

is also on hand for a fence to be built on the other side—on the line between Laie and the Kaipapau lands. The sea on the northeast and the mountains on the southwest serve as the best possible fence in those directions.

Cane-growing and sugar manufacturing was once a very profitable industry on the Hawaiian Islands, and for years almost every other industry was neglected in its favor, but now the competition in the sugar line is so great that the industry does not pay, unless the cheapest kind of Japanese and Chinese laborers are employed and the best and most modern machinery used in making the sugar, and the article turned out on a large scale. Much of the lands at Laie which has been used for raising cane during the past thirty years, is now run down to such an extent that it cannot produce good crops any longer; hence some of the lower lands have been discarded, and about sixty acres of new and higher lands taken up, which depend almost exclusively upon mountain streams fed by rain water to mature the crops. In order to save and utilize the water, quite an extensive reservoir was built in the Waialele gulch in 1893. A sixteen foot aermotor, with a capacity of 10,000 gallons per minute, has also been imported and built for the purpose of raising water from one of the artesian wells on to higher grounds. During the busiest season from fifty to eighty natives are employed on the plantation; their labors are directed by the manager and his assistant or assistants.

Both men and women are employed and I am specially requested by one of the missionary sisters to record the facts as a point in favor of woman's rights that the women are among the most faithful laborers, and excel many of the men in doing the same kind of work. As an exception to the general rule, but as a true reward of merit, the manager of the plantation has paid for actual work done, and thus the women who worked faithfully got higher wages than some of the men.

The old cane mill, erected in the days of Harvey H. Cluff, has stood idle for about six years. It, together with the blacksmith shop, stands about half a mile south of the mission house.

Our ride along the coast was very interesting to me. A small peninsula extends quite a distance out into the ocean from the grounds on which the village of Laie is situated; and there are three small rock islets a short distance out from the shore.

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LANIHULI, Laie, Oahu, June 4, 1895.

SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Since our last report some months our conference has been strengthened very materially by the arrival of a host of bright energetic beardless youths from Utah.

July 20th and 21st was the time set for us to meet in conference capacity. The place of meeting being Saville Crinschau County, Alabama.

There being no suitable house in which to convene, the Saints and friends kindly offered to erect an arbor for the purpose, which they did with the assistance of Elders G. N. Nelson and G. W. Rogers, who had been previously appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the conference and the com-

fort of the Elders and Saints that might come from a distance.

The unspeakable joy that permeated the bosoms of the Elders as they came in from their respective fields of labor can be much better imagined than described.

Having a number of musicians in our ranks our fame soon spread far and wide, the people gathering for miles to hear us sing as we met to arrange and harmonize our voices preparatory to conference. Some of the good people almost contended about taking us home.

Saturday morning we were delighted to meet probably as large a congregation of well dressed, intelligent looking people as ordinarily convenes upon such occasions. Prominent among them were ministers of different persuasions, doctors, lawyers, merchants, cotton growers, farmers, stockmen and fishermen, indeed it was fitting for such an audience to grace such an occasion.

At "the 4th hour after the 4th watch," the vast assemblage was called to order by Elder Joseph S. Geddes who announced the opening hymn, "how swift the months have passed away, 'tis conference again." Prayer was offered by Elder G. N. Nelson, singing, Come oh thou King of Kings.

An appropriate opening address was made by Elder J. S. Geddes president of the conference, followed by a short but spirited explanation of Faith and Repentance by Elder G. A. Williams. Elder Joseph S. Porter spoke upon Baptism and the Holy Ghost, Elder A. T. Allen following in a brief summary of the first four principles of the gospel.

Elder Joseph A. West, in a discourse of one hour, very beautifully explained the organization of the Church of Christ, the manner of preaching the Gospel anciently, and the importance of such an organization, and the preaching of the Gospel in the day in which we live.

The congregation joined in singing, "We thank thee oh God for a Prophet," and conference was adjourned till two p. m. Benediction by Elder John Watts.

Afternoon.—Singing, "Glorious things of thee are spoken." Prayer by Elder Joseph Larson, after singing, Elder Ephraim Yeates spoke at some length upon the apostasy proving very plainly from holy writ that a complete and universal apostasy was foretold.

Elder G. N. Nelson was the next speaker. In a short discourse of fifteen minutes he very clearly proved from scripture that a restoration of the Gospel should take place.

Elder C. H. Gibson bore a faithful testimony to the restoration of the Gospel.

Elder Edward Newton gave an intelligent explanation of the Godhead and personality of God.

Elder Frank Cutler after delivering a short discourse upon the Gospel very creditably acquitted himself in the rendition of "The Mormon Boy" accompanied in chorus by the Piney Woods Glee Club.

Elders Ira Call, John Watts, D. C. Thomas and Joseph Larson, all bore faithful testimonies to the restoration of the Gospel in the day in which we live.

Elder Elias S. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission, occupied the remaining time of the meeting, speaking upon the plan of salvation and the condition of the world.

After an anthem entitled, "Abiding in

the field," the conference adjourned until ten o'clock Sunday morning.

Ten a. m. Sunday.—After opening exercises, Elder Aaron Hardy delivered a very convincing sermon upon the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon, after which Elder E. S. Kimball gave a powerful discourse upon the cardinal points concerning the Church in question in the world. The anthem "Beautiful are thy flowers" was rendered and conference adjourned till two o'clock.

Two p. m.—Opening exercises over, Elders J. C. Jensen, G. W. Rogers and Brother Peel all made short and interesting remarks. Elder Kimball gave a very interesting historical account of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from its incipency until the present day.

Elder Geddes, in behalf of the South Alabama conference, thanked the Saints and many friends who had labored so assiduously in the erection of the bowery and the labors they had so willingly performed to make the occasion one of success. Be it said to the credit of the Saints and friends of Saville and Brad-leyton, Crenshaw Co., Alabama, that kinder hearted, more hospitable people cannot be found. Especially must this be said of Mr. and Mrs. Esham Bodiford, on whose premises we held conference, and at whose table no less than fifty Elders, Saints and friends have sat at one meal during conference; also of Brother and Sister E. B. Dorman and many others whose names will ever live in the memory of the Elders of Israel.

For the benefit or pleasure of the good people of Crenshaw we gave a free open air concert which consisted of songs, duets, trios, quartets, quintets, select readings, recitations, instrumental music etc. and while we did not acquire ourselves as creditably as we could have wished owing to hoarseness, through much preaching, yet the people positively aver that they never before heard singing that pleased them so.

Our much esteemed president, Elder Elias S. Kimball, remained with us in counsel meeting all day Monday, and while listening to the many words of instruction as they fell from his lips, directed by the Spirit of God, we could not but say in our hearts, "of a surity do we know thou art a servant of the Lord." The testimonies borne by the Elders and Saints were mingled with tears of joy and sadness. Joy for the honor they felt in being considered worthy to be called servants of God; sadness to know that they would so soon have to give the parting hand.

There are at this writing fourteen who have joined the Church in Crenshaw Co; and many who have been blinded through prejudice as Paul was, are having the scales removed from their eyes and are beginning to see the truth, judging from the many pressing invitations that Elder Joseph A. West and I have received since conference to "preach and eat chicken" and are persuaded that there may yet be many more good, honest souls added to the fold of Christ.

In conclusion we are pleased to state that with but few exceptions good health prevails among our little band of twenty-four Elders, all of whom I have learned to love dearer than life. Mothers may well be proud of their noble sons. Continue to teach them the Gospel, send them to the academies, also teach