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Elder Woodruff's Labors In and About Frankfurt-A-Main.

Scenes and Incidents—The German Threshing Floor—Diligent Sowing of the Good Seed.

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Some six months have passed away since leaving home and friends to fulfill a mission in Switzerland and Germany. We did not lose much time hurrying across from Utah to New York, only making short stops in Denver, Kansas City and Chicago. On reaching New York we spent a week looking over the great city, which was made doubly pleasant by the company of my brother, A. H. Woodruff, and Robert Patrick, Z. C. M. I. agents, who were very kind in assisting us to see the sights.

Bidding mother America farewell, we set out for the port of Rotterdam on board the Dunnedam. Twelve long days and nights were spent upon the angry waves in the stormy month of February. Several of us were awfully sick the entire journey—I will not say who of our party was in the worst condition, as we all seemed to think our own case was the most serious. From Rotterdam we passed through Antwerp and Brussels and on to the gay city of Paris, where five days were spent in the galleries and seeing some of the principal sights. Leaving the French capital we next made a short stop at Bern, Switzerland, where we got a fine view of a number of the snow-crowned peaks of the Alps, and an excellent view of the range, it being a clear day. Here we were assigned to our fields of labor, and our pleasant little party from Salt Lake, consisting of President George C. Nagle and wife, J. M. Walser, C. D. Hann, William McEwan, C. D. Schettler, Rudolph Gigi and myself, was broken up and we continued our journey to the different places assigned us to labor in.

I was first sent to Mannheim and after a few days was appointed to labor in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, a very beautiful and interesting city, though smaller than some five or six of her sister cities in Germany, having a population of about 200,000. In this place Elder J. H. Schneckmann had baptized some thirteen members and has occasionally paid visits to this city, though there had been no Elder stationed here. In April J. H. Schneckmann and C. J. Maag came here from Mannheim and we organized a branch of about eighteen souls, which now numbers twenty-three. I have been entirely alone until about two months ago when Elder Albert Bryner was appointed to labor with me.

I find the German people kind, polite and as a rule a pleasant people to labor amongst. As for the land, no one can deny the many beauties of Deutschland. I have had the pleasure of making a trip down the grand old Rhine which is a very beautiful trip and can only be fully appreciated when seen, and once seen can not help but be loved and admired by all who delight in the beauties of nature. The beautiful scenes where the old castles present on the rocky cliffs, covered with ivy and surrounded by a most luxuriant growth of shrubbery, and the immense forest spreading in every direction as far as the eye can see, the grand old river wending its way through such scenes of beauty in its race to the ocean and bearing the burdens of commerce—all makes a scene that once gazed upon can never be forgotten, and when long years have passed sweet recollections will awaken in the hearts of those who have seen the river Rhine.

A few days ago Brother Bryner and I were taking a trip through the neighboring villages for the purpose of distributing tracts and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever we could find a listener. It is harvest time here and the farmers are real busy. The grain is almost entirely threshed with a flail and wind-mill, the same process which existed in Utah some thirty years ago. As we were going from one village to another we were attracted to a large farm house which stood off some distance from the road, by the sound of a steam thresher. Our American curiosity was aroused to see the difference between the German and American mode of threshing by steam; this being the first opportunity we have had in this country. On entering the farmyard, surrounded with a wall about ten feet high, we were met by the manager of the farm and his son. We informed them that we were Americans and desired to watch the process of threshing, stating we were farmers ourselves. They were exceedingly kind; the gentleman going into the house and getting us each a chair, which he placed where we could get a good view of the machine and the workers. As the straw comes from the machine it is all bound into bundles by about four men and pitched into a barn loft where it is received by about three buxom maidens and piled away neatly for winter use. The chaff is carried away in baskets into a portion of the barn reserved for that special purpose and the grain itself is carried into bins in the same building. There is not a handful of chaff or straw wasted, and every bit goes under cover, where it is kept dry and clean that it may be used. The men employed to run the [illegible] is about twenty men and women [illegible] about six girls in the farm house to do the cooking and general house work. In answer to my questions the host was very kind and obliging. When asked what wages he paid his harvest hands, he said one mark (25 cents) per day and board, which for the farmer was considered first-class wages for such work. The German farmer is to be admired for the cleanliness and orderly appearance of his barnyard and farm, and I think he is a worthy example to the American farmer in this respect. We answered a great many questions, and when our friends found we were Mormons, they were deeply interested in us. We preached the Gospel to them and left some of our literature. One of the gentlemen left his work to walk with us to the road, some distance away, to direct us our best way back to Frankfort. After thanking our kind friends for the hospitality, and receiving a warm invitation to return some future day when they had more time to converse, we bid each adieu and were soon on our way through shady country lanes.

We have had the privilege of bearing our testimony to the truth of the work of God established in these the last days, and to preach repentance and baptism to a great many people, and I have hopes that some of the seed sown through the help of the Lord has fallen upon good ground and will bring forth good fruit.

Respectfully,
A. OWEN WOODRUFF.

For the American Cup.

The London *Field* says that Lord Dunraven and the others who form the syndicate which will build a yacht to challenge for the America's cup, desire that the next contest for that much-coveted trophy should take place off Newport, R. I., instead of in the vicinity of New York, in order that the contesting yachts may avoid being harassed by excursion steamers. It is also suggested that the challenger should not be compelled to name the yacht until sometime set near the race so that in case several yachts are building they can select the best. The dimensions, it is also proposed, should be stated according to this rule. Another point awaiting decision is the length of load line and measurement with the crew on board. It is argued that the eighty-load line should not be exceeded.

A member of the yacht association has written a letter to the *Field*, in which he says George Gould should not have accepted the silver cup of the Royal London club, won on August 6th in the race around the Isle of Wight, when, it is claimed, the Vigilant broke the rule relating to signaling for more water, and that therefore the cup must be considered a graceful gift by the Prince of Wales.

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