

Letter from Turkey.

BARDIZAG, May 2, 1883.

J. F. Floyd:

DEAR BRO.—Your favor of the 16th of Feb. last came to hand in due time. It is always a source of great pleasure to us to hear from our friends in the New world. I thank you for the interest you manifest in your letter in behalf of this Mission. "Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few;" "few," did I say? Nay, if we had a "few" laborers in this great field I am sure we would soon gain a glorious victory for the Master; but alas! the laborer is only one weak, frail and ignorant mortal, yet the Lord has been pleased to reveal his power in weakness. We now have a church in this town of about 8,000 inhabitants with 42 membership. They have chosen a good and "faithful" man from among themselves to act as their leader in their religious exercises, and I hope soon to see him harnessed for the work he has chosen. The American missionaries have two large schools in this place, one for boys, the other for girls, also they have a large house for worship, and they have been laboring here for over thirty years; but, as there is no comparison between their forces and means, and ours, likewise, our success has been so great, that there is no comparison between. This is indeed the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to our eyes. I believe the Lord thus wishes to arouse his chosen people to a better appreciation of the grand work he has intrusted into their hands to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

I am now trying to put things in order in this place and start on a tour in Asia Minor, as I believe there is a great opening for a missionary tour. This, probably, will take three or four months; afterwards, God willing, I will return to move into Constantinople to resume our work there.

I will try and drop a few lines occasionally for your paper, but often finding myself crowded with the work on hand I cannot promise a regular correspondence.

My wife says she remembers Miss Nannie very well, and sends her best wishes to her and yourself.

We ask the prayers of all our brethren and sisters that God may continue to bless us in our labors in this Mahomedan country, and that God may give me wisdom and

courage wherewith to be able to preach the unsearchable riches of the gospel of Christ in its primitive purity.

Your brother in Christ,
G. N. SHISHMANIAN.

Report from Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, OR.,
May 30, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

Through a mistake in the date of a telegram we had it published that Bro. C. J. Wright, of Spangle, W. T., would commence a protracted meeting at this place on the 15th. Bro. Wright did not arrive, and Bro. Wiltsy, late of Iowa, commenced the meeting; but the people felt disappointed at Bro. Wright not coming, and the congregation was small until Saturday evening when Bro. Wright arrived, and our church house was well filled, and listened with profound attention to the old, old story of the cross as Bro. Wright presented it, in his masterly but plain, simple way. On Lord's day and night the people could not be seated comfortably, and the interest continued throughout the week. Business men closed their places of business and came to church, something I never knew here before, and on last Lord's day Bro. W. preached a funeral discourse and not near all could find standing room in the house and the interest increased until the meeting closed on Tuesday night. The immediate results were not as great as might have been expected, only 11; 2 confessions, 4 reclaimed, 4 by commendation and 1 by letter. But we are sure the seed has been sown in good and honest hearts—that if the church will act wise, will reap at no distant day. Bro. Wright's works speak more for him than any thing my pen can pen. I consider him one of our ablest preachers. He shuns not to declare the whole counsel of God, let it hit whom it may, saint, sinner, or sect, but in a very mild and forcible way, will not compromise the truth nor smear it over with sugar-coated words so it cannot be understood.

But put up a black-board and give him a piece of chalk and he will mark out the way so plain that "the wayfaring men," though fools, need not err therein.

A. C. VERNON.

Holiness is not an impulse, an emotion, nor an imagination, but the state of being right with God.

Letter from Kansas.

EDGEComb, KANSAS,
May 31, 1883.

Dear Bro. Floyd:

I thought I would write to the HERALD again as I never see any letters from here. It is a cold morning for the 31st of May. Crops are looking well considering the cold weather. The church here is progressing rapidly. Two more additions last Lord's day—one by commendation and one confession and baptism; baptism to take place next Lord's day. As we are surrounded by Adventists we wish you would write a piece on the "First Day," as our Adventist friends read our papers. We think the HERALD the best paper we ever saw. We look for the coming of the HERALD as if it was a letter from some friend far away.

Yours in Christ,
GRACIE HAWES.

Report from California.

CARo, June 1, 1883.

Bro. Floyd:

We had 6 additions at Santa Anna—2 baptisms. Close to begin at Downey to-night. Bro. Elmore is there now. The organ and general worldliness hinder much, but we toil on, and wait for rest and reward.

Affectionately,
C. KENDRICK.

"If the Prophet had bid thee to do some great thing wouldst thou not have done it?"

The above question was propounded to Naaman by his servants after his refusal to obey the man of God who had told him to wash in the Jordan in order that he might be healed of his leprosy. He refused because he did not think that anything great had been required of him. He knew it would be a great result if he was cured, and such results must have great causes, for he could not see that there was anything in this "little act" of washing in the Jordan comparable to his healing, hence it was not difficult for him to conclude "I will not wash!" "And he turned and went away in a rage." His servants saw at once the trouble and boldly inquired, "If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing wouldst thou not have done it?" Naaman was only wrong in one particular; while it is true that great results must have great causes, and his healing would be

something great, he was in error in thinking that any act of obedience to God was a small thing. He placed far too low an estimate upon that bath in the Jordan. He did not know that "to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams." That "he that is faithful in the least is faithful also in much."

Are we altogether unlike this Syrian leper? Would we not do more work for God if we thought more highly of obeying him? Life is made up of acts which a worldly, faithless heart would call little, but which are of great value in God's sight. Suppose our Father had only done such things as creating and governing the planets and their sun-centers what thrice mocked fools we would be! God shows his greatness by leaving nothing undone. For this reason the sting of a bee is incomparably superior to anything man has made, and the eye of a fly beggars description. It is this Syrian captain's spirit that prevents us from doing tract work. We preachers are willing to preach sermons of a half an hour to an hour in length because they seem of a size in proportion to that of a soul needing salvation. It is a great thing to save a soul from death and requires a great effort or cause, and nothing less than a sermon will accomplish the work. Does not this indicate an absence of proper faith in him who only spake and the worlds were framed? Is this in accord with the spirit of the angel Gabriel who said—Luke 1: 37, (New Revision) "For no word from God shall be void of power?" Let us not wait to do those things that appear great, but let us seek to do the little things, knowing that nothing is small if it only influences some heart for good. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

J. W. HIGBEE.
Madisonville, Ky.

General Report.

April.—Baptisms, 1364; letters, 377; restored, 94; Methodists, 51; Baptists, 75; other churches, 51; indefinite, 846. Total, 2,757.

May.—Baptisms, 974; letters, 458; restored, 104; Methodists, 36; Baptists, 49; other denominations, 8; indefinite, 572. Total, 2,201.

J. A. LORD,
Holden, Mo., May 31, 1883.