SAMOA MISSION.

An Account of the Proceedings at the Savali Conference.

On the morning of October 15th, a party composed of President George E. Browning, Elders C. W. Poole, Geo. Geo. McCune and H. L. Bassett, left Fagali, Upolu, in an open boat, in Paualiga, bound for Savali, via Lalovi, Upolu. We made a stop in Apia to attend to some business, and then started on our journey to Lalovi, at the western extremity of the Island of Upolu, about thirty miles distant from Apia. We made but slow progress owing to a strong west wind that blew in our "head." When we had reached a point lying about seven or eight miles west of Fagali we ran up to the shore and waited while Elder McCune walked on a short distance to Pulipaa, where one of our Saints, Iopo, lives, and informed him of the whereabouts of our boat. It had been previously arranged that Iopo should accompany us on our journey. They soon reached us and we again set out down the coast.

After a long and hard row we reached Lalovi at two o'clock in the morning of the next day (Sunday). After a few hours' rest we arose and assumed our Sabbath day duties. We held two well attended meetings, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, with Elders Poole and Bassett as speakers at the former, and President Geo. E. Browning and Brother Iopo at the latter.

Next day (Monday) the natives busied themselves in making preparations for the journey on the morrow, to Savali, to which place we were to go to hold conference. According to expectation, we started out on our trip by boat to Savali on Tuesday, Oct. 18. There was a crew of ten natives. In addition there were President Geo. E. Browning, C. W. Poole, Geo. McCune, H. L. Bassett, Iopo, Papoli, Taatua and Saleta. We had a breeze and sailed almost all the way across the channel to Savali, only using the oars for the last mile or two. When we reached the nearest point of Savali, Elders Poole and McCune got out of the boat, as they desired to walk to Salelologa and there meet Elder A. Twitchell, when all three could proceed on foot to Salesula, arriving there in time for conference. President George E. Browning and Elder Bassett remained in the boat, which, after waiting an hour or two at a neighboring village, resumed its journey towards Salesula, some thirty-five miles further down the coast. We went outside of the reef again at a place called Faga. The passage through the reef was a very dangerous one, and it was only with great difficulty that we got through. We found the sea outside in terrible commotion, and our boat pitched and tossed about awfully. Though the sail was up and the wind was strong enough to propel us, the oars were plied continuously to steady the boat. After a long and perilous ride in the darkness we found ourselves opposite our destination, with a dangerous reef between us and safety. None of us knew where to find a passage through the reef, and the question was discussed pro and con whether or not to remain out at sea till daylight. The night was dark. Beneath us we rolled waves of inky blackness; the heavens were obscured by dark, lowering clouds.

It was finally decided to seek an inlet through the reef. Again and again we crept up cautiously towards the reef, only to hasten back again to a safer distance. We finally reached a place where the roaring of the waters upon the reef were not so loud, and with each oarsman pulling with his might the boat shot towards the island. With each occupant of the boat offering up a prayer for safety, we waited almost breathlessly for the result. The waters surged and roared on either side of us, and dark though the night was we could see the white foam of each incoming wave as it was beaten into flying spray upon the reef. Our suspense was not of long duration. An allwise Providence had smiled graciously upon us, and it seemed as though a master hand had guided us through the dreaded barrier into safety. We were soon into quiet waters and paddling our way up the coast. A few minutes later and we were received with welcome at Vaituutuu by Elders Carpenter and Merrill and the Saints. It was about 10:30 p. m. when we reached there.

VAITUUTUU, Savali, Samoa, Thursday, Oct. 20.

Elders C. W. Poole, A. Twitchell and Geo. McCune got here at about one o'clock p. m., having walked from the east end of the island. The next day (Oct. 21st) Elders C. H. Bridges and C. R. Thomson arrived at about 7 p. m., having come from Gagaifomauga on the opposite side of Savaii. The Fagatuli Saints were unable to be present on the morning of Oct. 23rd. About 9:30 a baptism was performed. The applicant was a young lady named Uaeone. She was baptized by Elder Jos. H. Carpenter. In the afternoon of the same day the Saints brought to us presents of food, consisting of pigs, chickens, fish, taro, bananas, etc, and a pleasant feast was indulged in. The meal being over, the young folks put on their finest ornaments and adornings, and gave in our honor what is termed a "Talosai." That is marched along before us singing the while and keeping time to the accompaniment of a drum. The procession was headed by a young man who danced along, dexterously twirling a huge war knife. The parade halted in front of us and each person dropped forward and laid down a present consisting of one taro or one chicken. When this was over a "siva" or native dance was given, the young men performing first and the young ladies following. Our boat crew from Upolu then performed their "siva." The whole was a pleasing sight, and was performed very gracefully, and was rendered in good time. The programme concluded with a shooting contest by the school children, with bows and arrows.

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Destruction by Electric Storms.

One of the results of so much excessively hot weather in Maine this summer, has been an uncommon frequency of electrical disturbances, and an unusual amount of damage by lightning. In Maine, the number of buildings ignited and destroyed by the electric fluid has been unprecedented, and the same is true of other northern states. There are certain localities that always suffer more from the effects of lightning than others, and they are those situated in the vicinity of ponds or lakes, for showers generally follow along the water lines, and often seem to be directed from their course as they approach a pond or stretch of pondy, Dangor Commercial.

The Crown Prince's Sword.

The emperor of Germany has presented a magnificent sword to the crown prince, his son, the youngest lieutenant in the Prussian army. On the hilt is the following inscription: "Trust in God and defend thyself bravely. Thereby be thy honor given. He who fights heartily on the side of God will never be driven from the field. Thy power belongs to the Fatherland. To my dear son William. May 8, 1892. Wilhelm R."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Prince Getting Old.

Reference has frequently been made of late to the rapid way in which the Prince of Wales was aging. Since the death of his son it has affected his appearance still more and robbed him of what had been left of the once peculiarly healthful tone of his complexion.—Exchange.

Papers in Foreign Languages.

An article in a recent number of The National Journalist states that 1,110 newspapers are printed in foreign languages in this country. The Germans head the list with 802, and next come the Scandinavians with 118, followed by the French, who have 50; there are 39 in Spanish, 27 in Bohemian, 18 in Polish, 10 in Dutch, 23 in Hebrew and 5 in Welsh, two each in Finnish, Icelandic, Irish, Sclic, Portuguese, Slavonic, Chinese, Lithuanian, Russian and Armenian, and each in Hungarian, Greek, Cherokee and Creek. No better illustration than this polyglot array could be given of the varied elements which help to make up this nation. It also argues a high average standard of intelligence in our foreign population.—New York Mail and Express.

Pigs and Sows of High Degree.

Mr. Dolphin's celebrated herd of pure bred Berkshire pigs at Montebello, Jonesboro, has just been dispersed. This herd was established in 1887 with purchases out of all the best stocks in the country, and upward of 700 prizes have since been won by it. Very high prices were realized at the sale, all the principal breeders being represented, and several animals were purchased for exportation to France and Germany. The famous sow Her Majesty was sold for thirty-five guineas to Sir Humphrey de Trafford. She has won £1000 in prizes in two years, and has never been beaten.—London Truth.

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