

THE WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

FORESTER, S. C., March 15, 1893.—O, how lovely was the morning, radiant beamed the sun above; not a cloud was visible in the firmament, the buds and flowers put forth their beauty the birds sang sweetly, and a soft west wind cooled the brow of three Mormon boys as they sauntered down the sandy road of the old San T, so familiar to the Elders of Israel who from time to time travel with satchel and umbrella in hand, calling Babylon to repentance, that the people be not partakers of her sins, as is spoken of in Revelation. It was on this lovely morning that we set out to prepare a place to baptize, or to admit foreigners into the Kingdom of God, who have been honest enough to step out from this broad road that leads so many down to destruction, and declare themselves the true blood of Israel, and say to the world, "I am a Latter-day Saint from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet, and propose to lend a helping hand to help roll this mighty work of God forth until it fills the whole earth."

This portion of the sunny South (Clarendon county) is comparatively a new field; the Gospel is something new to most of the people in this vicinity. We have met many, many friends, but as a rule they are poor. However, we are taken care of; we do not suffer for food and we rest well at night, being always welcome to what the people have.

After dinner we made our way down the San T, to the place prepared for the baptizing. The people are coming from all directions to witness this great event, the initiation of nine souls into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At 1:30 p. m. our number had reached 200 people. Being requested to give us their attention, after singing, prayer was offered by Elder Wright. Brother J. H. Schvaneveldt, of Gentile Valley, stated that he trusted the people had come out with an honest heart to witness this event, and that he hoped those desiring baptism had fully repented of their sins. If not, their case was as was that of Simon the Sorcerer, when he thought the gift of the Holy Ghost could be purchased with money, etc. Elder R. M. Wright was the next speaker and in a few words he told those who had come out for baptism that if they felt as though they could not stand up under the persecutions that would be heaped upon them from now on, to stay out of the water entirely. Brother D. S. Wallace in brief showed in an able manner the blessings that would follow the true believer, etc. He then stepped down into the clear, running stream, and the work began. We had the honor of baptizing a man 86 years old, with his youngest child, "the baby," 38 years; another 78. These old people have been exceedingly kind to us Elders since our stay in this county, as is the case with all the people. Brother Wallace remained in the pool until all were baptized.

After this we struck out for Davis station, a distance of twelve miles, where Elders J. H. Schvaneveldt and David Miles of Milk Creek had an appointment. We all had a glorious time, as is always the case when we meet the Elders. Brothers Wallace and Wright occupied the pulpit.

Our territory here is limited, but there is an increasing demand for missionaries from the surrounding wilds. The cry is like that from Macedonia, "Come over and help us." To the young men in Zion we say, give heed to the teachings you receive from time to time and your turn will come when you can be happy and content as the Elders of South Carolina are.

Your brother in the cause of truth,
R. M. WRIGHT.

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

The last issue of the *Millennial Star* received contains a statistical report of the European Mission for the year 1892. By comparison with the two previous years, about the same ratio of progress has been preserved. There has been a considerable falling off in the number that has gathered to Utah. This is no doubt partly due to the stringency in financial matters among the industrial classes in Europe, and in some degree to dull times here; for many of those who came over during the past two or three years are families where the head of the house has preceded them, and has earned money and has sent for them to settle here.

The statistics of the entire European mission for 1892, show a division into five smaller missions, viz: Great Britain, Netherlands, Turkey, Scandinavia, and Switzerland and Germany. Of these, Great Britain is further subdivided into thirteen conferences, as follows: Birmingham, Cheltenham, Irish, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Scottish, Sheffield and Welsh. In these conferences there are in all 79 branches. Scandinavia has seven conferences: Copenhagen, Aarhus, Aalborg, Christiania, Stockholm, Göteborg and Skone, which embrace 46 branches. In the Swiss and German mission there are 26 branches, included in the seven conferences of Berne, Central Swiss, Jura, East Swiss, North German, Nuremberg and South German. The Netherlands mission consists of the Belgium and Holland conferences, with 14 branches, and in the Turkish mission there is but one branch, that of Asia Minor. This makes up a grand total of 30 conferences, with 166 organized branches.

Throughout the whole mission there have been during 1892, 1120 baptisms; 697 persons have emigrated; 144 have died, and there have been 187 members excommunicated. The total of officers and members is reported at 8028. Scandinavia leads in the list of baptisms, as well as of membership, there having been of the former 464; the total of officers and members being 3942. The baptisms in the various conferences for the year are: Copenhagen, 50; Aarhus, 56; Aalborg, 81; Christiania, 29; Stockholm, 136; Göteborg, 61; Skone, 52.

In Great Britain there are 2804 officers and members, and there have been 336 baptisms. In the latter, the Scottish conference heads the list with 67; then comes Leeds with 43; Nottingham, 32; Manchester, Newcastle and Norwich with 24 each; the London and Welsh with 22 each; Cheltenham, 21; Birmingham, 19; Liverpool, 18; Sheffield, 17; and the Irish conference with 8.

Switzerland and Germany has a total of 1019 officers and members. The 233 baptisms are divided among the conferences as follows: Berne, 31; Central Swiss, 7; Jura, 33; East Swiss, 78; North German, 33; Nuremberg, 20; South German, 31. In the Netherlands there are 424 officers and members; the baptisms were 84. Turkey has 39 officers and members, with a record of 3 baptisms in the year.

The following are the latest changes in the British mission noted in the *Star*:

Elder W. B. Dougall, Jr., is honorably relieved from his labors in the editorial department of the *Millennial Star* office, until his health improves.

Elder R. G. Savage is released as traveling Elder in the London conference and is appointed to preside over the Birmingham conference.

Elder Thomas Minson is appointed to preside over the Cheltenham conference.

Elder Geo. D. Merkley is appointed to preside over the Leeds conference.

Elder Wm. C. Hunter is appointed to preside over the Nottingham conference.

The Saints of the Manchester conference held a general assembly at Faruworth, Lancashire, on Sunday, February 19. There were at this conference the following missionaries from Zion: Elders Joseph Quinney, T. E. Taylor, and W. D. Callister, of the Liverpool office, Samuel Brookbank, president of, and D. Williams, Chas. E. Murdock, H. Boyce, and Geo. M. Thompson, traveling Elders in the Liverpool conference; H. M. McCune and H. H. Pitchforth, traveling Elders in the Sheffield conference; H. W. Woolley, president of, and T. G. Humphrey, H. A. Woodruff, John H. Evans, E. A. Stratford, B. M. Blackhurst, Thomas Gledhill, H. W. Lunt, and A. Wallwork, traveling Elders in the Manchester conference.

A number of these Elders occupied the time in speaking on the first principles of the Gospel as taught by the Lord and His disciples. The conference report for the six months ending February 14th, 1893, was read as follows: Meetings held, indoor and out, 258; tracts distributed, 11,379; books sold, 39; books loaned and given away, 320; baptisms, 15; confirmations, 15; children blessed, 6; emigrated over eight years, 13; emigrated under eight years, 3; received, 7; removed, 2; excommunicated, 2; died, 2; Sunday school sessions, 26; High Priests, 1; Seventies, 9; Elders, 19; Priests, 7; Teachers, 3; Deacons, 3; members, 115; total officers and members, 157.

In making his report to the president of the mission, Elder R. Hillam, Jr., conference president, wrote as follows from Bradford on February 21:

"President B. Young:

"Dear Brother—I have pleasure in reporting the workings of the Lord through His servants in this the Leeds conference. Our conference is divided into four districts, viz., Bradford, Hull, Otley and Harrogate, and Pudsey, Birkenshaw and Leeds. In each district Elders are stationed and report success attending their labors.

"Since our conference in the Hull