

(high chief and interpreter) and wife, and others whose names I did not learn. Shortly after the visitors arrived we assembled together in the school house to listen to the following programme:

- 1—Singing, entitled "O le felosiga," composed by Brother E. J. Wood.
- 2—Prayer by Brother E. J. Wood.
- 3—Glee, "We come again with songs to greet you."
- 4—Recitation of the Articles of Faith, by the Saleaula Sunday school.
- 5—A xylophone solo, by Brother A. Beesley.
- 6—Questions and answers, by the Saleaula school.
- 7—Round, "Three blind mice," translated into the Samoan language by Brother Wood, sung by the missionaries.
- 8—Native hymn, "O le faatafi," composed by Brother E. J. Wood.
- 9—Song, "What Jack will say," sang by some of the missionaries.

After these exercises the people repaired to the veranda. Sister Lee had already prepared a nice lunch, of which all were invited to partake. While the white folks were thus engaged at the mission house the natives were similarly occupied at the school house. After a short time had been spent in conversation and the like, the programme of sports was carried out as follows:

- 1—A sack race, for small boys.
- 2—A tree-climbing contest.

A coconut tree was selected, and the distance to be climbed was about thirty-five feet. The contestants were to ascend, descend, ascend and descend again. The one doing so in the shortest space of time to be declared winner. Quite a number contested. The winner was a young man from the island of Wanono. The time occupied was forty seconds. There was a contest at making coconut baskets, this was participated in by a number of girls and women. The coconut limb, or leaf was laid down on the ground. Each contestant seated herself near one and grasping it in her hand waited for the signal to begin. The signal was given and the weaving commenced. This presented quite a novel sight, as deft fingers would bend the leaves forward, backward, and crosswise. The whole reminded one of a corn field when the wind blows, and the sheaves of corn bow from side to side, backwards, then forward as if bowing in recognition to a multitude of friends. Two women finished simultaneously. One of the women was from Siumu, Upolu, and the other from Saleaula Savaii. The prize was divided equally between them. Time—three minutes.

The fourth event was a contest in husking coconuts. Each contestant had to husk five nuts. The winner was a man from Saleaula, Savaii. Time—forty-one seconds.

Fifth, a sack race for young men, a young man from Fagalli, winning.

Sixth, Throwing rings by small boys.

Seventh, Throwing rings by old men.

King Sol had gone down before we were aware of it, and the shades of night put a stop to outdoor sports. The invited guests were soon galloping homeward, and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Among those who were invited and could not come, we received letters of regret from the King, English consul, R. L. Stevenson, Mr. Gurr and a few more.

We all got to work, and in a short

time had the place cleaned up for Conference on the morrow.

THE CONFERENCE.

(Sunday, October 4th), when the Saints assembled at Fagalli, Upolu, Samoa. The house was taxed to its fullest capacity, there being Saints here from Savaii, Tutuila, Aumiu, Wanono and Upolu. Meeting convened at an early hour, with President Lee presiding. The missionaries present were President W. O. Lee, Brothers J. H. Carpenter, F. Vancott, H. L. Bassett, C. H. Bridges, G. E. Abel, L. A. Bailey, G. E. Browning, E. J. Wood, Wm. Low, J. Ricks, J. H. Merrill, H. E. Boothe, J. J. Bennett and A. L. Green.

Brothers A. Beesley and C. E. Summerhays had gone to Apla to meet the new missionaries from Zion. All of the songs sang during the entire Conference with the exception of two, were the production of Brother E. J. Wood.

Prayer was offered by President W. O. Lee.

Brother E. J. Wood occupied the time and delivered an eloquent discourse. The natives listened with rapt attention. Benediction was pronounced by Brother J. Hatten Carpenter.

Shortly after the morning meeting, we held a sacrament meeting. Prayer by Brother H. E. Boothe. Two children were blessed. The Sacrament was administered by Brothers Carpenter and Bennett. Many of the Saints bore their testimony. Benediction by Brother A. Beesley.

Early in the afternoon we held Sunday school exercises. These were conducted by Brother E. J. Wood. Prayer by Tuamumu. Brother Wood asked a number of questions, which he had prepared, and these were answered in a very creditable manner. The next thing was a dialogue, written by Brother E. J. Wood. It is supposed to be a dialogue between two "Mormon" Elders and two Samoan strangers. Four boys of Brother Woods' class recited it very well indeed. It was a credit to the author. Benediction by Brother J. J. Bennett.

At the afternoon meeting President Lee presided. Prayer by Brother G. E. Browning. The speakers were J. J. Bennett and A. L. Green. Benediction by Brother H. L. Bassett.

In the evening a Priesthood meeting was held. Those present were President W. O. Lee, J. H. Carpenter, F. Van Cott, A. W. Harding, H. L. Bassett, C. H. Bridges, G. E. Abel, A. Beesley, L. A. Bailey, G. E. Browning, E. J. Wood, Wm. Low, Jas. Ricks, J. H. Merrill, W. A. Seegmiller, Sister Louie Lee, Ioane, Ifopo, Manoa, Flame, Falelua, and Oloa.

Prayer by Brother E. J. Wood. The missionaries received their appointments as follows:

Brothers J. J. Bennett, J. Ricks, A. L. Green, Wm. Low, F. Van Cott, and Ioane, to labor on Tutuila; Bros. E. J. Wood, Jos. H. Merrill, H. E. Boothe, C. H. Bridges, C. W. Pool, J. H. Carpenter, A. A. A. and Falelua, to labor on Savaii; Pres. Lee, H. L. Bassett, Geo. McCune, G. E. Browning, C. E. Summerhays, G. E. Abel, L. A. Bailey, Ifopo and Flame on Upolu. Bros. A. W. Harding and W. A. Seegmiller on Tahiti; Bros. B. Smoot and Alva J. Butler on Tonga.

Benediction by Ioane.

Monday, October 5th, 1891. Meeting was again held, President Lee presiding. Prayer by Brother E. J. Wood. Brother A. Beesley was the speaker. Benediction by C. H. Bridges, Jr.

After this meeting we all assembled in front of the house and had some photographs taken. We met again in the afternoon and listened to remarks from Brother G. E. Browning, L. A. Bailey, and C. H. Bridges, Jr. They were followed by Ioane. Benediction by Brother G. E. Abel.

After this meeting there were two baptisms, Brother A. Beesley officiating in the ordinance. In the evening each of the school children was presented with a small gift.

On Tuesday, October 6th, conference was again held. At this meeting the report of the Samoan mission up to date was read and accepted. It is as follows:

NAMES OF ISLANDS.		MISSIONARIES.	
Upolu.	Tutuila.	Male.	Female.
10	4	1	2
19	1	2	2
29	15	15	15
32	35	35	35
67	100	100	100
18	18	18	18
20	20	20	20
88	100	100	100
200	200	200	200
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4
4	4	4	4
8	8	8	8
13	13	13	13
51	51	51	51
16	16	16	16
8	8	8	8
1	1	1	1

STATISTICAL REPORT
Of the Samoan Mission, ending October 6th, 1891.

The officers of the Church, both local and general, were read and voted for. Benediction by Falelua. After meeting a chief from Lalovi named Taula was baptized by Brother A. Beesley.

At the afternoon meeting prayer was offered by Brother E. J. Wood. President Lee addressed us and gave some excellent advice and instruction. Benediction by President W. O. Lee, and then conference adjourned for six months.

In the evening the sisters met (Sister Lee presiding) and held a testimony meeting.

On the evening of October 8th Brothers McCune and Poole arrived here.