

Correspondence.

ST. LOUIS, April 2, 1888.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Brother:—Asking you to pardon for not writing sooner to you and not finishing my series of sketches before this, I can only point as an excuse to the peculiar circumstances which have surrounded my missionary labors for the last five months, during which I have been traveling through Saxony and the whole of southern Germany, to hear my testimony and hunt up the scattered saints, who have been left there since the days of Br. Jacob Miller, three years ago. I have traveled over nearly his entire track, sojourning with quite cheering prospects, but also, to find out in some places, that the seed he had planted, was dried up and dead beyond hope.

In my native country, Saxony, the Gospel has been received by some in several places and more are inquiring; and, I believe, that as a general thing a great deal of prejudice against our people and doctrine has been removed there thus far, giving an Elder in future a more even chance to promulgate the truth. Some families of new saints, from Saxony and Bavaria, will emigrate to Zion next year, if the Lord is willing. From Wurtemberg some are going this season.

Pres. F. D. Richards wished me to continue my labors without interruption in Germany, if my longer stay there for the present would not have been made difficult through some of my own relations, who would have liked to keep me ever so long, if I would not speak of "Mormonism" to anybody. I had some very interesting conversations with former colleagues of mine, who, with few exceptions, acknowledge that our are the logical and consequent carryings through of the religious principle—but they considered it doubtful yet, if a religion were necessary at all, except for the great mass of the people, where it had its convenience in regard to the public morals, etc. That is about the point which modern philosophy has arrived at, and there is no ground for the great mass of the people, if I only could get at them in some way. The very nature of the mission just beginning to be opened, obliges me, for the present, to have the main part of my operations there consist of a very extensive correspondence, by which the work may be brought, with the help of God, to extend further and further to the salvation of many. But I hope to go again into Germany this summer, to baptize some already waiting for it, and to try to organize branches, if the Lord will give His blessing to it.

In Switzerland I traveled from August to November last year, and visited all the branches, except in the French part of the country, where Br. Ursenbach is laboring diligently, bringing new life into the people, he having baptised several there since his arrival. Br. Jos. S. Horne, who has had charge of this mission thus far, is doing his best and the Lord is with him; for the people everywhere love and honor him, and he is a reaper that will not come home without his sheaves. Br. John Hoagland, his assistant, than whom a kinder man never was sent on a mission, has toiled, labored and suffered much also; both gentlemen have learned the German language very fluently, by which they will be of great service to the emigrating German and Swiss Saints on the road; for they hope to go home this season and recruit themselves again from the hardships of the Swiss mission, which is no sinecure, I assure you.

The work is progressing finely here; but the poverty is great and the prospects limited for many ever to get off. We trust in the God of Israel, however, and He will deliver His faithful people in His own way and time; and if but a few can go this year, next year some more will go, God willing.

Yours,
KARL G. MAESER.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 1, 1888.

Editor Deseret News:—What delightful weather we now enjoy! Mere existence is a positive pleasure! The beautiful grass is springing up on every side! The fruit trees are laden with blossoms, and the city resembles a vast garden of roses! We have every indication of one of the most fruitful seasons we have ever experienced, and, yet, a pestilence as much to be dreaded as the sword of Danaiel; hangs suspended over us by a thread!

The cloud which threatens is apparently insignificant—no larger than a man's hand—yet if something is not done—and done at once—it betokens a storm which bodes destruction literally to every green thing. We observe little black specks, so small, in places, as to be almost imperceptible to the eye, moving about on the ground, in isolated localities. Some, perhaps, are not aware that these are locusts! The pestilence of Egypt in embryo! Yet such is the case; and contemptible as they now appear, in six weeks from this time they will, if not prevented, descend upon our beautiful city as the full grown pestilence that walketh at mid-day—the disgusting and insatiable "iron clad." If they were now full grown, and had the power, as they will have, to peck themselves into our faces like a shower of small shot,—to denude vegetation and render the remnants of our fruit disgusting and loathsome to the eye and palate, at the same time causing a stench throughout the city sufficient to breed a pestilence. Perhaps the importance of adopting some efficient measures for their destruction would suggest itself, and the idea of making an effort for the salvation of our gardens would not appear quite so ridiculous to individuals as at present. Although when full grown their destruction becomes impossible, these pests are now small, weak, and any child can slay hundreds of them with an old sack or a similar weapon. Why not organize the children and unemployed into an army to sweep them from the borders of this city? "God helps those who help themselves."

I do not believe because a danger threatens that we should immediately succumb and lie supinely on our backs, while the devouring locusts sweep through the land. Individual families have saved their crops by their own exertions here, in spite of these pests; why not proclaim war against them throughout this territory? At any rate this city can be saved, if we choose to make the

exertion. We used to fight crickets successfully, why give up to the locust, which is not so large?

VIATOR.

A GHOST STORY.—Vint Barry tells a good story on the Kuklux Klan. He got it from a young Tennesseean, just arrived from the States. Notwithstanding the horrible deeds attributed to these fellows, it seems that the organization is full of fun and charity. They generally dress up as ghosts, always travel at night, on horseback. They frequently hunt up the needy and worthy, make provisions, and repeat them of their fears, and say they are the grateful recipients to know who their benefactors are. But these fellows do not like niggers—that is their greatest fault. They play all kinds of jokes on their colored brethren. Niggers are very superstitious, and believe in ghosts. One of these Kuklux, to complete his disguise, had procured a false abdomen of immense proportions, made of gutta percha. The apparatus was water-tight. One night he rode up to a negro at Aspring, and asked the colored citizen to hand him a bucket of water. The old darkey complied with the request, when Kuklux put the bucket up to his chin and poured the water down the gutta percha. It being dark, the negro thought of course the man drank the whole of the contents. Kuklux called for another bucketful, when the old nig's eyes crawled out of their sockets about an inch. The impostor gulped down the second supply, and, passing the bucket back to the negro, remarked: "Uncle, just give me one more bucket of water, if you please. I haven't had a drop of water to drink since I was killed at Pea Ridge!" when the old nig dropped the bucket and ran to his heels, yelling "Ghost! ghost!"

A recent traveler in Japan thus writes: "The Japanese do not walk upon their heads, but they do begin their books where our end, write from right to left, and mount their horses on the left side. Old men fly kites and the children look on. The carpenter draws his plane toward him and likewise his saw. Horses stand in their stalls with their heads where we place their tails. The bells are put on the hind part of the harness instead of the front; ladies blacken their teeth when married, and instead of wearing crinoline, wrap their legs so tightly with garments as to give them a shuffling gait. Instead of counting the hours of the day from 1 to 12, or from 1 to 24, they begin at noon and call it 9 o'clock and then go backward, merging two hours into one, calling the hours 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, to the beginning at midnight and repeat the enumeration in the same order, making 13 hours out of 24, and finally the bath house is the grand lounge, the Roman bath or the French cafe, where the utter confusion of sexes makes correct that which we deem as abominably improper. Only from the two sworded class need foreigners have any fears."

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The great stove trial was resumed yesterday at 12 o'clock, before a largely increased crowd. Over the day's proceedings, the stinnest good humor seemed to prevail, both among the exhibitors and spectators, all of whom seemed thoroughly imbued with the good old F.R. principle of "may the best stove win." From the opening of the trial, the committee appeared on the judges' stand, Saunders, particularly, glowing with excitement and responsibility. The entries were the same as at the previous trial, and the competitors had not been changed.

At ten minutes to one the drum tapped, and all lights up. Norton's Furnace, run by Mr. Saunders of the crowd and loud cries of "Go it, old one," Charter Oak followed, and the rest were as they were (as we might say, rounding the quarter stretch, "Cotton Plant" popped in broad followed suit as quickly as though life departed on the issue, but Buck's Brilliant had started fire with heat already in the stove. Then came the tug; the cooks' commensurate glow like the stoves, a perpetual snapping of opening and shutting doors resounded over the arena. Stoves were patted, coaxed and petted as though they were human beings. All seemed the scene with numerous and encouraging comments from time to time. Mr. Perry's efforts seemed to be the greatest favored.

At twenty minutes past one "Cotton Plant" threw open its throttle valves and announced that it wanted no more fuel. "All the others for the bread to be baked approached, excited within and without the arena. At last Peersless turned out its bread in 42 minutes. Norton's Furnace followed suit, in 42:15. Cotton Plant next, in 43. Then Charter Oak, in 44:25. Then Good Samaritan, in 44:30. And lastly Buck's Brilliant, in 45. The grand result of the trial was as follows:

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