FROM FAR SAMOA.

Interesting Report of a Conference at Pagopago.

SEVERAL NATIVES BAPTIZED.

A Spiritual and a Liberal Feast—Customs of the Natives, Etc.

PAGOPAGO, Sept. 10, 1894.—Another conference in the Samoan branch of the Samoan mission has just been held at Pagopago and was a decided success. It was held a month earlier than usual, from the fact that Elders Dimond and Harding were released to return home on the October steamer, and it was necessary to hold conference before their departure, consequently Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th, were designated as the meeting days.

Elder Alfred Jensen and the writer were laboring on Aunuu, and on the 5th, with "umeneus" and grip-sack in hand, we hastened to the beach where the native were engaged in struggling a boat into the sea. The wind was blowing a gale and the angry breakers came rolling into shore with increased fury and augmented speed. But the sea has no terrors for the Samoan, nor has it for us if we venture on its bosom only when really necessary, for we know we are blessed in our ship with calm the winds and subdue the sea.

We were soon carried through the breakers by native canoeman, who are pioneer men, and carefully seated in the boat, that was being tossed about a few rods from shore. All were now patiently waiting for a huge swell that would carry the boat through the narrow opening in the reef and into the deep blue sea. Just at the right moment the captain shouted "pull," and we were borne safely through the reef and into the sea without. Shortly afterwards an Elder was noticed crawling lazily into the mighty deep with a grave and pale countenance, evidently greatly concerning to the welfare of the finny tribe beneath. Once within the haven of rest (Pagopago harbor) and all was soon still and quiet. Presently the anchor was raised and natives stood ready to carry us on their backs to shore. Upon reaching terra firma after such an experience one is tempted to exclaim, "I've been my stand on land, on land, forever and ever on solid land," etc.

We soon came in the door of our Samoan meeting house, there finding Elders H. E. Dimond, A. W. Harding, C. A. Allemann, and later on J. H. Harlan, who arrived from the east end of the island. The Saints gathered in and we kept late hours rejoicing together, preparing songs for conference, etc.

On Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, about 60 native being assembled, the first meeting of conference was called to order by President Elder H. E. Dimond. After singing and prayer, Elder Dimond spoke to the congregation assembled on the necessity of baptism.

At noon both Elders and natives sat around in a circle in true Samoan style, anxiously waiting for the distribution of two barrels of beef, together with quantities of fish, chicken, taro, pokenui, bananas, breadfruit, etc., all of which had been prepared for the occasion. An individual was appointed by the chiefs to divide the meat, and to see him throwing it about the house, each one catching with a marked degree of expertness all that was thrown his way, convinced one that they could make an interesting game of ball. Like Benjamin of old, the Elder nearly gave a very large share of the best food available upon such an occasion. This is truly law of the kingdom, a measure of a native's life, for with a Samoan, there is not another thing under the sun that receives as much care, attention, etc., as the food man.

In the afternoon Elder Harding discoursed upon the Apostasy of the Primitive Church. In the evening a meeting was held where Brother Mamoe, a white member of the Church, who is now on his initiatory journey toward the Elders, Vaai was never tired in praising for our walls, Pistols, Jull, and Tui, all members holding the Priesthood, were called upon and made interesting remarks, testifying to the truth of the Gospel as restored in these the last days, etc.

On Sunday morning the "pale" was rung shortly after sunrise, and after presenting the name of the First Presidency of the Church, the Twelve Apostles, E. H. Hilton, chief ruler of the islands, and the Elders and Saints on this island, together with the names of these books, the Prime-Bond here for the approval of the Saints, Elder Harlan spoke upon the necessity of Apostles and Prophets, etc., in the true Church of Christ. After meeting a music school was held, as it was, when regular Sunday school exercises took place. In the afternoon Elders Harlan and Allemann spoke upon Faith and the Restoration of the Gospel. In the evening a necessary meeting was held, where about fifteen natives arose and spoke concerning work. The Spirit of God was clearly made manifest. At a late hour the meetings very reluctantly gave way, each one retiring to his or her modest cocoanut hut, to lie down on the hard ground, strewn the mat serve a bamboo mats and wander in the land of dreams.

An incident took place on Sunday afternoon which is probably worthy of mention. A small congregation assembled on the shore in front of the meeting house, and after singing and prayer three persons were led down into the waters of baptism. On the following Tuesday two others were baptized into the fold of Christ in a similar manner, one of whom, Alaeli, is well known by missionaries who have labored in these parts, he having been faithfully received for years as to God whom (or mother).

We are pained to bear to part with Elders Dimond and Harding, who they have loved intensely for three years, seeing, hoping, and the long cherished wish are now certainly established. Responsible duties in their stead and friends. Therefore we can but say "God speed you on your homeward way."

ORLANDO DARRIN.

OBITUARY NOTE.

JOHN M. BITTON.

MOPIE, Oct. 19, 1894.—I am requested to record the death of one of our newest young men, John H. Bitton, who died on Friday, October 12, at about 2 p.m. He was born in Nephi City, December 20, 1868, and held the office of a Seventy, being a member of the Fourth quorum. He was the only son of Peter and Mary P. Bitton and as fine boys as ever graced a mother's home during years, but now are plunged in deep sorrow. They recently returned from the white community, Wee Ree, or Kimpo, where they went to the sun they have sojourned. It tends from his home here, and we are sorry to bear the loss, we are willing to submit to the decrees of Providence.

The funeral was held Tuesday, October 16, at 10 o'clock, and the Fillmore saints joined with relatives and friends followed the corpse to the grave, where it was interred with characteristic esteem to await the resurrection morn. D. K.

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FRANK H. STEPHENS, Marshal.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT BY virtue of a judgment and authority contained in a certain execution issued out of the Probate Court of Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, in the matter of the estate of Thomas Ellis, deceased, I will sell at public auction, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day, the following described real estate, to wit: [illegible] Dated this 10th day of October, 1894.

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PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF SALE to me directed by the Third Judicial District, in and for the Territory of Utah, I will sell at public sale, at the front door of the court house in the city of Salt Lake, county of Salt Lake, Utah Territory, on the 10th day of November, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day, the right, title, claim and interest of Patrick Hayes and Catherine Hayes, or, in the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in Salt Lake City and County of Salt Lake, Utah Territory, and described as follows: [illegible] Dated this 10th day of October, 1894.

FRANK H. STEPHENS, Marshal.

NOTICE.

In the Probate Court in and for Salt Lake County, Territory of Utah.

In the matter of the estate of Alonzo Hope, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT [illegible] Dated this 10th day of October, 1894.

H. Y. MELOY, Clerk of the Probate Court.

SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the Third Judicial District, in and for the Territory, county of Salt Lake.

Joseph Bancroft, plaintiff, vs. Emma Alexander, John Alexander, Jessie Alexander, Hugh Alexander, Jessie Alexander, Mary Alexander, Jessie Alexander, Mary Alexander, Jessie Alexander, Mary