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LAIE, Sandwich Islands, April 25, 1893.—Ninety-eight years ago Kamehameha I. was made master of all the islands in the Sandwich group, with the exception of Kauai and Niihau, and for the Hawaiian islands it was the beginning of a new era. From the death of Kamehameha I. seven kings and one queen have sat upon the Hawaiian throne. In the nineteenth century is the commencement of another new epoch for the Hawaiians. Thus far the change has proven anything but an advantage to either the whites or the natives. The latter yet believe the queen will be reinstalled. The deposed queen, Liliuokalani, may have had reasons to promulgate a new constitution with the consent of her cabinet, while the whites were partially justified in maintaining a provisional government.

It is a fact that the liberality and candor of the Hawaiians is known far and near. They have sacrificed their rights that the foreigners might accumulate wealth. A great proportion of the laws on the statute books have been made through the instrumentality of the moneyed men of the kingdom and for financial purposes. The treaty with the United States was a financial benefit to the sugar planters. Laws were passed to flood the country with pauper labor. Many Chinese and Japanese were also let in. They came here as a plague to the natives, degrading instead of elevating them.

It is an established rule to report semi-annually, the proceedings of the Hawaiian mission. The new mission house at Laie was not completed by the time expected, nevertheless it now stands for its admirers to say that the work of the designer is very creditable. The edifice is on an elevated spot and this displays its beauty to advantage. The building will be a permanent convenience for many years to come and a credit to the Saints in this land. A variety of mechanical work is a marked feature of the new house. There are no two rooms alike.

During the past term the rain fall exceeded many times that of previous years. For several successive days, freshets filled their channels to overflowing, thereby flooding a great percentage of the rice plantations.

The health of the brethren and sisters has been comparatively good, considering the unusual spell of damp

weather. The native Saints are still troubled with disorders. The youth have inherited the diseases of their parents and they are seldom free from ailments.

The traveling Elders have arrived safely at Laie after a sojourn of five months among the natives. They report the Saints financially poorer than they have been for many years. The circumstances of men who depend upon their daily toil are much worse than those who cultivate their taro.

The Hawaiian Conference of the Sandwich Islands convened on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of April at Laie, Elder Matthew Noall presiding. On the stand were fourteen American Elders. The attendance was about as usual. One hundred and forty-five was the number that represented the branches outside of Laie.

The program of meetings was as follows: Wednesday forenoon, afternoon and evening for Sunday school and Y. M. M. I. Association conference; Thursday forenoon and afternoon general conference; Priesthood meeting in the evening; Friday forenoon, general conference; afternoon and evening contest meetings for the Sabbath schools and Y. M. M. I. Associations; Saturday forenoon and afternoon Relief Society conference, an entertainment in the evening; Sunday, general conferences.

April 6th was a special day and its importance was impressed upon the minds of those assembled. The Saints marched two abreast from Lanihuli to the meeting house, led by the Laie band. The meeting house had been previously decorated for the occasion. Facing the congregation were the photographs of the First Presidency. Just below was a large picture of President Brigham Young. On the right of this a picture of the Temple partially finished and on the left a view taken when the capstone was laid in 1892. Six banners bearing inscriptions appropriate for the day were placed in the most conspicuous parts of the hall. The subjects treated by the Elders were: What the earth was created for; nature of the fall; establishment of the Kingdom of God; temples, and the Book of Mormon. All these were plainly set forth. At noon a grand festival for the conference was given in the new house.

John T. Giles presided at the Sabbath school conference. The various officers reported their respective

schools. Elder Giles announced that exhibitions would be held on the different islands during the latter part of the season. Elder Noall spoke upon the difference between the Sabbath schools here and those in Zion. The members there are mostly young, while here the majority are aged. He gave good counsel on the manner of conducting the exercises.

In the Sunday school contest, Maui was awarded first and Laie second prize. The prizes were two framed pictures of one of the temples.

The general officers were sustained. The local officers for the following term are: John T. Giles, president; J. J. Johnson and Hyrum De Fries, counselors; Moke Nakuaau, secretary; Mauew Noall, treasurer.

The Y. M. M. I. A. conference was called to order by A. J. Davis, President, who spoke upon the duties of representatives; the authority of presidents; the general questions to be sent out to the several associations for the ensuing term; the length of meetings, etc.

In the contest meetings of the improvement associations, Maui was decided best and Laie next best. First prize, picture of First Presidency; second prize, picture of Salt Lake Temple.

The general officers were sustained. The local officers are as follows: A. J. Davis, President; I. F. Fisher and I. H. Grace, counselors; Moke Nakuaau, secretary; Matthew Noall, treasurer.

At the Relief Society conference, the sisters met at Lanihuli and were led by the band to the meeting house. Libbie Noall presided. Eight American sisters and the delegates of the society did the preaching. General instructions were given as to the duties of those included in the membership of the society. This is the leading organization in the Hawaiian mission.

The general officers were sustained. Local officers for coming term: Libbie Noall, president, with all the American sisters as her aids; Kekuewa, Kahuhu, Kakuaplana and Nialani, counselors; Kekuewa Kakuau, secretary.

A Primary association was organized in connection with the Relief society. The manner of conducting these meetings as adopted in Zion, will be deemed wise. Libbie Noall was chosen president, Maggie Davis and Lizzie Brown, counselors; Helen