

trious, have ample time to provide themselves with shelter, prior to the ensuing winter. The quickest, cheapest, and most comfortable way of securing shelter at the onset, is to take along tents. These should be procured on the way out, at St. Louis. One of sufficient size to lodge four or five individuals may be had for \$8 or \$10.\*

FAMILIES.—Whether or not to take one's family along, or go ahead and prepare the way for it, depends on many circumstances, varying greatly in different cases, a knowledge of which is essential, satisfactorily to decide the question. Where the wife is feeble, has an infant, or several young children, or from any cause cannot lend a helping hand, *she had better remain behind, until the new home is provided for her*; or, if taken along, she had better be boarded at the nearest convenient place to the spot selected for a location. If, on the other hand, the woman is the man, or is in truth a *helpmate, and can cheerfully submit to roughing it for a while*, if the children be of an age and character suited to prove serviceable, *let them be taken along*. If families remain back, it will be unnecessary to return for them, as there will always be some one going out under whose charge they can be placed.

BOARD.—This can be obtained at Kansas City and Parkville, Mo., at Lawrence and Topeka, K. T., and perhaps at some of the Missions, for about \$2.50 to \$3.00 per week.

EMPLOYMENT.—*Work is not guaranteed by the Company to any one*; but wherever settlements already are, or hereafter may be started, *good mechanics will find employment at remunerative prices*; particularly carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, harness-makers, brick-makers, &c. Gov. Reeder says—

“This is a most lovely and promising country. There is no finer under the sun, and next summer it will be a rich harvest for all kind of building mechanics and laborers. Last season stone masons and carpenters got \$2.25 and \$2.50 a day, laborers \$1.25 and \$1.50.

\* See further on p. 17.