

the language, it almost sounded as if a quarrel was going on; but that was not the case. They would all at once become quiet and listen to a passage of Scripture read to them. Some would smile approvingly, showing that they were convinced, others would raise fresh objections, and so it would continue for hours. A missionary to be successful in Turkey must be gifted with good conversational powers.

Three or four days after our arrival seventeen presented themselves as candidates for baptism. A friend offered us the use of a courtyard in the middle of which was a basin of hewn rocks some twelve feet long filled with flowing water. The yard was enclosed by a high wall so we were entirely secure from disturbers. Those who were to be baptized covenanted before the Lord to serve Him and walk in newness of life. After prayer had been offered, Brother Hintze stepped into the water and performed the baptizing. It was a joy-inspiring scene to see so many men and women sealing their covenants with the Lord in the waters of baptism, knowing that they would receive a testimony that their sins were forgiven them. The evening was serene, and all passed off peaceably.

Sunday morning a little after sunrise we met in the meeting house and confirmed twenty-two members, blessed twenty-three children and ordained the presiding Priest an Elder. Then we partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Our adversary was not pleased with the good work being done. A mob collected on the outside, and hundreds of people could be seen on the roofs of houses trying to see us. Even on the roof of our own house were a number of persons, and we were obliged to close our meeting. President Maycock and Elder Andrew Larson had come up from Aleppo the day before. In leaving the meeting the latter was hit with a couple of clods or stones, but was not hurt. The streets were crowded and we were followed to our lodging by the mob.

The ministers in the different churches had preached against us ever since they heard of our coming, and they had succeeded in exciting the people. During the week following, the first of a series of papers written against us was sown broadcast among the people; four more followed while we were at Aintab. The American Mission Society have a college in Aintab and one of the professors was the author of these articles. He wrote a series of articles against us while Brother Hintze was here on his former mission. He made extracts from the books published against us in America and England, and the charges there made lost nothing in passing through his fertile brain. Being a learned man the Armenians are proud of him, and his writings had a great influence upon them. These had the effect to raise a bitter spirit against us in many and in making many investigate our principles.

Every night the brethren were invited out to meet with inquiring friends and opponents. Sometimes a hundred people were present at these gatherings. The subjects treated in the papers referred to would be brought forward, but the brethren soon disposed of them and then had a good opportunity to preach the Gospel. Some evenings we had to divide up in three parties in order to satisfy the people in different parts of the city.

The preachers continued to inflame the people against us and in the papers we were styled "wolves in sheep's clothing." The third Sunday that we were there our meeting was again disturbed. In going through the streets a large rock hit me on the leg, but it

had spent its force and did not hurt me much. At noon we tried to organize a Sunday school, but the mob became so threatening and gathered in such large numbers that our people could not meet. They hurled large stones at the gate of the place where we were, and handled some of the Saints roughly.

The police were called on and several arrests were made. The ministers began to realize what they had done, and promised that they would leave us alone. The Saints insisted on our seeing the Turkish commander of the troops and the city. We found him a very affable gentleman, and he promised us that our people should be protected. In our conversation he said: "Those who have a new message to bring unto the world have always been persecuted."

Our meeting-hall was not large enough to accommodate our people, so we tried to get another, but those who had places to rent did not dare to let the Mormons have them. A gentleman who had visited us several times, when he heard we wanted a hall, said, "Come and see my place." We found he had an excellent place for the purpose and closed the bargain at once. We got a fine hall and seven nice rooms for twelve dollars a month.

Our meetings last Sunday passed off peaceably. Our new landlord is a man of great moral courage, and he kept the mobocrats in the street. We had nearly a hundred strangers at each meeting.

We held the first conference in the Turkish Mission last Sunday, March 27th. The Zara Branch was represented by Elders Nishan and Dikran, who had made a sixteen days' journey to attend it. The Aleppo Branch was represented by Elders Maycock, Larson and Dr. Hagopian. The report showed that the mission now numbers 101 members and 84 children under eight years, making a total of 185 souls. The Church authorities were sustained. F. F. Hintze was sustained as pastor, and Philip Macock as president of the Turkish mission. A Sunday school was organized, and the Aintab branch was thoroughly organized with necessary officers to look after the Saints.

We left there Tuesday morning. The Saints felt well and hopeful. Many followed us out of town. I forgot to mention that eight more persons—all men—were baptized while we were in Aintab. This addition of new members has strengthened the branch very much.

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

Millennial Star, April 28, 1898.

Arrivals.—The following named missionaries from Zion arrived in Liverpool on April 27, 1898, per American line mission—James Briggs, Salt Lake; Job Hemsley, John S. Smith, Sugar House; Henry Crane, Herriman; James Laird, Mountain Dell; Thomas Nichols, River-ton; Franklin G. Burton, Almy, Wyo.; William H. Thomas, W. E. Jones, Malad, Idaho; Joshua R. Hodson, Provo; John S. Painter, Nephi; Lewis Williams, Samaria, Idaho. For the Scandinavian Mission—Charles E. Forsberg, Bengt T. Bengtson, Salt Lake City; Andrew Gustav Erickson, Peter Hanson, Heber; Erick A. Modeen, Gunnison; Severin Swensen, Mt. Pleasant; Noar S. Pond, Pocatello, Idaho. For the German Mission—Walter Hasler, Mt. Pleasant, Isaac Edinborough, of Nephi; John Jackson of Fillmore, and B. Le Bailey of Montpelier, Idaho, who are on a visit to this country, came with this company.

Releases and Appointments—John Hirst has been honorably released from laboring at a traveling Elder in the Leeds conference to return home May 21, 1898.

Mark Austin has been released from the Manchester conference and appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the London conference.

James Blake has been released from the Liverpool conference and appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference, from hence he was called some time since to assist in the Millennial Star office.

George E. Carpenter has been released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the London conference and appointed to the Liverpool conference to assist in the Millennial Star office.

James Briggs has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Job Hemsley has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the London conference.

Henry Crane has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Norwich conference.

James Laird has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Leeds conference.

Thomas Nichols has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Cheltenham conference.

Franklin G. Burton has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

William H. Thomas, W. E. Jones and Lewis Williams have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Welsh conference.

Joshua R. Hodson has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference.

John S. Painter has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

John S. Smith has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

IN MISSISSIPPI.

Leaving conference which was held in the capital of the State, Jan. 15 and 16, in company with my companion, Elder R. M. Caldwell, we journeyed northward into our field of labor. Thursday, Jan. the 20th, in fasting and prayer, we dedicated our field and labor unto the Lord. Sunday we preached to a small congregation in what is known as the Stamply school.

Canvassing from house to house was now our work, but people being so anxious to hear from us more publicly, we were compelled to slacken our speed and commence preaching in the neighborhood. In two weeks two of the Elders called upon us, remaining one week, during which time there was a great amount of good done.

My companion's clothing now becoming somewhat worn, I, "for lack of faith," advised him to send, at once, to the office and obtain new articles. But with a stern cast marking his countenance, he said: "No, I will not; the Lord is able to raise up friends to do that." In a few days the needed articles of clothing were given to him.

We have disposed of about 72 copies of the Voice of Warning and 16 Books of Mormon and will commence the erection of a meeting house the first of July. We are now ready for the appearance of the State Sunday school superintendent to call and organize a Sunday school. The old saying is: "If a turtle gets a hold of a person it will never let loose until it thunders." We resemble the animal mentioned somewhat, but we will not give up for thunder.

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A large hemp mill belonging to John Henney, on the Feather river, three miles northeast of Gridley, Cal., caught fire Monday from a hot journal. The mill and \$4,000 worth of hemp in bales were destroyed. The entire loss will reach \$8,000; no insurance.