

going on in the Eastern States mission, I thought a few lines from this part might be worthy of perusal in the valleys of the mountains.

Carbondale, my present field of labor, is a pretty town of about 17,000 population, with its citizens chiefly dependent upon the coal mines for a livelihood. Train loads of coal leave here daily for all parts of the United States. The mines at present are working about three quarters time. It has been twenty years since this part of the vineyard has heard the voice of the true servants of God, proclaiming "glad tidings of great joy," to a benighted people, who had been led astray by the cunning craftiness of men.

In the latter part of June, when my partner and I were assigned to this district by Elder D. R. Gill, president of the Pennsylvania mission, the people were very curious to know our real object in coming here, as we could hear of rumors on all sides of different kinds, but the main one was, that we were endeavoring to make up a carload of women to ship to Utah. But the people were not left in doubt long, as at the first opportunity our voices were heard on the streets proclaiming the Gospel truths. But our privilege of freedom of speech was of short duration, as here, as it generally is in other places, the ministers began a crusade by passing resolutions against us, warning all good people not to listen to us, and calling upon the authorities to use all lawful means to prohibit us from preaching.

This had the desired effect as far as holding open air service went, for at our next meeting while speaking I was gently tapped on the shoulder by the chief of police, and was told that the mayor had revoked the license he gave us, allowing us to hold open air service, and that if we attempted to do so again that he would see what he could do for us, inferring that we could have free lodging at the city's expense. This caused many people to become very indignant at the mayor for the ministers to overrule him, and we made many friends thereby. Pamphlets containing exaggerated reports of the Mountain Meadows massacre have been freely circulated, as also pretended prophecies of Brigham Young, and Heber C. Kimball, that have not been fulfilled. On asking one of the ministers for one of the pamphlets, the reply was that he knew nothing of them, and did not know there were any such pamphlets in circulation; and we talked very insultingly. He was then informed that he was the very one that circulated them, as we knew of people he had given them to. He then admitted he had given them out; and if he never heard the Gospel of Christ before he heard it then. This same minister said to me, It would be as possible for God to fall from his throne as it would be for him [the minister] to fall from grace, or into sin.

Our meetings are now being held in houses in different portions of the city, in which very satisfactory progress is being made. New friends are springing up continuously when they hear the beauties of the Gospel of Christ as taught by His servants in these latter days, and the people are telling us, "Our ministers

do not tell us of things contained in the Bible, as you do. We have never heard of these things before, and did not know they were in the Bible." Many are getting their eyes opened to their real situation. The Book of Mormon is eagerly sought after, and after a perusal of its inspired pages, the general verdict is, there is some other wisdom besides man's in that book.

This valley is called Lehigh valley, undoubtedly the name by which it was called by the Indians, and after the Prophet Lehi that we read of in the Book of Mormon, and the name was handed down from generation to generation.

In our house to house canvass, delivering tracts, what insults an Elder is called to endure for the cause of the Gospel! They will shut doors in our faces, call us names of all kinds, and tell us we should be run out of town. Many stories we hear of our beloved Prophet Joseph Smith, and the general expression is that he was good for nothing. This causes a chill to go through one that knows he was a Prophet of God. But still we feel to forgive them, for "they know not what they do."

We are treated very kindly by many people, and they feel satisfied that we are what we represent ourselves to be, the true servants of God; and new places are continually opening for us to hold meetings in. The desire of the people seems to be, the more they hear us the more they want to. A great amount of prejudice is being allayed and the people look on us now with more favor than when we came first; and I hope to see our labors crowned with success soon, as the prospects are very good for installing members into the true fold of Christ.

There are at present four Elders laboring in Carbondale and vicinity. Elders Thomas Blackburn and Geo. E. Asper are laboring in the south part of town and the smaller settlements on the south; and Elder E. T. Burton and myself taking the north part of the city and the towns on the north.

An example of how deeply the word of God will take root in the honest-hearted ones, is shown in the case of a husband and wife here. The wife has become fully convinced of the truthfulness of the message we bear, and has expressed herself as desirous of joining the Latter-day Saints, and she has told her husband that there was no use for him to say anything against her, as nothing could turn her from the principles, while her husband is so bitter that he says he will order us out of the house if we go there again; and if his wife joined the Mormons he will leave her the day she does. We hope to be able to convince him of his error and thereby have him and his wife come forth in the waters of baptism and be numbered with the people of Christ.

There are at present twenty-two Elders in the Eastern States mission, under our beloved President Elder S. W. Richards. But there is room for hundreds more as it is the most densely populated portion of the United States. Notwithstanding all the little trials an Elder is called to pass through he rejoices in them all, for he knows he is doing it for a righteous cause. If any of your readers have relatives or

friends in this vicinity they would like us to call on, we will gladly do so, if they will kindly let me know.

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THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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President Rulon S. Wells returned to Liverpool on the 5th inst. from a visit to the Swiss and German, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian missions. His report of the condition of affairs in the several continental missions, and of the active labor being performed by the missionaries, is very encouraging.

Arrivals.—The following named Elders from Utah arrived in Liverpool this morning per American Line steamer *Belgenland*: For the British mission—Nephi Bailey, Monticello; E. C. Stratford, Ogden; G. H. Budd, Edward E. Pike, William T. Seare and Mrs. William T. Seare, Salt Lake City; Alfred J. Grant, Jacob R. Hunter, Granger; J. W. James, Union; William Mawson, Mill Creek. For the Scandinavian mission—John L. Cherling, C. J. Fagergren, William Anderson, Salt Lake City. For the Swiss and German mission—William Bull. Two visitors, Andreas Miller Andersen and Mathilda L. Johnson came with the company.

Releases and appointments.—Nephi Bailey and Jacob R. Hunter have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Liverpool conference.

E. C. Stratford and William T. Seare have been appointed to labor as traveling elders in the London conference.

George H. Budd has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference.

Alfred G. Grant has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

John W. James and William Mawson have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Irish conference.

Francis D. Hughes has been released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference and appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Welsh conference.

James C. Brown has been released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Welsh conference and appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Alfred G. Andrew, a carpenter, took his own life at San Francisco on Wednesday morning, because of misfortunes that had reduced him to poverty, and left a widow and three children to struggle for the living he had grown weary of endeavoring to make for them. He took carbolic acid, and died in the greatest agony. His wife was a witness to his sufferings. Andrew was a victim to many misfortunes. For months he was out of employment, and when he did succeed in securing work, he fell from the building on which he was working and broke his leg. He was just recovering from his injury when he was taken sick, and lay helpless for many weeks. When he was able to get out he purchased the poison, which he took. Deceased was a native of Ohio, 40 years of age.