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Excellent music and singing were furnished by the Fillmore choir.

C. ANDERSON, Stake Clerk.

CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND.

I herewith furnish you a brief report of the semi-annual conference of the Waikato district, held at Weraroa July 20th and 21st. There were present: William Paxman, president of the Australasian Mission; President John S. Bingham; and Elders Chas. Johnson, Jr., and W. S. Reid, of this district; H. J. Burgess, president of the Hauraki district, and about one hundred native Saints.

During the conference six meetings were held—four regular, one Priesthood and a testimony meeting, all of which were well attended.

President Paxman delivered two spirited discourses on the first principles of the Gospel, and all his remarks were replete with good instructions.

Elders Bingham and Johnson, fluent speakers in the Maori tongue, dwelt with much force upon the first principles of the Gospel and gave much encouraging advice.

The local presidents reported their branches as being mostly in good condition.

The statistical report showed that there are six branches and five organized Sunday Schools with a total membership of 388.

The names of the general and local authorities of the Church were presented and unanimously sustained.

It was truly a feast of spiritual things, and will prove of inestimable benefit to all who attended with a desire to receive enlightenment on the great and glorious principles of everlasting life. The fact that many of the Saints came long distances over roads rendered almost impassable by the recent heavy rains is an evidence that they were actuated by such a desire.

Fine weather prevailed throughout our conference, and the Saints returned to their homes feeling well repaid for their long and tedious rides through the mountains.

WALTER S. REID,
Clerk of Conference.

HENTLEY, New Zealand, August 7th, 1889.

WARD CONFERENCE.

On Sunday Sep. 1 the people of the Cannonville and Henrieville wards met conjointly in a ward conference at Cannonville, the Presidency of the Stake, J. W. Crosby, Jr., M. M. Steele and David Cameron, as per appointment, taking part. At 10 a. m. the meeting house was comfortably filled. On the stand were the Stake Presidency, the Bishopric of both wards, and others.

After singing and prayer President David Cameron addressed the congregation, speaking upon various principles pertaining to the Latter-day Saints. His remarks

were received with great attention and proved highly instructive. He was followed by President M. M. Steele, whose observations were replete with wise counsel. The choir sang, and after the pronouncing of the benediction an adjournment was taken till 2 p. m.

At the appointed hour the meeting house was filled. After the usual opening exercises the Sacrament was administered, during which the choir sang the Sacramental hymn, "Jesus, once of humble birth." President J. W. Crosby then took the stand and addressed those present in a kind and fatherly manner, dwelling upon various subjects connected with the principles of the Gospel. President M. M. Steele and David Cameron followed with brief addresses.

The Bishops reported their wards, and their statements were quite satisfactory.

The choir sang the closing hymn, and the benediction having been pronounced, the conference adjourned for three months.

The present conference was a splendid success, a large and appreciative congregation of Saints being in attendance. At each of the meetings valuable instruction was given by the visiting brethren of the Stake presidency, and the consolidated choirs, under the management of Andrew J. Hansen, rendered good services.

JOHN M. DUNNING.

CANNONVILLE, Garfield County, Utah, Sept. 3, 1889.

RICH COUNTY NOTES.

Deputy Marshals Whetstone and Cannon called on several of the families here last night and arrested Mr. John Cox, of Woodruff, this county, and placed him under \$1000 bonds to appear before Commissioner Goodwin, at Logan, on the 11th instant, and answer to the charge of unlawful cohabitation.

Threshing is going on nicely. Grain crops are not up to the average in quantity, but clear of any frost ravages. Considering the drouth, the farmers have had remarkable success with their crops, due to the excellent system of water distribution here.

Hay crops are very light, and it is almost impossible to buy hay, not so much because of the light crops as on account of the uncertainty of the kind of winter we may get. Experience has taught our farmers and stockmen to look providently to the future, and take good care of the present.

Sisters Nancy Pugmire, Amy Cook and Sarah Allred, the Stake Presidency of the Y. L. M. I. Association, met with the people here in the interest of the local organization. Sister Sarah Ann Findlay, for many years the faithful president of the association, tendered her resignation, which was accepted and a hearty vote of thanks tendered her for her services in that capacity. The following officers were then sustained unanimously:

Eliza R. Johnson, president; Harriet Robinson, secretary; Delina L.

Willis, recording secretary. The remainder of the organization was reserved for subsequent action. The visiting sisters added some very excellent remarks; so good, indeed, that any one interested in the work of the Lord might well have wished that all could have heard them. Their words were strikingly applicable, and had the good, old, genuine ring with them.

Our first cold "snap" came in with the first night of the month, very welcome, too, although some of the ungrateful "spuds" looked black about the leaves next morning. But the nights just previous were uncomfortably warm, and now they are just nice for those who love a nap.

J. I.
LAKE TOWN, Rich County, Utah, September 3, 1889.

THE WORK IN NEW ZEALAND.

The following is from the Wairarapa (New Zealand) *Standard* of July 26:

The work of the Latter-day Saints among the Maoris progresses, and the number of steady adherents to the Church among the natives of New Zealand alone is 3000. When it is considered that this number remains after allowing for those who have fallen off or been under discipline, it is evident that the laborers in this vineyard do not stand idle. The largest number of converts is among the Ngapuhis in the Bay of Islands. The Waikato district comes next, and the Elders are steadily pushing on the work in the King Country. Mr. Wright is laboring among the Wairarapa natives. Mr. Bishop has, for the last three months, been sowing seed in the Blenheim district, and has baptized several. The president of the Australasian Mission, Mr. W. Paxman, returns to America by the next San Francisco mail steamer. He is a man well on in years and was chosen for the work in New Zealand and Australia because of his long experience in Church matters. He has been over three years on this side of the globe and has traveled to and fro watching over the Church and exhorting the converts, caring little for personal comfort or ease. He is much esteemed among the native race and his departure is regretted. The name of his successor we have not yet heard.

A LEADING New York daily says: General Boulanger, like a great many noted men, is superstitious. He is careful not to get out of bed on the left side, and if his path is crossed by a black cat he does nothing of political importance for twenty-four hours. His followers recall that on the day of his sentence he recklessly went under a ladder in front of his house in Portland Place. It is rumored that he is a firm believer in palmistry and takes stock in the words of a gypsy who examined his hand and told him that his chief ambition would one day be satisfied.