

until April, 1896, and then went to conference again in Randolph County, West Virginia.

My next companion was Joseph M. Green; and we were assigned to labor in Fulton County, Penn. and Allegany County, Md.

From there I was moved into Hampshire County, West Virginia, and Elder G. W. Parrish was my companion. We labored in Hampshire County from the last of June until the last of September, and then went to conference at Pratt, Md.

There I was given Heber T. Robertson for my companion and was directed to travel without money to pay my railroad fare to my field of labor, which was Rockville, Montgomery, Maryland.

Brother Robertson and myself traveled together one week, when I received a letter telling me to meet Elder Nathan A. Thomas and Heber D. Hogan at the railroad depot and for me to take one and Brother Robertson the other. I took Brother Heber D. Hogan for my partner and went to labor in Harford County Maryland. We went to Washington D. C., from there to Baltimore and to Bel Air, the county seat of Harford County and landed there at sun down, not knowing anybody in the town. We felt like we were a couple of sheep that had strayed away from the flock and got lost, but we determined to do our duty and to find a place for the night. We started out, and the first place we struck was a minister's house. We told him who we were and what our business was and that we were looking for a place to stay for the night; but the answer we received was that he didn't have room for us. We gave him a tract and bade him good night. We then called at a number of other places and they received our tracts but refused to keep us. One man said he would pay for lodging one of us if we could get any one to pay for the other. We visited a few more families but all in vain, and it was getting late. We were then told where there was a lady who kept a boarding house, and we made for that place and found shelter for the night.

The next morning we called to see the right-hand man of the town and got permission to distribute tracts. We next went to see the secretary of the school board, and he refused us the school houses. We then called on the judge to get the court house. He told us we would have to get permission from the commissioners and we have only found one of them yet. Next we called to see the newspaper man but he was not in, and his son told us there would be no chance to get a hall from him unless we had the money to pay for it. So then we commenced tracting the town, and being refused a night's lodging twenty times, and it being ten o'clock at night and people all going to bed, we were not feeling any too good about it; but we still had faith, and seeing a light in an upstairs window, we made for it. There we found shelter for the night. Since that time we have been traveling from house to house in the county distributing tracts, holding meetings and talking with the people everywhere we could. We called on one minister to get his church to hold some meetings in, and he told us he would let every other denomination have his church before he would the Mormons. I tried to get to talk with him on the Gospel, but he said he didn't want to talk to us, so we bade

him good day and left. Another minister said he didn't want to talk to us, for he was afraid he would lose what little religion he did have; still another we called to see came to the door to meet us; I told him who we were and gave him a tract. He started to shut the door and I commenced talking to him, but he would not invite us into his house. At another place we called to get a church; the trustee said he would have to get permission from his minister, so he wrote to his minister about it and the answer he received was as follows:

"Jarrettsville, Maryland, January 14, 1897. Mr. Lorenzo Blaney, The Rocks, Maryland. Dear Brother:—I am sorry I cannot give my consent for those young men to preach in our church. They call themselves Latter day Saints but they are full fledged Mormons. Yours in Christ, C. W. Wolf."

That is the way it has been ever since we have been in this county, but we are still hard at work and gaining lots of nice friends. Some are investigating the Gospel and we feel assured that there are some here who will join us before very long. Today we are stopping with an old forty-niner that went to California during the gold excitement. His name is Thomas Care, and Postoffice address, Hickory, Harford County, Maryland. He also spent the winter of 'fifty-two in Salt Lake City, and then went back to California. While he was there working during the years of '53, '54 and '55, he boarded with a family by the name of Thatcher—the father and mother of Moses Thatcher. He says he is well acquainted with Moses Thatcher and his brothers, and would like very much to see them once more.

It has been storming very hard all day. Last week was the coldest week we have had here this winter; but we have been blessed with a good place to stay every night.

Your valuable paper comes regularly and is read with interest.

E. TANNER, JR.
Clerk of Conference.

CONFERENCE IN MAORIDOM.

PAHIATUA, Wairarapa, New Zealand,
January 20, 1897.

Knowing that most of the readers of your paper are interested in the different missions throughout the world, I here with send you an account of the quarterly conference of the Saints residing in the Wairarapa district, held in Kohonui, December 24th, 26th, and 27th, 1896.

The following Elders from Zion were present: H. Lee Bradford, Robert A. Fenton, George Jarvis, Charles J. Peterson and Hans Peterson.

December 24th. After the opening exercises, President Bradford made some timely remarks.

Eroha Te Maari, president of Kohonui branch, reported the same in good condition, and believed the heart and soul of his sheep was in doing the work of God. He spoke at some length on the principles and ordinances of the Gospel.

In the afternoon session, Aporo Kumeroa, president of Papawai branch, reported the same in good condition; said it was not as a limbless man, but that it had good arms and legs, for its officers were alive to their duties. He then spoke concerning the apostasy, showing the Gospel had not always been

upon the earth, but that it had been restored to us in this the dispensation of the fulness of times.

Retni Tamihani addressed the congregation, his subject being the first principles and salvation for the dead.

Elder Charles J. Peterson addressed the Saints, his subject being the life of Christ.

In the evening meeting Te Hamaiwahao, president of Parnako branch, reported the same in good condition and bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the work.

Paratini Tui expressed himself as being highly pleased with the privilege of meeting with the Saints on this occasion; said we were of the house of Israel, and had received the Gospel as soon as presented. Quoted Matthew 5: 18, and spoke of prophecies which must yet come to pass.

Elder George Jarvis addressed the congregation with words of counsel and good cheer, bore a strong and faithful testimony to the divinity of the work and exhorted all to stand upon the rock of truth.

On the 25th, Christmas day, the Saints met for Karakia at seven a. m., after which the day was given up to social amusements. The committee on amusements formulated a program which was carried out during the morning, and all enjoyed themselves very much.

At 2:30 p. m., dinner was announced, which consisted of all the good things that could be asked for. There were joints of beef, pork and mutton, also geese, roasted to a turn, fish of different kinds, also eels and shellfish, plum puddings, cakes and pies, jams, sauces blanc mange, etc., the whole of which, even to the bread, which was first class, was made and cooked by our host and hostess, Brother and Sister Eroaha Te Maari, and proves them to be masters of the art of cooking.

One hundred and three people sat at the first table, and it was necessarily spread the second time, to accommodate all present.

After dinner was over, a few horses were brought out, and were put through their paces, to the delight of the assembled throng, and the day was voted a decided success.

At 8 p. m. the Saints assembled in the Whare Karakia, and all joined in singing "Jesus Mighty King of Zion." The 7th chapter of Acts was then read, after which our heartfelt thanks were offered to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings bestowed upon us. Thus, a happy day, and one long to be remembered, was brought to a close.

December 26th meetings were held in the forenoon and afternoon, the time being fully taken up on business pertaining to the April Hui Tau.

At 8 p. m. a Priesthood meeting of the District was called and among the questions brought forward for consideration was, that of holding the Europeans annual conference separate from that of the Maoris. After the subject had been fully discussed, the Maoris conceded the right to the European Saints to hold their meetings to themselves, where there could understand all that was being said, without the aid of interpreters.

Sunday December 27th morning session convened at 10 a. m. Singing "Oh My Father," prayer by Eroha Te Maari; Singing.

Elder Robert A. Fenton addressed the congregation. He spoke upon the sub-