Correspondence.

42 Istricton, Laie, Oahu, S. I. April 20, 1870. litor Descret News-Dear Brother:

Knowing that you have great interest in regard to the prosperity and perpetuity of the Gospel among the people of these Islands, I venture to write a little more about things here.

A conference was held here on the 6th, 7th, and 10th of this month, there

being a good attendance, quite a num-ber having come from other islands.

In the opening remarks, bro. Nebeker said he felt gratified to meet the saints in conference and to conference and

said he felt gratified to meet the saints in conference and to see the improvements they were making, not only in obedience but in their dress, they being better clad than heretofore.

The condition of the mission at the present time and prospects for its future development are encouraging. The saists in Zion are progressing, which should stimulate us to renewed diligence in the cause in which we are engaged.

The reports of the native elders who had returned from their missions to the several islands to attend conference, were very flattering. Kaleohana, who visited Kausi, baptized 38 and rebap-

visited Kausi, baptized 38 and rebap-tized 30, making in all 360 members on that island. The lukewarm spirit pervading the membe son Hawaii heretofore, seems to have been eradicated; and the elders who lately returned from there, had good success, having baptized 30 new members. Other elders reported layor-

Eleven elders were called to go to the different islands in this group to preach.

Benjamin Cluff was released at the conference to return home and William King appointed to take his place. Daring conference, 19 persons were

baptized and confirmed. Mr. Gibson has again made a "fizzle" in his speculative matters: he returned, some time ago, from California accom-panied by a few families whom he had duped into the belief that the Sandwich Islands were under his thumb and that mammoth cash was to be coined on "his estate." Each man was to have 12 acres of the best tillable land to cultivate with good, efficient teams, and farming utensis to carry on the same. Thus induced, a small colony of 30 or more persons were transplanted from the Golden State to the dignity of pedestrians on the volcanic isle. But what an "angelic" fall was there! The sun C. ADOLPHE LOW & Co. arose beautiful and warm with a gentle breeze, and with it the new colony were up and sallied forth to hear the song of the morning tark and survey the prespects, which before, in imagination, were like the "palace by the lake of Como;" but a blighting wind just then prevailed and they for the first time found themselves completely sold. A few scrawney cows without horns, mules with all ears, oxen so poor that they had to lean against the wall to breathe, plows with but one or no handle at all, while the land seemed equally as dejecting as were the prospects before them. Some have feturned to California and the others are at hard service in Houolulu to raise means to take them there.

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About all the natives who formerly sustained Gibson, have left him. Some just recently came here and expressed a determination to renew their diligence in the Church, being satisfied with the evil intentions of Gibson.

Our little colony seems jubilant and not at all discouraged because our friends do not use more sugar and have a large supply on hand. The cane we are now cultivating seems to have understood the fact and hence it has not grown very rapidly of late; but by the time the people are ready for a new supply, the mill will commence operations; but don't tell the people, when the next supply is sent, that it was manufactured by missionaries; and, in the mean time, would it not be an excellent idea to manufac-ture a few hundred hogsheads of vine-gar and send to the Territory to counteract the everstock of sugar? for we can, I believe, deliver that article to the

Bro. Nebeker and family, accompanied by Benjamin Ciuff and family and a bro. Davidson, will start home about the 1st of May, the former on a visit and to attend to business for the good of the mission here. The health of our colony is generally good.

merchants there as "cheap as it can be

With respects to yourself and J. F. Smith, in which the brethren join. I remain yours truly, H. H. CLUFF.

Since writing the above, I learn that the company who were in with Gibson, have entered a suit against him, and that he is disposing of the "estate" to evade the law.

H. H. C.

A great polar expedition is being pre-pared in Sweden for the years 1871 and 1872, under the direction of Prof. Nor-denskield, the celebrated scientific lea-der of the Swedish expedition of 1868. Parry's attempt to reach the pole by pushing on to the north of Spitzbergen is to be repeated, and it is proposed to winter on one of the Seven islands. Prof. Nordenskjeld intends to proceed to Greenland this summer to purchase dogs for the sledges and procure some necessary information.

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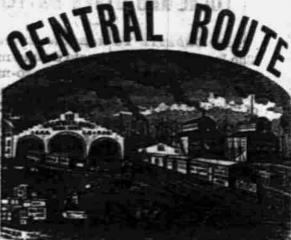
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