

FROM VARIOUS MISSIONARY FIELDS.

Conference in San Francisco, Cal.
 Hawaiian Mission, 1891.

Bellet Society, Inc.
—
I am Charles H. I. Clark with child.

Once upon the twentieth anniversary of the death of the Lord has been extended

of bodies, struggling to uphold the sense of truth in a foreign land, and the day's to general discussion, the latter to be held in the Oahu conference, and Henry Mann and George H. Birdso to the Main Hawaii conference.

The general timesheet would open on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, 4th, with E. C. Little presiding. The schools of Law, Hinnahulu and Kaimukui of this island will be participants in the exercises; the participants being, respectively, Will G. Farrar, Kaimukui and Kaimukui students.

The program, consisting principally of speech exercises, some dialogues, essays, recitations, etc., clearly demonstrated careful arrangement and careful consideration coupled with untiring efforts on the part of the teachers, and was rendered in an admirable manner by the interested pupils, all of which point directly to marked progress in the Sunday school work on these far off shores of sunny Hawaii.

The morning services of Monday, October 26th, were devoted to the Kefaukeu conference, which was called to order at six o'clock by President Alice R. Woolsey, who, after the ordinary opening preliminaries, assisted by James C. Wheeler, as interpreter, commenced in time in addressing the congregation. In his address he said that the left grateful to the Land but permitting him to say to those so many in general conference, and had derived much satisfaction in hearing

the Primary conference of the Laid and Foreign Association, under the superintendence of sister Eda Jordan, occupied the afternoon of Saturday, October 2nd, which was the first meeting of the general conference here at headquarters. An appropriate program was given, primary exercises, regular with Gospel precepts, was ardently rendered by the little ones, principally in the English language, while the fathers much excitedly upon them and their anxious teachers.

The general Church conference commenced at 10 o'clock, Sunday morning, October 4th, with President Russell E. Wadsworth in charge and the following officers and members present in attendance, viz: William A. Tompkins, John K. Jolley, George A. Fisher, William H. Hendricks, Henry Murry, Walter T. Hanks, Edwin C. Fisher, George H. Hurdus, Joseph K. Johnson, John H. Haysport, Leora H. Roberts, George C. Williams, C. F. Harris, William G. Hill, Alice K. Woolley, L. A. Fisher, Eliza K. Jordan and Olympia Gault.

After the usual opening exercises the sacrament was administered by Elders Lafe and Little, and passed to the congregation by the native Elders, during which time the Lord was praised, sung, which time the Lord was praised, sung, which time the Lord was praised, sung, and the Spirit of God cheered the hearts of all present.

President Wadsworth delivered the opening address, which occupied the greater portion of the remaining time of the morning session, and after welcoming all, expressed his gratitude to the Lord and His faithful associates in preparing us in peace and plenty through the past year, and permitted the many good assemblies under such favorable circumstances to meet at the fountain of life, as we might be taught of His ways that the laws of earth might be strengthened and His word increased in the extent that commandments of God be obeyed and His will be done. He then dealt at some length in denouncing the blessings that we enjoy as Latter-day saints, by making a comparison with the condition of the outside world in general, improved them, bearing the contrast with the millions of the world who are perishing.

He then turned to the subject of truth spreading, and instructed the sisters to be diligent in the cause of the Relief Society, for it was a grand work, nothing would give us joy and contentment as: and then to help others, relieve the poor needy, and assist the sick, and the advanced in the industry, observe the word of wisdom and teach their children good morals, by example, and dwell for some time on the proper mode of government in the societies and concluded by exhorting all to be united and attend meetings regularly.

Sister Laura Fisher said she derived much pleasure from meeting with the Relief Society, and stated that she desired that this meeting was to take to the requests, worship the Lord and be "rejoiced in our future welfare; she said that we could not be saved alone, but by every word that proceeds forth from the mouth of God, hence we must unite in general conference, and we might be taught by His servants. Encouraged the sisters to continue to be diligent in fulfilling their duty.

The branch representatives then reported the condition of the several societies, from which the congregation was edified for some time with brief remarks of encouragement by some of the native Elders, the same being interspersed with a number of instructive essays and a few songs.

The afternoon and evening of Monday were devoted to the Mutual Improvement conference, with Elder William H. Russell presiding. The association of Hottelville, Laid and Kalamazoo report, the latter occupying a portion of the afternoon, while the latter was occupied the evening.

The program consisted of Gospel lessons, class exercises, singing, music, exhortation, and the closing instruction of the rising generation. All the participants did their parts well and truly merit praise.

The general and island authorities for this organization and others were present, in their respective societies and unanimously testified, both for the Mutual Improvement association being William H. Hendricks presiding, and T. H. Hanks, first, and John D. Haysport second conference, Joseph H. Hurdus

of them, and concluded by believing all to escape doing evil and continue in righteousness to the end of the world.

The same congenial and enthusiastic spirit that characterized the above meetings of the general Church conference continued in the remainder of the meetings which were held on the morning, afternoon and evening of Tuesday October 26th, the time being devoted principally to the letters from Zion, who speak with power from on high, as the Gospel discourses, illustrated many valuable scriptures, and gave an abundance of such needed advice, which if heeded will greatly benefit the portion of the house of Israel, and came then to a higher standard of purity. There were some cautious and timid members who reported their fathers and also spoke encouragingly, expressing their appreciation for the counsel of the Lord and chosen by those in authority to render assistance to such a noble cause.

During the meetings the reports of the various branches and the reports by the respective representatives in attendance, the number of branches reported being 23, and on Tuesday afternoon the latest report showing 23 baptisms, 43 children baptized, 25 repentances, 14 received into the Church, and the general financial report which for the last several months shows a marked increase in the contributions, and the general and individual contributions were presented and mentioned with commendation for the latter being as follows:—Miss J. Wiley presiding at the Hawaiian Mission of the Church with all the Elders and sisters previously mentioned in their various capacities, due to C. C. Bishop clerk of assembly, secretary to the writer, who is numbered among those who return home.

At the close of the meeting President Wiley announced the business and the accompanying letter, containing letters which were as follows:—

Release: John William H. Thomas, John J. Juley and George H. Fisher, and Oliver Lewis A. Juley, having fully completed their mission, were honorably released to return to their mountain homes.

Appointments—Temporal: Samuel E. Woolley as manager of the Fair (Fashion), with Joseph H. Hutton as his assistant, George P. Garff as school teacher and book-keeper, Tryphena Garff and Helen H. Hutton as assistants.

Religious:—The following domestic affairs with Ella C. Burdette and Tryphena Garff as her assistants, Lettie H. Hutton as

Woolley president, Ella C. Burdette, Tryphena Garff, Keliuana Nakama, Makabane and Lapa, assistants, Keliuana Nakama secretary, and Tryphena Garff treasurer. For the Sunday schools—William C. Dibblee president, Henry Huan first, and Leona C. Huan second, assistants, John D. Hooper secretary, and S. E. Woolley treasurer.

The evening services on Tuesday, the 26th, ended the conference, which was indeed interesting and we trust bene-

President Woolley delivered the closing address. He said he felt that all present had obtained a portion of the bread of life, and he was desirous that each one give to others as freely as they had received. Also he exhorted the people, singly for their generous treatment of the. Those during the past time and asking them to continue likewise in the future be closer to the Lord, encouraging all to press boldly onward in the work of the Lord. He offered the benediction and adjourned the conference to meet at 10 A.M. April 30th, 1897.

In conclusion, I think pleasure in adding that the spirit of love and unity was prevalent in the conference from beginning to end. The Gospel of Christ was preached as the word of life, and the people were made to feel that the word of life was not only by the Elders and sisters, but by each one in turn, large and small, who took out in the different branches, for the exhorters were replete with beautiful maxims and precepts, that tend to strengthen their faith and fill them with the spirit of the Lord, and with the bread of my wandering a fond hope that would point him or her from the various paths, darkness, and light heaven. The people from the outside branches were well cared for by the residents and also and dispersed with the best of feelings.

In general the future prospects of progress for the work of the Church and kind are indeed encouraging. The process of sowing and reaping goes on uniformly. Many are now in the time of sowing and the increased interest taken to religious affairs is noticeable. One marked feature is the improvement of the Saints in caring for the Elders. Congregational is more appreciative of him, as many are getting their eyes opened to the truth, and are receiving an education that the Elders of Christ have not been considered with the political spirit that has been so prominent in the State of late years, but have been laboring incessantly in the model of the people for the redemption of the world.