

## THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

During the past six months your columns were earnestly perused. We consider it a great blessing that we can confess that the murders, suicides, distress and general trouble among all nations are only fulfilling the predictions of our beloved Prophet.

Another term has rolled around, bringing with it consolation unto us all—some have cause to be cheerful because of their soon returning to Zion, others on account of their advancement in the native tongue. Among the foreign Elders and Sisters there has been an unusual spell of sickness, for unknown reasons; although at present good health is enjoyed and appreciated by all. The Hawaiians are full of diseases. They are demoralizing themselves by encouraging elements which develop germs of degenerations.

There has not been a superabundance of rain, but the season will compare favorably with years past.

For years our dwelling houses at Laie have been inadequate to accommodate all the missionaries. Besides, the greater part of them were erected long enough ago to render them unsafe in a violent storm. The traveling Elders at conference time have had to seek lodging among the natives. On the evening of the 29th of August the corner stone of a new mission house was laid with suitable ceremonies. In the stone an artificial cavity was made sufficiently large to conceal a paper containing the names of the foreign missionaries; also a newspaper with a discourse delivered by President Wilford Woodruff at St. George, treating upon the Lamanites, the descendants of Father Lehi. According to the design the building will greatly beautify the surroundings at Laie, and afford commodious quarters for Elders engaged in both the temporal and spiritual part of the mission. The architectural work done by President Noall is very creditable. It is estimated that the structure will be completed by the first of January. It contains a dining room, kitchen, prayer room, six dwelling rooms, and seven bed rooms. The basement of a large tower facing the ocean will be set apart as a private council room. For twenty feet from the foundation the tower is octagonal form. The carpenter work is being done exclusively by the Elders and reduces the expenses of the edifice to the mere cost of the material.

## SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF HONOLULU BRANCH OCT. 2, 1892.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock a. m., her majesty, the Queen, was ushered into the church and comfortably seated upon the stand which had been previously prepared for the occasion. The minister of the interior, also two ladies and a gentleman, accompanied her majesty. When the Queen arrived at the church the congregation arose and sang; "Hawaii Ponoi."

After the sacrament was administered the following Elders addressed the meeting: S. S. Hammond, President Noall and A. J. Davis. The Queen and all present seemed to feel that their visit had not been in vain. Good order prevailed, the only inconvenience being the lack of room.

At two o'clock p. m. the house was

again filled to overflowing. J. B. Hawke, Jas. M. Horne and several native Elders were the speakers.

In the evening the Honolulu Sunday school gave a review of their labors which was gratifying.

The conference was the largest that has been held in Honolulu for several years.

## THE HAWAIIAN CONFERENCE

of the Sandwich Islands convened on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of October, at Laie, President Matthew Noall presiding. On the stand were seventeen foreign Elders and seven sisters. Over five hundred natives present on the occasion was the representation from the different branches.

Two days were set apart for general conference meetings of the Saints, in which the chief topics dwelt upon were the reports of the representatives and traveling missionaries, the condition of the Saints during the past term, their journeyings, etc.; why Elders forsake their homes, in obedience to the laws of God, to redeem fallen man; two great powers, one striving to build up, the other working to destroy; restoration of the Gospel, ancient prophets spoke of it, to be revealed through an angel, being upon the earth in these last days with all the gifts, etc., that was enjoyed in the Gospel dispensations; impossible to enter into the rest of our Lord and not understand it; second coming of Christ, what will precede His coming; the destiny of the wicked; what people He will first visit; Laie Plantation, as a gathering place to prepare prior to going to Zion, the inducements afforded; fulfillment of the predictions of Jeremiah concerning the children of Israel; amusements, not right to encourage all kinds; Joseph Smith as a fulfiller of Bible and Book of Mormon prophecies; Brigham's right to succeed Joseph; singing, an indispensable exercise in the organizations; Church of God, to purify the nations of the earth. The Melchisedek and Aaronic Priesthoods were thoroughly discussed in Priesthood meeting. The value of the former, what it consists of, that it is not a new thing, and that man cannot attain to the knowledge which will admit him to the presence of God without it, how it was conferred upon Joseph Smith, what the duties are of those who have received it upon these islands, and the mode of officiating in it—all were plainly set forth.

The Y. M. M. I. A. conference was called to order by James M. Horne. President Noall explained the value of this organization: To enable its members to obtain a knowledge of God's work, to prepare them to advocate the Gospel, to become familiar with the things pertaining to this earth, to make the ignorant wise, to be able to contend against sin and to discourage that which is degrading. Kekuewa Nakuaau interested the members for a short time with the Book of Mormon chart, after which the delegates reported the condition of the different improvement meetings. Term report was read by Moke Makuaau. The prepared programme being interspersed with songs, etc., made the conference a grand success. The general officers were sustained. The local officers for the ensuing term are: A. J. Davis, president; I. F. Fisher

and Isaac H. Grace, counselors; Moke Makuaau, secretary; Matthew Noall, treasurer.

At the Sabbath school conference John T. Giles presided. Charles Broad treated the "Prophecy of Joseph Smith the Prophet given in the year 1832," and Moke Makuaana gave good instructions "Pertaining to Temples." The various officers reported as to their respective schools. There were a variety of exercises, all aiming to produce good morale. Term report was read by Moke Nakuaau, and the report of the treasurer was read by Mathew Noall. The general officers were supported. The local officers for following term are: John T. Giles, president; J. J. Johnson and Hyrum DeFries, counselors; Moke Nakuaau, secretary; Matthew Noall, treasurer;

A general review of the Y. M. M. I. A. will be held in April, 1893, consisting of songs, etc. Each association will be entitled to enter and contest for the best solo, quartette and an essay on the life of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. Presents will be given to the best and next best.

A general review of the Sunday schools will also be held in April, 1893. Gifts will be awarded to those best prepared. All prizes will be according to the judgment of the committee on arrangements. The members of the two organizations seem to be quite zealous of the reviews.

## RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The sisters marched two abreast from Lanikuli to the meeting house carrying banners bearing inscriptions appropriate for the society. A whole day was allotted them to exhibit. The principal subjects were: "The Life of Rebecca;" "Life of Sarah, the wife of Abraham;" "Life of Esther;" "Duties of Women;" "Value of the Relief Society;" "Training Children," and "Life of Eliza R. Snow." Libbie Noall was listened to with great interest because of her fluent speaking in the native tongue.

The general officers were sustained. Local officers for the coming term, Libbie Noall, president; with all the foreign sisters as her aids; Kekuewa Nakuaau, Kahuhu, Kaluaplaia and Nialani, counselor; Kekuewa Nakuaau, secretary.

## OFFICERS AND STATISTICS.

The names of the general authorities of the Church were presented and sustained.

Appointments—Matthew Noall was sustained as president of the Hawaiian mission, with all the foreign Elders as his counselors; C. D. Harding, Church recorder and clerk of conference; John Brown, bookkeeper and store keeper; J. J. Johnson, foreman of the Laie plantation; Joseph H. Thurber, assistant; C. D. Harding, school teacher; Helen Grace, assistant school teacher; Hyrum De Fries, president of the island of Kauai; John Smith, assistant; John T. Giles, president of the island of Oahu; H. E. Duffin and Kailiuh assistants; A. J. Davis, president of the branch of Honolulu; Irvin F. Fisher, president of the islands of Maui and Molokai; Isaac H. Grace, Nawahine and Kamaawe, assistants; J. B. Hawkes, president of the islands of Hawaii; R. H. Duffin, Henry Hotendorf, Nola, Stephen Keeler and Keana, assistants.