

13th April 1806

President August M. Cannon
Kirk Michael, Isle of Mann.

My Dear Brother August:-

I return and find attention at the late Conference on the evening of the 11th inst. leaving the City on evening of the 9th. The short time we were in the City we were quartered with Aunt Clara and daughter Alice who both done all in their power to make our sojourn agreeable, our stay was necessarily short as we closed the Temple on 30 March and reopened yesterday. You cannot tell what my feelings were to be in the City, used not to find one of my Bro's sisters, it made me feel that I was a stranger in a strange place, Mary and Minnie had just returned from the Coast where they had been for a few weeks, the latter on crutches in consequence of a fall received just before starting home. Mary wanted to go home and have us folks (Brother & myself) stop with her, but Father would not listen, as we were comfortable as we were.

While in the City I was attended all the meetings of the Conference, at which I saw (as yet) were sustained, Jos. Franklin Richards, David O. McKay, and Orson F. Whitney, — John W. Tanner and Mr. F. Coroley, being out of accord with their quorum had tendered their resignations as members of said quorum, which, it was stated, had been accepted.

The Conference as a whole is as good as an excellent spirit being manifested. The above said, however, acted as a wet blanket, and would kill through the entire assembly, J. W. Tanner was also left out as Superintendent of Educative Schools & Assistant Superintendent of Sunday Schools, there did not seem to be as much sympathy for him later as for the former brethren.

On my arrival at home your good letter of the 24th March awaited me, its perusal gave me a great deal of pleasure — I could see you and our sister Mary Alice, in my fancy, still in your abode, at Coivilshallow, the old residence, however, and through the town of that looking on the places where our forefathers had lived, and where buildings are still standing giving evidence of their sturdy style and there was a sense of the times in which they lived. There is no doubt but welcome of a sturdy race — as evidenced by the ones we meet from time to time. The experience will be of benefit to Geo. M. Jr., he will miss you but when he has to leave you, I trust that he will be prospered in his missionary experience.

You speak of the mildness of the climate on the Island, I think that it will be colder later on, the late spring weather, I think will be colder. You must have enjoyed your visit in Liverpool looking over scenes of your childhood, where the earliest years of your recollection, were spent, of course your experience on the Island would awaken early recollections, but your stay was short and only a visit, while Liverpool was your home when you were a child. I think that you were very happy there. I think the years of your brother John would be a great satisfaction in your mind, not saying whether you succeeded in locating they were.

I did not while ^{2d} reading of your travels
 and the many pleasant experiences you
 were having, envy you, but I wished I was
 with you and could more look upon
 the scenes that were so familiar to our
 ancestors. The laborer which I have
 been engaged now for nearly thirty
 years, would give zest and enjoyment
 to the whole thing and cause me to persevere
 at it. I read your letter ^{to} your sister
 Anne, her eyes fairly sparkled when
 I read of her deeds as a warrior, when
 you as children played rapscall and
 top spinning at the time when she
 fought your battles. You speak
 of going to visit the Continent, if you do so
 there will be much to instruct as well
 as to please you, judging from accounts
 that I have had from others who have

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been
 here, I trust that in your researches &
 endeavours to obtain genealogical data you
 will not over-allow yourselves, as you are
 both older than you were, when the mob
 searched our wagons on the banks of the
 Mississippi River when we were driven from
 Nauvoo, and cannot stand as successfully as
 we once did.

While in the City I visited all of your folks
 at Forest Dale and found all well, there is
 a lady & her husband at Mount Pleasant, who is
 a relative of ours wives, I administered to her
 although not in the Church. I also visited ^{Miss} Mary
 Alice's daughter Mary Alice, she has a ~~daughter~~
 who is very sick, ~~I visited her, for some weeks~~
~~she is very sick~~ looked to me to be in consumption
 Well I must close this correspondence has your
 affairs, Give my love to Mary Alice, to George
 the junior if he is still with you, and accept
 the same to your self, May God & bless you
 both and be your ~~travellers~~ ^{safely} I am
 your true loving Brother H. W. B. C.