

stances by a few of the sisters. All the rest of the tracts referred to have been distributed by the missionaries themselves. Thirty copies of the Voice of Warning and 18 of the Book of Mormon have also been placed in the hands of those who desired to purchase, or who manifested a willingness to read these valuable works; and quite a number of lengthy and interesting conversations have been held with people of an inquiring mind; 27 such cases are reported from two districts, in all of which the Elders had an opportunity to explain the principles of the Gospel, and to bear their solemn testimony to the truth of "Mormonism." In this experience they have had much joy. Forty-three open-air meetings have been held, 28 of this number having been conducted on the streets of this great city. As a general thing we have had good attention in all our open-air services, and feel thankful to our heavenly Father that we have had the courage to lift up our voices in defense of the Gospel, and we have the testimony of the Holy Spirit that this labor is approved of God. The local Priesthood and other Saints assist to a very great extent in this work, and their efforts are much appreciated. The Branch Presidents have the spirit of their calling upon them and are one with us in all things; this gives us much satisfaction. Six have applied for baptism, and will receive this ordinance at the hands of Elder Payne next Sunday.

"Elders Snarr and Yates are striving faithfully to warn the people in and around the town of Brighton; but they have met with a great deal of opposition in their out-door meetings, and have been subjected to the vile insults and abuse that are so popular among certain classes when they are brought in contact with the servants of the Most High. On one occasion their meeting was broken up, and they themselves rather roughly handled by the mob, being pushed and jostled about from place to place amid the howling of the rabble. The hats of the Elders were knocked off, and a disposition was plainly manifest to do them harm, but through the blessings of the Lord they escaped without injury, while some of the mob were knocked down and trampled upon by their excited companions. These brethren have succeeded in getting a portion of the report of the "House Committee on Territories," as made to the United States Congress, on Utah affairs published in the Brighton *Examiner*, and expect to have some parts of it appear in another paper.

"Elders J. W. Keddington and J. C. Ostler, who labor in the counties of Bedford and Herts, have also succeeded in getting a notice on the same subject in one of the papers in their district. This, coupled with their labors in tracting and preaching the Gospel, has caused a notice to appear in another paper warning the people that certain "Mormon" Elders are in their midst seeking to introduce the "insidious" doctrines of their faith, and the claim is made

that the principles set forth in our tracts and preached by the Elders in Mission are not the same as the "Mormonism" of Utah. In this way men unwittingly bear testimony to the strength of the doctrines we are teaching the inhabitants of the earth.

Elders F. A. Cottrell and G. J. Farnes have made arrangements with the editor of a leading paper to have the tract "Utah and the Mormons" published in full, and they feel that it will be the means of doing good in their district. They do not find many who are seeking after the principles of the Gospel; but notwithstanding this they feel to rejoice in their labors, knowing that God has appointed them to cry repentance to their fellow-men, and in the performance of duty they, in common with the rest of their brethren, find sweet consolation.

"Elder L. A. Kelsch is doing a good work in his field in the Camberwell district. He has distributed, during the past month (June), from door to door, 3,614 tracts, and feels very thankful to our heavenly Father that he has been permitted to carry the message of salvation to so many of his fellow-men.

"We held an open-air meeting last summer at the corner of St. Pancras Station, and were soon surrounded by a crowd of men who appeared to delight in tormenting us while we were seeking to explain the principles of the Gospel. The opposition we met on the night in question was more bitter than usual, and the spirit of darkness seemed to have complete control over the minds of all who surrounded us. The language of our opponents was of the most disgusting character, and the result was that our meeting was broken up in confusion. We left the ground thinking that our efforts to do good had been a complete failure; but in this, as the sequel proved, we were entirely mistaken; for in the crowd of mobocrats by whom we were surrounded there stood at least one man. He had been drawn to us through hearing the name of Joseph Smith mentioned. Many years before he had been numbered with the Lord's people, but had strayed away for a time from the fold, and when he would have returned he could not find the shepherd nor the sheep, and had come to the conclusion that the Gospel had been withdrawn from this land. This was his frame of mind when he heard the name of our beloved Prophet sounding above the howling of an anti-"Mormon" mob. He hastily pushed his way forward to an Elder who was handing out "Glad Tidings of Great Joy," and eagerly seized one of the tracts. His eyes sparkled with pleasure when he discovered the address of the Saints' meeting-hall printed at the foot of the pamphlet; and on the following Sabbath he was once again seated with a congregation of Latter-day Saints. Baptism followed, and today this man is an earnest follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, faithful in attending his meetings and doing other things required of him to as-

sist in rolling on the great work of God. Last week his daughter and her husband applied to Elder Payne for baptism. He is also preaching the Gospel to others of his family. This is the result directly and indirectly from an open-air meeting; and what may yet follow no one at present can tell; but we will probably ascertain at some future day that an inspired testimony has never been borne that did not bring forth fruit.

I must not omit to mention an interesting experience that Elder Ostler and his companion had in one of the towns of Bedfordshire. They had determined to hold an open-air meeting, but on reaching the place where they designed to preach they felt some what discouraged on account of there being but few people moving around, and they concluded to postpone their meeting until evening. Learning that a Methodist chapel was near by in which a Sunday school was being held, it struck them that they might be able to give notice of the meeting, through the Sunday school children, to the people of the village, and with this object in view they entered the chapel. As soon thereafter as possible Elder Ostler entered into conversation with the superintendent, and asked the privilege of giving notice of the meeting they intended to hold. The privilege to do so was readily granted; and as they were short of teachers Brother Ostler was invited to take charge of a class. He gladly accepted the invitation, and spent a pleasant hour in explaining the Scriptures. When the school exercises were concluded, Brother Keddington was invited to address the children, which he did, giving such instructions as were presented by the spirit of God. After this, notice of the meeting to be held at five o'clock in the evening was given out, and the children were invited to make it known to their parents. The result proved that they did all they could to make the meeting a success; for at the appointed hour a large congregation of people had assembled to hear the word of God. The brethren are of opinion, from the number who were present, that there must have been representatives from every family in the place. Great liberty of speech was given the Elders, and the inspiration of the Almighty rested upon them, and they spoke in much plainness upon the precious truths that have been revealed in this dispensation through the Lord's anointed Prophet, Joseph Smith. After holding their services as long as was deemed advisable, the meeting was brought to a close. Strict attention was paid throughout to all that was said, and the brethren departed, feeling thankful to the Lord for the enjoyable time they had spent, and with a determination to again visit the same village at no distant day to explain still further the plan of salvation, and they hope that some honest souls there may be brought to see the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

Easily borrowed—trouble.