

on the 23rd, we had to lay over there because of a very heavy rain, which resulted in a flood that did much damage to property and stock.

Since then we have held three meetings in outside schoolhouses and halls. Parua Bay, Mata and Foote's Mill at Maungatapere have had a share of our attention. We met with the mill hands and bushmen at the latter place on March 23rd, and were most kindly treated. Elder Hales preached with great power on the Gospel for three-quarters of an hour, when I filled up the time in bearing my testimony and corroborating his remarks. The utmost attention was paid and you might have heard a pin drop for over an hour. Mr. Wm. Foote, the owner, was kindness itself and we greatly enjoyed our stay.

This "hush," as they call their timber forests here, has as beautiful a lot of timber in it as I have ever seen. Gigantic "kauris," whose fall under the bushman's ax sounds like a discharge of artillery, are as thick as they can well stand. It is estimated that it will take five years to clear it of good saw timber, when our host intends, if possible, to visit the United States with his family. Many of these "kauri" will cut 10,000 feet of clear lumber, but occasionally these "forest giants" will contain 50,000 feet. One now stands at Opauwanga that is over 46 feet in circumference. Since our visit to Foote's mill we have been to Kerihunga, Ruatangata, Tetotol and Whangateau, besides our regular calling places.

We have traveled 850 miles in all since we left for the north, and expect to be at our starting point in two days more. We have labored extensively among the Europeans, and many new friends appear on all sides. We have made arrangements for the use of school houses and halls wherever practicable, that we may lay the Gospel before the people on our next trip. Our health has been good, though the earlier part of our journey was marked by many wet days. Winter is approaching and the roads will soon be very difficult to travel, the bog holes deeper, and the tidal rivers and swamps more dangerous.

The Lord has blessed and preserved us in many ways, and our testimony and faith increases day by day. Many friends have been raised up for us in time of need. I am doing a little at the language, but my progress is slow on account of our continuous traveling. It is expected that my companion will return home on the S. S. Monowai, on the 22nd inst., all being well, when another Elder who has mastered Maori will accompany me northward again. We anticipate visiting the Saints at the Great Barrier Islands shortly and may remain a month or more to give our horses a much needed rest. Three Elders and some local Saints intend leaving for Zion by the next boat. We will walk from this point to Auckland twenty miles to see them off.

Quite a few are investigating the Gospel, and I hope more will be added to the Church. We find many people won't go ten steps now to hear a Mormon Elder, yet will read any publication we may be able to lend them with interest. By the aid of "The Voice of Warning," tracts, and the DES-

ERET WEEKLY NEWS we have gained a foothold in many a house that otherwise would be closed to us. If many of the Saints at home could fully realize the power the NEWS is as a missionary, they would mail it to the Elders on missions, or to their friends. We shall be glad to have copies sent to us by those who subscribe for it at any time, to the address given herewith. They will be a great help to us, and we can send them out to persons who desire to be correctly informed as to the condition and home life of the Latter-day Saints.

We have had several gales, resulting in shipwrecks and loss of life and property. One little coasting steamship, the Ruby, now lies a total wreck upon the rocks at the entrance to the Mangawhai river. There are many kind friends who no doubt would like to hear from me personally, but for the present this must suffice.

Our health, and that of the Saints, generally, is good, though there has been much sickness, principally whooping cough, among the Maori children. The weather has been unreasonable and conducive to ill health with those who do not possess robust constitutions. Rheumatism and a cough has been very fashionable among both Europeans and natives. With kindest regards to all, I remain Yours sincerely,

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Whangarei, Auckland,
New Zealand.

P. S.—AUCKLAND, April 18.—Elders Hans Madsen, George Hales and Oscar Andrus are now here with a small company of Saints, and will leave for Zion per S. S. Monowai on Saturday next. Elder Thomas J. Morgan, of Plain City, who arrived here in March, accompanies me to the Great Barrier Island, to visit the native Saints there.

IN THE SWISS MISSION.

ST. GALLEN, April 29, 1893.—With reference to missionary labor in this part of the Lord's vineyard I desire to state that I left my sunny home, in the southwestern part of Utah, (Washington county,) in company with Elders H. Hulen and Wm. Pobier, on the 19th of May, 1892. When the call came I felt the great responsibility devolving upon me as a messenger of truth, and hence was willing to leave my wife and child, relatives and friends, to go forth and proclaim those principles for which the Savior of mankind laid down His life. I went like hundreds of other Elders before me, trusting in Him from whom all blessings flow. This should be sufficient cause for any Elder to forsake all to know that he is called by the highest authority that exists upon the earth, apart from the great reward which he will obtain in this life to come if he prove true to the end.

After arriving at Bern I was called to labor in the east Swiss mission, where I took up my work shortly after arrival.

It is while out on missions that we missionaries the more effectually learn to put our trust in God, and humble ourselves before him. I thank God for the testimony of His divine truth, and that I was deemed worthy to go forth to the nations of the earth, and

warn them of the destructions and calamities that are speedily coming upon them, if they do not repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins. It is out here where I have especially learned to prize the plan of life and salvation, since I know its blessings, and how the people of the world are lead in darkness, through their "priests."

The people here are very industrious and ingenious. In almost every home one finds some kind of machine which the father or neighbor has made to help earn the necessities of life. They are largely engaged in manufacturing such articles as clothes, clocks, watches, etc. The working classes are very poorly paid for their labor. They have to work from early morning until late at night for from forty to eighty cents per day, and that is all the father's earnings in many a home. The people in the country districts are generally poor. They become poorer from year to year. Along the Rhine the vine culture is largely carried on, but I am told that for the last twenty years they have not obtained enough wine to pay for the labor entailed, and wine is a very saleable article here. In the city of St. Gallen, with a population of 80,000, there are 215 saloons, and I do not think there are many less, according to population, in other cities.

Switzerland is a veritable paradise in summer, and is worthy of all the praise it receives. The climate is a very healthy one; plenty of fresh mountain air and water. Farming is carried on at a great disadvantage. The greater part of the people dig their ground instead of plowing, and the hay is all cut with a scythe. In each town they have land that belongs to the town. The people divide this into small pieces and then lease it. In this way the poor man gets a patch to farm for a few dollars, where otherwise he would have to buy the vegetables at a high price.

The east Swiss mission is in a favorable condition and there are some few investigating the Gospel. Baptisms are being carried on all the time. The work of God is steadily progressing and will grow and increase until it fills the whole earth. I would exhort my young brethren to prepare for the labor they will have to perform, and may God bless and prosper Zion.

Your brother in the Gospel,

THEO. GRAF.

The Knights of Pythias, in their grand lodge at Nevada City, will discuss the question as to whether retail liquor dealers shall be debarred from membership.

THE INFANTA EULALIA has reached our shores in safety. All the ragged solicitude which some people are experiencing as to whether or not President Cleveland will return her call will soon be dispelled.

Mr. Andrew Nielson of Richfield, Sevier county, who is commonly known as Jensen, died at his home last Sunday. Deceased was a native of Sweden, sixty-four years old, and a devout Latter-day Saint. He was one of the first settlers of Richfield twenty-two years ago, and did a great deal toward making the county what it is. He leaves a wife and six children, the youngest aged fourteen years.