

the minds of men by many indirect routes, and they are producing marked effects. Evidently missionary work can not be rightly estimated by its direct results. The number of baptisms performed in a given locality in a year, may bear but little ratio to the work accomplished during that time.

We are full of hopes for the future; and we have no occasion to be discouraged with the present. Each month finds a few names added to our conference records; each month finds some duties done; and each month finds our Elders with more faith and with greater qualifications for future work. Your paper is a sweet morsel to us.

This is a corrected list of the names and addresses of the Elders:

Albert Matheson, Rodney B. Ashley, Cullman City, Cullman Co., Ala.

W. W. Beakstead, Joseph F. McGregor, Tupelo, Lee Co., Miss.

C. E. Owens, Joseph Bellows, Hanceville, Blount Co., Ala.

Erastus Christiansen, Peter Nielson, Tupelo, Lee Co., Miss.

David Hubbard, Adelbert Cranny, Helena, Shelby Co., Ala.

John Hancock, Arthur Smith, Gunterville, Marshall Co., Ala.

C. L. Haight, Aaron Call, Holly Springs, Marshall Co., Miss.

Elmer E. Hinckley, John P. Christensen, Cullman City, Cullman Co., Ala.

Edward Stevens, James Brown, Sulligent, Lamar Co., Ala.

James A. Lee, Walter Tolton, Renfro, Talladega Co., Ala.

Orson L. Martin, Edward Ried, Hamilton, Marion Co., Ala.

Frank F. Balbf, Walter Slack, Russellville, Franklin Co., Ala.

Ernest Ricks, Jesse Wheeler, Carrollton, Pickens Co., Ala.

Thomas Rich, N. P. Nelson, Centerville, Bibb Co., Ala.

William Pardoe, Stephen Callan, Fayette, Fayette Co., Ala.

George T. Wride, Charles Sperry, Gadsden, Etawah Co., Ala.

ALBERT MATHESON,
President North Alabama Conference.

MORMONS IN THE SOUTH.

Under the heading of "The Mormons of Fairfield," the Charleston News-Courier has the following to a special from Ridgeway, Fairfield county, South Carolina:

"On the 4th of July the Mormon colony, near here, celebrated the day at and near their small temple. Invitations were extended and at an early hour there were about four hundred people on the ground and the house was crowded. A large United States flag floated in the breeze. A discharge from 'artillery,' placed together, made a report like a cannon. No politics or religion was discussed, only the events of the day. On the stand were six Mormon Elders. They were all young, well dressed and were very intelligent. Elder Smith, who by the way, is one of members of the Mormon choir at the World's Fair, Chicago, entertained the audience with several grand solos, showing to all the great beauty of music in a well trained, cultivated voice. Then Elder Yates was introduced. He read the Declaration of Independence and in a narrative historical lesson he reviewed the action of the colonies; the life of Washington with all his noble, useful

life fully portrayed, interspersed with many interesting anecdotes. He concluded by saying that he thanked God for giving our country such men as Washington, Jefferson, Lee, Hampton and Ben Tillman. He is a fluent orator.

"Another report from the artillery was the announcement for dinner. There was an abundant supply of all kinds of meats, turkey and chicken, cakes, pies and fruits. Entire order prevailed, there was no favoritism, everyone was provided for and all were plentifully alike.

"After dinner came another cannonade and the audience enjoyed vocal music from the Mormon choir, then there were several recitations and singing by the members, also an address by Elder Oldham, who said that Utah was now a sister of South Carolina and he was proud of the little Palmetto state. At 4 p. m. the assemblage dispersed and all claimed to have spent a sociable and intellectual hour. Nothing was said or done to mar one's feelings.

"Your correspondent is under obligations to Messrs. Jesse Wilson, W. W. Collins and H. R. Eastler for kind attentions shown him."

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

PITTSBURG, July 29.—Tales of death and devastation as a result of the storm which swept western Pennsylvania on Monday night continue to pour in. Four more drownings are reported, making the death list fifteen, including seven drowned at Crell. The latest victims are:

John Whalen, 12 years, drowned near Woods Run, Allegheny; Mino Caffo, 8 years, drowned near Wildwood; an unknown miner drowned at Guager's Hollow, near Shalers, Pa.; an unknown Italian drowned at Smith-ton, Pa.; George Miller, killed by a falling tree at Sugar Grove, still living, cannot recover.

The damage in Washington and Fayette county probably will reach a million dollars.

LONDON, July 29.—A dispatch from Ilfracombe, a bathing place on the north coast of Devonshire, announces that half of the business portion of the port was buried this morning. The loss is \$500,000.

NEW YORK, July 29.—Mrs. George P. Knapp, wife of the missionary of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, the Rev. George P. Knapp, who was arrested at Bitlis, Eastern Turkey, on the charge of conspiring against the Turkish government, has arrived in this country from the east. Mrs. Knapp left her husband in Constantinople to stand trial upon the charges which have been preferred against him.

After Mr. Knapp's arrest in Bitlis, where he was a missionary, he was taken under a guard of soldiers to Alexandretta, his passports having been stamped "expelled" at Aleppo. The government officials gave him permission to leave the country in safety and were apparently anxious that he should leave. He declined to depart, however, until he had been accorded a formal hearing upon the unjust complaints against him, and given sufficient opportunity to defend himself.

Upon the insistence the government

immediately proceeded to secure ex parte affidavits and depositions as to his alleged wrong doing, with the result that charges were drawn from the sworn statements of twenty-two persons, whose names are attached to the legal documents. These charges were presented by the Turkish minister of foreign affairs to the United States chargé d'affairs at Constantinople.

The following is a copy of the official translation of the charges upon which the American missionary will be tried before a Turkish tribunal:

"This missionary, who was one of the principal mainstays of the Hunchakist (revolutionist) committee at Bitlis, indulged in all sorts of subversive intrigues. It was at his instigation that Armenian agitators provoked disturbances in the province. In fact this missionary was always in correspondence with Armenian leaders, among others, Hamparsum, alias Mourad, chief of the Sassoun and Telorinsurgents, in order to stir up trouble, with a view of creating an Armenian principality in Asia Minor, and used to send to Sassoun and elsewhere, under the pretext of distributing aid, emissaries who were charged with the mission of giving most precious counsel to the inhabitants.

"Incited by him, Agitator Horsesp, son of Garibed, and several of his Armenian companions had attempted in the open streets of Bitlis to forcibly abduct a Kurdish girl from her parents, at the same time calling the latter by the most abusive names and blaspheming the imperial government and the Musselman religion. The missionary, in company with certain agitators, used to hold meetings at his house, or in churches, or in the bishop's residence, in order to prepare the Bitlis incident. It is he who had vagrants in his hire and armed them, that troubles might be provoked.

"He encouraged the credulous Armenians to attack the mosque during Friday prayer and all the faithful, to assassinate Musselman officials and notables whom they met in lonely places, and to urge such of their own nationality as were faithful to the imperial government to refuse to pay their taxes and to address such language to the Musselmans as would tend to excite them.

"In one word, he did his utmost to disturb order and peace. He acted as intermediary of guilty correspondence, propagated the most revolutionary ideas, and spread abroad sensational rumors. Refusing to conform to the regulations governing public instruction, he tried to inculcate subversive principles into the minds of his pupils and sought to induce the Armenians to embrace Protestantism. He persuaded those of them who occupied public places not to go to their posts.

"It was by the alarm signal, given by means of a bell which he had installed near his house, that the Armenians shut their shops and attacked the mosques at the time of the Bitlis disturbance. The Armenians Panazep, Zerbe and Momprey, the latter Mr. Knapp's servant, who wounded a certain Kavork Agbus Bakalla, have testified before the examining magistrate that they committed this crime under orders from Missionary Knapp, who promised to give \$100 to whoever succeeded in killing