

attention to several points is absolutely requisite; the Boat must be of very light draught; the Captain must be an experienced, sober, active and energetic man; and the Pilot must possess, and bring into practice strict temperance principles.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TERRITORY.—It was originally intended to establish Receiving Houses at the principal Places, for the temporary accommodation of new comers. This was done at Lawrence. But the necessity for them is in a great measure superseded by the opening of Boarding Houses at the Settlements. Were it however otherwise, not being constructed on a locomotive principle, settlers ought not, and probably would *not be so unreasonable as to expect to meet with them everywhere throughout that vast region*; neither are they requisite in a large majority of cases, (however convenient,) inasmuch as all who go out in the Spring and Summer, if industrious, will have 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 from \$8 to \$10.*

At Lawrence, the Company has erected a commodious stone Hotel, 50 by 70 feet, three stories high, and a basement; this will accommodate a very large number of individuals and families. It is said to be the finest structure of the kind, West of St. Louis.

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

* See further on p. 24.