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MY DEAR SIR:—

I have received your letter and am glad to answer it, so far as it is in my power. I trust that you understand that I hold no official connection with the Emigrant Aid Company. Nor have I ever held any, though announced as its Secretary, by mistake, in the New York Tribune. To apply to that Company you will address Dr. Thomas H. Webb, who is its Secretary, in Boston.

As soon as the navigation of the Missouri River is regularly open,—as early, at least, as the first of March, this company will send forward parties, as often, at least, as once a week on Tuesday afternoon, at half past two o'clock, from Boston to Kansas. These parties go by way of Albany, Buffalo, Chicago, and Alton. The tickets from Boston to Kansas city, on the frontier of the territory, cost twenty-five dollars:—these are first class tickets, but do not include board. Each passenger is permitted to take three hundred pounds of baggage without extra payment.

Passengers who wish to join these parties at any point west of Worcester, can purchase tickets at a reduction proportionable to their distance from Boston.

In case more than one person in a neighborhood wish to emigrate, they ought, in every instance, to fix on the same day of starting, and appoint one of their number to correspond with the Secretary of the Emigrant Aid Company, and make the necessary arrangements with him.

The Company does not undertake to render any assistance to the Emigrant on his way to Kansas, beyond the arrangements by which his passage is reduced to twenty-five dollars. It sends, however, an agent with every train, who will see to all the business arrangements of the party, and, in case women or children are to emigrate alone, they can be placed under his protection.

At Kansas city the Emigrant Aid Company owns a Hotel, and at Lawrence city two boarding houses, in which Emigrants can be accommodated,—not with Astor House fare, but with such conveniences as new Western towns can give, at reasonable rates.

The only settlement yet made by the Emigrant Aid Company is Lawrence, about eight miles west of the mouth of the Wah-ka-rusa creek, on the south side of Kansas River. So nearly as we are at present informed, there are now there between one and two thousand persons. There is a Steam Saw-mill, one or more other Steam Engines, three printing presses, on one of which the Herald of Freedom is published, a school, and church organization. The church edifice is not yet completed. All travel to Lawrence passes through Kansas city on the West line of Missouri, where travellers leave the Missouri River Steam-boats. The distance from Kansas city to Lawrence is between forty and fifty miles.

The Company proposes to establish other settlements this Spring in other parts of the Territory.

I would caution you or any of your friends who propose emigrating, not to pay money to any Emigrant Leagues, except for the purchase of Passage Tickets, unless you have perfect confidence in the Officers. Some small "Leagues" have been formed, which have raised money by assessment, with the supposition that the members thus procured particular advantages in Kansas; and these funds were then all wasted. You will need all the money you can get, in Kansas, after you have arrived.

The Emigrant Aid Company does not attempt to furnish land to settlers unless, in special instances, a man needs to purchase some small lot for particular purposes, from the Company.

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