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OUR APOLOGY—AND OUR TOURS.

WHEN we commenced the publication of the Ensign of Liberty, we fondly anticipated its edition from month to month; but circumstances which we could not control, have ruled it otherwise. Soon after we had published the second No., our duty required us to visit Pittsburgh, Pa. From there we returned, so as to attend our June Conference; during the sittings of which it was determined that we should immediately make a tour through the western States. On the 6th of July, we left our home for the FAR OFF WEST, and did not return until the 3d of Nov.—During our absence, we traveled over three thousand miles; in which we hope that we have passed through scenes and gathered materials which will enable us to enrich the pages of the future Nos. of our paper, so as to compensate our readers for the long delay of this No., consequent upon those journeyings.

First, then, our tour to Pittsburgh. On the 26th of May, we left Kirtland, and Saturday, the 29th, reached New Brighton, near Beaver, Pa., and stopped with Elder JAMES M. GREGG, a Strangite fully imbued with the spirit of his vocation. STRANG had made him presiding high priest over all that part of Pa. Of course, accepting so great an office, from so great a man, in so great a cause, we should look for great things. We asked him how many members there were in that region? and if we are not mistaken, he said about thirty.—Sunday morning was pleasant, and we accompanied the Elder to the

place appointed for their worship. It was at a private house, the gentleman and lady of which, with two others and myself, composed the entire congregation. Instead of great things there, we assure you we felt slim enough. And when we come to inquire of the two who formed the collected congregation, one was rather inclined to Twelviteism, if not fully so; and the other by no means a Strangite. How do you suppose we felt? We will leave you to imagine. Here we found that Strangism was deathism. On the next Lord's day, June 6th, we had the privilege of addressing a very respectable portion of our old friends in Pittsburgh, both in the forenoon and afternoon. We found no one in that city whom we considered strong in Strangism, except Elder JAMES SMITH. The minds of the most seemed to be in uncertainty relative to the leading or presiding authorities of the "work of the last days." We spent our time very pleasantly, visiting and freely conversing among our friends, and obtained a number of subscribers for our paper. On Sunday, before the congregation, we heard Elder BENJAMIN WINCHESTER relate his collections of the circumstances attending the appointment and ordination of DAVID by JOSEPH. He was present and witnessed the occurrence, and gave to us by request, a lucid and clear statement of the facts.

Our June Conference was characterized by a general state of good feeling, great unanimity among the Ministry, and a number of additions to the Church, by baptism, and confirmation.

strongest arguments are
far from us again. Ed.

number our Conference
21st of June next.

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it out our first num-
in our next. We are
friends abroad. Will
cause in which we are
in Kirtland increases
ir meetings are con-
d great unanimity.

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eat forth to the breeze!
rlands and o'er seas;
emblems of peace,
in's fallen race.

the banner of light
error's dark night.
word! O let light divine
thralldom of sin.

to herald the news,
ord has from darkness

brightness she'll shine;
ith her Savior, divine.

!! let it go forth
dark corners of earth;
d from sin's dark abyss
seed mansions of bliss.

f every land,
nents is surely at hand?
or Liberty fight!
ith truth and with light,

give heed to its call—
he truth to the soul:
nd will stand pure and

ds from the regions of

y be upheld by his arm,
1, and sound the alarm!
earth soon to reign
men! and Amen!

gn—let it wave o'er the

ruin are hurried—
om all nations shall come
, and in him find a home.

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