

large hall, 120 feet long by 80 feet wide; while on the third floor there will be another of the same size, besides numerous other rooms for various purposes. Around the outside of the building will be a promenade from eleven to twenty-two feet wide.

ITS PRESENT PROSPECTS.

Fearful apprehensions are felt in regard to the future of this deluded band, gathered beside the shores of the great Salt Lake. The most unbounded licentiousness characterises them. Diseases of a fearful nature must result from the course pursued, which will ravage the community. War clouds gather in the Western sky. Thousands are becoming enraged at them, and many religious journals are advocating an utter extinction of the sect. In regard to it the *Louisville Journal* says:

"Terrible as a collision at this time, between the General Government and the Mormons, might be, we say, unhesitatingly, let it come, if it must. Let the legitimate authority of the United States be maintained in the Territory of Utah, even if, in order to that end, the whole Mormon population have to be driven out or annihilated. All appearances indicate, unerringly, that, sooner or later, a conflict between the Mormons and the lawful authorities of the nation must take place, and if so, surely the sooner it takes place the better. And it is especially desirable and vastly important that, whenever the conflict occurs, our Government will be clearly and indisputably in the right, as it certainly will be in asserting and maintaining, by force, its right to appoint the Governor of Utah. The Mormons are a most pestilential people, and a great many persons insist that the General Government shall put down polygamy among them. We have no idea that the Government has a right to attempt this, but it has a right to govern Utah as it governs other territories; and, as a conflict at no distant day must, from the very character of Mormonism, and the whole conduct of its devotees, occur from one cause or another, we are not unwilling that those horrible fanatics should take ground for the maintenance of the profligate prophet as Governor, and bring on the issue now."

E. B.

Political and General Miscellany.

From Evangelical Christendom.

SWEDEN.

Epidemy at Herrestad—Stockholm—Training School for Colporteurs—Asylum for Orphan Boys.

BY A SWEDISH LADY.

Stockholm, 21st October, 1855.

EPIDEMY AT HERRESTAD.

DEAR DR. STEANE.—After the lapse of some months, passed at the seaside, on the Western coast, I resume my pen. I had hoped to do so at Herrestad long before this. As an eye witness of Mrs. Peterson's active work in the Lord's service, I had hoped to give you an account, tending to keep up the feeling of sympathy and love, which has been shown to her by yourself and so many of your kind readers. But God did not intend it to be so. He has visited Herrestad with a severe affliction. Just as I was preparing to leave W. and go there I got the following letter:—

"My sister in the Lord,—Yes! in the Lord Jesus Christ, who, in the midst of our trials visibly walks among us, and fulfils his promises, giving us his Spirit, the Comforter, who will abide with us forever.

Jesus is the Prince of Life: if we touch Him we have life; and if we have His Spirit, then the body may die because of sin, but will rise again by the power of the Spirit of Jesus, which is within us. Amen, Hallelujah!" She then mentions that a dangerous epidemy had broken out at Herrestad, and using the Swedish word for visitation, which literally translated is "*homeseeking*" she adds: "The Lord is *homeseeking* the inhabitants of the old Herrestad. What a glorious world! Yesterday we interred little Charles E. Now we expect every moment to hear that Caroline R. sees the glory of God, because she believed. We have many sick. Herrestad resembles a Bethesda, they are lying in every porch awaiting the help of the Lord, who is coming—no—who is *there*,—*here*, whether we live or die, whether we are in sickness or in health." She here enumerates the patients, and adds, "We old ones are well and nurse the others. This afternoon we hope, as many as are able, to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ! May it preserve us unto eternal life! The power of God in Jesus Christ is mighty in your weak sister."

"E. PETERSON."

This letter, written at the age of seventy-three, under such circumstances, is, I think, worthy of the perusal of Christians of all countries. She has been preserved in health of body and strength of mind among the sick and the dying, week after week, and month after month. Now the disease has abated, and her letters are full of rejoicing. She is a living exemplification of the words of the Apostle in 1 Thess. v. 16: "Rejoice ever more," and his still warmer injunction in Phil. iv. 4: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." It was a loss not to see her under such circumstances, but she had expressed her desire that no visitors should come to Herrestad while the malady continued.* My path was clear, I returned to

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Here, too, disease and death were busy at work. The cholera had broken out and though a smaller number were attacked by it, its nature seemed to be more violent and deadly than last year.

In the kingdom of Christ, however, there seemed to be many signs of life, more and more. Of this the publication of religious tracts is a remarkable instance. The society of that name, which began its labours last winter, by publishing a translation of "Come to Jesus," has had ample reason to praise and glorify the Lord for the way in which he has blessed that first effort. Since January 30,000 copies of that little book have been published, and it is believed that another edition will be called for before Christmas. I do not believe that any book of any sort has ever had so rapid a sale before in Sweden. Many good old tracts, too, have been republished. Private persons have translated many of Mr. Ryle's tracts, and they have been much spread.

The meetings of the Evangelical Alliance and the Inner Mission continue to attract many hearers. At the former, Dr. Fjellstedt has of late given much interesting intelligence, touching the East, the progress of missionary work, and the state of Christianity in Turkey and other countries.

The Diet still continues its sessions. From persons well acquainted with the affairs of the country, and viewing them through the medium of Christian feeling, I have heard that they consider some very important questions to have been settled, and that

* It has now been computed that every seventh person in that neighbourhood has fallen a victim to the disease, which was a sort of malignant dysentery.