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The past three months have been for the Mission quiet and almost uneventful. While we have had no great trials to endure or difficulties to overcome, yet our constant need of the Divine care has been abundantly met, and we can look back to many instances where His children and His work have been kept from harm.

Jakoob Johann, the Moslem convert whose ill-treatment and exile were noted in the last report, is still living at Hillah under police surveillance. He frequently writes to us and rejoices our hearts by his faith and constancy in trial. He still finds opportunity to speak for his Master, and in his last letter he spoke of a friend whom he was hoping to lead to the light of the Gospel.

A few weeks ago a young man left his friends and employment at Bagdad and came here, hoping that where he was not so well known there would be less difficulties in the way of his meeting the missionaries and studying the Bible. He has been to our house several times. We have read and prayed together and he has professed to believe in the Son of God. But he found a cross to carry, here as well as in Bagdad. All his books were thrown into the river and he himself threatened and closely watched, so that it is almost impossible for him to see us. May God give these two men strength for every need.

Another converted Moslem has been here for a few weeks expecting to help in our Bible work, but ill health has necessitated his withdrawal.

During the past quarter the missionaries have been kept in full health and strength. The season has been cold, and, with our open houses, at times too cold for comfort. During the month of February the average daily maximum was 60.6°; the minimum 46.8°, with occasional frosts. The reserve of vigor laid up in the cool season will soon be needed for the Summer's heat and depression.

Our new house is making slow progress towards completion.
According to the contract it should be ready for use about the middle of July, but this date will doubtless be exceeded by the builders.

The resident English doctor has handed in his resignation to the contracting business houses, and will soon leave for India and a Government appointment. Medical work is the one phase of mission effort which is accepted on all sides without question, and we are constantly being asked when our "doctor" is coming out. It is the question we ourselves would ask of our friends and the friends of missions at home, hoping and praying that some one whom Christ has healed may come over and help us to tell of the Great Physician.

Now and again we have had Moslem young men come to us for instruction in English, but until we have the countenance of a public school, such work will always be of uncertain character. A good school in Busrah we ultimately expect to see, but the Government opposition is pronounced and hard to overcome.

We have lately gained one victory in the restoration to us of a box of Hebrew New Testaments, which had been unjustly detained by the local authorities.

Our Sunday morning service in Arabic has been regularly held, though with a varying attendance. At these and also on other occasions the large organ brought out from America has proved to be a great help and attraction. The magic lantern has also been used with interest to the people, and profit as well.

Our English work has been carried on as usual. Sunday services have always been held whenever the opportunity offered, and an occasional meeting for prayer and Bible study on a week-day evening has been well attended. These services have all been on board some vessel in the harbor, and until our house is completed, we will be compelled to forego the advantages of a definite and regular place for Divine worship, and accept the kind offers made to us by the captains of various steamers stopping here. Papers and tracts are always taken on board, and Bibles and Testaments are offered to all who will pay the nominal price asked. To one steamer a library of 26 volumes was loaned, and if we had the books much good might be done in this way. Suitable literature, either magazines or books, sent to us by mail will be thankfully acknowledged and used for these purposes.
Of the suggested transfer by the C. M. S. of Bagdad to our Mission we have heard nothing more.

As this is being written Mr. S. M. Zwemer is at Baherein. He himself is expecting to send a full report of the work there and the prospects at other places on the Gulf which he has lately visited. One of our colporters has been there for two months, and writes to us in a most encouraging manner of the comparative freedom for religious work there, and his kind reception at the hands of the Arabs.

Recognizing this as a brief and imperfect report, yet we trust that it will serve its purpose in drawing our friends into closer sympathy with the work, and in encouraging them to renewed efforts and prayers in behalf of the evangelization of Arabia.

JAMES CANTINE,

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE ARABIAN MISSION.

REPORT ON BIBLE WORK.

In the month of January our Colporters took their first extended tour in Turkish Territory.

Owing to our general inexperience of colportage in the large inland towns, our men were without all the necessary papers and passports. At the first stopping place they were very successful, but afterwards were arrested, sent to Bagdad, and after being subjected to considerable delay and annoyance, were compelled to return to Busrah. In the few days they were at liberty they sold over one hundred books, which shows what might be done were it not for the present obstructive policy of the Government. Everywhere they were met with the evidences that all means possible were to be employed to hinder the circulation of the Scriptures.

In Busrah our shop has been unmolested, but there exists much hostility to our work in the community, which has slightly decreased our sales from last quarter. Still, we have the proof that this is slowly lessening, and that we are beginning to be counted as a "necessary evil."

It is our purpose before another report to rent a larger and better shop, and as our stock of Bibles and books is gradually in-
creasing in number and variety, we trust that there will be a cor-
responding increase in sales. The report for Bible work at Bah-
rein will follow in another place.

STATISTICS OF BOOK WORK.

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VALUE OF BOOKS SOLD (IN DOLLARS).

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$19.38 $19.40 $30.85 $69.63
SALES AT BAHREIN BIBLE AND BOOK DEPOT.

JANUARY 1ST—APRIL 1ST, 1893.

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Total number of sales at Bahrein and from the Depot elsewhere since our first visit and to April 20th, inclusive, is 324, of which 157 were part or portion of the Word of God.

Bible Depot was opened February 3d, 1893. Davood Jusef took charge March 1st. S. M. Zwemer left March 2d and returned April 19th.

S. M. ZWEMER.

BAAHEREIN, PERSIAN GULF, April 24th, 1893.

STATEMENT OF DISPENSARY WORK AT BAAHEREIN DURING FEBRUARY.

Average number of sick people who came for treatment daily................................................. 12
Average number who received aid, advice or medicine daily..................................................... 9
Estimated number who received medicines............... 200
Number of minor cases surgery, etc....................... 11

Total.................................................... 211

Received from patients, in kind—bread, chickens, eggs, etc., etc.
Received in cash, Rs. 20.

S. M. ZWEMER.