SAD DEATH IN SAMOA.

Little Harold Hilton Passes Away.—The War.—Missionary Doings.

PAGAILI, SAMOA,
March 17, 1894.

Editor Deseret News:

Since my last letter to you the Samoan group on home has been the scene of another very sad occurrence which caused a gloom to come over us that is not yet entirely dissipated.

Little Harold Hilton passed from this life on the 17th inst. His demise was very sudden, he having been ill but a few days. On Sunday the 11th he was out feeling very well and was administered to during the night. For two days following he appeared to be improving, but on the morning of the 14th his mother again became concerned about his welfare. From then until his death, which occurred at 11 a.m. on the date before mentioned, everything that loving hands could do was done for his recovery, but he grew rapidly worse, and at the time stated, amid soothings and prayers and supplications to the Lord, the little spirit took its flight to Him who rules on high.

Oh, how hard we all were to believe that it was so! How we to see our dear sister again bereft, and for so far from her parents and friends, whom she has left for the Gospel's sake! We fell to say, "Thy will, O Lord, and not ours be done!" How gladly and Thou hast the right to take away; we humbly bow to Thy decree, Wisdom all things well."

Thomas Harold Hilton was about one and a half years old, a beautiful little boy and very dearly beloved by all the missionaries, as well as the natives who knew him. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, and the blessings of the Lord are invoked upon them.

THE WAR.

The Samoan civil war, which has been raging for some few weeks past, is now reported as being about at an end; but doubts are entertained about peace being permanently restored for some time to come. The present trouble seems to have mostly originated over a petty quarrel between native living on two separate islands—Upolu and Savai—and is not considered, by all at least, as a rebellion like the war of '89.

There are no warships here, or things would take on a different aspect, as the Samoans are very much afraid of the big guns (cannon), which they call "Manaiaua." According to the best account obtainable, there have been but fifteen killed and twenty-five or thirty wounded.

The three consuls are laboring energetically for the suppression of any rebellious spirit which may manifest itself. They are doing a good work in the interest of peace, for which much credit is due to the representatives of the "Three Great Powers."

MISSIONARY LABOR.

Our labors here are being very much retarded by the present troubles, as the people, especially the natives, seem to think more about the destroying of their fellowmen than they do about the principles of the Gospel. Our conference, which was to be held next month, will now have to be postponed till peace is restored so that the people can be brought together without fear of being molested.

At our meetings on Sunday last the "Saints" was better filled than I have ever known before. The writer enjoyed the privilege of speaking to over seventy of these South Pacific Lamanites on the subject of the "Restoration of the Gospel," meeting beginning to them that the angel of the Lord which John saw has brought the "everlasting Gospel" to the earth for the salvation of all those who yield humble obedience to the requirements of the same. Thus we rejoice in the work of the Lord and pray for its continued progress in the midst of this degraded branch of the house of Israel.

The News is always read by us all with much interest and profit.

Ever praying for the prosperity of Zion and the welfare of the servants of the Lord in every land and clime,

I remain,
your brother in the Gospel,
SILFAGO.

WAITED FOR SUPPER IN VAIN.

A Young Stranger Plays a "Winning" Game at Big Cottonwood.

A young man whose name is understood to be Martin is credited with having played a "clever" little game on the people of Big Cottonwood on Friday evening last, and it was perpetrated in a truly "professional" style.

It appears that the hero of the story engaged Mr. Nelson's hall for a ball on Friday evening. Tickets were sold at fifty cents each, the holder of the ticket to be entitled to a supper. Hoff's band was promised to furnish music for the occasion and "all went merry as a marriage bell" until the time came to serve the midnight supper. When the guests were quietly informed that a delicious supper is made for them, but was not quite ready. The band was requested to entertain the party an hour longer, under the promise of additional compensation. Twelve o'clock came and no refreshments, as well as no Martin, he appears, having had a call of an urgent nature to parts unknown. Every dollar went with him to spend and couldn't see any reason for the ball neither.

It is also said that in his haste to seek new fields that he forgot to settle for the hall, to compensate the band, or to liquidate a board bill. Diligent inquiry was made on Saturday, but it is evident that he had demonstrated the position: "The shortest distance between two points is supposed to be a straight line," and is now reaping from his course.

MR. BRADFORD SURPRISED.

Teachers of the Jackson School Take Possession and Present Possession of His Home.

Last Friday evening, as Principal William Bradford and wife were enjoying the comforts that a pleasant home affords, and musing of having wronged their neighbors as reported, a knock was heard at the door, and with "caution admonishing I," he walked the corps of teachers of the Jackson school, lately and pleasantly taking possession.

A social entertainment was held between the hot and bother, but it was owned that and to result in lasting pleasure to again assure their respective rights, and their home was placed at the disposal of the merry company. The "behind scenes," however, did not go unnoticed, for with them were some delicious ice cream and cake, of the most toothsome quality, and which would satisfy the taste of the most epicurean.

The evening was delightfully spent in social conversation, and will serve as a pleasant and refreshed remnant of the social relations existing between Principal Bradford and the corps of teachers, to whom he is devotedly attached and who in turn are appreciative of hospitality in the room in which the term is pure need.

Fire at a Meeting House.

The Fifteenth ward meeting house, situated on First south street west, was the scene of a fire at ten o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning that would certainly have proven disastrous had it not been discovered in its incipiency. The children of the ward were assembling for Sunday school at the time. One of the little ones noticed that the roof near the smoke flue was on fire and gave the alarm to other persons present. There is a fire alarm box near by and to this a messenger ran as quickly as possible. On arriving there, however, he found no key with which to turn in the alarm, nor was there any information as to where the key was. Several houses in the neighborhood were visited before it could be found. Finally it was secured and the west fire department was called out, but before it reached the meeting house the fire had been extinguished by means of the hose kept on the ground. The loss will not exceed $15.

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