

tuck the doag with her, but Jeff mumbled suthin' about the doag bein' ole so I could see he wasn't to be pacified that-a-way. He said thar were reports of officers scourin' the woods arter moonshiners, so he shouldered his ole gun an' trotted off.

"I stood in the door listenin' fer what seemed to me a long time, an' then I grabbed my sunbonnet an' started out too, but I hadn't gone fer till I heard the bang of a rifle follered by a woman's scream which I knew to be Donna's, the sharp bark o' a doag an' several men's voices all together, like a passel o' wimen, an' then, though I was a-runnin' like all-possessed, I hear a gay ripplin' laugh which I knew to be Donna's, too, an' goin' roun' a sharp bend in the road I ran full tilt into the arms of spruced-up, strange, young gentleman, who was so taken aback by sech a warm reception from someone he must a' thought was the Witch of Endor, that he a'most let us both roll off into the creek.

"We 'uns is a tryin' to keep our faces strait for your sake, Marthy," sez Jeff, with twinklin' eyes, as he an' Don Wharton steddied me up, an' Don gave me a rousin' smack on the cheek; but I never take no notice of Jeff's jokes, fer they haint never no p'int to them.

"Then Don introduced the two gentlemen who was his companions, an' then takin' me on one arm an' Donna on t'other walked up to the house as quiet as lambs.

"Well, what was the matter down thar, anyhow?" says I.

"Oh, nuthin' only a passel o' moonshiners—Bob Packard among um—skulkin' aroun' down thar. We colared one o' the fellars an' made 'im give an account o' hisself; an' he said they hearn us a talkin' low-like an' thought we'uns a standin' in the shadder was officers, an' that Maje was one o' them bloodhounds they'd hearn tell about; so they aimed a shot at the doag an' skipped.

"Maje give one of his growls, and made a bee-line fer Bob, an' when Bob saw it was Maje, he made a wild shot an' took to his heels, an' I reckon he's runnin' yet."

"Well, we'uns had a rousin' Christmas dinner all together the nex' day an' hearn our first Gospel sermon from the two Elders to season it with. Don an' Donna had a'ready hearn them preach at Columbus, an' Don had been baptized; but Donna waited, as advised, fer her ole dad an' me.

"Don's folks didn't oppose his an' his pore mother's religion much, fer his stepmother has several children of her own, an' I reckon she thought Don mought as well be away altogether; so within a week we had three baptizin's an' a weddin'. An' our two young'uns emigrated fer Coloraydo. An' ef we don't eat our next Christmas dinner in Coloraydo with um then I'm no true prophet."

SARAH E. PEARSON.

A LETTER FROM SAMOA.

Alao Tutulla, Samoa.

November 15, 1897.

The Saints and Elders of Tutulla have looked forward with pleasure to the coming of our conference, and Elders E. J. Wood. As the time drew near, the Saints began to make the necessary arrangements and everything looked encouraging. Two days before the conference a west wind began to blow, and many of the people of the east end of the island went on a visit to Manu'a. Among them were most of the Saints of Alao, the place where conference was to be held. It seemed as though the elements had combined against us, for on Friday, the day the Saints and Elders began to gather, we had one of the worst storms of the season. But in spite of rain and wind

the Elders and Saints from the other villages began to gather. The visiting brethren were Elder E. J. Wood, president; Elders D. F. Cluff, Wm. A. Moody and Brother Opapo. The Elders who are laboring in this island are John F. Conley, presiding Elder; H. L. Horne, Ernest Wright, E. L. Clayton, Archie Bennion and L. F. Hatch.

The meeting house was beautifully decorated. At 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday, the first meeting of the conference was called to order by the presiding Elder, John F. Conley. The house was well filled, there being upwards of one hundred in attendance.

After singing, prayer was offered by Elder W. A. Moody. Elder John F. Conley made a few remarks, explaining the object of confirmation, after which two ladies, who had just been baptized, were confirmed members of the Church. Brother Manoa was the first speaker. He exhorted the Saints to faithfulness. Elder D. F. Cluff presented the names of the presiding authorities of the Church, the president of the mission and the Elders of this island. The vote to sustain them in their positions was unanimous.

Elder Wood gave the Saints some valuable instructions and Elder Ernest Wright offered the closing prayer.

After meeting dinner was served in native style. It consisted of breadfruit, taro, bananas, palusami, beef and fish, etc., and was greatly enjoyed.

At 1 p. m. the Elders met in testimony meeting, at which all the Elders spoke; an excellent spirit prevailed.

At 4 p. m. the house was filled again. Brother Lenlao offered the opening prayer. Brother Lemafa was the first speaker. Elder C. L. Clayton followed, speaking on repentance and baptism. Elder W. A. Moody spoke on the same subjects.

Saturday evening the Saints and Elders enjoyed looking at the views of interesting places in Zion, also the photos of the First Presidency and Apostles, which Brother Wood showed by the use of a magic lantern.

After singing, Elder John F. Conley offered the opening prayer. The speakers were Brother Opapo, Elders H. L. Horne and Ernest Wright. Benediction by Elder L. F. Hatch.

These opened with singing, "O, Siona," a translation of "Beautiful Zion." Prayer by Brother Faamuli; singing, "Hope Israel." The schools from the various branches recited in concert the Articles of Faith.

Speech of welcome by Brother Faamuli of the Alao school. Questions on Church organization were answered by the Alao school. An answer to the speech of welcome was made by Mataumo of the Pago Pago school and "I Our Lovely Deseret," was sung by the Pago Pago school. Questions were asked and answered concerning Joseph who was sold into Egypt. The Alao school answered questions on the geography of Samoa. A report of the work done in the last six months by the Pago Pago school, was given by Sister Sanuaga. Brother Faatutulla gave a review of the work done by the Alao school during the last six months. Questions concerning the life and works of President Wilford Woodruff were answered by the Alao school. The Pago Pago school was catechised on the existence of a God. Song, "Marching Homeward," by Alao school.

The different countries where the Gospel has been and is being preached were given by Sister Lepeta. Elder Wood expressed himself as being well pleased with the exercises rendered by the Sunday schools of Tutulla, and gave the children some excellent advice and words of encouragement.

Tul of Pago Pago offered the closing prayer.

At 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon a general Priesthood meeting was held at which all the native brethren held

ing the Priesthood, and all the Elders from Zion, spoke, each bearing testimony to the truth of the work of God established in these days. Elder Wood spoke of the work being done in Samoa at the present time, how the work is growing as it never did before, and the prospects for the near future. He exhorted all to be humble and prayerful, pure in thought and deed, and seek continually the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all things.

At 4 o'clock the Saints again assembled to listen to the word of God as it fell from the lips of His inspired servants. The opening prayer was offered by Elder D. F. Cluff. The Sunday school hymn, "Hope of Israel," was rendered in a most credible manner by the Sunday school children. Elder John F. Conley was the first speaker. Elder Archie Bennion made interesting remarks. Elder D. Foster Cluff dwelt upon the subject of the Holy etc.

Benediction by Elder H. L. Horne. Ghost, its office, manner of bestowal.

After singing and prayer, Elder W. A. Moody addressed the assembly on the restoration of the Gospel. Elder E. J. Wood followed, speaking on the same subject. Elder John F. Conley offered the closing prayer.

Monday morning the Elders met in Sacrament meeting. After administering the Sacrament each of the Elders again bore testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and the divine mission of Joseph Smith. The spirit of testimony and of the Lord was manifest in our midst and we had a great time of rejoicing.

In the afternoon the people again gathered, this time to witness the awarding of prizes to the Sunday school children, which consisted of various articles of worth to the native children, such as slates, pencils, combs, handkerchiefs. A few hours was then spent by running races of different kinds by native men, women and children, much to the amusement and enjoyment of all. The parting of Elders and Saints after such a spiritual feast was indeed a hard experience, but the Elders left feeling strengthened and encouraged, as did the Saints. During the conference seven souls were initiated into the fold by baptism.

It is gratifying to note the progress that has been made since the mission was opened. Nine years ago the first Elders landed here on this island, and now we have branches established all over the islands. The people are being instructed in the principles of the Gospel, and are beginning to have their minds lightened up. They seem to take more interest in the Gospel than ever before. There are more baptisms being made now in six months than there were in three years formerly.

George A. and Edward L. Arnold were arrested Monday at Fresno, Cal., to answer to a charge of assault to commit murder upon Ed L. Palmer. All the parties are prominent and wealthy citizens of that county. Palmer was building a fence across a piece of land over which he and the Arnolds have had some dispute, and George Arnold ordered him to stop. Words followed and Arnold went for his brother Edward. George returned armed with a hatchet and Edward with a pistol. Palmer did not know of their coming until a bystander cried for him to look out. He turned just in time to see George Arnold throw the hatchet at his head. He had no time to dodge, but threw up his hands to ward off the blow. The hatchet cut off three of his fingers. Had he not turned he would have been killed. Palmer brought suit Monday against George Arnold for \$11,000 damages. George Arnold is justice of the peace at Huron and a man of property and standing in the community.