, and as you have taught us to admire, not to envy, the good and great, we will rejoice and glory in your success, worlds without end. Amen.

No well-wrought tablet we can form or frame,
Can add a lustre to thy honour'd name;
Deep in each truthful breast thy worth shall
live,
And grateful Saints eternal honours give.
Who that has known thee, but thy course
admir'd,
The zeal and wisdom that thy bosom fired.
Thy accents pleasing, while in truth's firm
tone
The counsels of the Spirit were made
known.
The aged sought thee, and new life re-
ceiv'd,
The youth, with gladsome soul, thy words
believ'd,
The tried and tempted thou did'st fill with
hope,
The diffident and humble lifted'st up.
The headstrong turn'd, and felt the gene-
rous glow
That from thy mild and noble breathings
flow.
No feelings dwelt within thine upright soul,
But good to man, and God's great work to
roll.
When wisdom reigns the people dwell in
peace,
Their path is safety, and their joys increase;
When righteousness is taught in deed and
word,
To dignity and power the land's restor'd;
When justice rules, and mercy holds her
sway,
Those are exalted who their claims obey;
And when eternal truth's reveal'd and
taught,

Those minds expand beneath its influence
brought.
Thus while we cast our joyous eyes abroad
On Britain's Isles, and view the work of
God
Beneath thy happy Presidential care,
We see those holy influences there.
Yes! these great testimonies speak for thee,
Will last, too, with the spirit's memory.
How weak the praise this humble theme
imparts—
Thy faith and works live in ten thousand
hearts.
Yet let us crave this boon—our names may
be
Placed in the Archives of thy history,
For we're ambitious to associate
In God's great kingdom with the good and
great.
Farewell, while o'er the blue deep thou
do'st roam,
And rushing winds dash round the briny
foam,
And o'er the land while dangers may sur-
round,
On tainted waters or on Gentile ground,
Our fervent prayer shall reach the Throne
of Grace,
That heaven may guard thee to that holy
place,
Preserve thee long to live and do much
good,
And gain a crown among the ransom'd
multitude.

[Here follow the signatures].

London, June 28, 1854.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE,

HELD IN THE TABERNACLE, GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, JUNE 27TH AND 28TH, 1854.

(From the "Deseret News," July 6.)

10, A.M.
Conference called to order by President
J. M. Grant. Singing. Prayer by E.
T. Benson. Singing.
President Young preached upon being
an Apostle of Joseph Smith.

Choir sung "Praise to the man who
communed with Jehovah."

2, P.M.
Conference called to order by President
Young. Singing. Prayer by O. Hyde.
Singing.