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Missionary Labors on the Society and Tuamotu Islands—Conference Notes, Etc.

Correspondence Deseret News.

TETAMANU, FAKAHAVA, TUAMOTU ISLANDS, South Pacific Seas, January 15th, 1893.—In my missive to you dated in October last, it was intimated that during an absence of forty years without foreign missionaries the branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that was established on these islands had become entirely annihilated. This I desire to verify, by giving the following account of our latest experience. On the 15th of September, 1892, President James S. Brown accompanied by Elder W. A. Seegmiller left Tahiti for the Tupuai Islands. After a disagreeable voyage of five days they reached their destination only to learn that all Church members—(save one 17-year-old girl) on that land, had recently been misled from the true Church by a reorganized preacher. For two weeks the elders were treated with great indifference and were in need of a friendly hand to provide food sufficient to appease their appetite. Meeting houses were closed against them, and the powers of Satan raged against their every effort. Yet, "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." After endurance, perseverance and prayer the tables turned. Several natives who had been acquainted with Prest. Brown while on his former mission to these islands, came to him and expressed their doubts of the reorganized faith, and after being convinced of their error, by him who brought them the truth over 40 years ago, they demanded baptism. This opened the doors for others and in a short time the Elders baptized sixty-five persons, which included the majority of proper subjects for baptism. Many were refused the privilege on account of not having prepared themselves for the reception of the Gospel.

After a sojourn of two months on Tupuai, leaving Elder Seegmiller in charge of the renewed branch, Prest. Brown returned to Tahiti. Aged and crippled as he is, his only chance for passage was on the deck of a small schooner loaded heavily with cocoanuts. In a space of 2x3 feet he sat in a cramped condition for seven days and nights in sunshine and rain. The spray of the briny ocean would then envelope his form from over the cocoanuts that were heaped up on either side of him. In sight of land they were five days and nights in alternating storms and clouds, patiently waiting for the wind to waft them onward to the desired land, Tahiti.

While President Brown was visiting Tupuai, Elders J. W. Damron and T. Jones met with a Mr. Maguhi from the Tuamotu islands. He being the owner of several schooners, offered free passage to these islands. His kindness and hospitality were thankfully accepted. On November 1st the Elders landed on the island of Tukaroa and were escorted by Maguhi to his own neatly arranged home, where they received every attention possible for their comfort. On this island we found a branch of over 100 church members, who, after a consultation, concluded to receive us as missionaries from the correct Church of Christ. We began our labors in earnest and baptized thirty-three new members on the island of Tukaroa.

Learning that there were branches of the Church on several different islands and on finding that a conference had been appointed to convene January 6th on the island of Faite, President James S. Brown and our Elands, were notified by letter and speedily joined the brethren at Tukaroa. All started for the conference together and landed on Faite December 31st, 1892. The manner of boats anchored in the lagoon was proof that many had gathered before we arrived.

Not many minutes after landing we were visited by a delegation headed by an aged and blind veteran called Walhea, who has for a long time acted as president over the Church members on the different islands of this group. His first question to President Brown was this: "Are you the real Iakobo (James) that brought us the Gospel forty years ago? Second, Are you now representing the same Gospel as before?" Various was the questions propounded, and finally to satisfy himself that it was the real "Iakobo" he asked the location of different villages on Aua, the island where Elder Brown labored while on his former mission. Being convinced, he said with unspeakable joy: "We receive you as our father and leader, but had you not come back personally we would have refused to receive any foreign missionaries, as so many false teachers have been in our midst and carried many from the Gospel of Christ." He then related how they had prayed to God to again send them missionaries as of yore, and to give them His Holy Spirit to keep them in the light and truth of the Gospel.

CONFERENCE AT FAITE.

Jan. 6th, 1893. Congregation called to order by Prest. Jas. S. Brown. Singing by the Saints. Prayer by Elder Elando Brown.

Prest. Jas. Brown addressed the Saints imparting good instructions. He explained the possibility of Satan and his servants being transformed into angels of light, and warned the Saints to shun all evil powers that will lead into darkness. The speaker having been a missionary to the islands over 40 years ago, suggested that all persons in the congregation who had seen and known him formerly would rise to their feet. The response was that 17 gray haired veterans immediately protruded above the seated assemblage.

The following report of Church members was given from the islands as follows: Number of Saints on Aua, 52; Faite, 80; Fakarava, 56; Tukaroa, 100; Kauehi, 11; Raiaka, 27; Aratika, 21; Kaala, 35; Tupuai, 65; Tahiti, 18; total, 475.

Elder J. W. Damron spoke briefly and the meeting closed by singing, "Beautiful Zion," translated and taught to the native Saints by Elder Damron. Benediction by Elder T. Jones.

The afternoon session was called to order by President Brown. Singing. Prayer by Elder Teraguamatuti. Singing.

Remarks were made by Elder J. W. Damron, who spoke on the mission of Christ to the spirits in prison. The speaker also read and explained the parable of Christ comparing the wise man to him who built his house upon a rock.

President Brown then spoke of the importance of a vicarious work being done for the dead.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Mathea.

Conference continued January 7th, 1893. Elder James A. Brown explained the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar and the interpretation given by the Prophet Daniel.

Elder Damron exhorted the Saints to be diligent and to heed the signs of the times occurring in the the latter days, as predicted by the Prophet of God.

Brother Tehina, of Aua, was ordained an Elder, as was also Brother Karere, of Kaala.

Benediction by Elder Elando Brown.

Afternoon Session, January 7th.—Called to order by president of mission. Elder Tafaoua, of Aua, addressed the Conference, and was followed by Elder Damron, who dwelt principally on the personality of God.

Elder J. S. Brown spoke encouragingly for a short time and closed the Conference, to assemble again at Aua on the 6th of April, 1893.

Singing "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning" (translated).

Benediction by Elder James S. Brown.

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Said trust deed being upon the following described premises situate in Provo city, Utah county, Utah, to-wit: All of lots one (1) seven (7) and eight (8), block three (3), plat A, Provo city survey, and

Whereas, it is provided in said trust deed, among other things, that in case default be made in the payment of said bond, notes, indebtedness, or money secured by said trust deed, or the taxes or assessments on said premises, or any part thereof, that then said trustee, or his successor in trust, shall, on the request of the holder or holders of said note, sell and dispose of said premises, and every part thereof, together with all the right, title, benefit and equity of redemption of said James Dunn, Martha A. Dunn, his wife, and James F. Dunn, their heirs and assigns therein, either in mass or in separate parcels as the holder or holders of said note may prefer, at public auction at the front door of the court house of said county, or on said premises, as may be specified in the notice of said sale, for the highest and best price the same will bring in cash, after first giving thirty days previous notice of such sale by publication in any newspaper at that time published in said county, and

Whereas, said James Dunn, and wife, and James F. Dunn, have made default in the payment of the fourth interest payment, due March 1st, 1893, secured by said trust deed, and

Whereas, Demos G. Tunnicliff, the legal owner and holder of said note, has by authority of the power in him vested in and by said trust deed, declared the whole of said indebtedness secured by said trust deed to be immediately due and payable, and has requested said trustee to advertise and sell the premises.

Now therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, James H. Bacon, Trustee as aforesaid, will on Saturday, the 20 h day of May, 1893, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and twelve o'clock, noon, of said day, at the front door of the dwelling house on said premises so to be sold, in Provo City, Utah, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, said premises herein before described, together with all the right, title, benefit and equity of redemption of said Jas. Dunn and Martha A. Dunn, his wife, and James F. Dunn, their heirs and assigns thereto, for the purpose of paying said indebtedness, which at that time will amount to forty-two hundred and ninety-four and 20-100 ($4294 and 20-100) dollars, and attorney's fee, and costs of executing this trust, and will make, execute, acknowledge and deliver to the purchasers thereof good and sufficient deed or deeds of conveyance thereto.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Enoch Reese, deceased.

Order to show cause why order of sale of real estate should not be granted.

JOHN H. REESE, THE ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of Enoch Reese, deceased, having filed his petition herein, duly verified, praying for an order of sale of the undivided real estate of said decedent, for the purposes therein set forth, it is therefore ordered by the Probate Court of said county, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, appear before the said Probate Court on Thursday the 18th day of May, 1893, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Court Room of said Probate Court, at the County Court House in the City and County of Salt Lake, Utah Territory, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said administrator, to sell so much of the real estate of the said deceased, at either public or private sale, as may be necessary, and that a copy of this order be published at least four consecutive weeks in the DESERET EVENING NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in said county and county.

Dated April 17th, 1893.

JACOB S. BLAIR, Probate Judge.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the Matter of the Estate of Reuben Hooper, Deceased.

Notice of Time and Place for the Hearing of Petition for Authority to Probate Will.

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF SAID Court, made and entered on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1893, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said matter of the petition of Jennie Hooper, praying that the instrument now on file in said Probate Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of Reuben Hooper, deceased, be admitted to probate, and that said petition will come on for hearing at the Court Room of said Probate Court, in the City and County of Salt Lake, Territory of Utah, on Saturday, the 13th day of May, A. D. 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the probate of said will, or the granting of letters testamentary thereon, if they see proper to do so.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Probate Court, this 11th day of April, A. D. 1893.

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