

will bless and strengthen you and enable you to be true and faithful to your covenants with God that your lives may bear testimony to the restoration of the Gospel in the latter-days.

To all others, who may not have joined the Church of Christ, members of the Church of England, Catholics, Wesleyans, Haubaus, or by whatever name known, we extend our greetings also to you.

We exhort you all to live righteously, abstain from all evil, refrain from adultery, drunkenness, gambling and other vices. Seek to know the mind and will of God our Eternal Father and search the Scriptures diligently that you may learn the truth.

We wish to impress upon the minds of our Maori brethren and sisters that the condition of the Church as a whole depends upon the condition of the individuals composing it; as are its component parts, so it is in its entirety. If the individual members of a people are wise, just, intelligent, honest, honorable and pure, that community will be distinguished among its fellows by those peculiar virtues. To apply the lesson to ourselves, each one for himself, if we wish to see the Church of Christ prepared as a bride for the Savior, we must individually live our religion and exemplify in our own lives, those virtues which we know must adorn the bride before she can enter the presence of the Lord. This matter of personal purity, faith, diligence and good works is one that we cannot delegate to our neighbor or place on the shoulders of other men and women; but each must do his duty, each bear his own responsibilities, each set his own house in order, each magnify his calling, each live near unto God if he expects God to draw near unto him.

Be it our lot to live as Saints, to maintain every principle of virtue, of honor, of truth and integrity, to keep sacred the covenants we have made with God and with each other, and to obey in all things the word of the Lord. So shall we and our families be blessed of the Lord in time and throughout the eternities that are to come.

We are pleased to recognize the faithful and earnest labors of many of the Elders who have returned from New Zealand and who have organized themselves into a society called "Zion's Maori Association." Semi-annual reunions of this association are held, thus enabling the Elders to meet their old associates and also the families and friends of those who are now laboring amongst you. Weekly meetings also are held which are conducted in the Maori tongue, and two of the Elders meet with our Maori Saints at each gathering. Elder Hirini Whanga and others who have gathered to Zion are still residing in Salt Lake City and they are very zealous in attending their meetings. They also continue to labor faithfully in God's holy Temple for the salvation of their dead. We understand that Brother Hirini writes many encouraging letters each month to his friends and relatives in Maoriland.

For many months past a committee consisting of Elders B. Goddard, Ezra T. Stevenson, John M. Hendry and Sondra Sanders have been busy translating into the Maori language a pamphlet entitled "The Latter-day Saints." Part of it is now finished and in the hands of the printer. Zion's Maori As-

sociation has decided to publish five thousand copies which will be forwarded to New Zealand as soon as completed. We feel confident that this tract will prove a valuable aid in spreading the Gospel in that part of the Lord's vineyard in which you live.

One of the most interesting gatherings held during the past year was our Polynesian Re-union. A committee consisting of Elders John T. Caine representing the Hawaiian, W. O. Lee, representing the Samoan, B. Goddard, representing the New Zealand, James S. Brown, representing the Tahitian, and Alvin Butler representing the Tongan missions, with Elder Jos. H. Dean as secretary, was appointed and about a thousand Saints and returned Elders responded to the invitation.

In addition to boating and other sports, an excellent program was rendered and Elders from the various groups of Islands gave addresses, sang songs, etc., in the language of their respective missions and in various ways illustrated the customs of the natives. New Zealand was well represented by Hirini, Mere and Apikara Whanga and families, who took part in the exercises.

We hear favorable reports of your Sunday Schools and other institutions, and we feel to abundantly bless the brethren and sisters who so diligently and faithfully labor therein for the instruction of our youth. We desire to encourage all engaged in these duties to continue with unabated zeal and disinterestedness in these labors of love and mercy, that the institutions under their charge may rise to yet greater heights of excellence and usefulness and the scope of their influence for good continually increase, and upon parents we urge the wisdom and desirableness of fostering by their faith, influence and example these admirable institutions for the benefit of their children.

God bless you and all the friends of Zion with peace and happiness in this world and, in the world to come, with everlasting life, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Your brethren in the Lord,

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WHARE MAHI O TE TIMUAKITANGA
TUATAHITANGA O TE MAHI O IHU
KARAHI O TE HUNGATAPU O MURI
NEI.

SALT LAKE CITY,

Pepuere 17th, 1897.

E nga teina me nga tuahine, i roto i te Rongopai o Ihu Karaiti, Tena ra koutou katoa.

E tumanako rawa ana matou mo to koutou huiatau e haere tata mai ana; e tu ai ki Wairarapa; ara, kia nui nga mianaakitanga a te Atua e tau mai ki runga ki a koutou katoa.

Ka nui to matou pai i to matou korero pukapuka, mo to koutou kaha, me to te iwi Maori katoa atawhai ki nga tangata katoa e noho ana e haere ana ranei i waenganui i a ratou, ara, mo to koutou tikanga whakamanuhiri tenei korero. Kua korero mai hoki nga Kaumatua kua hoki mai nei i Niu Tirene mo te timo nga tangata e haere ana, me te pai hoki o te wairua i roto tonu i a koutou i ia huiatau i ia huiatau. Na, e mea ana matou, Nui noa atu nga tangata era

e tae atu ki te huiatau ki Papawai, hunga tapu, kaumatua, ano hoki. Kua rongo ano hoki matou, he nui nga tangata Maori, kahore nei i roto i te Hahi e uru ai ki te awhina ki te hapai i te mahi whakarite mea mo taua huiatau. Na, ka nui to matou aroha, to matou whakapai i a ratou, me to matou whakapai ano hoki i to tatou hoa aroha, i a Tamahau mo tona kaha ki te hapai i taua mahi whakamanuhiri i te hungatapu. Na reira he nui nei to matou aroha me ta matou mihi atu ki a koutou katoa.

Na, e mihi ana matou ki te Hungatapu, ara, kia manaaki kia whakakaha te Atua i a koutou hei whakau i a koutou ki roto ki te pono, ki o koutou kawenata ano hoki kua kawenata na koutou ki te aroaro o te Atua; kia rite o koutou haere ki ta koutou e ki nei, ara, kua whakahokia mai te Rongopai pono ki te ao i enei nga ra o muri nei. Kati.

Na, he kupu hoki ta matou ki era atu katoa o koutou kahore ano kia uru mai ki te Hahi o Ihu Karaiti, ara, ki nga mema o te hahi o Ingarangi, ki nga Katorika, ki nga Wetarana, ki nga Hauhou, otira ki nga hahi katoa ko wai, ko wai ranei o ratou ingoa. Ka mihi atu matou ki a koutou, Tena ra koutou katoa.

Ka tohutohu matou ki a koutou kia tika ra to koutou noho, Whakarearea katoatia nga kino; Kauaka e puremu; kauaka e haurangi; kauaka hoki e petipeti me era atu tu kino. Rapua, kia mohio koutou ki ta te Atua, ki ta te Matua ora tonu hiahia, ki tana hoki e pai ai mo koutou. Kia kaha hoki koutou ki te rapu i nga karapiture kia mohio koutou ki te pono ki te tika. Kati.

E mea ana matou kia maharatia tonutia e koutou, e o matou teina e o matou tuahine Maori, tenei mea, ara, ka rite te ahua o te Hahi ki te ahua o nga tangata i roto nei i a ia; ki te kaha nga tangata ka kaha hoki te aua o te Hahi. Ki te mea he tangata whai whakaaro ia mema ia mema, he tangata tika, tangata mohio, honore, tapu, ka mohiotia taua iwi katoa e te tangata, ara, he iwi pera ano ratou. Na, kei roto i tenei, tetahi mea hei akoranga mo tatou katoa, mo ia tangata ano, mo ia tangata ano o tatou. Penei, ki te hiahia tatou ki te kite i te Hahi o Ihu Karaiti ano he wahine marena hou kua rite rawa nei ki te whakatau i te Kai whakaora, i te Karaiti; na, ki te penei to tatou hiahia, me rite rawa to tatou haere ki nga tikanga o tenei karakia tapu o tatou, kia kua i roto i a tangata, i a tangata o tatou nga pai katoa e mohio nei tatou kei roto i te wahine marena hou e mea ana ki te haere ki te aroaro o tona Ariki. Na, kahore e taea, ara, ma tetani hoa o tatou aua mea te whakarite mo tatou, ara, te mahi tapu, te whakapono, te kaha, me nga mahi pai katoa; kaure hoki e taea, ma tetahi tangata, tane, wahine ranei, o tatou wahanga te waha. Engari, ma tenei tangata ma tenei tangata tana mahi, tana mahi, ma ia tangata ma ia tangata tana wananga. E waha, tona where e whakapai, tona karangatanga e whakanui; a ki te mea ia kia whakatata te Atua ki a ia, me whakatata ia ki te Atua. Kati.

Hei tino hunga tapu ano tatou, e hapai ana i nga tikanga tapu katoa, tikanga honore, tikanga pono, tikanga whai kaha. Hei mea tapu ano nga kawenata kua kawenata nei tatou ki te aroaro o te Atua, ki te aroaro ano hoki o tenei o tenei, o tatou. Kia ngawari ano hoki tatou ki nga kupu katoa a te Atua. Na, ki te penei tatou, ka ma-