

conference. It was midnight before the Elders got a chance to retire to a much needed rest.

Second day—Morning prayers at 7 a. m. The southern natives, led by Te Kepa, sang a "Rongo Pai," on the first principles of the Gospel, and Pouaka Paki prayed.

Morning session at a. m.—Sang "Ho Ihowa te Atua;" prayer by Huaru Mete, teacher (Nuhaka), followed by Hymn 49.

Elder Jorgensen spoke freely on the object of these conferences. Was pleased to be present himself and to see so many. This life is a school preparatory to another and more holy existence. We should do well our part that God may continually bless us. Many temptations surround God's children. Some fall a prey to these evils; but we should shun them, for they are displeasing to the Almighty. We must have faith. Only those who manifest a living faith will obtain the promises. We should be thankful to live in these eventful times. Touched on the order of Priesthood, the apostasy, and the false ideas concerning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which prevail in the earth. Urged the Saints to be true to their covenants.

Elder Tekepa Mataniohi (Te Muriwai), was glad to be at conference. Praised the non-members for their willing assistance. God made man in His own image and likeness and we should keep His laws. Knew this to be the Lord's work. By faith we may overcome the evils of this untoward generation, and obtain the blessings of the Gospel.

Elder Hoagland asked for the Holy Ghost to help him explain the truth. The Latter-day Saints are different to most other people, being believers in Prophets, Apostles, etc., which generally are supposed to have been abolished after Christ. Amos and other prophets predicted the apostasy and it has taken place, likewise the restoration as foretold by John. The Book of Mormon came forth in fulfilment of Prophecy. Let us seek first the kingdom of God and we will obtain all else that is good for us.

Sang No. 129, and Elder Henare Wiki offered the closing prayer.

Afternoon—sang 104; prayer by Elder Hoani Whariki of Nuhaka; sang "E Ihu toku orange."

Elder Haraitiana (Nuhaka), said he was happy to again attend conference. Many don't like Scripture baptism, but that is the only correct mode. It was well known to our forefathers before they fell from the faith and departed from Christ's teachings. When they went after false gods and lusted after the things of the flesh, they lost the Holy Ghost and fell into darkness. But now God has given us the truth and desires to return us to the land of our ancestors (America), if we will do right. May we keep the faith, be kind to each other, and to the white brethren who are called to labor among us; for they are God's servants.

Elder Tamati Ngatoto (Korongota), spoke in brief concerning the judgments of God that are coming upon the earth, that will certainly overtake the world if they do not repent. Bore a strong testimony, inviting earnestly the "outside element" to investigate the principles which are being preached at this conference.

Elder C. H. Embley loved the Gospel

and its teachings. There is work for all to do in the Church of God. Dwelt upon the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and encouraged the Saints to be firm to the truth.

Elder J. H. Willard Goff endorsed the proceedings of this conference. Illustrated the first principles of the Gospel, and the signs following true believers. Bore a strong testimony received under inspiration from the Lord. Invited investigation, promising a testimony to all who should do so in an honest heart.

Elder Hial B. Hales announced Hymn 46, and Hoaniana Karangaroa pronounced the benediction.

The storm has come upon us and everything is wet. Tewhata Hooro's wife was taken sick, and a lady near by named Davis, took her to her home and nursed her carefully. It rained torrents the rest of the evening.

Evening service at 7:30—Sang, t34; prayer by Heta, of Te Horo; sang 46.

Elder Hollingworth addressed the assembly, and after reporting his conference (Whangarei), said, "No earthly power can shake this Church, for it is built upon a sure foundation. Man-made gospels are being preached to those who can pay for it, while the poor are being neglected. It was not so in the days of Jesus Christ." Knew this to be God's work. Encouraged the Saints to be faithful, and outsiders to investigate.

Haari Mete (Nuhaka), and Pouaka Paki (Waikati), bore strong testimonies to the work of God.

Sang t66. Hotereni Rahi (Tepakipaki) followed with his testimony, when Wi Pai Tarewa gave us a sound lecture on Galatians 1:8. Pleaded with his relatives of Ngapuhi to turn to the truth. Was very earnest.

Sang "He hau to te tangata," and Elder Markham offered prayer.

Third day—At 7:15, called the Saints together and we sang an old favorite hymn, No. 2. Hoani T. Pita, read 3 Nephi, chapter 1, and Elder Hamuera toko offered prayer in the midst of our large family.

The rain has ceased, and everyone seems glad of it.

At 10 the Deacon rang the second bell, and fifteen minutes later we were called to order by President Gardner. Wiremu Te Tairua (Te Horo), announced the first hymn, and Elder Jorgensen offered prayer. Sang No. 66.

Elder Johnson advised the Saints to be kind and loving one to another; not to do any backbiting, or entertain uncharitable feelings; but so live that the blessings promised to the faithful may be ours at the last great day.

Elder Jedediah Goff gave his feelings when reading the New Zealand conference account, in February, 1894. He said at that time he would be at the next one himself, and he was. Knew this to be the work of the Lord, bearing a strong and humble testimony to its truth.

Elder Thomas S. Browning quoted 1 Corinthians, 13, on the body and members of the Church and dwelt on the same. Exhorted all present to be obedient and faithful.

These three last brethren spoke through an interpreter, all laboring among whites exclusively.

Hemi Mete (Nuhaka), and Tharaira Wehi Kore addressed the conference and bore testimony, and were followed

by Elders Nelson and Markham, both these speaking in the Maori language, though but a short time in the mission.

Elder Teira (Kopuauhara) said no man can fully realize and know this work to be of God without the help of the Holy Ghost. Quoted from the Bible and Book of Mormon to show that we are of Israel.

Elder H. B. Hales addressed us in Maori, and then we sang "Ka whakapai i runga ra." Benediction by Hori Mete.

President Gardner performed two baptisms in the presence of a large multitude, in the river Tau Marere. Shortly afterwards the afternoon session was called to order by the president of the mission. Sang 95. Prayer by Henare Kepa. Sang 93.

Elders Barriett and Hollingworth administered the Sacrament, and the new members were then confirmed.

Te Whata Hooro spoke upon the sacredness of the Lord's Supper. We should be pure and clean ere we take it. Explained why we take it. Quoted Galatians 5: 17, 18, to illustrate the warring of the flesh against the spirit. Compared the good and the evil side. Read Matt. 5: 10, 12, to show what blessings are in store for the faithful.

President Gardner said the Saints meet in Zion and all over the world each year to vote to sustain the Holy Priesthood; therefore it was moved and seconded in their order that the Church authorities and various quorums be upheld by this conference, and carried by unanimous vote. The various presidents of conferences in this mission with their counselors were also sustained.

Elder Hollingworth was honorably released to return home, and Elder Willard Goff sustained as president of Whangarei conference in his place.

Brother Gardner spoke touchingly to those who had labored so hard for the comfort of the Saints through such bad weather; blessed them and asked God to do so too. Spoke at length on the divine mission of Joseph Smith.

Sang No. 70, and Hutana dismissed.

A European service was held at 7:30 in the Pakara schoolhouse half a mile distant, with a good audience. Sang, and Elder Hoagland prayed. Elder Browning spoke on Church organization and its powers, how wicked men had done away with it in olden times, while now we hear from all sides that "they are longer needed." Elder John Johnson dwelt upon the Godhead, followed by Elder Jedediah Goff on the divinity of Joseph's mission. Sang No. 107 and Brother Percy Going dismissed. Several questions were asked by a "Plymouth brother," who tried to fight the truth. Getting more answers than he wanted he fled precipitately from the building.

At 8 p.m., a native testimony meeting was held and Elders Thos. J. Morgan and John H. Ellis spoke first, then Hoani T. Pita, Henare Wiki, Te Tairua, Hamuera Toko, Haane Parata, Mita Wepiha and Sisters Ngapera and Marara Para afterwards. Elder Hollingworth delivered a fifteen minute farewell address as he was leaving for Zion. Sang No. 104, and President Gardner pronounced the benediction, at 11 p. m.

Thus closed a grand conference, which will be remembered for many years by all who were present.

Next day was one of parting and tears,