

island natives sent word to the great chief of the north to come to a feast, which he did, bringing with him several other chiefs and a number of followers. When they arrived at the encampment the south island natives charged upon them, killed many of their number and caused the remainder to flee for their lives. Thus it can be seen that by tracing out some of the past history of the people, it is only the history of ancient America repeated again. I have met one of the old time natives who was present at a number of bloody battles. He is over a hundred years old, and still has a recollection of his experience in his younger days.

There are over three thousand Maori Saints in New Zealand, and the work is progressing nicely.

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NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

LETITIA, Cherokee County,
North Carolina, August 10th, 1896.

Knowing that a report of work and progress in each conference throughout the various missions of the world is a source of pleasure to the Elders, and serves to bind them closer in their labors, as we are all working for the same cause, we take pleasure in representing the humble works of our band of united brethren in this part of the country. Since our last conference, which was held nearly ten months ago, most of the Elders have been laboring in western North Carolina, spreading the seeds of truth, and letting them fall upon the kinds of soil, as spoken of in the Savior's parable, some to grow and increase, bringing forth an hundred fold, others to fall amid the thorns and the thistles and became choked ere they could grow strong; others again amid the stones to grow for a short time only, while others we fear fall upon the unbroken surface of the solid rock, where there was no sign of life and the seeds were simply to be parched without having the least chance of fulfilling the measure of their creation, which is to grow and increase.

Thus it is with some of the hearts of the people, they are so hard that even a Gospel dart cannot penetrate it, but would glance as a small stone it cast against the smooth surface of an iron-clad war vessel.

The cloud of prejudice that has so long hung over our people like the sable curtain of night is gradually fading away, as a stubborn fog before the morning sun. People are growing in knowledge and intelligence, and where these bear sway superstition and prejudice are always found in the background. The spirit of charity and good will is gradually taking the place of bigotry and superstition, and the light of the Gospel and its glorious truths are penetrating the souls of the upright and honorable men of the land, who are becoming convinced that we are not the bad people we have been represented as being.

Our Elders were driven only a few years since from many of the counties that have been worked during the past year. In some of the counties that brutal spirit of hatred and malice born of Satan is still cropping out, but those in favor of law and order prevail, and none of our Elders in this conference have been molested, though we occasionally receive notices to leave.

Through the blessings of God we are making friends of former enemies. We have to make friends before converts.

During the last few days we have had the great pleasure of associating with our fellow workers of the East Tennessee conference and with our beloved president, Elder E. S. Kimball, and also Elder J. W. Musser, who accompanied him from the office at Chattanooga. We received encouraging words from them, feasting upon the things that give life and energy to the soul, not entirely forgetting the physical man, for we feasted upon the abundance of the earth, both at the houses of kind friends and on the grounds, for the people brought boxes and baskets of good things.

A beautiful grove was selected in which to hold our conference, upon the plantation of our kind and genial friend, H. N. Taylor, who with his wife and family demonstrated their kindly hospitality. It would occupy too much space to mention the names of kind friends in Cherokee county who cared for us during conference.

On Saturday, August 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m., after our council meeting, we repaired to the meeting grounds and found quite a crowd had gathered. Elder J. E. Hart president of the conference, called the audience to order and gave out the opening hymn, "O my Father," which was sung with good effect by Elders Judd, Ensign and Berach. The principles of the doctrine of Christ were discussed for two hours, intermixed with tris beautifully rendered by some of the Elders.

In the afternoon the subject of life and salvation was again discussed. Elder Musser spoke of the mercies and judgments of God. At 4 p. m. all the Elders went to our council grounds and listened to reports of a number of our Elders, all of which were interesting.

Sunday morning quite a large audience was present to greet us. After the opening exercises President Kimball, in his clear and forcible manner, laid before us the plan of life and salvation, proving from the mouths of several witnesses for God that the Elders of Zion are indeed teaching the Gospel of Christ, as it was taught in the apostolic dispensation.

In the afternoon, notwithstanding a rain shower at recess, many had come to hear us and a spirited meeting was held, in which a number of Elders, some of whom had lately arrived in the field, bore strong and faithful testimonies. They exhorted the people to a remembrance of their duties to God and man, explained the object of their creation, and showed them how they might obtain salvation through obedience to the Gospel of Christ. The people were attentive throughout, but few of them seemed to be pricked in their hearts.

On Monday morning we all met at the prayer grounds with hearts and minds prepared to receive the words of counsel and advice as they should fall from the lips of our beloved president. For seven hours during that day words of inspiration fell in rapid succession upon our ears. We hope the instructions given will have a lasting impression on our minds, and lead to better results in our future labors in the saving of souls. The Savior says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words, and my Father will love him, and he will come unto him and walk and abide with him." Thus if the servants of the Lord desire

to inherit the kingdom of heaven they must be obedient to counsel; for even the Savior testified He kept the commandments of the Father, and Paul assures us that it was through His obedience that He became the author of salvation.

We herewith submit our report of work done between the 16th of October, 1895, and the 8th of August, 1896: Number of miles walked, 27,892; families visited, 19,140; families re-visited, 4,665; rejected testimonies of Elders, 2,688; refused entertainment, 1,705; tracts distributed, 18,733; books sold, 55; books given away, 479; books loaned, 213; meetings held, 500; children blessed, 9; baptisms, 16; Gospel conversations since April, 1,370.

J. E. HART,
President of Conference.
E. K. FILLERUP,
Clerk of Conference.

AN EFFECT OF OPPOSITION.

NOTTINGHAM, August, 18th, 1896.

Jarman came to Nottingham last evening and gave his first lecture against us in the Mechanics' Hall. Some of the Saints here attended, and said the place was crowded, and the congregation hooted and yelled.

August 20—I wish you would thank all our friends, for me, for their kindness during my brother Arthur's sickness and at his funeral. We were sorry to hear of the death of Elder Abraham H. Cannon. God called him away, and we all have to submit to His will, so in regard to my brother.

Jarman is yet in Nottingham, lecturing against us at the Mechanics' Hall. There is some excitement. He had a packed house the first night, but since then his audiences have been diminishing. It is said that he cannot meet expenses, although his books have a great sale. His own audiences go against him, and people, men and women, entire strangers to us, "call him down" and go upon the platform and refute his statements. Even those who sent for him are disgusted with him, and some express a desire to meet him in debate themselves.

We had 2,500 tracts, defending our principles, and they are nearly all gone. We have not distributed one of them. People come to us and ask for them, and of course we give them out. In the midst of it all, we have had two applicants for baptism and some investigators. We shall probably meet considerable opposition while out distributing our tracts. One of our bitterest opponents is very much put out, for he is afraid we are right and he is wrong. He told us last night he had resigned his position as a Baptist local preacher, for we were causing him much anxiety. He says he would be a Mormon, if "Joe Smith" was not in it. That is something he cannot yet comprehend.

We have five applications for baptism in Derby, and some more in different towns around the conference. We prayed earnestly to our Heavenly Father that our enemies might have no power over us, and now we see our prayers answered.

Remember me kindly to all our relatives and friends.

F. J. A. JAQUES.

At Raud, Colorado, snow fell on Friday last to the depth of three inches.