

halted in front of us and each person stepped forward and laid down a present consisting of one taro or one chicken. When this was over a "siva" or native dance was given, the young men performing first and the young ladies following. Our boat crew from Upolu then performed their "siva." The whole was a pleasing sight, and was performed very gracefully, and was rendered in good time. The programme concluded with a shooting contest by the school children, with bows and arrows.

In the evening a very pleasant time was had listening to the young folks sing their "vil," or songs of praise. The missionaries aided their quota to the musical exercises.

On the morning of Sunday, Oct. 23d, the first meeting of our conference was held in the Saleaula meeting house, commencing at eight o'clock. Jos. H. Carpenter, Pres. of the Savii branch, was in charge. The missionaries present were Pres. Geo. E. Browning, J. H. Carpenter, H. L. Bassett, C. H. Bridges, A. Twitcheil, Jos. W. Merrill, Geo. McCune, C. R. Thomason and C. W. Poole.

After singing and prayer President George E. Browning addressed the meeting, illustrating the importance of accompanying our faith with works. President Carpenter followed.

A Sunday school meeting was held commencing at 10 o'clock a.m., President Carpenter presiding. He offered a few words of welcome to the parents of the children and to all who had assembled to witness the exercises. Pupils of President Carpenter's class came to the stand and quoted several passages of scripture bearing on the Gospel, and made explanatory remarks on the same. Elder Merrill's class then went through some exercises consisting of questions and answers. After this the whole school recited in concert the Articles of Faith. The roll was then called, and after singing, the benediction was pronounced by Brother Falelua.

In the afternoon another meeting was held. Elder C. H. Bridges addressed the congregation, exhorting the Saints to be faithful. Elder George McCune was the next speaker.

A testimony meeting was held in the evening. President Carpenter presided and counseled the Saints to embrace the opportunity of bearing their testimonies. A number responded. At the close a missionary meeting was held, President Carpenter presiding. The Elders spoke in the following order: H. L. Bassett, Geo. McCune, Jos. H. Merrill, C. H. Bridges, C. W. Poole, J. H. Carpenter, C. R. Thomason, A. Twitcheil and President Geo. E. Browning.

At 6 o'clock a.m. on the morrow (Oct. 24) meeting was again held, with a congregation of fifty-seven, President Carpenter presiding. The Church authorities, general and local, were then presented to the conference and sustained by unanimous vote. The semi-annual report of the mission was read and approved. Elder Bassett spoke on characteristics of the Church, also on the subject of "Organization." Elder C. R. Thomason bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel, and dwelt on faith and works. Elder A. Twitcheil also addressed the meeting.

At the afternoon gathering President Carpenter presided and Elder C. W. Poole addressed the congregation. President George E. Browning added a few words.

Conference adjourned for six months.

In the evening we assembled in the meeting house and listened to an interesting programme by the Saleaula school. The exercises consisted of the recitation of English words and their meaning in the Samoan language. A few songs were also sung.

On Tuesday morning, October 25th, the Upolu party, consisting of President George E. Browning, George McCune, H. L. Bassett and the Upolu Saints, left Vaitutu on their return trip to Upolu. The sea was calm and we had a pleasant trip up the coast to the village of Asaga. We remained there for about two hours, when we again set out and reached Safolulafai just before sundown. We stopped here but a few minutes then set out for Upolu. A slight breeze was blowing, so we sailed part of the way. We reached Lalovi, Upolu, at about midnight. At about two o'clock p.m. of the next day, Pres. Browning, H. L. Bassett and two native Saints, Iopa and Tagaloa, left Lalovi in the Church boat Faaaliga bound for Fagailii. We intended to go right through without a stop, but on account of headwinds made but slow progress. We rowed till two o'clock in the morning, when a strong headwind struck us and we ran in at Pulpaa till daylight. At seven o'clock we again started out and reached Fagailii about 9:30 finding all well at the mission house.

H. L. BASSETT, Clerk.

### SISTER ALMIRA GREEN.

I have been requested to forward for publication in the News a few items which are thought of interest to your readers relative to the career of the late Sister Almira Green whose eventful life has been more or less identified with the movements of the Church from her infancy until the time of her recent demise, which cast a deep gloom over the whole settlement in which she resided.

Sister Almira Green was the daughter of Peter I. Mesick and Maria Spencer. She was born at Leyden, Lewis county, New York, on the 8th day of November, 1838. Her father joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while unmarried.

After marriage the father desired to gather with and follow the movements of the body of the church. Almira, who was only four years of age, went with him and followed the meanderings of the Church for the rest of her natural life.

In course of time the father and daughter reached Nauvoo and at the time of the martyrdom lived with the family of Patriarch Hyrum Smith, and shared with the Saints their expulsion from that beloved city.

They participated with them in their sufferings in the cold winter in the wilderness.

When the Immortal Five Hundred were called for by the government, Almira's father was enrolled in the Mormon Battalion and marched through the deserts to defend his country's flag against the aggressions of

Mexico. He left little Almira in the charge of the family of Brother Stephen Winchester, who most nobly discharged their trust, and watched over the child with paternal solicitude.

Having served his time in the battalion the father arrived in Salt Lake valley with Captain James Brown's detachment. Shortly after his arrival here he returned to the east with President Brigham Young and company, where he met the Winchester family and his dear little daughter in good health and all rejoiced to meet each other once again.

They then proceeded to Hunsaker ferry, Atchison county, Missouri, where on the 25th of February, 1848, her father was married to Miss Cynthia Flint, after which the family moved to Salt Lake City.

In the spring of 1851 Almira accompanied her father on a mission to San Bernardino, California. Four years later, at the age of seventeen, she was married to Elder Ammon Green. In 1858 the whole family returned to Utah and finally settled at West Weber, in Weber, where they have ever since resided.

For many months past Sister Green has been much afflicted. She was a great but patient sufferer, and on the 20th of November, 1892, she succumbed to the fell destroyer of life. The more immediate cause of her death was diabetes. She was the mother of thirteen children and thirteen grandchildren. Twelve children and the same number of grandchildren survive her. Her father preceded her to the spirit world several years since.

On Tuesday, the 29th inst., the meeting house at West Weber was filled to its utmost capacity with friends from far and near, who came to participate in the obsequies of their beloved friend. The services were conducted by President Robert McFarland. The speakers were Elders Joseph Hall, Chas. H. Greenwell, President Chas. F. Middleton, Thomas Etherington and Robert McFarland. Each spoke with much fervor and in high terms of appreciation of the godly life of the deceased, of her intrinsic merits as a wife, mother, neighbor and faithful Latter-day Saint. She was never so happy as when she was administering to the happiness of others.

Her loved name will never perish.  
Nor her memory crown the dust.

She is embalmed in the hearts of hundreds who knew her.

An immense cortege followed the remains to the Ogden cemetery where they were laid to repose until the resurrection shall again unite her with her family and the redeemed thousands who shall reign on the earth.

JOSEPH HALL.  
OGDEN, Utah, Nov. 30, 1892.

### THE COAL SWINDLE.

A gentleman of this city, claiming to be familiar with the subject of which he speaks, said today:

"A few years ago a coal operator of extended experience in the east, as owner and manager of coal mines, submitted to the Pleasant Valley Coal company a proposition to operate its coal mines in Winter Quarters Canyon, Emery county, for a period of years, on the following terms: He would