

FROM FAR AWAY.
Letter from Missionaries in the South Sea Islands

OPENED: Aten, August 15, 1894.

It is now nearly three years we have seen anything published in your paper since our last. The missionaries were occupying the Society and Tokelau groups of Islands. We have been writing to you now from time to time. How far from this part of the world will we go? But may be of interest to many of the readers of the States, we will attempt to write of some of the progress we have made in the last year. Many experiences and trials from our brothers who are laboring in the different parts of the world, that are related in your weekly papers, are also very interesting to us. We know that the work of the Lord is progressing among the people of the earth, and that the names of Quicks' services are not in vain. We are extremely encouraged by your news with regard to the work we have done in the only place occupied in this world.

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It is the custom of the Savoians to meet in their houses once a month to participate in their religious services. They have had our last "Sabbath Day" at the village of Temane. There were gathered there the Savoians from the villages of Putumana, Oloppa, and Tokelau. On Saturday, the 4th of the present month, the Savoians met at the church of the village of Temane. We held our regular Sabbath meeting. The 5th anniversary was called to order, and meeting was commenced by singing, "Come a-mong us, O Lord, and we shall be saved." The 6th anniversary was taught in the name of T. L. Woodruff and William H. Johnson; prayer by Elder C. L. Larson, Singing, "I am known in Asia," Elder Tolson then discussed as we upon the theme of God's love and the benefits he derives from the statement of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, Singing, "Ye polluted us before Christ," Benediction by Elder Larsen. At the close and meeting, the song, "Blessed Day" was sung. We sang the native songs and prayers were offered by Elder Matson. Singing, "Jesus, to have me not lost." Elder C. L. Larson concluded the theme in speaking on the Church of Jesus Christ, and the love of His Son in us, and his merciful nature. He said that none of the gifts and blessings have been done away but that they are in His Church at the present time. Compared the Church that was set up by the Devil in His kingdom with the Church of Jesus Christ that has been set up in these latter days, and showed that the offices and gifts exist in the former, and that they exist in the latter at the present time. Singing, "Sal Ite misericordiam." Then Elder C. L. Larson went into the name of the Lord, M. G. Cannon.

The afternoon meeting was commenced by singing the sacramental hymn, "We Are the Mortal, to partake of life," Sungen by Elder T. L. Larson, and "I Am in His Way," Sungen by Elder C. L. Larson. Elder C. L. Larson spoke on the principles concerning them as applied to all men, whatever their religion was. We are not on earth for the purpose of doing evil to another, but to bring out the best in another. We are not on earth for the purpose of doing good to another, but we are under the grace of Christ. Therefore, we should try and follow the rules and commandments of the principles concerning them as given out. The discussion was followed up concerning the reasons why we observed it. It was a commandment of the Savior that His people should meet together and partake of the sacrament. When we do it, we should partake with clean hands and pure hearts.

The sacrament was administered by Elders Cannon and Larson, who were the only ones who were left from whom all blessings now were received. In the English tongue, by the native Saints assisted by their two white brethren. Benediction by Elder C. L. Larson.

The meetings with our "sons" ended in the evening, closed our meetings and the next "evening" was appointed to be held at the village of Tumaha the next Sunday to September.

On Monday morning we set sail on the ship "Tumaha" bound for the Samoan Islands in the ocean. While there we engaged in gathering coconuts and making "spuds," or coconuts, which forms their chief article of trade.

The Savoians of Atena have learned and used several hymns and ballads during their meetings, which we have taught to them by the missionaries who have labored in Asia. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," "Wise Men," "There Is One," "Finlandia," "The Star of the Republic," and "Every Nation." It is evident by these and a great many more some of the brethren who were at home were they to hear them.

Benedict M. Cannon,
C. L. Larson.

OBITUARY NOTICE.
DECEASED: Wm. M. Cannon, 67 years old, died November 10, 1894, at his residence in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was a brother of the deceased James A. Cannon, and a son of the late James A. Cannon, who resided in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born at Gentry, Mo., on December 1, 1827, and died at Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 10, 1894, at the age of 67 years.

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