

which would cause the Saints in Zion to rejoice, was also present in this Conference.

Hamiorra Mangakaha, an influential native member and premier of the Maori parliament, also addressed the Saints, and testified to the restoration of the Gospel, showing the true organization of the Church of Christ, and the necessity of its members living holy and upright lives.

The afternoon meeting was opened with singing and prayer was offered by Te Watene Huka.

Elder Hans Madsen reported the condition of Hauraki district, in which there are three branches, all in a prosperous condition. There are also two excellent Sunday schools. The members are earnestly studying the word of God, and delight in answering questions which are cheerfully answered by the Elders. Elder Madsen urged the members to prove their faith by setting a good example unto others and by avoiding temptation.

Reha Aperahama and Elder E. J. Palmer also addressed the meeting. An interesting letter of greeting and exhortation was read from Elder William Paxman, president of the Juab Stake of Zion. It was highly appreciated by the natives, after which the meeting closed by prayer by Elder B. Goddard.

In the evening a testimony meeting was held. Two ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were present. After a number of the natives had borne their testimonies, Rev. S. A. White, Seventh-day Adventist, was invited to address the meeting. His remarks were interpreted by Elder J. M. Hendry.

The second day's conference was opened with the usual ceremonies, after which Elder James M. Hixson gave a report of the Mahia district. He said most of the members diligently performed their duties, and they had great faith in the Gospel. The native home missionaries were doing good work, magnifying their callings by visiting the branches and preaching the Gospel. Testimony meetings are held regularly and the members generally are faithful in all the ordinances of the Church.

Elders J. E. Fisher, W. F. Nebeker and Ngawaea Poipoi also addressed the Saints.

In the afternoon meeting Elder Wesley Gibson was called to report the condition of Wairarapa district. He said there were five branches, one of which was composed of Europeans. This branch was particularly in good condition. Some of the members are gathering to Zion this month. The district generally was in a fair condition and prospects are very good.

Hohepa Horomona, president of Porirua branch, and Te Hira Paea, president of Uaua branch, also addressed the meeting, exhorting the members to faithfulness.

Rev. J. W. Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist, was invited to take part, and he spoke to the people on the love of God as manifested in the sacrifice of His Son.

A Priesthood meeting was held in the evening. Elder Stewart spoke at some length on the duties of the Priesthood, and also introduced the subject of publishing the Ready References in Maori, which was unanimously agreed

to by the meeting. He warned the members against gambling, drunkenness and other evils.

On Sunday, April 9th, the large meeting house was filled to its utmost capacity. After the opening ceremonies, Elder B. Goddard gave a report of the Manawatu district, in which there are now seven branches, one being composed of European members. Nearly all are faithfully magnifying their callings, and are very kind and hospitable to the servants of God. They have great faith in the ordinance of administering to the sick. He bore testimony to the restoration of the Gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith and referred to the fulfillment of prophecy in this dispensation; urged the members to forsake all evil and to merit the blessings of Jehovah.

Elder John G. Kelson said his heart was full of joy at the spirit manifested in the conference. Reporting the district of Hawkes Bay, he stated that it was in good condition generally, although some of the members were weak and were too worldly minded. Many of the branches were located near European towns and some of the members were easily led astray by the vices introduced into their midst by the "Pakehas," as gambling, drunkenness, etc.

Piripi Te Maart and Elder Charles Peterson also occupied a portion of the time.

The sacrament was administered in the afternoon, Elders Hans Madsen and Oscar Andrus officiating.

Elder B. Goddard read the statistical report of the mission for the past six months. It shows a total membership of 3175, of which number 232 are Europeans; 119 new members have been baptized during the past six months. There are now 26 Elders laboring in the mission.

Elder Oscar Andrus gave a brief report of the Tauranga district, stating that there were four branches in that district, but only a part of the members were diligent. The district is full of Maoris, but only a few have yielded obedience to the Gospel.

A testimony meeting was held in the evening, and 26 members bore faithful testimonies to the work of God in the latter days.

Conference was continued on Monday, the fourth day, and a good attendance of members proved that they were not weary in well-doing. Elders R. G. Melkle, J. C. Jorgensen, Chris. Peterson, L. G. Hoagland, E. Best, T. J. Morgan and Wl Neira occupied the time in the forenoon, on various principles of the Gospel, and bearing testimony to the truths advanced during the conference.

Elder L. C. Rasmussen reported Poverty Bay district. There were three branches in the district, and the majority of the members are faithful. There are many Maoris in that locality who believe in their old traditions and Maori prophets.

Elder Joseph W. Linford briefly bore his testimony, after which Elder W. T. Stewart, President of the mission, occupied the remainder of the time and expressed his satisfaction at all the words spoken during the conference. He referred again to the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple and commented upon the necessity of

Apostles and Prophets in this age. He vigorously denounced the injurious customs of the natives and impressed upon the Saints the necessity of cleanliness of the body, clothing, etc., and guarding in every possible way against disease. He also warned them against the coming scourges and judgments, and hoped that all would be working to associate with the faithful children of God.

In the evening another testimony meeting was held, and the room was filled. The Spirit of God was in the hearts of the people, and forty members spoke and bore testimonies, the meeting continuing till midnight. It was truly "a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Elders Oscar Andrus, George Hales, Hans Madsen and H. B. Dalling were honorably released from their labors in this mission.

The Elders who reported the various districts during the conference also gave instruction on the principles of the Gospel while they were speaking to the congregation. PHOENIX.

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Sanpete Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints convened in the Tabernacle at Manti on May 13, 1893. Present of the general authorities of the Church were, of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, A. H. Lund; of the presidency of the Seventies, B. H. Roberts; Elder J. D. T. McAllister, President Canute Peterson and Counselors Henry Beal and John B. Maiben, of the Stake; High Counselors, Bishops and counselors; a good attendance of the Saints. Five meetings were held and the statistical and Sunday school reports were read. The general and Stake authorities were sustained unanimously by the conference. Ten brethren were sustained to be ordained High Priests. Elder John B. Maiben gave notice of the usual Sunday school jubilee. Five Bishops gave reports of their wards, the following named Elders addressed the conference in the following order: Elder Canute Peterson reported the condition of the Stake as being very good. Elders A. H. Lund, Henry Beal, J. D. T. McAllister, B. H. Roberts, Canute Peterson, J. B. Maiben, B. H. Roberts, C. H. Wheelock, A. H. Lund, and B. H. Roberts, the leading subjects dwelt upon being the necessity of union among the Saints, and as God has so graciously promised us the forgiveness of our sins, that we as freely forgive each other; the necessity of the continuous enjoyment of the Holy Spirit; the continuance of our labors for the redemption of the dead, together with the general duties of the Saints.

There was a large attendance of the Saints, it being a time of general rejoicing—the oft repeated expression being "what a good time we have had!"

President Peterson announced that the next conference would be held at Mount Pleasant three months hence.

Closing benediction by Elder A. H. Lund.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Clerk.

The city of Nephi has planted five hundred fine poplar trees on the central square.