Following John Taylor's missionary efforts in England and the conversion of the Cannon family living in Liverpool, the spirit of gathering, so characteristic of all early-day converts, began to take possession of their souls. George Cannon wrote several letters to his sister, John Taylor's wife, Leonora Cannon Taylor, in Nauvoo. Several of these have been preserved. Of the conversion experience with John Taylor, he wrote: "I bless the Lord that I ever saw your husband's face, and I now see plainly that our dear mother's prayer has not only been answered for you, but has extended to me and my family through you...I see the hand of the Lord so visible in all that has happened to me that I cannot help telling you of it....I was happy in an affectionate wife, promising children, good health, plenty of work, and always a pound to spare—but still there was a want of something which made me feel very low-spirited at times. I strove to pray and to return due thanks for His mercies, particularly after some escape from danger of myself or family, ... but when Bro. Taylor came to Liverpool, and I was sincerely desirous to lead a new life, he had the words whereby I might be saved; and though slow of belief at first, and not seeing the necessity of baptism, yet God in His infinite mercy opened my eyes."

Later he wrote to her about his intention to emigrate, and asked many questions about needful preparations. He wrote, "If it is the Lord's will, I am ready to go any time; and I have as much money as will take us there, and perhaps a little to spare."

As this was two years before he actually embarked, and as George and Ann were now religiously saving more thriftily than ever, he had considerably more than a "little to spare" when he at length turned his back on the old country. The fact is, he paid the entire passage money for some of those who make the voyage with him, besides helping materially several others whose funds fell short of the full amount required. From only a few of these did he receive any written note or promise to pay, and probably all of these few obligations were found still unredeemed among his papers after his death.

Increasing anxiety to be on his way, now that he had made up his mind to emigrate, did not cause him to omit the making of all needful preparations for meeting the changed conditions in the new land to which his eyes were turned. More than two and a half years elapsed after the writing of the letter to Leonora before the brother and sister were privileged to clasp hands after their long separation.

Emigration from the interior of England had been and still was very heavy, in spite of the absence of any urging on the subject on the part of the Elders; and it was felt to be desirable that some resident stalwarts remain on hand at the port of sailing to give assistance and encouragement to their fellow religiousists who halted there temporarily before going on board ship. This was an appeal to duty which could not pass unheeded by a couple as devout and hospitable as George and Ann Cannon.

After 1840, therefore, the family kept together in Liverpool, everybody earning money who could earn it, and everybody saving to the utmost penny in augmentation of the comfortable store which had grown during the years. In this worthy endeavor the indomitable mother set the example, and she enforced it unceasingly. She was a good provider never a morsel to waste. If one of the children squeamishly turned up his nose at times at the porridge or other wholesome nutriment set before him, she would quietly remove it to the pantry shelf with the remark, "Never mind, my son, you will eat it before it will eat you."
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companion's heart might not fail, nor his resolution falter, and that her children might be preserved to come to Zion in health and peace and live to fulfill the glorious hopes she had for them. Both prayed, all prayed, that God's blessing would attend them in doing what they believed to be His will; and in this sanctifying spirit they turned their faces towards the setting sun and committed themselves to His care.

The summer waned into autumn. George gave up his employment, and the good ship Sidney lay in anchor in the river awaiting her passengers. A sturdy company of Latter-Day Saints, among them George and Ann Quayle Cannon, and their six children, prepared to go aboard.

George wrote: "All our friends know that we will bitterly repent leaving England and a constant employ. We can get nothing for our furniture—our friends who are so anxious about us will buy none of it, not even the clock or drawers which belonged to the family. My wife's brother did not come to see us off. Well, this show how deeply they have our happiness in view!"

"Saturday morning about nine o'clock, 17th of Sept., 1842, we hauled out of the Waterloo dock on board the ship Sidney....On Sunday, the 18th, we all left Liverpool in good spirits, and nothing cause me so much regret as leaving so many of the Saints behind, anxious to go but without the means to do so.

"We are now launched on the bosom of the mighty deep, and sea-sickness has made the passengers for the most part very ill. My dear Ann is dreadfully affected with this nauseous sickness, perhaps more so on account of her pregnancy....Yet I have never heard one complaint from her on her own account, but regret at not being able to assist me in the care of the children. Her stomach seems to have changed its functions, and this is the tenth day without anything passing through her.

"...Many years since, I dreamed a dream which time or circumstance has never been able entirely to remove. I was impressed with a conviction that my wife should die while in a state of pregnancy. This was before I thought of marrying. Many would think this proceeded from superstitious; but my dreams (those I mean which made a deep impression on my memory) have been fulfilled so plainly that I never could doubt but that God sent them for some good purpose. I have never seen my wife pregnant without this fear of her death, and always felt thankful to God in a twofold sense when this critical time was past. She was aware of this feeling of mine, and it was a trial of our faith to cross the sea while she was in this state. But thoughts of undertaking the voyage in the spring when the weather was so cold, and with an infant of two or three months old, was in her estimation worse; and both of us feeling, while in England, that we were away from home and could not rest satisfied, although worldly circumstances favoured us, still our hearts were in Zion and with our children, however persecuted, calumniated and belied.

"While racking my mind and considering and devising what more I could do for my Ann — I had given her consecrated oil, castor oil, pills, salt water, etc., had the hands of the Elders laid on her, still she continued in the same state, and I feared that inflammation would take place. Leonora and David have had no sickness, and are less trouble than I expected; but George, Mary Alice, Anny and Angus have all been very sick, particularly George and Anny.

"Perhaps a more agreeable ship's company, both of the Saints and seamen, never crossed the Atlantic. The Captain and officers are kind and humane men, and so far from disputes or hard feelings that the sailors say they never saw a family who agreed better; and they wonder how a company of people who were many of them strangers to each other can bear and forbear in the manner they do. One of the sailors, an intelligent man, told me that he had been in the passenger line of shipping for years and never saw anything like it; in general the Captain kept his distance and did not allow of freedoms from
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and witty, even, whenever more than one of the
provisions of our hearty appetites. It never
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when an occasion could not fail to be. Through
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