

President Gardner officiated in the water. This was a most pleasant feature of the conference, as it aroused in the minds of visitors a sense of responsibility, and caused many of them to reflect seriously upon the position they occupied, inasmuch that some expressed their intention to follow the example of those who had just yielded obedience to the divine law. After singing and prayer, the newly baptized members were confirmed and four children were blessed. The sacrament was administered by Elders O'Brien, Folkman, Goff and Embley.

Te Pukeroa, the venerable chief of Tamaki, was the first speaker. Dressed in a long loose gown, he presented an imposing appearance. Though feebly he spoke in a firm tone, and testified with power to the establishment of the true church in this latter day dispensation, and that Zion's Elders were the authorized servants of God to carry the Gospel to the nations of the earth.

Nawaea Poipoi, president of the Mahanga branch of the Mahia district was then called. He is the Demosthenes of Maoriland. His fiery eloquence thrilled the audience and held them in close attention for more than an hour. Quoting, Daniel 2 44, 45, he portrayed most forcibly the setting up of the kingdom of God in this dispensation. The historical application of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, was nicely traced and clearly demonstrated. The establishment of the Church in the days of Christ, and the restoration of the Gospel in the latter days were all dwelt upon at some length. The speaker closed by bearing a powerful testimony to the truth of Mormonism, and the divine mission of Joseph Smith. The meeting closed by singing a hymn, and prayer by Pera.

Evening meeting—7 o'clock. singing, prayer by Hami Karere, singing, Elders Bradford and Ellis and native brethren Te Rangitere, Te Kihī, Kaihote, Pera and Nikera, were the speakers. Each spoke under the influence of the spirit of God, and gave valuable instructions. The Elders from Zion portrayed their labors in their respective fields, and gave a most interesting account of how God had blessed and assisted them.

European meeting at Danevick.—Nearly all the Elders and European Saints went to town to attend the meeting. The Oddfellow's hall was filled. After singing and prayer, Elder Johnson was called to address the audience on the subject of Divine Authority. Elder Jex followed, speaking briefly on the first principles of the Gospel, and at the close Elder Browning bore a faithful and earnest testimony to what had been said.

After the close of the meeting questions were asked by ministers and others, Elder Johnson answering them. Much interest was aroused, and many expressed an anxious desire to hear more about Mormonism and Mormon doctrine. Accordingly another appointment was made for Tuesday evening April 7th.

At the stated hour the hall was filled to its utmost capacity, inasmuch that many could not obtain seats. The questioners came marching in with their bibles under their arms, no doubt thinking to do up the Mormons. Elder Carelton took his place at the piano, and Brother O'Brien led the singing, in which the congregation heartily joined. After the opening exercises Elder John-

son was called to speak. This time he chose for his subject the apostasy. Elder Young followed on the restoration. When the meeting was closed the queries commenced, Elders Johnson and Young answering, each taking those which bordered on the subject he had treated. It is needless to say there was excitement. To state that the Elders left a good impression on the minds of the Danevick people, is to tell the truth. Much prejudice was allayed and more interest aroused than is usually manifested by our outside friends.

Morning meeting—fourth day. Prayer was offered by Terlaki. Singing.

Elders Scott, Bodily and Lambert, also native brothers Retini, Tamihana, were the speakers. The Elders reported the condition of their respective districts and spoke pointedly upon the principles of the Gospel. The meeting was a most interesting and spirited one, and many incidents in missionary life were related, showing how the blessings of God had attended the efforts of His servants. Meeting dismissed by singing and prayer.

At this juncture Elder Gardner read a somewhat lengthy epistle from the First Presidency to the Maori Saints, who held a profound silence while they listened to the words of council from their beloved Prophet and his inspired Counselors. Said the natives: "We want to remember every word that our Prophet has told us, we do not want to leave us." "Pai rawa atu; Pai, pai! pai rawa atu!!! (very good! good, good, very good.)"

Afternoon meeting—2 o'clock. Opening exercises as usual. After confirming a member who had been baptized, the mission clerk read the annual statistical and Sunday school reports, presented the general and local Church authorities, and read the following appointments and list of home missionaries. The last are to accompany Zion's Elders throughout various parts of the mission to preach the Gospel to their fellow nations.

William Gardner—President Australasian mission; John Johnson clerk. Wallace C. Castleton sustained as his successor, and to assume office after the departure of Elder Johnson.

To labor in the Bay of islands—Thomas J. Morgan, Joseph Markham, Milo Andrus.

Whangarei—Willard Goff, Hial Hales, George Burnham.

Waihatō—George Bowles, Parley A. Waters.

Haurahi—Joseph Folkman, Moroni Lazenby, A. E. Asper.

Tauranga—David Packard, William McDonald.

Auckland—John Johnson, Wallace C. Castleton.

Waiapu—Jens K. Nelson, J. A. M. Jacobson.

Poverty Bay—Charles H. Embley, Jacob E. Teeple.

Te Mahia—James C. Allen, J. N. Lambert.

Hawkes Bay—Thomas J. O'Brien, David Lindsay.

Manawatu—John Ellis, Horace Barton R. L. B. rd, W. S. Dimond.

Wairarapa—Lee Bradford, R. E. Scott, N. Jex, George Jarvis.

Wairau—James W. Linford, Walter Bunot, Hyrum Cook, S. White.

Christ Church—Thomas S. Browning, Joseph F. Derbidge.

Otago—John Clayton, Bryant Ashby.

Tasmania—Andrew Smith, Robert A. Fenton.

Queensland—D. H. Livingston, W. F. Armstrong, Charles Crow, Robert Argyle, William Armstrong.

Victoria—Joseph Stephenson.

New South Wales—Jedediah Goff, Walter Baker, Hyrum Nelson, William Park.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

From Wairarapa—Erueti Manihera, Rapata Manihera, Reuni Tamihana.

Poverty Bay—Te Wirihana Tupeka, Eruera Taituba, Hemi Porou, Te Naera, Tipene.

Bay of Islands—Hamuera Foko, Te Tairua Wiremu, Te Hutana Para, Paora Puni.

Manawatu—Rewi Maaka, Henare Apitari, Patara Penemine.

Waiapu—Te Hira Paea, Heremia, Pene Taua Pahnia, Te Natu Te Kane.

Hawkes Bay—Arapata Meha, Eriata Napere, Wiremu Takana, Otene Pomare, Henare Pohatu, Arepa Maki.

Wairau—Hoera Te Rurubu, Tuieti Makitonera

Waikato—Paora Hohere, Korana Takara, Pomare Matekino, Wi Hoeti.

Whangarei—Hoani Tautahi Pita, Mita Wepiha, Wiki Te Pirihī, Henare Wiki.

Tauranga—Patene Taratara, Ahomiro, Ngakukee, Hemi Nicolls.

Hauraki—Reha Aperahanta, Rota Haate, Karera Reihana.

Te Mahia—Ngawaea Poipoi, Hoani Whareki, Epanihā Kaihote

President Gardner occupied the remainder of the time. He spoke of the early organization of the Church, and traced its advancement. Some of the evils prevalent among the natives were referred to and the Saints exhorted to banish from their lives all their wrongs. When a hymn had been sung, the meeting was closed by prayer.

Evening testimony meeting—At 7 o'clock the Saints all met again. When Sister Louie Pond had made a few opening remarks, with Elder Goff as interpreter, the meeting was given into the hands of the Saints to bear testimony. Forty-two availed themselves of the opportunity, and testified to the truth of the work in which they had engaged. At the close President Gardner thanked all who had contributed in any way to the success of the conference, and implored the blessings of Jehovah upon all who had attended the "Hiri."

The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

Elder's testimony meeting—On Tuesday morning the brethren from Zion and a few of the European Saints met in the new house in the capacity of an Elder's testimony meeting. Elder F. W. Ellis took charge of the singing. Prayer was offered by Elder Johnson; singing. When the President had concluded his remarks, each Elder spoke in turn bearing testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

After the regular meeting was closed, numerous matters of business were attended to, and President Gardner gave the Elders many valuable instructions. The meeting was dismissed by singing and prayer.

Thus closed a four days' conference in Maoriland. It is safe to say it was the largest and most successful conference ever held in New Zealand. The preparations were most extensive, and each one who had a part to perform did it admirably. The best of feelings prevailed throughout, in fact there was no