

being in charge of experienced men, Elder Brown had determined to go up the river, with the *Falcon's* company.

*Malta.*—Elder James F. Bell writes us, dated Malta, May 21. Elder Bell was well, and he and the Saints generally, were in good spirits. They had been baptizing since his last letter, and they were expecting to baptize two or three more in the course of a few days from the date of his present letter. Their meetings were well attended. Subscriptions had commenced towards the Temple Fund. The Church numbered 23, including 1 High Priest, 3 Elders, 2 Priests, 1 Teacher, and 3 Deacons. Seven baptized since December last.

*Germany.*—Elder Daniel Carn writes us, dated Hamburg, June 3. Since his last letter he had baptized 10 persons. The Branch at Boizenberg numbered 26, with excellent prospects, providing the Elders had full liberty to preach there. A very warm interest in the work was excited in Hamburg and vicinity.

*Switzerland.*—Elder Carn informs us that he had received a letter from Elder George Mayer, dated May 23. Elder Mayer had quitted Basle, and gone to Birsfelden, near Basle, where he had liberty to preach. The priests had cautioned the people not to go to hear him, urging that the "Mormons" were dangerous people.

*France.*—By letter from Elder A. L. Lamoreaux, dated St. Heliers, Jersey, June 2, we learn that the French mission was looking up. Prospects were good at Paris, Calais, and Havre. Openings for Elders were also presenting themselves in various quarters.

*Cape of Good Hope.*—We learn indirectly that Elders Jesse Haven, Leonard I. Smith, and William Walker arrived at the Cape of Good Hope, April 18th, in good health. They found friends on every hand to assist them in their labours.

THE MISSIONS IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Some time has elapsed since we were enabled to give any information respecting the progress of the work on the Isles of the Pacific. In the present Number we have the privilege of giving the Minutes of the First Annual Conference held in the Sandwich Islands. The success of the work there has been rapid, a Church of about 557 members, and 32 officers, having sprung up in about a year. This is certainly a matter of rejoicing. To hear of the seed of Abraham turning in multitudes from the error of their ways, and from the traditions of many generations, and ardently seeking after the knowledge of their progenitors, and contending earnestly for the faith and doctrines delivered to the ancients, is peculiarly gratifying to every believer in this last dispensation. Surely the isles shall wait for the law of the Lord, they shall wait upon the Lord, and put their trust in Him.

It appears that the French have determined to shackle the efforts of the Elders in preaching the Gospel and building up the Kingdom of God in the Society Islands, and if possible to prevent altogether the spread of Truth there. It seems that the French are wishful to extend to those fair isles in the Pacific the despotism that narrows the mind and cramps the soul in France. If blessings are carried to the home of the heathen by uninspired civilization, no one can deny that it carries also a corresponding amount of tyranny and degradation. However, it is written that all things shall work together for the good of those who keep the commandments of God, and we trust the present unhappy state of things in the Society Isles will eventually prove instrumental to the rolling on of the purposes of Jehovah. The spirit manifested by the French Christians will show to the minds of the honest natives a dark contrast to the spirit manifested by the Elders, and will no doubt predispose many to embrace the fulness of the Everlasting Gospel, with all readiness, when the Almighty shall see fit to soften the hearts of the rulers, and roll in a favourable opportunity for the advance of His Kingdom. So after all a quick and an extensive work may be done in the isles, in spite of the devil. May it be so.