

Cune. A good spirit prevailed throughout the service.

The afternoon session was addressed by Elders Browning, George McCune and C. C. Summerhays.

In the evening, after appeasing the cravings of the inner man by partaking of some of the fruits of the "Taololo," we held a Priesthood meeting. In addition to the missionaries present, were the following natives holding the Priesthood: Isopo, Fiamé, Faalogo and Taumai, Naisi and Tagalao. Elder Browning gave some very good instructions regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Priesthood and was followed by Elders Stevens, McCune and Summerhays upon the same subject. Each native present also spoke a few words bearing testimony.

On Monday the 10th, we left Sinapapa at 9 a. m. upon our journey homeward. Elders Browning and McCune decided to walk as far as Saleaumua, and there join Elders Morgan and Hilton, who accompanied the Lalovi Saints in their boat. Some little difficulty was experienced in passing through one of the openings in the reef, on account of our Saints not being acquainted with the passage. The boat got a little to one side and was struck by a large wave and thrown against the reef, almost capsizing it. The natives seeing the danger we were in, sprang from the boat, and with a powerful effort, pulled it from the reef into the proper passage. There it escaped being dashed to pieces by a large breaker that rolled in a few seconds later. The Elders who were in the boat realized that an allwise Providence had watched over them.

The boat arrived at Saleaumua about 11 a. m. Elders Browning and McCune reaching that point at the same time. We waited there about an hour, while the natives made some "ava" and procured some "niu" (young coconuts), after which we resumed our journey, reaching Salafatu about 8 p. m., where we were compelled to stop on account of low tide. Elder Browning was very desirous of continuing towards Fagali, but the natives complained of being tired, so we remained there over night.

We left early the following morning (Tuesday) and reached Fagali at 10 a. m. We found all well. The sea was quite smooth and we enjoyed our trip home very much, having sailed the greater part of the way.

T. H. HILTON, Clerk.

### THE "UNEMPLOYED."

William Willey is president of an organization recently formed in San Francisco under the title of the Federation of Unemployed Workmen. L. D. Fry, who was formerly a speculator in this city, is secretary of the association. The accounts which they gave of the distressed condition of the workmen in the Golden Gate city, and the appeal to Mayor Baskin, in common with the mayors of other Western cities, for financial aid, will be remembered by the readers of the NEWS.

These "unemployed" applicants for public charity have, however, called forth something more than they asked in the words of their appeal. They wanted money, but the method they took of obtaining it has brought out a

denunciation from Mayor Ellert of San Francisco, who declares the outfit to be a fraud.

The appeal of the "unemployed," asked that relief subscriptions be sent to the secretary of the organization by any who were charitably inclined. Instead of this a letter on the subject was addressed to Mayor Ellert, and this is the reply which San Francisco's chief executive returns to the communication:

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, and while appreciating your kindly expressed sentiments and generous offer, I feel indignant that any such appeals should emanate from any person in this community, being wholly uncalled for, untrue and vicious, in that the persons make false representations and on that basis ask for assistance without cause and without merit.

William Willey and others of his ilk are professional agitators. Nothing could offend them more than work; their forte is to endeavor to excite sympathy from the credulous by specious pretenses, and this is their business. That from time to time there are more or less unemployed persons in San Francisco is true, but that is true also of all other large cities.

The charitable people and associations have been and are simply able and willing to assist all deserving persons who may require aid.

In any contingency of the character referred to San Francisco and her citizens would be second to none in responding generously to all meritorious demands, and equally pronounced in exposing, disregarding and denouncing all schemers and agitators whose greatest punishment would be to compel them to work.

Thanking you for the kindly feelings expressed, I remain yours truly,

L. R. ELLERT,  
Mayor of San Francisco.

### FROM THE SOUTHERN STATES

Elders N. P. Jensen of Spanish Fork, and J. C. Ferrin of Eden, called at the NEWS office last evening, having just returned from a mission to the Southern states.

Elder Jensen left his home for the mission field May 4th, 1891. His field of labor lay in the North Alabama conference where he remained during his entire absence from Utah. He enjoyed his mission very much and generally experienced good health. His treatment at the hands of the people was the best and he made numerous friends and succeeded in allaying much prejudice.

The following report of his labors and experiences was furnished by Elder Ferrin:

I left my home on May 3rd, 1891, to fill a mission to the Southern states, and on arriving at Chattanooga, Tenn., was assigned to the Kentucky conference. At that time there were four Elders laboring in that state. One was released, having filled an honorable mission of two years, and C. H. Worthen of Salt Lake City, John T. Giles, of Heber city, and myself joined the three remaining Elders as their travelling companions. With satchels in hand we started out in the endeavor to sow some of the seeds of righteousness in the hearts of the good Kentucky people, but it was with a discouraging outlook, so far as prospective baptisms were concerned at that time. Since then various changes

have taken place. Five Elders, including myself, have been released, each having filled a two years' mission. Six others have been released for various causes, one being transferred to the Northwestern states mission. Taking all things into consideration I think the Elders have done remarkably well. Several new countries have been opened up. A great deal of prejudice concerning the Latter-day Saints has been eradicated from the minds of the people, and the Elders have made many friends who will long be remembered by them. Six persons have been baptized and three children blessed. Quite a number of people are investigating the Gospel. More baptisms are anticipated soon. There have been ten Elders at work in this state during the last summer and most of the winter, but owing to sickness and other causes several changes have been made, which have diminished the number of Elders in the conference, there being only six at work at present. It is expected, however, that the vacancies will be filled up about the 26th of this month.

Some people are still very much prejudiced against the Elders and the principles taught by them, while many are simply indifferent, paying but very little attention to them in any way. There is another class of people in Kentucky who are worthy of praise, for their houses are open, their tables spread, and the Elders made welcome to them any time they wish to come. It seems that they take pleasure in doing good and providing for the humble servants of God when they come in from a long and tedious journey, and the Lord will not forget them.

I have enjoyed my labors very much during my absence, although my health has not been as good the last year as was desirable; but am glad to have the privilege of returning home under as favorable circumstances as I find myself in at the present time. I arrived at Ogden City on the 21st inst. with a company of immigrants from the Southern States. We had a very pleasant journey with the exception of a slight accident that occurred while crossing the divide in Colorado on the C. & M. R. R. A large rock of about three tons weight rolled down an embankment and lodged on one side of the track. We were close to where it fell and the engineer, although he saw it coming was unable to stop his train until it had struck the rock, damaging the engine and mail and baggage car so that they had to be set on a side track. Another engine was sent for and took us safely through. No one was hurt. The Saints on board all felt to acknowledge the hand of Providence in their preservation. The train men expressed their great astonishment at the wonderful escape of the train and its occupants.

ONE DAY last week Rev. T. de Witt Talmage made the laconic announcement: "Either the debt on the Brooklyn tabernacle will be cancelled by next Sunday, or I resign as pastor." This is the night of the second day of the fateful Sabbath, and still an anxious country does not know which incubus the Brooklyn tabernacle got rid of—its debt or its preacher.