

at Laie) was held in Honolulu on Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st and 2nd.

The conference in Honolulu was favored this time by an unusually large attendance of the foreign Elders, eleven of whom, together with three sisters, were present. During this conference also, two evening sessions were held (on Saturday and Sunday evenings) at which reviews were given by the Sabbath schools and Young People's associations of the Laie and Honolulu branches. The programs prepared were replete with instructive Gospel lessons, were well arranged, and admirably rendered before an overflowing and appreciative house. These associations, together with the Honolulu branch choir (of over 30 voices) are deserving of worthy commendation for their untiring zeal and diligence in the preparation of these exercises, and for the marked degree of improvement and success achieved thereby.

General conference of the relief societies of the Hawaiian mission was also held in Honolulu on the forenoon of Sept. 30th, with the general president and a goodly number of the leading officers of the society in attendance. The general officers sustained at this conference for the coming six months are as follows: Sister Libbie Noail, president, with all of the missionary sisters as her counselors, together with Kekuewa, Kahuhu, Kaluapalasa and Nialauli as aids, and Kekuewa Nakuaau as secretary with Ruth Kaubine as assistant, and Matthew Noail treasurer.

The general conference of Sabbath schools and Young People's Associations of the islands was likewise held at Honolulu this time, convening on the afternoon of October 2nd, and was moderately well attended. The officers of these associations, sustained for the ensuing terms are: Elder H. E. Duffin, general president of Sunday schools, with Elders H. De Fries and M. M. Harmon as his counselors; Moses Nakuaau as secretary, Samuel Lua, assistant secretary; and M. Noail, treasurer. For the Young People's Association: Elder A. J. Davis was sustained as general president with Elders I. H. Grace and Thomas Brimley as his counselors; Moses Nakuaau as general secretary; Samuel Lu, assistant secretary; and M. Noail as treasurer.

The general October conference of the Hawaiian mission convened at Laie on the 6th of October at 10 a.m. President Matthew Noail called the conference to order. There was a full attendance of the foreign and native missionaries from the beginning, but a light attendance of lay members during the first day's meetings. A number of native missionaries gave brief reports of their labors during the past term, the balance of the time being occupied by Elders Walter Scholes and Wm. H. Thompson.

The greater part of the afternoon session was also occupied by native missionaries in giving in brief reports of their labors. Elders H. De Fries and H. N. Hottendorf spoke briefly during the meeting, and Elder Noail presented before the conference the names of the general authorities of the Church which were unanimously sustained by the vote of the people.

October 7.—A Primary Association (the first on the islands) was organized here at Laie at the beginning of this term; and this forenoon was devoted to the interests of that organization. The children and their parents began to assemble at the new mission house at 9:30 a.m.; and at 10 o'clock marched to the meeting house, where services were opened by the children singing the primary hymn, "Come, Children Come." Prayer was offered by one of their number, Adolph Hottendorf. "In our lovely Deseret" was sung by the children; the roll was called, and the minutes of the first Primary meeting held on these islands were read. A number of exercises were then rendered by the children in a very satisfactory manner before a large and highly interested audience.

The general officers at home and the local officers here of these associations were then presented and unanimously sustained, the local officers being as follows: Sister Libbie Noail, president, with all the missionary sisters as counselors and Milama as assistant; John Kumulau as secretary and Kepa as assistant secretary; Tillie Brown, treasurer, and Helen Grace, florist.

The term report was read and approved; a few encouraging remarks were made by Elders Noail and Fisher; "We are the children of the Saints" was then sung; prayer was offered by one of the children—Hamana, and then closed the first Primary conference on these islands.

Sunday, October 8th.—Closing day. General conference convened at 10 a.m. After the usual opening exercises, two children were blessed. Five native Elders, together with Elder Brown, were the speakers of the forenoon.

At 2:30 p.m. the closing and most interesting session of conference was called to order by Elder Brown, and after the usual opening exercises the following speakers addressed the congregation: H. E. Duffin, I. H. Grace, Jno. T. Giles, J. J. Johnson, J. B. Hawks and I. F. Fisher. Elder Noail then read the financial and statistical reports for the term.

Elder Matthew Noail was sustained as president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the Hawaiian Islands, with John Brown, Isaac H. Grace, A. J. Davis, Melvin Harmon, Walter Scholes, Thos. Brimley, Wm. Thompson, Libbie Noail, Maggie Davis, Helen Grace, Lizzie Brown and Alice Harmon as assistants and as missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Hawaiian Islands. Melvin Harmon clerk of conference.

The ecclesiastical appointments for the coming term were then unanimously sustained as follows: Elder H. De Fries as president of the conference on the island of Hawaii, with Thos. Brimley and S. Kailimai as assistants in the districts of Hilo and Puna; Beni Pahao in Hamakua; A. Kihulu in Kohala; and James W. Bush in Kona and Kau.

Elder A. J. Davis as president of the Maui and Kauai conferences, with Elders Wm. H. Thompson and J. Kapa as assistant; on West Maui; John Smith on East Maui; Lima on North Kauai, and Nihipili on South Kauai.

Elder H. E. Duffin as president of the Oahu conference, with Elder

Walter Scholes; M. Nakuaau and Kalo as traveling assistants on Oahu. Elder Duffin was also appointed as president of the Honolulu branch, with Charles Broad as his counselor, and Peter Makia as assistant missionary for Honolulu.

John Brown as president of the Laie branch, with Isaac H. Grace as first and Melvin Harmon as second counselor; Melvin Harmon, clerk; Samuel Lua, music director.

#### BRANCH APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

M. Harmon, president of Laie Sunday school, with L. B. Nalnoa as first and Samuel Lua as second counselor.

Kanthonui, president of the M. I. association of Laie, with Hawahine as first and Kahiona as second counselor.

Kapo, president of the Relief society, with Nawaaloloa as first and Kai as second counselor.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

Melvin Harmon school teacher, with Helen Grace assistant.

#### HOME MISSIONARIES.

Kaleohano, Nohi, Kapela, Kanuwal, Keohoku Harvey, Pele, and Kaine.

#### TEMPORAL APPOINTMENTS.

Matthew Noail, manager, Laie plantation; Isaac H. Grace, assistant; Libbie Noail, bookkeeper; Maggie Davis, storekeeper; Lizzie Brown and Alice Harmon, assistants in general duties.

#### RELEASES.

Irvin F. Fisher, John J. Johnson, John T. Giles, J. B. Hawke, Henry N. Hottendorf and Katie Hottendorf.

President Noail closed the conference with words of commendation for the native missionaries who have been laboring during the past term, and exhorted the Saints to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Extended his "Aloha nui" to all the Saints, and offered the benediction, leaving his blessing upon the people, adjourning conference to meet here at Laie, on April 6th, 1894. Thus closed a very interesting and we trust profitable conference.

With the exception of the first day's meeting at Laie, our conferences on this island, here and in Honolulu, have been numerous attended, our places of worship not being of sufficient capacity to accommodate the people. A good feeling prevailed throughout; and it was indeed, and of a truth, a general time of refreshing from the Spirit of the Lord.

Regarding the spiritual status of the mission—as a whole—we feel that, notwithstanding we may have occasion to regret the defection of a few who have made shipwreck of their faith and gone overboard, we have every reason to be encouraged in the onward progress and general prosperity of the cause of Zion in this land. While other churches are rapidly going to decay, the Church of Christ is moving steadily on, increasing in prestige and adding to its numbers almost daily.

JOHN BROWN, Clerk.

#### SOUTH SEAS.

TEMARIE, AUAU, August 17, 1893.

Thinking a few lines from an almost unknown locality would be acceptable, I take pleasure in writing you respect-