

RELIEF SOCIETIES

brought together a large number of our workers of the gentler sex. These Relief Societies under the care and watchful solicitude of President Lucy King have grown into an institution of vast benefit in all the good works for which they were designed and are a factor of great importance in keeping up the life in many branches and in aiding in the spread of the gospel.

Officers for the ensuing term were sustained as follows:—Lucy King, general president; Kekuewa Nakuau and Nalla Kekauoha counselors; Kekuewa Nakuau, general secretary.

During the last term our missionary service has been increased by the arrival of Elders Malin Horne and S. S. Hammond, who have been out among the natives on this island studying the language, and Elder Charles Harper whose services have been engaged in blacksmithing and assisting the engineer in the mill. Worthy of note also is the proficiency in speaking the Hawaiian tongue attained in so short a time by Elders Brigham Johnson and W. H. Allen.

Elder Jos. G. Fueger, our school teacher for the past year, has been honorably released and started for Honolulu yesterday. He expects to leave San Francisco for Salt Lake on the evening of the 19th. His friends can prepare accordingly to meet him.

ON THE PLANTATION,

we have the storekeeper and book-keeper Jno. Brown; engineer Isaac Fox; assistant engineer Charles Harper; sugar boiler, M. F. Eakle.

As was announced in my last letter, we started and run the mill during the greater part of December. But on account of the bad condition of the machinery we had frequent stoppages and hindrances, consequently did not have a very successful run or make as good a grade of sugar as usual. On starting up on the first of the year our boiler gave out on us. After examination we concluded to get a new boiler put in, with stepladder grate and other improvements, and to have the engines, pumps, etc., overhauled. This caused a lay-over of two months' duration and an outlay of some four thousand dollars. But no more opportune time could have been chosen as the sequel proves. During all this time we had rain, day and night almost continually. Great floods of water tore down the mountain sides and gulches, inundating the lowlands, and considerable cane land, and rose several feet in many of the houses of the natives, driving them hence.

This rainy season has extended throughout this group, washing away many bridges, several stores and dwelling houses, damaging mills, entering sugar rooms and melting sugar, stopping works on plantations, destroying rice fields, kalo patches, etc., and hindering to some extent the traveling and work of the Elders. Notwithstanding this bad weather President King had the men and carts employed in hauling over building material from our

landing to the Kahuku Sugar Company for use in buildings pertaining to their proposed \$150,000 plant of which you may learn more later, thereby furnishing labor for the natives and realizing \$1300 for pay.

This is digressing. After having got the mill in trim, we succeeded in getting in a short run of fourteen days before conference, turning out fifty-one tons of sugar, making a daily average of 7,285 pounds. Some of the cane has yielded as high as five tons per acre. It will take us some six weeks yet to crop off. We have seventy-four acres of new plant cane which is "A No. 1."

La grippe has annoyed the people here to some extent. Not a few of the natives have been sick during this cold, rainy spell, and the death rate has been greater than usual.

We all feel well and send "aloha nui." Some of the Saints are ready to emigrate, and expect to start for the "Land of Iosepa" ere long.

Your brother in the truth,

M. F. EAKLE.

LAKE PLANTATION, Oahu, H. I., April 8th, 1890.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 April 22nd, Mayor Scott presiding.

F. Ferrall asked for a peddler's license. Referred to the committee on license.

Dallas & Hedges requested permission to pile building material at the corner of Fourth South and West Temple streets. Granted under the usual restrictions.

J. E. Dooley and others asked that the Utah Central bridge at the corner of Seventh South and Tenth East streets be changed, as it was unsightly. Referred to the committee on Streets.

J. C. Mather and others asked that an additional franchise be granted to the Rapid Transit Company. Referred to the committee on streets.

The heirs of L. E. Riter represented that some years ago the estate was taxed for an extension of the water mains, and now a second tax for the extension was levied. They asked that they be relieved from this double tax. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

H. Brisacher and others asked that the water mains be extended along Third South Street as far as Fifth East. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

E. D. Hoyle and others asked that an electric light be placed at the corner of B and Third streets. Referred to the committee on improvements.

Johnson and Raymond asked permission to pile building material in front of their premises on Second South Street. Granted under the usual restrictions.

H. J. Mussell asked for a corrected deed for lot 3, block 33, Plat D. Referred to the city attorney.

W. H. Burton applied for the position of engineer to attend at the sewer pump. He had had 25 years experience, and was now engaged by Mr. Silver as engineer at the

sewer pump. Referred to the committee on sewers.

J. Stewart asked to be appointed to the position of plumbing inspector. Referred to the committee on sanitary regulations.

E. H. Rush asked leave to withdraw his application for appointment as plumbing inspector. Granted.

Some persons who had an aversion to signing their names, and who applied the signature of "Taxpayers," sent in a protest against the appointment of Mr. Evans as plumbing inspector. They began by congratulating the Council on the excellent measures already adopted, and then stated that there should be no "dog in the manger business." Next they gave the following grounds for their objections to Mr. Evans' appointment: That he was a relative of a plumber on First South Street; that he was now engaged in business for himself without a license; that he had no experience; that he is the soul and bone of contention; and that he has learned all he does know in the *Herald* building. They wanted some one who would be impartial, and warned the Council to exercise due care.

Mr. Hall thought a petition without a signature should not be received by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Pembroke, the petition was laid on the table.

Watermaster J. M. Harvey informed the Council that his deputy watermaster in the Fourth Precinct, W. W. Foot, had been stricken with paralysis so that he could not attend to the business. Mr. Harvey had appointed James Lawson as his assistant in the Fourth Precinct. The appointment was confirmed.

A number of residents of Third South Street, between Six and Seventh East streets, asked for an extension of the water mains. Referred to the committee on waterworks.

A protest against granting a license for Sunday entertainments was presented and read. It endorsed the following which was presented by Rev. R. G. McNiece and others as having been passed by a meeting held in the Methodist Church:

Whereas, A quiet and orderly Sabbath is essential to the best welfare of the city; and *Whereas*, Such a day of rest cannot be preserved for all classes if any one class is given permission to use the rest day for money making purposes; therefore

Resolved, That this union meeting of citizens does hereby earnestly petition the city council to impartially withhold licenses from every class that wishes to use Sunday for money-making purposes.

Both protests were referred to the committee on license, but were afterwards laid on the table till the ordinance relating to the subject was called up.

Street Supervisor Paul asked instructions relative to accepting poll tax time checks, issued for work done in 1888 and 1889. Several had been presented, and he had refused to honor them until the Council had considered the matter.

City Attorney Merritt said the checks should not be received.

The Mayor said many of them had been taken by the parties in good faith, and they could not be repudiated.