LETTER FROM PALESTINE.

Elder F. A. Hatch Describes His Journey Through Many Countries.

HAIFA, Palestine, July 20, 1893.

Correspondence Deseret News.

Thinking that perhaps my friends at home would like to hear from me, I take the liberty of writing you these lines for publication. I left my home at Payson for a mission to Turkey on the morning of the 10th of April of the present year. In Salt Lake City I was set apart for my mission under the hands of Apostle Teasdale, and after selecting the necessary articles of the Temple left Salt Lake on the evening of the 14th. There were seven of us in the company and our way was via Pueblo, Kansas City to Chicago. After visiting the Fair grounds and other points of interest we left Chicago for the Erie Railway. We passed through Marion and Akron, Ohio, and after passing through a long tunnel early one morning found ourselves stopped at the Jersey City station. We were nothing in crossing the Hudson by ferryboat over to New York, and soon had our rooms in the Cosmopolitan hotel.

While in New York I visited some of the principal points of interest, was S'ckness at the morning of the 22nd of April and sailed from the Mediterranean Arizona, saving the nation. We had a very pleasant voyage, the sea being of the most part quiet and smooth, contrary to the expectations of the sailors. It was relating a little as we walked from the Liverpool docks up to 42 Islington and the Mormon Hotel, where we lodged while in Liverpool. While passing through the streets of this city I felt, so to say, my flesh creep of poverty and degradation. Women, I am sorry to say, in very possible cases, were seen, sunken, bare-headed and barefooted with what could hardly be called a dress, singing around them, covered with mud from head to foot, carrying little babies half dressed through the streets. The rain was falling upon that little babe, as, before dawn, and their feet hanging below their dresses which were only small more than would reach only to the child's thighs or knees. You may imagine how it impressed me, being born and raised among the Lamanites. Mormon even such a thing is utterly unknown, to having seen in my whole life in Utah a near approach to it. It is simply awful, that these mothers I hear to are usually followed by from one to four or five little children of different ages in the same condition. I did not stay to witness from course but at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 2nd found myself in the metropolis of the world. It would take a long time to tell everything of note in London, but during our stay we visited as far as we succeeded in visiting some of the more important places. We crossed the English channel by moonlight and the morning of the 5th we began to take in the sights of Paris, which is the most beautiful city of all the earth, I believe. From here we travel through the green and grassy country, spent one night on the cars and we are now landed in Bern the capital of Switzerland and headquarters of the Swiss, German and Italian mission. We found President Susanne at the office, 24 Postgasse, who was very pleased to see us. Here my traveling companions and myself were separated, Brother J. J. Toronto being assigned to labor in Geneva and Brother F. M. Young in Nuremberg, the former in Switzerland the latter in Germany. Brother Young accompanied me as far as Lucerne where I bid him good-by to travel alone down through the country of the Italians. I left Lucerne at 10 o'clock at night and early next morning passed through the St. Gothard, the longest tunnel in the world. It is nearly ten miles long and is cut through the Alps mountains.

It is 6000 feet from the tunnel to the top of the highest peak where it passes through. The first city of any size I stopped after leaving here is Marseilles, which has a beautiful cathedral that will contain 37,000 people. A few hours' more ride and Genoa is reached, the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. It is a pretty city by the sea shore. I could say in Genoa but a few hours and we were passing in and out of the many towns along the coast of the Mediterranean. Passed through Pisa with its leaning tower and I should say in the morning of the 15th of May I found myself in Rome, the home of the pope, the seat of the Catholic church. It is a very densely of 300,000 inhabitants. The buildings are most all of white stone and the prominent ones have sculptured work on and about them. I visited St. Peter's and saw young and old confessing their sins to boxes or cubicles around the room for that purpose. There is a figure of the Italian Luke there with a pen and parchment between his fingers. Some have the toe of the figure rubbed so bad where it is touched that the pen is worn two feet long. It is very possible to take another temple like that of ours in Salt Lake and stand it on the Angel Moroni's head, the two could stand in St. Peter's and would not touch the ceiling by four feet. It will hold 54,000 people. When standing among the ruins of the Coliseum I thought I saw in ancient splendor, when the will of the people ruler was absolute. I thought I read the book of its early records, the number of its martyrs and the deeds of renowned gladiators on the sand-covered floor, the honors lavished given to Nero for some of his deeds done upon the throne, of it was to remember that he joined in audience to give applause to his vocal and theatrical performances. We took a look inside where the tiers of seats, which were upward and around twelve hundred in, which in Rome which has now nearly a half a million people. The dress do not vary much from those we left behind. It is a shame to describe through these lands as you see and able to speak of wonders we see and hear. I wrote you. I was going to write here from Jaffa I could get a mail for Port Said. Every one with whom I talk a night. Port Said, the home city, and it seems all are whose returns to return a description of what I saw. It is one of the greatest objects of the foreign view on the Tower the earth. There are 10,000 men, women, and children in Port Said, as near as I can learn. The city was found to be one of 20 and in passing on the main street it is as lively as the day it was laid on. While there I saw Vanderbilt with his cousin bowling down her sunshade and giving wonderful sea sickness pills to passengers upon the Normandie, and if they succeed in [illegible] there are many evidences in Port Said that the people were very sick.

F. A. HATCH.

PLEASANT GROVE NEWS.

The End of Hay—Harvest of the Storm.—Social and Personal.

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