LETTER FROM PALESTINE.

Elder Haish Sends Another Description Account of His Journeys.

Correspondence DESERET NEWS.

HAIFA, Palestine, July 24, 1893.—In my last letter I gave a brief account of my journey as far as Naples, Italy. I will continue from there in this one.

Naples is a large, fine city, has a number of attractions and places of interest. In looking over my guide-book I was surprised to find that its population was greater than that of Rome, being little over half a million, while Rome has but 400,000. I was obliged to remain in Naples three days before I could get a ship to Palestine, as I had opportunity to visit the places of note, which I did with some difficulty, not being able to speak one word of Italian. Sunday, May the 14th, I was taken on board the steamship Ophir. This was an English vessel with about a thousand English passengers on their way to Australia. There was a fine orchestra furnished by the boat owners along, who made very nice music for us. A piano and other instruments being on board enabled us to have considerable entertainment in the musical line. One night we had a very good concert which lasted two or three hours. During our first day out from Naples we passed through the strait of Messina and saw to our right the fiery mountains of Stromboli and Etna.

As we were sitting on deck enjoying the warm sunshine one day I got into conversation with a number of gentlemen passengers. Of course they asked me where I was going, and I told them to Palestine. I was then asked where I was from, and when I answered that I was from Utah, one of the gentlemen who, by the manner and fluency of his conversation upon the policies of the English government had led me to think him very intelligent, said: "Utah! is that anywhere near the Territories?" I told him it was in the western part of the United States. I then showed him a view of the Salt Lake Temple and the eyes of my auditors fairly stood out with amazement, and they spoke in very high tones of praise and admiration of the massive structure.

The fourth day, sailing on the Mediterranean, found us nearing Port Said, Egypt, where the little black urchins swim and dive about in the water like ducks. If you throw a penny into the water they will dive after it and get it before it finds bottom. Port Said is a great coaling station and quite an important place. There are usually quite a number of vessels loaded daily. I have seen five large ships being loaded at the same time. The coal is carried up large planks or gangways from small boats on the water by the Arabs. Here I was again obliged to wait three days for passage to the Holy Land. The time soon slipped by and the evening of the 20th I went on board the S. S. Diana and after an all night's ride found myself nearing Jaffa as the sun was coming up. It is quite difficult to land here. The harbor is rocky. Larger ships cannot enter it and passengers are rowed ashore in small boats. I passed the custom house all right.

After some little hunting around through the city I found Brother Musser and was very glad to see him. I assure you. We remained in Jaffa about a week visiting the Saints and the places of interest and then proceeded to Haifa where we have remained ever since. We have held a few meetings here and are doing all we can to further the interests of the Gospel.

I expect to leave here next week to labor in Ainfal which is between two and three hundred miles north of Haifa. I have visited Brother Haag's grave several times. That one is not forgotten is manifest by the beautiful flowers that are blooming upon it. It has no headstone or any mark by which it may be known. Such examples of obedience of sincerity, of self-sacrifice, and of endurance as are found in Brother Haag should have, I think, a movement to their memory that all who might look upon it might learn a moral lesson and be encouraged to fight the battle of life, whatever obstacles may be in the way, with greater effort and stouter hearts.

Very respectfully,
F. A. HAISH.

Name Changed.

Fillmore Deseret News.

FILLMORE, Sick Elder County, Utah, Aug. 18.—Trusting that a few words from this part of the country would be of interest, I take this opportunity of addressing you, so that your many readers may know that such a place is in the land.

We are located on a large tract of bench land lying north of the Bear River bridge, formerly known as Hampton's bridge. We are a dry farming community, and are trying to raise dry land wheat; we will perhaps harvest one-fourth as much grain as we had last year. We raise considerable storm hay and seed. The Bear River canal runs through a part of our ward. There are but few using the water as yet, but quite a number of people are buying land and water of the company, and a thorough test will be made next year of what water will do in this part of the country. The health of the people is good, and they feel well notwithstanding the hard times—we have raised our seed and bread for another year.

We have a ward fully organized here with Myron J. Richards as bishop, a good Sunday school, and our meetings are well attended, considering our scattered condition—our ward extends over a territory five miles long by five wide, and was larger than that until three years ago, at which time it was divided and another ward was organized, with Thomas H. Archibald as Bishop. The new ward was named North Plymouth and the other ward still retained the name of Plymouth. The first settlers located where the new ward is located, hence it should have had the name proper; but as the bishop was located in the south part the name Plymouth was taken there, and the other ward named North Plymouth. We have three gin another post office located in our ward (Plymouth) and it was decided to give it a name. We decided on the name Fielding as most appropriate for us, as also in honor of our ancestors President Joseph Fielding Smith. It has been decided by those who thought the name of the ward in Fielding instead of Plymouth and as the name ward have to proper name (as Plymouth) so that in the future Myron J. Richards will preside as Bishop of Fielding ward, and Thomas H. Archibald will preside as Bishop of Plymouth ward. The latter has spent several seasons for nearly ten years in Plymouth, or ever since it was organized, and still considers that part of the country home. Written to Wm. Fielding.

The Saints have merely changed names for convenience and by common consent.

PIONEER BRIDGER.

Grasshopper Prospects.

Alex Wilkie is authority for the statement that the crop all over this country will be ruined next year by grasshoppers, says the Provo Dispatch. He visited his farm recently and he found that these pests were depositing eggs by the million which, when hatched, will produce enough grasshoppers to ruin the entire products of the farm. This section of the country is not the only one infested. Mr. Wilkie's sister is in San Juan County and she reports the same condition of affairs there. Here is a good chance for some inventive genius to step in and devise some means of destroying the eggs. It has long since been demonstrated that covering them with earth only tends to assist in the hatching process. The farmers who have joined the Department plague are much worried over the prospect, and the question with them is, What can be done?

Fire in a Foundry.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock to extinguish a blaze in the iron and brass foundry of Robert Croft & Sons, at No. 131 West South Temple street. It appears that some castings had been made on Saturday and placed dangerously close to some wood work which was ignited. The fire was put out without difficulty and before much damage was done, the loss being estimated at less than $50.

Seals and Sealing.

The leading article in Huntington's Elizabethan Magazine for September is a well written and highly entertaining paper upon "Seals and Sealing," by Joseph Stanley-Brown (formerly secretary to President Garfield). In the interest of the United States government, Mr. Brown spent many months at the Pribilof Islands, the home of the seal during at least half the year.

Here isolated, rock-bound, fog-enveloped islands are the seals' chosen resort, and a necessity to their existence. In them they return with unerring certainty from their winter pilgrimage, completing one of the most extraordinary migratory circles known in the animal kingdom. Up on these little islands, which since the purchase of Alaska in 1867, have yielded no less than $10,000,000 to the United States treasury, the writer studied the habits and family life of the seal and the methods of selecting and dispatching the "killable" animals, convincing himself, as he will convince his readers, of the evils of pelagic sealing, which by its indiscriminate and wasteful slaughter is calculated to deplete the herds, until the islands of the fishing sea are as barren of seals as are those of the Atlantic ocean. Mr. Brown made good use of the rare opportunities for photography and the large number of illustrations which accompany the article are reproduced from the pictures.

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