

HAWAIIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Through the boundless love of Almighty God we who have been divinely called and sent to this fair land of Hawaii as ambassadors of the beautiful principles of the Gospel of Christ have again, at the close of another terms labor on the various islands, been permitted to participate in a most happy reunion at our peaceful, comfortable mission home and enjoy an excellent conference of four days' duration which convened here at Laie Thursday morning, April 4th, 1895, under the superintendency of President Matthew Noall who, after the singing, offered the opening prayer.

The first day was enjoyably spent by the rendition of nicely prepared exercises by the Sabbath school of Honolulu and the conjoint M. I. Associations of Honolulu and Laie, consisting of songs, dialogues, essays, Gospel lessons, addresses, etc., interspersed with reports of branch representatives of the different islands and encouraging and instructive remarks by the Elders from Zion. The general officers and those of the Hawaiian Islands were unanimously sustained, the latter being as follows: For the Sunday schools, E. C. Dibble, president; M. M. Harmon and John R. Jolley, counselors; for the M. I. Associations, Thomas Brimley, president; Wm. H. Mendenhall and Wm. H. Thompson, counselors.

The services of the female Relief Society conference occupied the morning of April 5th, Sister Libbie Noall presiding. After the preliminaries, the reading of the general financial report included, the assemblage was highly edified by the interesting and instructive remarks of the white sisters and native representatives from the various societies of the group. The congregation was then favored with a duet by Brother and Sister Fisher, essays by Sisters Harmon and Birdno, a biographical sketch by Sister Brown on the life of Phoebe Woodruff, native songs which were composed for the occasion and dedicated to President Libbie Noall, and a set of resolutions of respect and gratitude for past services rendered and expressions of sorrow at the anticipated departure, judging from the long time she had served in the capacity of their worthy, efficient and much beloved president. After the sustaining of the general Relief Society officers, the following local officers were elected for the ensuing term; Libbie Noall, president; with Lizzie Brown, Alice Harmon, Laura Fisher, Phoebe Scholes and Ella Birdno as her assistants.

In response to the tolling of the bell, at 9:30 a. m., April 6, about one hundred and fifty small children, members of the Primary association, collected at the Mission home, formed in line and marched in military order to the Church building a few hundred yards distant where services were commenced, after the usual opening exercises, by the calling of the roll, a noticeable feature being that as the names were read each child responded with an appropriate sentiment or Bible verse. A program comprising dialogues, recitations, speeches and songs was cheerfully and tastefully rendered and in conclusion the entire assemblage sang a grand chorus, waving the American flags with one accord in time to the music, after which the following officers were duly qualified:

Libbie Noall, president; with the missionary sisters as counselors.

The fore part of Sunday morning April 7th was devoted to exercises of the Laie Sunday school, consisting of a general review of work accomplished in the term just ended, some excellent remarks upon the principles of the Gospel, Word of Wisdom, baptism for the dead, knowledge of the scriptures etc., and illustrated lectures on the Book of Mormon.

The first general meeting of the conference was held on the afternoon of Friday, April 5th, and after the opening prayer by Elder Brown, President Noall made a few remarks welcoming the visitors and advising them as to how the conference should be conducted, enjoining the people to be humble and to assist the Elders with their faith and prayers.

The remaining four meetings, occupying the afternoon of Saturday and all of Sunday, were devoted to general advice and beneficial remarks by the Elders from Zion, coupled with reports of the condition of the several branches, progress of work for the six months passed by the native Elders from the various islands. The general and local authorities were unanimously sustained, those for the islands being: Matthew Noall, president; with John Brown, M. M. Harmon, Walter Scholes, Thomas Brimley, Wm. H. Thompson, George H. Fisher, Wm. H. Mendenhall, John R. Jolley, W. T. Hatch, Henry Moss, E. C. Dibble, C. L. Rooks, George H. Birdno, Libbie Noall, Lizzie Brown, Alice Harmon, Laura Fisher, Phoebe Scholes and Ella Birdno as assistants or fellow missionaries; and of the foregoing the following were appointed to labor for the ensuing term on the different islands opposite their names:

J. R. Jolley and C. L. Rooks—Kauai.
Wm. H. Mendenhall and Henry Moss—Maui.

Wm. H. Thompson and W. T. Hatch—South Hawaii.

Thomas Brimley and Natives Kealakaibonua and Kainuawa—North Hawaii.

George H. Fisher and George H. Birdno—Oahu.

E. C. Dibble and native Sam Lua—Honolulu Branch.

The following temporal appointments were sustained: Matthew Noall, manager of the Laie plantation, with Walter Scholes assistant; Melvin M. Harmon and Laura Fisher as school teachers; and Alice Harmon store keeper.

Laie Branch.—M. M. Harmon, president, with Walter Scholes and George H. Fisher as counselors. Elder H. C. Duffin was honorably released and returned to his home per steamer Miowera March 5th, 1895.

One of the pleasant affairs of our reuniting in brotherly love at Lauihuli, our mission home, was a concert given Saturday evening, April 6th, and the program of songs, recitations, instrumental music, etc., was nicely and pleasantly rendered, the natives taking a prominent part in the same, after which refreshments were served and all dispersed feeling well paid for the evening's entertainment, which will doubtless be long remembered by all who were present.

In conclusion we must add that a very good influence prevailed during the entire conference; a fair attendance of attentive listeners thoroughly enjoyed

all of the exercises, which were rendered in a creditable manner, demonstrating assiduous and untiring labor on the part of both teachers and pupils, and all hearts were gladdened with the rich spiritual food that was imparted by the servants of God, which strengthened the faith, increased the hope and broadened the knowledge of each one, causing all to rejoice and return to their homes greatly benefited. We who are laboring in this part of the vineyard feel quite encouraged for the success made in the past term, the fold having been increased by eighty-five baptisms and forty-five children being blessed, proving that some of the seeds sown have taken root in rich soil and accordingly produced good fruit; yet the writer is pained to state that for some time past the spirit and interest in religious matters among this people have been gradually decreasing, political affairs perhaps being the greatest cause which have had a tendency to create a feeling of bitterness against the white classes, ourselves not entirely excluded. This feeling of bitterness has been increased by the late firecracker insurrection and utter failure to overthrow the republican government, with the particulars of which no doubt your readers are thoroughly cognizant. However, notwithstanding the existence of such a condition the labors of Zion's band in trying to advance the cause of truth still continue to be a source of pleasure, and we are truly thankful to say that love, peace and union are in our midst and all progressing favorably in the language, the happiest couple doubtless being Brother and Sister Scholes, who through the kindness of God were made the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, which was presented to them on Monday the 8th inst at 12 m.

GEORGE H. FISHER,
Clerk of Conference.

HOW JACK THE RIPPER WAS CAUGHT

The story recently told by Dr. Howard, a well-known London physician, to William Greer Harrison of the Bohemian club in San Francisco, in regard to the fate of Jack the Ripper, says a Chicago dispatch to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, unseals the lips of a gentleman in Chicago, who is enabled to give a full account of that exhaustive search by the London detectives, which, at the conclusion of a year's unremitting labor, resulted in fixing the identity of the infamous Whitechapel murderer beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The Dr. Howard referred to was one of a dozen London physicians who sat as a court of medical inquiry or a commission in lunacy upon their brother physician, for at last it was definitely proved that the dreaded "Jack the Ripper" was no less a person than a physician in high standing in the West End of London. When it was absolutely proved beyond peradventure that the physician in question was the murderer, and his insanity fully established by a commission de lunatico inquirendo, all parties having a knowledge of the facts were sworn to secrecy.

Up to the time of Dr. Howard's disclosure this oath had been rigidly adhered to. A London clubman now in Chicago, who is acquainted with Dr. Howard, is of the opinion that being in a foreign country and, perhaps, under