

in describing it said: "Vesuvius like a little bonfire alongside of its size and fire. The geysers in Yellowstone Park are insignificant comparison. The actual burning is one-half mile across." Where is there a country in the world with an area of not more than 6740 square miles that is blessed with greater and more natural attractions than the Sandwich Islands?

Presidents Geo. Q. Cannon and Jos. F. Smith, along with others, spent many years upon the Sandwich Islands making proselytes. They have dined, traveled, preached the Gospel, endured hardships, overcome difficulties, and labored in various capacities with the natives.

Since 1850 thousands of honest souls who embraced the truth in this land are now slumbering in their graves, awaiting the reward of a just God.

The Hawaiians in these days who have entered into the fold are in many respects different from their parents fifty years ago. They work by fits and starts; doubts concerning the authenticity of God's work frequent their minds. Of late years several sugar plantations have been established, and, as a natural consequence, many foreigners have emigrated here. Because of Gentile influences, the Hawaiians have lost, to a limited degree, that interest which should be exercised for the work of the Lord.

For three months during the past term the ground at Laie was moistened almost daily by the rainfall. The familiar words, "Thirsty cane and parched land" had nearly been forgotten but are beginning to be re-echoed again.

The traveling Elders from the different islands arrived at Church headquarters, at Laie in time to participate in the grand jubilee, on the 17th of March, gotten up by the sisters to commemorate the day the Relief Society was organized. Over two hundred sisters, wearing their badges, paraded from Lanibull to the meetinghouse for the morning service, which consisted of a variety of exercises. After which a festival was given by the sisters to all present. Both the foreign and native sisters deserve credit for what they did.

The Hawaiian Conference of the Sandwich Islands convened on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of April, at Laie, President Matthew Noall presiding. On the stand were eighteen foreign Elders. A good representation of the different branches were present.

In the general meetings of the Saints the chief topics dwelt upon were the Sacrament, when and how to be kept, correct form of administering it, proper words to use whereby it might be sanctified, how it was observed among the Nephites, the sin attached in eating or drinking it unworthily, great blessings promised by the Lord by partaking of it frequently; the habit of committing sin and getting re-baptized so often; biographical sketch of Abraham, promises made to him concerning the scattering of Israel among all nations; Lamanites, how their skin should be changed, how they would assist in building up Zion in the last days; Holy Priesthood; government of God upon the earth, different branches and their power, mode of

officiating, when entitled to it, condemnation brought about if not understood; baptism, law of God, how the ordinance was performed by holy men in dispensations past, proper subjects, infant baptism, necessary formula to be used as laid down in the Doctrine and Covenants, when and where to baptize; mother of harlots, who they are, indignation of the Lord to be poured out upon them.

The Y. M. M. I. A. Conference was called to order by Joseph M. Horne. Moke Nakuaau read the report of the improvement meetings for the past term, after which a prepared programme was carried out, members of the leading societies having parts assigned them. Delegates reported the success met with as moderately good during the past six months. President Horne invoked the blessings of the Lord upon all the members of the organization. The officers sustained for the ensuing term are: Jas. M. Horne, president; S. S. Hammond and A. J. Davis, counselors; Moke Nakuaau, secretary; S. N. Kanihonul, assistant secretary.

At the Sabbath School Conference Brigham Johnson presided. The report for the term was read by Moke Nakuaau. The various officers reported as to the Sabbath schools. Nainoa, of Laie, bore testimony that the organization of the Sabbath school at headquarters was complete and in a prosperous condition. President Matthew Noall explained in detail the form by which the Sabbath schools are conducted in Utah, and strongly urged the officers to pattern after it. Brigham Johnson gave some valuable instructions.

The officers sustained are: John T. Giles, President; J. J. Johnson and Hyrum De Fries, Counselors; Moke Nakuaau, secretary; S. N. Kanihonul, assistant secretary; Matthew Noall, treasurer.

At the Relief Society conference Nellie Grace called the meeting to order, and encouraged all to be faithful and energetic in their labors. All the foreign sisters were listened to with much interest. The officers sustained were: Libbie Noall, president, with all the foreign sisters as her aids; Kekuewa Nakuaan and Kahuhu counselors; Kekuewa Nakuaan, secretary. The names of the general authorities of the Church were presented and sustained.

Appointments: Matthew Noall, president of the Hawaiian Mission, with all the foreign Elders as his counselors; C. D. Harding, Church recorder and clerk of conference; John Brown, book-keeper and store-keeper; Jos. H. Thurtel, blacksmith; C. D. Harding, school teacher; John Brown, Jr., assistant school teacher; Jas. M. Horne, head luna at the Laie plantation; J. W. Hawks, president of the island of Kauai, Isaac Grace, Kekuewa (Honolulu), and Kalliehu, assistants; Irvin Fisher, president of the island of Oahu, Hyrum De Fries and Peter Makia, assistants; A. J. Davis, president of the branch of Honolulu, N. K., Hlapoole assistant; S. S. Hammond president of the Island of Man, Hyrum Duffin, Henry Nottindorf, Daniela Kirkaha and David Hahaiaia assistants; Brigham Johnson president of the districts of Hilo, Hamakua and Kohala, John T. Giles,

Hezekiah Duffin, Killoe and Kapal assistants, John Jos. Johnson president of the districts of Kona, Kaboomiha assistant.

Laie Branch: Matthew Noall president, Jas. H. Horne and Jos. H. Thurtel counselors; C. D. Harding clerk of branch; Moke Nakuaau president of the S. S., L. B. Nainoa and S. N. Kanihonul counselors; S. N. Kanihonul president of the Y. M. M. I. A., M. K. Kou and Kahiona counselors; Kapo president of the Relief Society; Kai and Nawaololoa counselors.

Statistical report for the term ending April 6th, 1892: Foreign Elders and Sisters, 28; Holding the Priesthood, 941; Total Members, 3,141; Officers and Members, 4,082; New Baptisms, 140; Re-Baptisms, 20; Received in Branch, 119; Deaths, 75.

DEATH OF "JACK" GILMER.

J. F. Gilmer, familiarly called by his friends and more generally known as "Jack" Gilmer, died at his residence yesterday, from Bright's disease of the kidneys, from which he suffered long and severely. It was not until January last, however, that Mr. Gilmer realized with full force the horrors of the disease which had stricken him down. Recently he went to California with the hope of obtaining some relief, and was there at the time of the earthquake. The shock was so severe to Mr. Gilmer's physical organization that his trip to the coast, instead of prolonging life, only hastened dissolution. Gradually he grew worse and on Saturday returned to his home and soon after sank into an unconscious condition and never thoroughly regained sensibility, and 5 o'clock last evening his spirit passed quietly into the unseen world. The funeral will not take place until Sunday next.

The deceased was a typical frontiersman, with a crude exterior, but always kind, generous and brave. He was an old-time resident of this Territory and was prominently connected with the stage coach business of the Rocky Mountain region. He had many friends in life and they join in sympathy with his bereaved family in their deep affliction.

Ex-President Hayes is in Norwich, Ct., looking up family records and visiting the old homes and graves of ancestors. They were among the first settlers of the town, which was founded in 1859, and one of his ancestors, John Birchard, was the first town clerk of Norwich.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, May 8th, 1892, commencing at 2 p. m., President Angus M. Cannon presiding.

The choir sang the hymn beginning:

Sweet is the work, my God, my King,
To praise Thy name, give thanks and sing.

Prayer was offered by Elder John Kirkman.

The choir sang: