A POLYNESIAN REUNION

Splendid Time Had at Calder's Park During Yesterday and Last Night.

PRESIDENT WOODRUFF A PARTICIPATOR.

As Were President Cannon and Native Present Future Programs—Rejoicing at Annexation.

The third annual reunion of the Polynesian Island missionaries and their friends was held at Calder's park, on yesterday.

Early in the morning the Salt Lake Transit cars were loaded with citizens and in the afternoon over 1500 people were assembled at the park. The tables for picnic were arranged in groups, and Elders with their families and friends brought over the Polynesian companionship. The grounds were decorated with bunting and flags, the New Zealand and Hawaiian flags being conspicuous. A large number of native Hawaiians from Skull Valley were present, and in view of the annexation of the Sandwich Islands, each native received a special welcome and their ears were greatly worn on bonnets by the Haoolines. Men, women and children, eagerly called for the skirt and Stripes and enthusiastically exclaimed, "We are Americans now."

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon from 1,200 to 1,300 people assembled in the pavilion to witness the unique program, as characteristic of these popular reunions. The pavilion was superbly decorated with national emblems, and on each side of the stand were the Stars and Stripes and the banner of which flung the Hawaiian flag.

On the stand, facing the audience, were President Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, Apostles Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman, John H. Smith, Heber J. Grant, Anthon H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, Elders Jesse J. Golden Kimball and Angus M. Cannon, also the general committee and missionary guests.

Chairman John T. Caine called the assemblage to order and an overture was played by the Tabernacle band. The exercises opened by singing, after which prayer was offered by Elder H. Chadwick. The chairman delivered a welcome to all present and especially to those who had come long distances to prove an opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to Elders Lewis, Shaw, Cluff and Lyman, who had been long distances to Salt Lake. Since the last reunion, a valued and beloved member of the general committee, President Wilford Lyman Putnam, had passed away, for a hope was expressed that it is the grand reunion where the dead all will meet and the privilege of meeting our fellow worker.

A brief sketch of the opening of the several Polynesian missions was given by Elder Andrew Jenson, who recently made a tour of the missions. The paper contained important data, and was listened to with marked attention. Space will not permit its publication with this report, but the paper will appear in a subsequent issue of the "News."

The progress from the Society Islands group was introduced by Elder James E. Brown, and consisted of an excellent English recitation by Mr. Tepaeo. A number of returned missionaries dressed in native costume, sang a beautiful native song, and distributed a variety of curiosities, Samoan weapons, bows, arrows, etc., for sale. Elder Musser, assisted with the Samoan natives, sang for sale, and spent their time in entertaining singing, etc. Tonga-ninety Elders (people and others) there and afterwards the company had to remain a week. Gratitude for the numerous blessings received, and hope with their fruit and route as a happy sound. The scene was very interesting and enjoyed vividly the customs of the Tabernacle.

Chairman Caine then introduced a company of Hawaiian native, and in order as follows: Mr. Woodruff, Prince of the Sandwich Islands, drawing special attention to the flag of Hawaii, which would soon be hauled off there and flung over the Hawaiian group.

An excellent program was rendered by the native, consisting of a beautiful instrumental selection and a mid-ocean song of the Islands. Hula, Hula Dance, combining with the national Hawaiian hymn.

New Zealand was represented by a quartet by Elders Ashton, Ashton, Tingstead, W. C. Cannon, J. C. Kimball and George Stubbs. A greeting of welcome was then sung, which was answered by the Maori women. Maori and Aukaro, Whanau, Ohu was responded to by Elder Jesse F. Richards, who recently returned to the Maori mission.

Elder John H. Smith of Beautiful Zion's Tropical Maori song.

The Samoan mission program consisted of a native hymn by a company of returned missionaries, after which Elders Shaw and Lewis rendered a pleasing vocalism song. A peculiar feature of this part of the program was the presence of a band of Zulu Boaby, which was taken aboard Lamon from the United States transit-war Tribune, wrecked some years ago in Apia harbor. The Zulu Tribe was remarkable at the time by Captain Dewey, now Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila.

Elder W. H. Shaw delivered a brief address of welcome to the Samoan league.

At the close of the program a brief address was delivered by President Wilford Woodruff, who expressed pleasure at the reunion, and remarked that he had to congratulate the people that the Lord had devoted to the enlargement of the kingdom of God, especially of the Hawaiian islands. He also congratulated the Hawaiians who were present, that the Lord had made them a government under the American flag and to act by their model rules, and that the Lord had made the government rights and privileges belonging to the citizen of the government of the United States, and referred to the established church of President McKinley for peace in his days, and the Lord had blessed and Thanksgiving for Thirteen colonies and trust that this would be fully observed by all the residents of the Hawaiian Islands.

President George Q. Cannon, though allow and asked, and that it is to allow for some One Hundred Dollars, as been only interested in seeing the people together, he realized Elder Kimball's expression of sighing, and hoped that the Hawaiian Islands would be blessed that the Hawaiian Islands would be blessed and hoped that our heavenly Father will continue to bless and protect them.

President Joseph F. Smith stated that he was not expected such a reunion of Polynesian Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, Apostles Brigham Young, F. M. Lyman, John H. Smith, Heber J. Grant, Anthon H. Lund, A. O. Woodruff, Elders Jesse J. Golden Kimball and Angus M. Cannon, also the general committee and missionary guests.

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