

Gospel. The Spirit of God was abundantly present. President Wood, full of the Spirit, encouraged the Priesthood to labor diligently in bringing the people of Savail in harmony with the Gospel.

The afternoon meeting was well attended. Opening exercises as usual. The speakers were, Fanene, Brother Fred Kenison, Elders Hendricks, Horne and Jeppson. A good spirit was manifested by all present.

A spirited meeting was held again tonight, and a good attendance. President Wood occupied the time, speaking with power on the restoration of the Gospel. All listened with eager attention. After meeting the Saints stopped to enjoy a few minutes of social hand-shake and conversation.

A spirit of union and humility is existing among the Saints. Nothing has transpired during the conference to mar the good spirit of the same, but all has been peace and harmony. Elders and Saints have equally been enlightened with the Spirit of Christ and all have manifested an earnest desire to go forth and live better the laws of righteousness.

Sept. 21.

Monday afternoon was spent in the parting feast and amusements for the school children. Prizes were awarded to winners in the different competitions, as well as to each member of the several schools, and a royal good time was participated in. All gave the parting hand-shake and separated for their different branches.

Tuesday forenoon the Elders held a Sacrament meeting. All partook of the same in humility and with hearts of thankfulness, then each bore a faithful testimony to the Gospel of Christ. President Wood spoke words of power and encouragement to the Elders, exhorting them to trust in the Lord and lean not on their own understanding, then all would be well. The spirit of truth and righteousness was present in abundance. In the afternoon the Elders bade each other farewell and Godspeed, then started for their several fields of labor.

President Wood and Elders Cluff and Moody early Wednesday morning through the kindness of the Kenison family returned by boat to Upolu.

C. L. WARNICK,
Secretary of Conference.

HAWAIIAN MISSION.

Lale, Oahu, H. I., Oct. 8, 1897.

The semi-annual conference of the Hawaiian mission has just been concluded here at Lale, where Elders and Saints have been permitted to join once more in seeking instructions and comfort from a Divine hand. Conference commenced on Sunday, Oct. 3. There was present a good attendance of Saints from Lale and surrounding branches, besides a fair representation from other islands of the group. On the stand were the following Elders and sisters from Zion: Samuel E. Woolley, president of the Hawaiian mission; Edwin C. Dibble, George H. Birdno, Lewis R. Jenkins, George P. Garff, William D. Hill, Edwin W. Fifield, Samuel Paget, James S. Whitaker, Chas. W. Hancock, John A. Ahlstrom, Chas. C. Bush, Thomas A. Waddoups, Abraham Fernandez, William A. Williams, William B. Davis, Joseph G. Maughn, Parley P. Musser, Robert R. Sant, Ella C. Birdno, Tryphena B. Garff, Elizabeth C. Williams and Jennie Musser.

The first session was devoted to general conference, during which the Sacrament was administered, followed by appropriate instructions from Elder Woolley. Several sessions were then occupied by different Church organizations. The Sunday schools of Lale, Kahana, Kaluanui, and Waikiki presented exercises as a review of their

studies during the last six months; the Mutual Improvement associations of Lale, Waikiki, and Kahana gave similar exercises and devoted some time to the hearing of reports from associations in the adjacent islands; the general Relief Societies occupied one session, during which instructions were given pertaining to that branch of missionary work, and reports were given of as many societies as practicable. During the remaining sessions, instructions were listened to from the traveling Elders who also gave an account of their recent labors among the people.

Altogether, twelve meetings were held, and the Spirit of the Lord was abundantly poured out upon all. Both foreign and native Elders seemed led to bear strong testimonies concerning the divinity of the latter-day work. On the closing day, Oct. 6, the general and local Church authorities were presented, and unanimously sustained, together with the island appointments for the ensuing half-year, the latter being as follows:

Temporal—Samuel E. Woolley, manager of Lale plantation; Jos. H. Brinton, assistant manager; Geo. P. Garff, school teacher and bookkeeper; Jennie Musser, assistant school teacher; Ella C. Birdno, store keeper; Sisters Woolley, Garff and Williams, to attend to their respective domestic labors; Wm. A. Williams and Wm. B. Davis, to engage in erecting buildings and machinery and assist in other labors on the plantation.

Ecclesiastical—Lewis R. Jenkins and Abraham Fernandez, to labor in Honolulu branch; E. W. Fifield and Kealoha, Oahu conference; John D. Hooper and John A. Ahlstrom, Kanai; Geo. H. Birdno, Parley P. Musser and S. W. Kahoe, North Hawaii; Thomas A. Waddoups, Samuel Paget and Ah Fat, South Hawaii; Chas. C. Bush and Robert R. Sant, Hilo; Wm. D. Hill, Jos. G. Maughn and N. K. Hlapole, West Maui and Molokai; Jos. S. Whitaker, Chas. W. Hancock, East Maui.

Releases: Edwin C. Dibble was released to return to his home in Zion.

Edwin W. Fifield was sustained as clerk of the mission.

The Hilo conference, comprising the districts of Hilo and Puna, was created last April, thus making three conferences of the island of Hawaii. Maui has now been divided into two conferences, East and West, and it is hoped that thereby more effective work can be done in stimulating the Saints to activity and spreading the Gospel among non-members. One hundred and fifty-seven persons have been added to the fold during the past six months, which makes us feel that we labor not in vain.

The singing, which was furnished by Lale choir, was excellent and showed diligent work on the part of the leader, Sam Lua, and members.

Many were the expressions of good will toward one another and a feeling of contentment exists generally among the people. The Lale Saints opened their homes to those in attendance from other places, while they also did much toward making the visitors comfortable. The fact that a feeling of hospitality toward the Elders continues to be shown among the people, with a desire among non-members to investigate and observe the requirements of the Gospel, gives evidence that there is yet room for the accomplishment of a great work in the future, notwithstanding the Gospel has been preached in this mission for many years.

An abundance of rain has generously descended, much to the improvement of growing crops.

With thanks to Him in whose cause we labor, the members of our little colony feel more determined than ever

to prove ourselves diligent servants in the Master's vineyard.

The latest missionary arrival in our midst is a little stranger from another world. Born on September 11th to Brother and Sister Woolley, a son—Joseph Rowberry—for such he has been christened—is pleased with missionary life, and seems well fitted for a long sojourn in mortality. Sister Woolley was thus prevented from taking part in the conference proceedings. May the "News" continue to defend the principles of "Mormonism."

EDWIN C. DIBBLE,
Clerk of Mission.

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Pine Mt., Campbell County, Tenn.,
October 24, 1897.

The Elders of East Tennessee conference, on one occasion received this testimony from a reverend gentleman: "Those Mormon Elders are working as faithfully as the ant and as quietly as the falling of the dew." This is about true.

At our conference which was held at Jackson, the county seat of this county, on August 21st and 22nd, we had an enjoyable time, there being thirty-one Elders present. We were then assigned our fields of labor. I and Ed "Auther Bunker of Lincoln county, Nevada," were assigned to remain in this (Campbell county) as "meteoric" Elders. We are pleased to state that we have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord. He has been mindful of us and provided us with plenty of good friends while preaching the "glad tidings of great joy" to our fellow man.

It is two months since we concluded our labors in this part, during which time we held 125 meetings, most of which were well attended. I feel assured that some good has been effected in breaking down the walls of prejudice.

We have had the pleasure of meeting a number of the ministers whom we have found to be very nice men generally. Some of them have attended our meetings and warned the people, not against our teachings as they did in days of yore, but against being only hearers of the word and not doers. They have told the people to respect us. Often they invite us to their homes to sing and pray with them.

In our travels we have found a number of books purporting to contain the history of our people and bearing the title, "Beattie's" history of the "Mysteries and crimes of Mormonism." This had created animosity in some of the people's hearts toward us, but since they have heard us preach and read our tracts, they have generally rid themselves of the "Beattie book" and admitted that it was nothing but a misrepresentation and a money scheme to make some man rich. One minister who had one of these books for which he had paid \$2.25, said it was not worth 25 cents.

"Truth is mighty and will prevail." The "News" is a welcome guest. It affords us great pleasure in perusing its pages, especially those that relate to the experiences of our fellow-laborers in other parts of the world.

W. H. CARTER,
A. BUNKER.

P. S.—If any one desire to write to our P. O. address is Caryville, Campbell county, Tenn.

The St. Paul judge who has fixed the value of a kiss at \$25 certainly never lived in Missouri, or else the Minnesota article is vastly inferior to the Missouri article. No human judge can fix the value of a Missouri kiss.—St. Louis Republic.