

liquid, which induced congestion of the brain, from which the little fellow died the following day. One birth also took place while they were on the water.

They were treated very kindly all the way, the officers aboard ship and conductors on the cars doing all that was possible for their comfort and safety. The company set sail from Liverpool April 9th, east anchor at New York on the night of the 19th, and went ashore next morning, which was the Sabbath. Here one of the company—not a member of the Church—strayed away and was lost, but another one took passage from that point so that the number remained the same. Monday evening they left for the West, and arrived at Ogden at 12:15 p. m. yesterday, and came on to this city as stated. The company numbered 302 in all, with 17 returning Elders, 11 English-speaking and six Scandinavian. Only about 85 immigrants came to Salt Lake.

President Fjelsted, who, during his absence, was sustained at the last General Conference as one of the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies, has spent two years and nine months in the Scandinavian Mission, acting as its President. He is a resident of Logan. Brother Sundwall, who lives in Fairview, Sanpete County, has been away the same length of time, and has acted during the whole of his mission, as clerk in the Copenhagen office. Both brethren are in excellent health.

Military Vandalism.—Citizens of the Eleventh Ward are not a little exercised over the outrageous conduct of certain persons, supposed to be soldiers, who on Sunday morning about one o'clock, tore up bridges, pulled down fences and committed other acts of devilry in that neighborhood, while on their way back to the Fort from their Saturday night's carousal in town. The reasons they are believed to be soldiers are that such acts are common to them in that vicinity, and the more conclusive proof that the tracks left were made by the wearers of Government shoes, particular marks that give the military gentlemen "dead away."

They tore up three bridges in one place, tried to destroy a water flume belonging to Mr. Crow, pulled down about ten feet of Mr. F. A. Mitchell's picket fence, broke up several bridges near the Eleventh Ward meeting house, and indulged in other like acts, possibly to vent their spleen on the "Mormon" residents of that long-suffering neighborhood. From remarks made by parties aggrieved we would infer that if matters don't change for the better pretty quick some one is going to get hurt, and it is more than likely to be those who thus wickedly persist in destroying the property and disturbing the peace of unoffending citizens who are slumbering quietly in their homes, while their persecutors are reeling homeward from their drunken revels, or who more soberly and maliciously wreak their unprovoked spite in this cowardly manner upon law abiding people.

The soldiers no doubt take advantage of the absence of General McCook, who is as much opposed to such actions as the citizens who suffer from them, and has given the police to understand that he will uphold them in arresting and dealing with his men, who are thus found to be disorderly and mischievous. It is also known that the other officers by no means approve of such conduct, and feel just as the General does regarding it. They would no doubt punish the offenders if they could be identified. But here is the difficulty. The vandals operate under cover of the night, while their victims are abed, and scamper off in haste whenever there is the least danger of discovery. The better way would be for them to leave off such tricks entirely, or some irate citizen, whose patience is exhausted, may try something more tangible in retaliation, than the simple utterance of a complaint.

SANDWICH ISLANDS CONFERENCE.

A REPORT EXHIBITING THE CONDITION OF THE MISSION.

The semi-annual Conference of the Sandwich Islands was held at Laie, Oahu, April 6th and 7th, 1884.

Present on the stand, President Edward Partridge and the Elders from Utah, 14 in number.

On the 6th at 10 a. m. President Partridge called the assemblage to order. After the usual opening services the sacrament was administered.

President Partridge made a few opening remarks and spoke of the early rise of the Church; of the Book of Mormon, the history of the aborigines of America. It is thought, he said, this people are descendants of the ancient inhabitants of America. He compared this dispensation with the one at the time the Savior was upon the earth.

Elder F. W. Marchant reported his labors during the past term, on the Island of Kauai. The Saints at some of the branches were alive to their duties and at others were seemingly not very much interested. The mutual improvement associations and Sunday schools were doing very well. About forty South Sea Islanders from the Island of St. Gilbert, who were baptized last term had returned to their own country. He had met and conversed with people of various nationalities. Explained some of the duties of the Saints and exhorted all to faithfulness.

Elder J. B. Rhead reported his labors on Hawaii, Districts of Kohala, Hamakua and Hilo. The first few weeks

there he was alone, but afterwards joined by Elder J. B. Meldrum. Had enjoyed his labors. At some of the branches the work was progressing favorably; at others the people seemed to have very little of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday schools were doing very well, but there was room for improvement among the Relief Societies. Had distributed tracts among the foreign residents and also to natives who could read the English language and also conversed with them. He related a remarkable case of healing, as follows: One of the Elders, well advanced in years, was taken sick very suddenly, and to all appearance was at death's door. His eyes were set and his body rigid and cold. His son suggested that he be washed, his clothes changed and he be prepared for death. Notwithstanding this, through the mercies of our Heavenly Father, he was healed by the administration of Elder Rhead and a native Elder, Kapela by name.

Elder J. B. Meldrum said he was much pleased to meet with the Saints and impart such instruction to them as his limited knowledge of the language would allow. He had been upon the Island of Hawaii with Elder Rhead for two months. He was pleased to see the interest manifested by some of the Saints upon said island, and hoped that all would soon take a lively interest in the work. He prayed for the blessings of God to rest down upon all.

Elder E. M. Hanson had been to Kauai with Elder Marchant. Enjoyed himself well. Regretted that he could not remain there longer. Exhorted the Saints to live up to their duties; and not to harbor a grumbling spirit and seek faults in other. To listen to those who are placed over them, etc.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Singing and Prayer.

Elder S. E. Woolley reported his labors on the Island of Oahu. Owing to having had so much labor to do on the Plantation, he had not been able to do a great deal among outsiders. His labors in the ministry had been almost exclusively confined to teaching the Saints of the various branches. The Saints were not, as a general rule, so fully alive to their duties as was desirable. He instructed the Elders and Presidents in their duties. They were to magnify their offices and callings or they would come under condemnation. Said those who were faithful would gain everlasting life.

Elder Wm. G. Farrell reported his labors on the Islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Many of the Saints "were sleeping." Had labored diligently to arouse them to a sense of their duties, and had, in part, succeeded. He had enjoyed his labors. Had declared the Gospel to people of all nationalities with whom he had come in contact. Said those who had identified themselves with the Church of Christ must strive to learn their duties and do them; also to listen to the teachings of those placed over them.

The clerk then read the financial and statistical reports of the different Islands: Missionary fund—Amount in treasury October 6th, 1883, \$135.24; amount received this term, \$241.90; amount disbursed this term, \$132.67; amount in treasury at date, \$244.47. Number of baptisms this term, 120; children blessed this term, 62; deaths, 70; removed, 102; excommunicated, 18; total number of souls, 3,549.

Elder M. E. Pack addressed the Saints. They had come together to be taught respecting their duties. They must give heed to the teachings of their leaders; for they would be judged according to their works,—according to their diligence in keeping these things. They were to seek to prepare themselves to gather up to Zion. If they would do so the way would be opened up for them.

Kalechano spoke to some length on the subjects of obedience at the Priesthood and gathering.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

Nepai spoke upon the first principles of the Gospel and gathering. The Saints must come out of Babylon or they must share in the judgments about to be poured out.

Elder Wm. C. Partridge spoke of the opposition of the world to the cause of truth. "Though despised by the world we are recognized and blessed by God as His children if we serve Him." Admonished all to strive to understand their positions and perform their duties.

Elder V. R. Miller spoke on the subject of faith without works. Said the world believed faith alone would save them, which was not the case; we must perform the labors enjoined on us by our Saviour or we cannot be saved in the Kingdom of God.

The rest of the time was occupied by Presidents of various branches reporting their branches.

Adjourned till Monday 7th, 10 a. m.

Monday, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

Elder J. H. Gardner spoke of the sufferings and death of our Savior. Said by him we are redeemed and saved if we have faith in him, and keep his commandments; if we do not we remain as though there had been no atonement made, and will be found "filthy still" at the last day. The gospel of salvation has again been restored to the earth, and by obedience to its laws we will gain everlasting life. Spoke of the coming of the Savior. It is near at hand. Let us be prepared to meet Him at His coming.

The Authorities, General and Local, were unanimously sustained, and Elders J. H. Gardner, J. B. Meldrum and S. E. Woolley were honorably released to return home.

Elders Brim, Fox and Young each said a few words to the Saints expressing "aloha" (love), but were unable to prolong their remarks because of their limited knowledge of the native language.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

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Elder Geo. Cluff reported his labors on the Hawaii, districts of Kona, Kau and Puna. The Saints there seemed to enjoy but very little of the Holy Spirit. Drunkenness and kindred vices were almost universal. He exhorted the Saints to cleanliness in person and pureness of thought, for the Holy Spirit will not dwell in filth. Exhorted those who have the Holy Priesthood to magnify their offices and callings.

President Partridge presented a report of means donated for instruments for the Brass Band as follows: Amount on hand Oct. 6, 1883, \$55.77; amount donated this term \$59.15; amount on hand at date \$114.92. The amount still needed \$255.00 was, by vote of Conference, distributed among the various branches upon the Islands, and the amounts as apportioned were read by the clerk.

A report of the means donated for the Relief Society house was presented: Amount on hand Oct. 6th, 1883, \$276.60; amount donated this term, \$59.85; amount in treasury at date, \$336.45.

The reports of the Mutual Improvement Association and Sabbath schools were presented, showing a marked increase of interest as well as numbers. Reports of the Relief Societies were also given. Number of Improvement Associations 8; total number of names enrolled 282; Sunday schools 12; number of names enrolled 474; Relief Societies (two not reported), 14; number of members 113.

Prest. Partridge said the intention was to read the names of all who had donated for the new meeting-house, but that there were 3,500 names. This large number was accounted for by the fact that each person's name was written every time he or she donated; many persons names therefore were written many different times. So by vote of Conference the reading of the names was dispensed with, and the book containing them was placed on the top of the pulpit.

The clerk read the appointments of the Elders for the next six months, as follows: F. W. Marchant and V. R. Miller, to the Kona side of Hawaii; W. C. Partridge and E. M. Hansen to the Kohala side of Hawaii; M. E. Pack and A. A. Brim to Maui, Molokai and Lanai; J. B. Rhead to Oahu; Geo. Cluff and B. M. Young to Kauai; Isaac Fox to labor upon the plantation; Wm. G. Farrell, tutor of English school at Laie, and Kealakihouua, a native Elder, to Hawaii.

The Elders who were released each spoke a few moments, expressing love for the Saints, and exhorting all to faithfulness.

President Partridge said that he parted with the returning Elders with regret. They had been faithful and efficient laborers and counselors to him. He exhorted the Presidents, those holding the Priesthood and all to diligence in performing their labors, etc.

Conference adjourned until October 6th, 1884.

Singing "Ka Iani Kuu Home," ("Heaven is my home.")

Benediction by President E. Partridge.

WM. G. FARRELL, Clerk.

CHIPS AND SPLINTERS.

Notice to old King Winter, "Keep off the grass."

Why is it that when a man sits on paint the paint and his trousers are never the same color?

A cup of hot water with a piece of dried apple in it is the swell thing for a morning tonic in New York society.

A writer in Harper's commences a poem with the line, "Some day I shall be dead." It is indeed a beautiful thought.

The small boy who reached up the chimney for another Christmas present said he found something there that suited him.

The amount of pin-money required by the married woman depends on whether she uses diamond pins or rolling-pins.

"No," she said sweetly, "I don't object to the smell of a cigar; it's the smell of the smoke I don't like."—*Burlington Free Press.*

The excuse of the milkman, "Can't help it if the milk's thin, cows are wading about in the water."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

It is a great deal worse to be a liar than to be called one—Philadelphia Record. To be called a liar is generally the worse for the other fellow.

The New Orleans Picayune in speaking of the hand grenade for putting out fires, asks for one "that will put out a cat when thrown into the back yard."

While Talmage was away from home recently he fell ill and called in a strange physician. After a long examination he advised him to "exercise his lungs."

A little child of Rutland, Vt., becoming wearied with the quarreling of two younger children over a glass of milk, exclaimed: "What's the use of fighting for ever over that milk! There's a whole cowful in the barn."

Moses Schamburg has been annoyed by burglars prowling around his residence. One day he went into a gun shop to buy a revolver. "What kind of a weapon do you want?" "I should like one," said Moses, "mit accommodation for six burglars."

Dick Wintersmith always pretended to be familiar with the tastes and habits of the people of the blue grass region. Speaking of the morning repast of the Lexingtonians he has been heard to say that a Lexington breakfast consists of three whisky cocktails and a chew of tobacco.

"No," said an Arizona campaign orator, as he arose to oppose the nomination of a candidate for county treasurer; "no, I haven't anything to say against the ability of Major Slathers—nothing in the world. In fact I consider that, if anything, he has too much ability." "How's that?" asked the chairman. "Well, you see, over at Cross Dog Camp last winter we used to play a good deal of seven-up. The Major—one of the best fellows in the world—had such remarkable luck that the boys got so after a while that they wouldn't play with him unless he had his coat off and his cuffs rolled back." The Major was scratched.—*Marchant Traveler.*

FROM THE FOUR WINDS.

When this snow melts there will come a flood.

Malta is mentioned as the place of the Pope's future residence.

Grasshoppers are ravaging the southern portions of Australia.

Postal cards cost the Government 54 cents and 4 mills a thousand.

In Mississippi no State or county official can ride on a free pass.

It costs \$30,000 a year to light the Washington Capitol and grounds.

Charlotte, South Carolina, is besieged by a colored Salvation Army.

John Bright is better. He has been suffering from congestion of the lungs.

In a Paris insane asylum there are 23 patients made crazy by blinding their hair.

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