

mencing the study of the German language with a will and determination that speaks well for their success.

On the 20th, I met in council with Elders P. A. Schettler, J. T. Gerber, W. W. Riter and W. P. Nebeker at our Office. We had an excellent time together and each gave our feelings, being determined to push ever onward in the right direction for the advancement of the Gospel of truth.

On the 21st, Brother Gerber, accompanied by Brother Nebeker, took train for St. Imier. Much correspondence and many questions keep all busy. Brother Riter's health continues very poor, some days being scarcely able to move around.

September, 1863. Brother W. W. Riter is still very weak, though improving. I gave Brother P. A. Schettler some directions about the *Reform*, and some letters to be answered, and on the 8th took train for Zurich, arriving at 5:30 p. m. Spent some days among the Saints in the vicinity. Received a letter from P. A. Schettler, Geneva, giving some words as to J. T. Gerber's course in the Bern conference. I wrote him a letter releasing him from the Bern and St. Imier conferences, and appointing him to labor in the Zurich conference, under the direction of President U. Forrer, also an appointment of Jacob Muller as president of St. Imier conference, and Brother Buhler as president of the Thun conference, all of which I sent to P. A. Schettler to be copied and forwarded.

Sunday, the 13th, met with Zurich conference; held three large meetings and had a time of rejoicing at our meeting hall.

Monday, the 14th, I started in company with C. Schram to visit the two branches, and spent a few hours at meetings according to the Spirit's dictates and the amount of liberty enjoyed by the Saints. We first visited, as per appointment, Winterthur, and held meeting, walked nine miles to Zell, and spent three or four hours with twelve or fifteen of the Saints, visited a number of enquirers and had a good time with them; upon leaving them they cried like children. We walked five miles to Schottiken and spent the night in spite of the old settlers (fleas). I ought not to complain for they were there first. Then to Sirmach, Albikon, Eshlikon, Hurnen, Fishingingen, Wyl and Herisan. At the latter place, I ordained Brother U. Alder an Elder, preached two hours in the evening to twenty persons, and organized a branch, placing Brother U. Alder to preside and Carl Schram as conference president. Ordained Abraham Bauman a Priest to assist Brother Alder in the branch. All voted freely to sustain the authorities, with myself as mission president. We had an excellent time with the Saints and all felt greatly blessed. We remained a day or two answering letters we received here from P. A. Schettler and others, also received No. 7 of the *Reform*. Went to St. Gallen and got Brother Schram's Wanderbuch, booked for Canton, thence to Roshact, Constance, and reached Landschlacht on the 15th, where I found a number of letters from almost every part, forwarded from Brother Schettler, Geneva.

Sunday, 27th, at 10 a. m., the house being well filled, I spoke two hours to the Saints with great freedom. I ordained a Brother Hugentobler a Priest

to assist Brother Naegle in the care of the branch, and presented the authorities of the Church, all of which were unanimously sustained both local and general.

On the 28th, took train at Constance for Stuttgart, the capital town of Wurtemberg. I spent several days visiting among some friends who wished to know more of our principles.

Sunday, October 4th. Today we went to Aichelberg, attended a meeting and had an excellent time with a few that had been taught the first principles by Brother J. Beck. We spent two hours with much freedom and all felt well.

Monday, the 5th, Brother Schram visited his mother and sister, and returned to his field of labor in Canton, St. Gallen, Switzerland. Before he left we got a passport good for six years.

Thursday, the 8th, Brother Beck and myself visited numbers of the Saints in Baden, and gave them all the instructions we could at Portsheim and Beirtheim. I received a letter from T. Mets, Rotterdam, with twenty florins, requesting me to visit them before returning to Geneva.

Sunday, the 11th, the Saints assembled and I spoke to them with much freedom for an hour and a half. All voted freely to sustain the Church authorities. J. L. Smith, president of mission, J. Beck, as conference president and Ludwick Woltz as branch president. I ordained him an Elder and two were confirmed that were baptized last evening.

On the 13th, I took train for Mannheim and steamer down the Rhine, changing several times. Arrived at Rotterdam, Holland, at 3 p. m., of the 15th, and I went to Brother Mets's, the rain pouring down in torrents. I spent the rest of the month in company with Brother T. Mets, visiting all that we could reach in Rotterdam and out in the country for twelve or fifteen miles, of those that had formerly been known as "New Lights." Every hour of the twenty-four, or at least the greater part of each day, was occupied in conversation, answering questions, etc. Arrangements were made for one of the men that owned a boat, to meet us at a certain point, and take on board the company of twenty five.

Rotterdam, Holland, Sunday, November 1st, 1863. Last evening, I received a letter from Mr. Hystek, that the wind was so high that he could not come. Brother T. Mets asked me if we had not better send word to the people not to come. I looked at him nearly a minute, and replied: "No; let them come; Mr. Hystek will be here and we shall have a good day. This morning the wind has toned down like spring. Mr. Hystek, with his boat, arrived, and the twenty-five persons went on board. He took us to a quiet nook where we were not likely to be disturbed, and ran a plank over the side, the boat being anchored. After a short meeting, I went into the water and Brother T. Mets passed the people down the plank to me. I baptized twelve men and nine women, after which we met in the cabin and I confirmed them members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and ordained Timothy a Priest and placed him to preside. We had a splendid time together, long to be remembered; for the Lord poured out His Spirit in rich abundance upon us, and all rejoiced greatly. After returning to Brother T.

Mets's, we spent the most of the night in meeting.

Sunday, the 8th, in company with T. Mets, I visited Amsterdam and held meeting at Brother Dykeman's, with about fifteen of the Saints. I found a very good spirit prevailing, and addressed them for over an hour, giving them freely what the Lord gave me. Returned to Rotterdam and spent some two or three days visiting and cheering up some of the older members. I received a letter from President George Q. Cannon, that he had secured passage for Brother Hill, via Hull, to meet me at Rotterdam, and accompany me to Switzerland. He sends with him ninety Books of Mormon. Brother Cannon says he is well pleased with the course I have pursued in Holland, and that he had reported the Vanderwonde affair to President Young, at Salt Lake City, and also to emigration agents, but as yet had heard nothing of it. Says he shall expect to see me at the general council of Elders, appointed for the 31st of December.

On the afternoon of the 17th, I met Brother Samuel H. Hill at the landing-stage. I pointed him out to Mets some time before we got within speaking distance. Brother Hill arrives just in time for the grand gala day, when Holland was freed from Napoleon's rule, he having evacuated Holland, November, 17th, 1813; and for my thirty fifth birthday. The custom of the country requires all who appear on the street to don some colors, so we have the orange and blue pinned to our coat lappels, that we may not get interfered with. The fireworks are ahead of anything I have ever seen. The streets are alive with people jumping, dancing, singing, etc.

November 19th, Brother S. H. Hill and myself took the steamer *Nederlander* up the Rhine, for Mannheim. After several changes we arrived on Sunday, the 22nd, and put up at the Silver Anchor. Monday, the 23rd, we took train at 11:45 a. m., for Carlsruhe. Met Brother J. Beck at the station and visited some of the Saints. We also found No. 9 of the *Reform*, and letters from P. A. Schettler. At a meeting in the evening, all felt well and the good Spirit showed all to be doing as well as possible.

On the 26th took train for Zurich and arrived late. Sunday, the 29th, we held two meetings, the hall being crowded, and all feeling well. Brother Gerber seems to be doing well and feels better than I have seen him since his arrival in 1861. Brother Hill and myself reached Biel at 2 p. m. of the 30th, and met Brother Nebeker and had a good meeting. December 1st, 1863, we arrived at our office, at 3:30 p. m. In company with Brother Schettler, got out expense report. We also wrote notes to conference presidents to see what they could do in raising some funds toward defraying the expenses of some one of the Elders, while attending the general council of Elders appointed to meet on the 8th of December, 1863, at Birmingham; that we might have some one there to report the Swiss, Italian and German mission.

Saturday, the 12th, I received a letter from President George Q. Cannon, in which he requests me to be in London on the 25th. He says it is doubtful whether we will have much emigration the coming season or not. I quote from his letter: "I shall leave it to yourself,