LETTER FROM PALESTINE.

Elder L. A. Kelsh Describes His Journey Through Many Countries.

HAIFA, Palestine, July 28, 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 19th of April of the present year. In Salt Lake City I was set apart to my mission under the hands of Apostle Teasdale, and after attending the Tabernacle services at the Temple left Salt Lake on the evening of the 14th. There were seven of us in the company out our way via Pueblo, Kansas City to Chicago. After visiting the Fair grounds and other points of interest we left Chicago by 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 rolling in crossing the Hudson by ferryboat over to New York, and soon had our home in the Cosmopolitan hotel.

While in New York I visited some of the principal places of interest, and I church on the morning of the 23rd of April found myself upon the Atlantic Ocean, leaving the harbor. We had a very pleasant voyage, the sea being for the most part quiet and smooth, contrary to the expectations of the crew. It was raining a little as we waited from the Liverpool docks to Edge Hill station and the steerage body where we lodged while in Liverpool. While passing through the streets of this city I had, as I say, my first view of poverty and vagabondism, which, I am sorry to say, is very plentiful here. I saw mothers have their heads and backbones with wool, could hardly be called a rag, hanging around them, covered with foul, I use need be say, carrying their houses and dresses through the streets. The rain was falling upon their little, bare, hatless heads, and their feet laughing below the cold streets where were only small shits into which reach only to the child's thighs or knee. You may imagine how it increases me, being born and raised among the twilight Mormons where such a thing is scarcely mentioned, or having seen in my whole life in Utah a near approach to it. It is simply awful, and these mothers I saw to are usually followed by from one to four or five little children of different ages in the same condition. I did not stay in Liverpool two nights but it was afternoon of May 2nd when we found myself in the metropolis of the world. It would take a long time to tell everything of interest in London but during our stay of three or four days 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 there we travel through a fine green and grassy country, spending one night on the cars and we are soon landed in Bern the capital of Switzerland and headquarters of the Swiss, German and Italian missions. We found President Smoot at the office, 28 Cougnon, 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 to Nuremberg, the former in Switzerland the latter in Germany. Brother Young accompanied me as far as Lucerne where I bid him good-bye 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 reaches after leaving here is Milan, which has a beautiful cathedral that will contain 37,000 people. A few hours more ride and Genoa is reached, the birthplace and early home of Columbus. It is a pretty city by the sea shore. I could stay in Genoa but a few hours and was soon passing in and out of the many tunnels along the coast of the Mediterranean. Passed through Pisa with its leaning tower and I which is the destiny, on the 11th of May I found myself in Rome, the home of the pope, the seat of the Catholic church. It is a very city 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. Peters and saw young and old combating their sins in boxes of scenery around the seats for that purpose. There is a figure of the Savior in Lake there with a pen and parchment between his fingers. Some mean the side of the figure can be felt which it is understood that the pen is as sharp as long. It is were 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 Rome and would not touch the top by four feet. It will hold 54,000 people. When standing among the ruins of the Colosseum I thought I saw in ancient splendor, when the wealth of the great empire was absolute. I thought I heard the lions at the public venal steeds, the bustle of the citizens and the clamor of thousands assembled in the amphitheater, as the sand, sprinkled with Nile for some to the beasts who upon invitation, I felt sure, be remembered that no person was welcome to give evidence to his presence in the chief performances. We spent one hour where the Emperor Nero had stood while we visited and of Jacob Brown of Salt Lake, who is now in Naples which has not nearly a city's visiting people. The streets are not very clean and the people are immoral. It was pleasant traveling through these parts when you are not able to speak or understand one word I could say. I was glad to be again into France and know I could get a vote for Pres. Harrison, the Italian people knew nothing. Passing the cities, and it would take whole volumes to describe a country of which I know so little of the customs, objects of the land and of a people foreign to us. There are palaces, Rich, wealthy and spacious in every direction and poverty stricken. I was buried in the low 30 and in painting, but failed, and it is as dense as ever in Italy. While there I saw Tourine with the cloth bearing form her sweetness in giving warning that you would regret if we did not. Italy is a beautiful country, and I may become a Republican, but there are many evidences in Palestine that the people were very happy.

P. A. KELSH.

PLEASANT GROVE NEWS.

The End of Hay—Movers of the Month—Social Circuit.

Correspondence Deseret News.

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Mr. Jesse O. Christensen, who was thrown from his wagon and run over about ten days ago, is still lying in a critical state and very little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. Samuel D. Railsall is very ill at Provo. Her folks died Thursday. Mr. R. is in Idaho and unfortunately have failed to reach him or at least he has made no reply.

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