

gone by, disturbed the general peace by illegal preaching in warehouses and under open heaven before several hundred persons, and **EVEN ESTABLISHED BAPTISM ON THE SEA SHORE OF SEVERAL AGED PERSONS;** for which he will leave Gefle before eight o'clock tomorrow morning, for the above-mentioned place of destination without fail.

"Gefle, Landscancellie, 8th Aug., 1850."

When he landed in Stockholm, the king was enjoying himself in the country, but the chief officer of the government received from Gefle five or six pages of "sayings and doings" there, and brother Forssgren was taken forthwith before the chief police officers of the kingdom, for three successive days, where he had again an opportunity of expounding and bearing witness to the great work of God. During this time the same spread over the city, and into all the newspapers, and the more they had to do with him, the more they were perplexed with him. They reasoned, persuaded, and threatened him, but all to no purpose. He continued to tell them that he "came not to do his own will, but the will of Him who sent him." There were no vessels in port by which they could send him immediately to America, and the American minister at Stockholm would not allow them to imprison him; they, therefore, detained his passport, and permitted him to go at large in town, with a strict charge not to preach his doctrine, but the papers published his whereabouts, and he soon found himself sought unto from all quarters, and invited from place to place, and among the mechanic clubs, and he became quite as notorious as any man in the kingdom. He did not transgress the law "by illegal preaching," for he had as much as he could well do to answer questions, and read the Bible, and others did the preaching. This continued about a month, and many hearts rejoiced in the truth.

It having come to the ears of the authorities that some were determined to be baptized at all hazards, brother Forssgren was taken by the police from his lodgings during the night of the 11th of September, and taken on board an American vessel which was ready to sail for New York, his passport signed for New York, and his passage paid.

The vessel had to call at Elsinore, to pay the Danish toll before she left the Baltic, where brother Forssgren landed for the purpose of coming to us. Here the devil had spread another snare for him, but the Lord had also prepared a way to deliver him. He was immediately arrested by the Danish police at that place, at the instigation of the Swedish consul, who had received orders from his government to see to it, that Forssgren was re-shipped to New York, if he landed, but the American minister at Denmark, (Mr. Forward,) had just landed in Elsinore, from this place. He came to his assistance, and effected his release, and accompanied him to this place, where he arrived Sept. 18, full of joy and the Holy Ghost, having been absent from us for three months.

I had kept up a correspondence with him, and counselled him to come here if he was expelled from Sweden, and our anxieties and prayers were incessant for him; but the Swedish priests and their tools were determined to prevent his coming to us. Even here he is a terror to them to this day.

They have instituted inquiries about him through the Copenhagen police, and endeav-

ored to excite them against us; but the Lord used our friends who were not in the church, to silence their apprehensions. The new Constitution is a kind of shield to us here.

We have had correspondence and personal interviews with the king's minister, who has the superintendence of all school and church affairs, and with the board of magistrates, and have furnished them with the outlines of our faith, and history of our people, the objects of our mission to this land &c. This correspondence commenced before I went to England, and was continued with brothers Forssgren and Hanson in my absence; and it was not until since my return that we received a final answer. They instituted many inquiries, and seem cautious, but we have held them by our faith and prayers, and dedicated our communications unto the Lord, and his spirit has wrought with them, so that they finally seem willing to extend to our infant organization—the liberties contemplated in the Constitution.

I have informed you that religious liberty was only conceived by the Constitution, and was to be formed and brought forth by the Legislature, created under that Constitution.

There is now a warm discussion upon the subject in the lower house, as to whether the child shall be a free-born citizen, or a kind of bond servant to the Lutheran church. It is to be hoped that it will terminate favorably before they adjourn.

The before mentioned Minister of Public Instruction is on the right side of the question. Since my return I have presented him with a neatly bound Book of Mormon, and the little work I published in Danish, and he expressed a desire to learn more of us. The deplorable ignorance of Scripture and indifference to every thing pertaining to pure religion, which prevails with the great mass of the Danish people, is no small obstacle to overcome. Probably not one family in twenty have a Bible, and not one person in a hundred of the common people ever read it, except isolated texts in their catechism or other books.

Those who have received the gospel are growing in grace and the gifts and blessings of the gospel. We have now a commodious hall for our public meetings, which are well attended, and prayer meetings in three different parts of the city. There is quite an excitement about us in town, a little more than we want, and a gang of lawless rowdies are of late urged on by those who stand behind the screen, to disturb our evening meetings; and I fear we shall be under the necessity of discontinuing them for a little season.

When I left for England, Elder Dykes was appointed to Jutland, to commence the work in that province. Elder Forssgren remained to labor in this place, and Elder Hanson was appointed to devote his time to revise his translation of the Book of Mormon, and prepare it for the press. Bro. Dykes, after encountering much opposition, had, at the latest advices from him, baptized thirteen persons in Aalborg, the principal town in North Jutland, among whom were three local preachers of the Baptists. In this place there have been more or less baptized every week, and the branch now numbers about seventy.

Brother Hanson, though diligent, progresses very slowly with the Book of Mormon; but I am happy to be able to say, that with

what assistance I am able to render him, he is producing a good translation. A Danish lady, who is a teacher of French, German, and English, has confessed faith in the work, and proffered her assistance. She has also translated into Danish poetry, some of our hymns, which are very good, and you can well imagine that it is another source of joy to us to hear the Danish Saints join in the songs of Zion.

I have learned that there are no stereotype foundries in this country; I therefore see no other way but to issue an edition of the Book of Mormon without stereotyping; it will take till spring to do it.

Brothers Forssgren and Hanson join with me in love to you, and all Saints.

Yours truly,  
ERASTUS SNOW.

The following extract is from Elder Erastus Snow's letter to his friends in this city dated

NORGESDALE, COPENHAGEN, }  
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I went to England last October; was gone about a month, and obtained means to publish the Book of Mormon and some other necessary works in the Danish. I have commenced its publication, and the Saints are rejoicing in the perusal of the first part of it. I circulate among the believers 150 copies weekly, as the sheets are issued. It will engage my attention very strictly till about the first of April. I am issuing 3000 copies. I have presented the king and some of his cabinet with the Book of Mormon in English, (as they can read English,) and also the small work which I had published in Danish upon our doctrine and the rise of the church. Bro. Hanson and myself are at work constantly upon the Book of Mormon, revising the translation, (with the help of another learned Danish scholar,) and correcting proof-sheets, &c.

My health has been good all the time, with slight exceptions. The weather here has been very mild for so high a latitude; not colder than New York.

Bro. Forssgren is laboring here with us.—He is well, and wishes to be remembered to his wife and friends; he has received no letters, but learned from Bro. Isaac Haight that his wife was alive and had an heir. He wished to hear from them.

Bro. Dykes is laboring in the province of Jutland, 140 miles from here. He has baptized about 30 there and a good prospect.

We have had much to contend with here, but the Lord God of Israel has opened our door before us, and none can shut it. Truly the Lord has worked with us by the Holy Ghost, by healings, by casting out devils, by visions and dreams, and the power of the Holy Ghost upon us and those that have received our witness. There have been some over 100 baptized in this city, and a fair prospect. We have ordained several elders, priests, &c. The first Baptist minister which I wrote about has become our enemy, but the Lord has raised up other friends.

I have not yet received the conference minutes of last September.

Bro. Taylor has organized a church in Paris.

He that pryeth into a cloud, may be stricken with a thunderbolt.