

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

to seize every opportunity; for oftentimes they are allowed to slip by, for a lack of God's Spirit as a guide.

We have just completed the canvass of the city of Moultrie, the county seat of Colquitt county Ga., although we belong to the Florida conference. The conference has carried the message over the line to the consternation of the adversary and his votaries. Every hotel in the city was open to us. Lawyers, doctors and editors were our friends, and our meetings both on the streets and in the court house elicited profound attention. Even the street gamins were awed into respectful silence. On leaving the city some almost shed tears, the leading merchants very earnestly invited us back to the city and also to their homes. We have seen hearts of ice melted into friendship and esteem, while we yet stood before them. Our visions have been broadened and we can more clearly see the immensity of the work of God and how abject that person is in the world who thinks he is preaching the Gospel of the Lamb and is utterly bereft of the Spirit of God, and many of them incapable of divesting themselves of hatred and anger towards the true servants of God.

The baptisms this year in the Florida conference approach 300. Many cities are being visited and the remarkable softening influence of the Spirit of God can be witnessed every day. We expect to meet Elders Lyman and Cowley of the Apostles' quorum on Jan. 1st and 2nd in general conference.

Affairs in Zion are not exciting much comment here.

May God's blessings rest with those who have endured afflictions with Zion.

Our address is Sanderson, Baker Co., Florida.

Your brethren,
EUGENE B. LEWIS.
EDWARD L. BLACK.

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Arrivals.—The following named missionaries from Zion arrived in Liverpool per American Line steamer Rhynland, on November 18, 1897: For the Swiss and German mission—D. H. Christensen, Payson. For the British mission—A. P. Ballinger, Ogden; R. C. Traveller, Richmond; John E. Jones, Adamsville; W. J. Clark, Grantsville; Elliott Butterworth, Franklin; F. G. Robinson Jr., Richmond. Elder Christian Peterson of Ephraim came with the company as a visitor to Denmark.

Appointments.—Elder George H. Bradshaw has been appointed to preside over the Manchester conference to succeed Elder Abraham M. Wilde who has been honorably released to return home.

John E. Jones has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Welsh conference.

A. P. Ballinger and R. C. Traveller have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the London conference.

Frank Robinson Jr., Elliott Butterworth and William J. Clark have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Manchester conference.

Madrid, Dec. 4.—The Spanish government, it is semi-officially announced, has received details of the landing of an expedition in Cuba from the American steamer Dauntless, and it is understood the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor de Lome, will shortly present a demand for damages from the United States.

Barcelona, Dec. 4.—Great excitement was caused last evening in the village of Monistrol, Catalana, twenty-seven miles northwest of this place, by the explosion of four bombs. No damage, however, of any importance, was done and there were no casualties.

New York, Nov. 30.—Martin Thorn was today convicted of murder in the first degree for killing William Gulden-suppe, his predecessor in the affections of Mrs. Augusta Nack, at Woodside, L. I., on June 25th. At the request of Thorn's counsel, the passage of the death sentence was deferred until next Friday morning. Thorn heard the jurymen polled on their verdict, but his face never changed during the trying ordeal. With lips firmly compressed and jaws hard set, he faced the judge, jury and courtroom full of spectators, with well-feigned stolidism.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 1.—A. G. Wells, general superintendent of the Santa Fe Pacific, who is here, has received definite information of the wreck on the Supai hill Monday night. The accident occurred near McClellan siding, and the train got beyond control. Twenty-five cars loaded, one empty car, and two big mountain engines, flew the track and what is left of them was destroyed by fire. The body of Engineer Watson was dug out of the wreck and turned over to the undertaker at Flagstaff.

No traces of the bodies of Engineer Newton and Fireman Sperry can be found and their remains were evidently consumed by fire. Conductor Okelly is slightly hurt and Fireman Ford, who jumped just before the engines flew the rails, is considerably injured. The Westinghouse air brakes failed to hold the train going down hill and the hand brakes were absolutely useless. Supt. Wells considers it one of the most costly wrecks in the history of the road.

Madrid, Dec. 1.—The Imparcial, commenting today on the reports of the latest alleged filibustering expedition of the American steamer Dauntless, calls upon premier Sagasta to make energetic representation on the subject at Washington, adding that the authorities there "must be informed of the bad impression created in Spain by the frequent filibustering expeditions."

The Imparcial adds: "The circumstances show a lack of regard for Spain, especially as the filibustering expeditions coincide with the new regime made for Cuba."

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Ordinary thermometers made last night the coldest of the season thus far. The official record here was seven below at 7 a. m. today. At the same hour Moorhead reported 16, Bismarck 14, Winnipeg 26 and Huron 14 below.

It was clear and very little breeze was stirring. A small blizzard was reported prevailing in South Dakota last night and a light snow fell in parts of Minnesota, but train service was only slightly affected.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—William Sheridan, a 16-year-old son of William Sheridan of California, temporarily residing on his coffee estate near Matagalpa, who had been attending the national college at Managua, has been imprisoned "incommunicado" in the national prison on a declaration by Roberto Eckman, a German, the director of the college, on suspicion that young Sheridan was one of a party of students who exploded a toy bomb at or near the college door. Three days later, Hugh Sheridan, a brother of William, also a student at the college, was imprisoned on a declaration of Eckman, on a similar charge.

Hugh is 14 years of age. Eckman, who is a German subject, was afraid to accuse the native boys, fearing that their parents would make a protest

and eventually influence President Zelaya to dismiss him, and none of the native students were arrested.

The United States consul at Managua called on William Sheridan but was refused permission to see the boy. The United States legation also made an effort in his behalf during his third day in prison and requested the transfer of the boy to a cleaner room.

Both boys were eventually released from prison by order of the government of Managua, on the evening of the fifth day of the imprisonment of the oldest boy, and they were requested to appear before a criminal judge the next day, the government evidently hoping that they would run away and go to their father's estate. They were on hand when the court opened the following day, however, and the judge, having no testimony against them, took the declaration of the physician that the accused were under the age of manhood and dismissed them on the nominal promise that they would appear in court when summoned. In the meantime they may go wherever they please.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—It has been officially given out that Governor Pingree has an interest in Venezuelan asphalt properties. Corporation counsel Flower said:

"The rights to the asphalt lake on Pedernales island were granted to a company a number of years ago and the governor and his friends have an option on them from this company. A number of capitalists are ready to invest as soon as engineers have examined the lake and pronounce the material all right. The analysis made of the product shows it to be 95 per cent pure asphalt, which makes it the richest of its kind in the world."

Washington, Dec. 1.—"The secretary of war has granted a medal of honor to a Federal soldier on the affidavit of a Confederate," said Charles I. Evans of Texas, last night, "and it is probably the first instance on record of this kind. The Federal soldier who received the medal was Thomas I. Higgins, now of Hannibal, Mo. During the war he was the color bearer of the 99th Illinois regiment, and was holding that position at the siege of Vicksburg. In an assault on May 22, 1863, the 99th Illinois was ordered to charge and not to look back. I was a member of the 2nd Texas regiment and we confronted the charging Illinoisans. We repulsed the Illinois regiment, a short distance from the breastworks, and sent it back in confusion. Higgins, however, was literally obeying the orders. He never looked back. He never noticed the retreat of his regiment, but came bounding forward, his colors flying as prettily as a soldier ever saw. When within forty yards of our works word was passed along the line not to shoot the brave soldier and all firing ceased. When Higgins saw his predicament he started to retreat with his colors, but we told him to come on or we would have to shoot him. Several men ran out and brought him within the breastworks. We kept him several days, during which time we learned to like and admire him. He was then paroled. I was one of the men who witnessed his heroic deed and made an affidavit to that effect. Several of my companions who remembered Higgins and his charge also made affidavits. On these the secretary of war granted a medal. Higgins could have been vouched for by members of his regiment, but the novelty of recommendation by his former foes, led to the course."

New York, Dec. 1.—A dispatch from Washington says: