

us Elders, united in fasting and prayer that the Lord might move upon the people of the branch to soften their hearts; also for two afflicted Saints, that they might be blessed. We took the trouble to go among the people and notify them that we would hold meeting, and inviting them to attend. So at 10 o'clock we had a good turn out. I addressed them for an hour on repentance, being blessed in making plain to them the necessity thereof and what is to be gained thereby. The effect seemed to be felt, for after meeting several expressed their determination to return, and others confessed their belief in the work.

At 2 p. m. we met again, and Brother Hirini followed up what I had said in his gentle, persuasive way, urging his people to righteousness, and bearing a strong testimony to them. After meeting we administered to an old man, who is suffering from an affliction in his legs so that he is unable to walk. We then got Hirini's horse, the rest of us walking two miles around the beach to another part of the branch to the house of a woman afflicted with consumption. We held meeting there, preaching to a room full of people, and had a fine time. A good spirit prevailed, and again was the spirit of repentance made manifest, and we made correspondingly happy. Hirini's words seem to have quite an effect on his people. After the meeting we administered to and blessed the afflicted sister, who said she had been given fresh encouragement in the meeting. Supper was prepared for us and we broke fast; spent an hour in conversation and about 7:30 started on our return to quarters, well satisfied with our day's work. It is a type of many of our Sundays in New Zealand.

On our way back the tide had just turned and we had to plod along through the soft mud. But as we stumbled along in the dark now and then dodging away from an incoming wave, we chatted and laughed merrily, for we were happy in our day's labor.

Yesterday, Monday, we came over here, twelve miles over the mountains, and found something to do. This morning we baptized four people, two repentant transgressors, and a young couple who wanted to be married. In our morning prayer meeting confirmed them and blessed two sweet little baby boys. One in particular I could not refrain from kissing before handing him back to his mother, he was so clean and sweet and bright.

After blessing the babies we married the young couple and sat down on the floor as usual, to a fine wedding breakfast, having as extras, canned pineapple and jam, and fancy cakes, with condensed milk to put in our hot water.

This evening must have been a wedding supper, I think, for we had jam tart and cake. So you see we don't starve.

We sit here tonight under the sound of the ceaseless wave of the ocean breaking upon the shore. All are gone to bed in our big room but myself and companion, Elder Eyre and our good Sister Tuihana, who sits on the floor weaving a flax mat.

Auckland, June 8, 1898.

Home mail received today and I get to answer it by return which is to leave here Saturday, that is pretty good; because I am right here in Auckland, you see. But that will not happen often. Yours of May 8th came with today's mail, also enclosure.

Now don't worry about my doing more than I can stand, there is little fear of that, and then you know it is the Lord's work and he will strengthen me for it. If you could see me you

would think this work and climate, or else the diet agrees with me for I weigh 162 pounds, a gain of eighteen pounds since I left home.

We came from Gisborne on Saturday by steamer, arriving here Sunday at 10:45 a.m. We were met at the wharf by Elders Judd and Driggs and two new arrivals by last Vancouver boat. The two latter I did not know of, but they were welcome and soon disposed of. We could use many more to good advantage, some of our districts being short. One, Bro. Wilde from Coalville, the other Bro. Marchant from Peoa. We walked from the wharf up to quarters on Bath street, Parnell, a long mile. Hirini was quite tired and I had him rest while we walked to the afternoon meeting, two miles, and back to dinner. Then again to evening meeting, so we got good exercise. It was fast day, testimony meeting in the afternoon, and I spoke in the evening. The branch here has just secured a nice little room to hold the meetings in. About thirty were present, all Saints, European of course, and we had a good time. The city seems much the same as it did eight years ago. No electric light or cars yet. I think you would be satisfied here in respect to cars running on Sunday. They don't even run street cars. They have lots of fine horses here, but my! their cars are slow to an American. Just think, horse cars in 1898! Well, they may wake up sometime and realize that electricity really is, and is good to have pushing their cars up hill. We had a nice trip up from Gisborne, and didn't get seasick. The weather was lovely and the ocean calm. We took our meals and enjoyed the trip, especially as we made fast to Auckland Quay St. wharf. We are to go to Waikato district Friday morning to hold conference Saturday and Sunday. Will spend a few days there, and then come back here again and over to Huraki and Touranga districts; then away from Auckland till November, so I think I shan't wear out headquarters very much. We have a small room here with two beds, table, chairs, pictures, etc., for our private use, with freedom of house, and are quite cozy. The hostess is a full Maori. She married a white man, who is now dead. Her grown children all speak English and the girls are neat, and good housekeepers, so we are comfortably located. They are all members of the Church. Elders Judd and Driggs are laboring among the Europeans and make their home here at a reasonable rate, and thus have a place for the "timuaki" when he comes to Auckland.

#### Patriotism in the Missionary Field.

Fond du Lac, Wis., July 5, 1898.

As the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence has now passed, we take pleasure in telling the readers of the "News" how some of the Saints and Elders of Fond du Lac observed the occasion. A large bus was secured, into which Elders E. W. Croft, L. T. Jones, James C. Murdock, Orson Bills, besides Elder H. L. Kleis, president of the branch, Elder Charles Koller, superintendent of the Sunday school, and nine of the Saints with two invited friends, seated themselves with lunch baskets and ice cream as companions, and drove to the beautiful little Lake Deneven. We took up our quarters in a beautiful grove near the margin of the lake, where we found two large tables at our disposal, upon which we placed our baskets and then we proceeded to enjoy ourselves in boating, foot racing and other athletic sports. Elder J. C. Murdock created a wealth of fun by his jovial conversations, and Elder Croft joined in the festivities in a truly American

way, feeling that he was in the "land of the free" with none to make afraid.

At 1:30 p.m. the numbers were increased by the advent of Elders B. S. Rupp, J. D. Cummings and G. D. Balls. These brethren had been out into the country holding meetings and had twenty-five miles to come in order to take part in the festivities. The afternoon was taken up in athletic amusements and jovial conversations, interspersed with the singing of hymns and patriotic songs, and a short impromptu speech by Elder J. D. Cummings upon the history of the American continent and the dealings of the Lord with the inhabitants of the same.

The ride back to the city, during which singing was indulged in, completed a day long to be remembered by all who took part.

J. D. CUMMINGS.

#### Northern Indiana Conference.

Frankfort, Ind., July 3, 1898.

Having received a call for a mission to the Northern States on May 3, 1897, I left my home, family and friends at Hinckley, Utah, and arrived at Muncie, Ind., on May 13, 1897. I was met by Elder H. S. Arnoldson of Moroni, Utah, as my traveling companion. I labored there for about ten months, making many good friends.

After our conference, held on March 12th, 13th and 14th, 1898, at Indianapolis, Ind., Elder J. H. Hale of Perry, Idaho, and myself were assigned to open up a field of labor in Frankfort, Clinton county, Ind., and have since then been engaged in distributing tracts and conversing with the people. On account of continued illness, Elder Hale was released to return home. My present companion is Elder A. Larson of Snowflake, Arizona. Although we meet with some opposition, the people treat us very kindly, and many are beginning to inquire after truth, and we are ever ready to assist them as well as we can, trusting in God to assist us at all times.

W. W. WRIGHT.

#### A Young Convert's Controversy.

Cattlettsburg, Ky., June 27, 1898.

Some time ago, Elder M. B. Shipp prophesied that a thriving branch would be established here in the near future. This prophecy, which was reiterated recently by Elder Newton Woodruff, seems to be on the verge of fulfillment. Many are seriously investigating Mormonism, and it now requires no prophet to see the near fulfillment of the glorious promises uttered by the Elders.

As the work advances, we shall expect a storm of fury. As an instance, I will relate, in all kindness, an incident in my own experience. The object of the narration is three-fold—to hold up the reverend participant in his proper light; to show the fallacious basis of opposition to Mormonism, even in the fertile brain of a D. D., and to point out an evidence of the divinity of our Church, which is, doubtless, new to many.

The writer graduated from the High school of this place on the 27th of last May. Previous to the commencement exercises, the learned Rev. Z. C. Meek, D. D., editor of the Central Methodist, president of the Barbourville (W. Va.) college, kindly volunteered to present me with a scholarship to that honored institution. Moreover, he used his influence to secure for me a position that would enable me to earn my board and incidental expenses. But, having recently determined to act upon my long-standing convictions, I embraced the Gospel as preached by Zion's "hunters and fishers" and was baptized by Elder