SAVAII ELDERS REUNION.

SALELEVALE, Aug. 1, 1895.

To the Editor:

In obedience to orders from President J. W. Roberts, received July 4 th, I returned from Samoa to Salevalo, July 6, where I was to make my headquarters. Elder C. Jensen was appointed to preside at Salevalo with Elder J. C. Knudsen as his assistant.

On Tuesday the 9 th, Elder J. A. Rasband called for Upolu on the schooner Vaipepa, where he has been called to labor, from this place.

According to previous instructions and arrangements, all the Elders of Savaii gathered together in this place for the purpose of receiving and answering their mail, to visit together and rejoice with the Saints and friends for a few days.

On Wednesday, July 17th, Elder Geo. H. Burnham arrived from Upolu. He is perfectly delighted with Samoa, and especially with Savaii. He has been called to labor here, with his relative and we both rejoice exceedingly over his appointment. Elders Walker and Silver arrived from Pagopago the 18th, at which place they have been laboring under some difficulties and trials since conference, April 6th. Elder Walker reported that he had been feeling poorly since they went back to the west, but at present he is well and hearty, over which we all rejoice at I thank our Maker.

On Saturday, July 20th, Elders Jensen and Knudsen arrived from Salevalo, well and happy. We expected and looked for Elder J. W. Beck to come and meet with us on this occasion, but for reasons yet unknown to us, he failed to appear.

On Sunday, the 21st, we held meeting between 9 and 9 a. m. with Elder L. B. Burnham presiding. Brother C. Jensen addressed the assembled Saints and friends. Soon after our morning meeting closed our Saints brought a lot of nice, well-prepared food in baskets, which was spread upon the floor on banana leaves. After all was ready we sat down around the food, "fashion," and did justice to the inner man, for we were hungry and to us the food was delicious. At 3:30 p. m. we again assembled and held meeting. Soon after meeting was out, we Elders and a few Saints and friends went to the spring nearby, where we initiated into the fold of Christ another soul, by the sacred ordinance of baptism. After returning, we went over to Brother Fred Keulson's, where he had a sumptuous supper prepared and waiting for us. There were roasted pig and chicken, bread, bread fruit, "taro" and plum puddings. We indeed ate heartily and joyously, for to us it was a treat, especially to the Elders from the west. Between 7 and 8:30 we again held meeting this evening, in which we confirmed our new sister a member of the Church of Christ. After meeting closed the sisters treated us to a couple of hours and we spent the time very pleasantly singing hymns, both native and English, with the natives, they singing for us and we for them.

Monday, the 22nd, we spent the time visiting the Saints, answering letters, conversing and resting, until sunset, when we all got in a boat and sailed across the bay to visit and spend the evening with the governor of the island—the king's brother, who had invited us to do so. We called in at our neighbors', Mr. Allen's, on our way over, and there learned that Elder William Sears had just arrived from Upolu, and was on his way by land to our house, a mile across the bay. This was good news, but it broke up our arrangements for the evening, so we returned and found Brother Sears making himself quite at home at Brother Keulson's house. We soon all went to our meeting house (where we live), where we had supper together with Brother Fred and his good wife Tess, who is ever a dear faithful friend to the Elders. Again we spend the evening playing music, singing and rejoicing together.

Tuesday, the 23rd, was another happy resting day. Our Saints and friends seem to be trying to excel each other by bringing for us the most and nicest food to eat. This evening we had a grand feast. According to the program our Saints and many friends assembled together with us at our house. There, after having singing and prayer in the usual way, baskets of food were brought in and spread upon our large table (the floor). There was a large, whole roasted pig, furnished by Alfred Keulson, with other food in proportion, furnished by Brother Fred and the sisters. Oh, what a sight! and wouldn't our folks at home rejoice to have seen it and us at that bout! After struggling over what was before us for a little less than an hour, everything was cleared away and we gave a little concert, which was very much appreciated by our friends and neighbors.

OUR CELEBRATION.

Wednesday, July 24th—As was previously agreed upon and arranged for soon after sunrise we started out, marching in single file, up the bushy, stony trails to visit the woods, old grassed roads and ruins, an old long extinct crater and other noted places a few miles inland from the village; and to celebrate a day when our great leader found for the divided and persecuted Saints another resting place, where they might live in peace and worship God according to the dictates of their conscience, and the Lord's commandments unto them. We took a good supply of food along for lunch; and also had five old rusty shotguns, with lots of ammunition, with which to shoot wild pigeons. There were in our company seven Elders, three Keulson brothers and four natives, who kindly joined us to know we through the woods. We marched steadily forward (about 8 to 9 a. m.) when we were informed by our guides that it was no longer a pathway, but to our vanities it trying to shoot pigeons, we had passed whatever the most of the game we took a rest. At 11 o'clock we reached a hogs which we left behind to prepare our dinner, against the time of our returning. We resumed a little later and soon had no hogs to wait long, for everyone was soon cooked, warmed up according which, after saying grace over we partook of with thankful hearts and full of joy. And we wondered how many minutes, even in Zion, were enjoying themselves better, and had in to good things for dinner than we were in possession of and enjoyed. As soon as dinner was over, we assembled to the top of a clean rock, which known by the name of Mount Olivet. From the top of this mount, or hill, the large mountains and peaks further inland, the sea, in different directions the prospects were most beautiful to behold. Upon the top of this hill we found a valley with one old rusty gun, in honor of the day. After spending a half hour or so upon this hill looking upon the rich scenery which greeted our eyes in every direction, we descended on a side our way very nearly a mile and a half in front of the old crater. Here we stopped long enough to get all the young cocoanuts we wished to drink, then we took the crater by one corner on its south side. The crater inside is about as deep as the surrounding country and is about five hundred acres in extent. The bottom is covered with a dense forest with cocoanuts and interlocking where it has been cleared off looks to be about two acres in extent, large fat potatoes are growing, and look very beautiful from the opposite side. It is about half of a mile across the top, and 300 feet high; height varies in different places. All of the Elders except myself went down into the gorgeous pit, with A. and F. Keulson; we had a great time picking up of me that day; but while I was trying to find a pigeon to shoot at I ran on to a large, deep cave on the east side, which I took the record for, and when they returned up out of the pit. At 3 o'clock p. m. we started for home where we arrived after an hour's tiring walking. We were somewhat weary, but were all well pleased with what we had seen and done during the day. After bathing and changing our clothes we sat down to another sumptuous meal brought in by a couple of our neighbors, who have subject embraced the Gospel, but for a long time have been very sociable and kind to the Elders.

According to the programme we got ready soon after supper and went over to Brother F. Keulson's, where with him and his wife we all got in a boat and sailed around to Safapulu to visit Moli, the king's brother. We found were a merry crowd, and the bright new moonlight evenings rather damped upon us, though the Roop close at which were hanging over the green western mountains, with a heavenly peaceful silence, and seemed to whisper joy and peace to our happy souls.

There was blowing a soft, gentle, cool, land breeze which only rippled the glassy, shiny sea and caused the stars, shining in the water below, to dance and bless with exquisite beauty. With all nature so beautiful and our hearts so light and gay, we sang songs and rowed our boat along for a few minutes, when we neared at the wharf at the governor's place. We found him dressed up with a white suit of clothes and shoes and socks on. Both he and his good wife Tamumat seemed so pleased to see us come as I ever saw any one set before. After they had bid us a hearty welcome, and a short conversation was engaged in, we were invited by our friend to conduct evening prayer, which we did, after which supper was soon prepared, which we again partook of, together with the governor and his bride. After supper was over we informed our friend that we would preach, sing or play for him and the assembled crowd, at 6 P. M all if he said so. Of course they chose the latter (for the Samoans almost go wild over music); so Brother Silver and I went out our instruments and began to play, and of all the delighted people I ever saw, I believe this was the happiest crowd, especially the governor and his wife. After we played for about an hour we asked them to sing for us, which they did for a short time, after which we played a few more tunes, then left them to return home the way we came. The moon and evening star were sank, but the "Southern Cross" stood high in the heavens, and our trip home was quite as pleasant as the one earlier in the evening.

Thursday, the 25th—The first thing this morning, several of the brethren went in the boat with Brother Sears over to Mr. Allen's, as we believed his schooner was about to leave for Upolu, and Brother Sears was in hopes of being able to take a letter on it. The schooner set sail about 10 o'clock, and about an hour later the brethren returned without Brother Sears. We were very sorry he had to go for we expected to have the greatest time yet this evening. About 3:30 p. m. Elders Jensen, Knudsen and Walker went overland to Tuasivi, to Brother David Kenison Jr., where we had arranged and agreed to hold forth this evening, that Brother David and family might also be made to rejoice by our presence and music. As the shades of evening were fast overcoming the last rays of the sinking sun, we who were left behind, together with Brother Fred and family, set sail for Tuasivi, where we arrived an hour later after a most delightful evening boat ride by the light of the moon and stars, and in the lovely breeze, which fanned us as we sang and rowed along. Day's large, new, twenty oaren was well lighted, and from the sea and in the night it looked like a mansion. We were met at the wharf by Brother Davy and Sister Tamumat, his wife, and were heartily greeted by them. They led us to their home by the light of their lanterns, where we found the brethren up stairs, and full of the spirit of the occasion. Supper was soon ready, and it was a grand one, and we partook of it heartily with growing appetites. After supper we listened (music), sang, played, and additional company of Mr. Allen and wife and a Mr. Harrymon, who had come to listen to us, we poured out music, sang songs and rejoiced until the midnight hour arrived, when our kind friends left us and we retired for the night under the roof and in an upper floor of our dear, kind friend and sister.

Friday morning we gave each other the parting hand, with a hearty "good bye" and "God bless you!" for our various fields of labor.

Thus ends our reunion and celebration, and as we look back we feel that it has been one of the most pleasing, lasting and enjoyable period of our lives.

Yours in the Gospel,

L. D. BURNHAM.

Salad Stake Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Salad Stake was held at Portage on the 15th and 16th of September. Elders D. M. Merrill, G. H. Young and D. O. Merrill comprised the visiting brethren; Stake President O. A. Kelly and a good number of Elders, John Reynolds, most of the High Council, Bishop of Wards, early Elders and a goodly number of the Saints of the Stake were in attendance. An excellent spirit prevailed during the conference and much valuable counsel was given, which caused to be greatly appreciated. The good singing by the choir under the leadership of Prof. D. P. Jones added to the pleasant weather added much to the enjoyable occasion.

In their remarks the speakers dwelt upon a number of subjects of vital interest to us all. The great need of observing the laws of health in order that we may escape sickness and disease, was dwelt upon by Dr. S. B. Young. He stated that when the body was in a healthy condition and we took care to keep our houses and surroundings clean from any disease-breeding matter, we were about proof against disease. Elder D. O. Merrill related an incident that came under his notice a few years' mission to the Friendly Islands, where were very interesting. Elder Merrill called attention to the prospect of the late Heber C. Kimball, that the time would come when there would be a famine in the land, and urged the brethren and sisters to prepare for it by keeping a few years' breadstuff on hand; felt to prophesy in the name of God, that the time would come that we would appreciate bread more than we do now; a great amount of wholesale bread was being wasted at that time, and a great deal of grain was allowed to spoil in our farmers, that by care, could be converted into valuable food, always felt that it was a sin to waste the bounties of the Lord. This valuable discourse was closed by invoking the blessings of heaven upon the people and their homes.

A Seventies meeting was held Sunday evening at which much valuable counsel was given and a report of the condition of the Forty-second quorum rendered, Elder J. M. Haas, who had lately returned from a mission to Kentucky on account of ill health, gave a short account of his labors there.

L. D. JONES,
Clerk pro tem.

Quarterly Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Relief Society of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will convene in the Assembly Hall, on Saturday the 21st, commencing at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is requested.

M. ISABELLA HORNE,
President.

A YOUNG TRAVELLER.

A six-year old German homeseeker, Carl Bowman by name, arrived in San Francisco by the overland train Tuesday from Chicago. The lad was stopping tired of his point of departure and state of his destination, and gave as his person certificate that he was to meet his grandfather, Mrs. Herr's Lothbrunth, at Salinas, Cal., to whom place he was forwarded. It appears that the lad was left by his stepfather without means, and his guardian, after corresponding with the child's aunt, concluded to send the boy to her, without, however, informing her of his purpose. Carl says that everyone was kind to him on his long journey, which occupied and very much. There was a collection made for the little man upon his landing at New York, as the papers stated that he would be cared for in California.

LITERARY NOTES.

Godey's Magazine for October is a Southern number. An artistic cover emphasizes this and the two leading articles are "Cotton Culture at the Atlanta exposition" at Atlanta, and "King Cotton and His Subjects." The latter treats of cotton-picking in picturesque and the most pleasant sements. Other finely illustrated papers are upon Mr. French, the sculptor; types of French Beauty;" "Great Singers of This Century" and "The Exercises and Amusements of an Indian Village." Among the varied fiction is a very pathetic story of a young Frenchman and Mainewoman, and let "A Confession of Success." The fashion department, as usual, occupies the field of particular interest to women.

The Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, secretary of the treasury, has written for the October number of the Forum an article entitled "The Present Condition of the Silver Question in the United States." In his opinion there are no more advocates of the free silver policy today than there were a year ago, he thinks that those opposed to that policy are far more numerous now than they were then, and that the sound-money cause is rapidly gaining ground.

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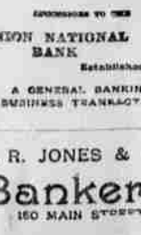

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