

OUTRAGES IN THE SOUTH.

Elders F. J. Sorensen and W. L. Battie Brutally Assaulted in Tennessee.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 26.—The mobbing received by Elder F. J. Sorensen and Elder W. L. Battie of the East Tennessee conference, at the beginning of this month, as reported in the "News" columns, when they were pelted with rocks and shot at, was followed up on May 9 with another brutal assault upon President Sorensen and Elder W. L. Battie, whose home is in Toccoa, Ga. On the night of the 8th of May, Elders Battie, Litchfield, Jensen and Priest, Sorensen stopped at the home of Marion Jones, about four miles east of Greenville, spending the night there. On the morning of May 9, Elders Battie and Sorensen, wishing to visit Bro. W. L. Battie, wife—the latter being sick, due to the mobbing of a week previous, started for their home, through the woods. They had not intended to go into that neighborhood after the treatment they received, but meeting Brother Litchfield going to the mill, and being told that his wife was very sick, they concluded to go and see if they could not be of some use. On the way up Camp creek, they met some of the men who were in the mob of May 1, who asked the Elders if they were not afraid to go back. President Sorensen replied, "Why should we be afraid? We are American citizens, entitled to protection." One of them, whom Elder Sorensen recognized, said, "There ain't no law that can reach us here, and especially for driving Mormons out of our district." They told them to go back down the creek, and commenced to drive them in the direction they had come from. The Camp creek section of country is well supplied with telephones, nearly every house being in possession of one. By this means the mobbers apprised the people of the Elders being in that neighborhood again, and were able in a short time to raise a posse of men. They told the Elders they could soon muster 200 men, if they needed them. As Elders Sorensen and Battie passed the houses on their way down the creek, they heard the alarm being sounded on the "phone" and long. The Elders not going quickly enough to suit the mob, they commenced to use violence towards them, running up against them and shoving them and pushing them. Elder Sorensen told them that they were going, and that they ought not to be cruel toward them. "We have had enough of you and your kind," said one of the men, "and you had better get out of here quick." Being overpowered and unarmed, Elders Sorensen and Battie could do nothing but what they were told to do. When they were told to run, they did so, and when they were not going quickly enough, a volley of rocks was aimed at them, and they were hit. Elder Battie was one of the men who was hit, and he was hit mostly on his arms and back. The mob increased in numbers as they went down the creek. On account of the rains the creek was out of its banks in places, filling the road with deep water and mud. The mob made the Elders go right through it. If they attempted to take a by-path they hurled rocks at them, so that they were soaked with water and mud up to their knees. Finally the Elders were made to run at a lively gait, and came to a foot log across the creek. The creek was about 30 feet wide here, and about four feet deep. When Elder Sorensen was about half across, one of the mob pushed him into the water, and then they all rushed to the opposite bank. Elder Sorensen tried to crawl out the opposite side, they stood over him with rocks. One of them said he would brain him if he did not get out of there quick. President Sorensen was saved in a Prince Albert suit, and had his umbrella in his hand when he was pushed into the creek, so that he was now unable to walk quickly. The mob, however, pelted him with rocks, trying to make him run. When the Elders came to the crossing near the Wag store, a man rode up on a mule, whom the Elders recognized. Elder Battie said to him, pointing to the howling mob behind him, armed with rocks, "They're a nice set of Christians you have up here!" This man rode up to the crowd, and entered into a conversation with them, the result of which was that most of them turned back. Five of them, however, continued to chase the brethren for another half mile, and then with an oath of vengeance, so kill them if they returned, they allowed them to go. Wet, and covered with mud, Elders Sorensen and Battie proceeded to the home of Marion Jones, where they had only but short time separated from Elders Jensen and Litchfield. Here they procured suits of apparel while their clothes were drying. They showed Mr. Jones the bruises they had received,

and rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for the Gospel's sake. The morning after the first mobbing, Brother Fillets, at whose home the Elders stayed that night, received a letter from the two Christian (?) women who led the first attack and smashed the lamps the Elders carried, as follows: "May 2, 1905. Mr. Fillets—You will receive pay for the lamps very soon. The people will pay for them. I, Miss Smith, kept the people from doing this thing last fall. Two weeks ago Sunday, Miss Davidson and I were given orders to stay away from your home while the Mormon Elders were there. Since we found the fight must come we notified the American Sunday School union, and the secretary of the National Anti-Mormon Missionary organization, with whom I am personally acquainted. Both gave us their support, by offering help, and sending literature to further inform us as to the teachings of the Mormons. "We will say the man (Elder Sorensen) who remained last night had better leave orders to stay away from your home. The good crowd of last night will be reinforced by others from both creeks. I fear there will be many ruffians and you know what angry mobs thoughtlessly do. "AMY SMITH. "EUPHEMIA A. DAVIDSON." These two women, graduates for the ministry, but whose sole mission seems to have been to foment trouble against the Mormon Elders, had been well treated by Brother and Sister Fillets. Sister Fillets had fitted them up two rooms in her house rent free, furnishing them with every convenience, while Brother Fillets' father had provided them with flour and other food, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that they have been driving their families from the organizations to which they are attached. They were at the head of the first mobbing, and led the attack against the Elders, arming themselves with rocks and smashing into pieces the lamps which the Elders were carrying home that night. President Ben E. Rich has decided to vigorously prosecute the leaders of these mobs. It will be remembered that in September, 1901, Elder B. F. Stewart of Alpine, Ariz., and L. F. Zundel, of West Fortage, Utah, were brutally assaulted by a mob in Georgia. President Rich determined that the matter should be handled, and knowing the local courts did not deal justly with other perpetrators arrested for brutalities to our Elders, he sought the aid of the federal authorities. Judge C. D. Camp, United States district attorney at Atlanta, Ga., was employed to bring suits for damages in the sum of \$50,000 for each of the Elders assaulted against the perpetrators of the outrages at that time, and so vigorously was the case pushed that the defendants were glad to compromise the trouble, paying court expenses, and attorney and witnesses fees, amounting to \$500. President Rich and Elder James H. Wallis went to Atlanta, Ga., to see Judge Camp about the outrages committed on Elders Sorensen, Jensen and Battie at the beginning of this month. That gentleman manifested a very friendly feeling and discussed the legal grounds upon which the other suits were brought in the federal courts, assuring President Rich that if any such occurrences happened again in his jurisdiction, that he could rely upon him using every means in his power to protect our Elders. As a result of the conference it was decided to go to Knoxville, Tenn., the district in which the outrages were committed, and consult Gen. Will D. Wright, United States attorney for the eastern district of Tennessee. President Rich made an appointment with Judge Wright for May 29, but on account of attending the Ohio conference at Xenia that day, he could not go, and sent Elder Jas. H. Wallis from the office at Chattanooga. Elder F. J. Sorensen accompanied Elder Wallis, and they were well received by Judge Wright, who after listening to a recital of the outrages, expressed himself in unqualified terms, assuring the brethren that he would at once commence proceedings against the leaders of the mobs. The federal court meets at Greenville, Green county, Tenn., on Monday, June 5, when it is expected service will have been made on the parties. JAMES H. WALLIS.

ROGUES IN FICTION AND IN REAL LIFE.

Rogues of fiction are not half as harmful in their confessions as some of the rogues of real life—for instance, the prominent financier who is just now engaged in making his former

business comrades bear the blame for every tricky deal in which the prominent financier himself had a leading part. Just because this prominent financier did not get what he considered his rightful share of what Raffles would call the "swag," he is denouncing all his associates as thieves of the lowest sort. This sort of "confessing"

is infinitely worse in its effects than the harmless memoirs of Raffles or Gallipoli Dick. It destroys the time-honored belief that there is a code of honor among thieves. The burglar or the highwayman took chances and would not have "palsied the baby" if caught. Both are manful in their villainy. But the prominent financier is

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