

ers of your estimable paper, especially to those who have relatives and friends in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Although the Hawaiians salute have, for some time, been inattentive and taken but little interest in religious matters, the majority received the intelligence that there would be no general conference with feelings of regret, for truly those are times that are looked forth to by both the natives and missionaries from Zion with eager anticipations when we are privileged to meet under the same roof, heartily shake each other's hand in brotherly and sisterly love, and encompassed with the benign influence of God's Holy Spirit, enjoy the encouraging, comforting remarks and good instructions that are imparted on such occasions.

The prevalence of the above stated epidemic necessitated the Elders remaining in their several fields of labor on the various islands about a month longer than they otherwise would have done; but nevertheless Israel's little band laboring for the advancement of truth in the paradise of the Pacific, have again been permitted to assemble at our mission home and are at the present enjoying a pleasant vacation and visit before taking our departure to fulfill the appointments just assigned us.

After conversing with the brethren as regards the different conferences, I find it would be a difficult matter to acquaint you with a correct status of affairs for, as in other portions of the world, a report that would apply to some branches would be in direct controversy to others, meaning by this that the Saints in many districts are making some effort to improve themselves and thereby advance the work of God, while a great number are very sleepy and negligent, the Shepherd's voice of warning being but little heeded. When laboring in their midst we are usually kindly received and made as comfortable as their scanty circumstances will permit of; however, there is still existing in their ranks that feeling of bitterness to all foreigners that I have mentioned in previous correspondence, which frequently causes us much unpleasantness.

While progress in some directions among this people is almost imperceptible it would be untrue for me to say that the mission is retrograding, for, during the term of six months that has just expired 103 souls have entered into the fold of Christ through the door of baptism and 83 children have been blessed; quite an increase over last term, proving beyond a doubt that the "bread cast upon the water" has produced favorable result, the fact of which aids much in encouraging us to press onward in the noble cause and try with cheerful hearts to do the Master's will.

The "mea hou" (news) to report proves the truth of the old adage that "there is no large loss without some small gain; and is of a dual character—one an arrival, the other a departure. The arrival to chronicle is a large, fat, bouncing boy born to Brother and Sister M. M. Harmon on Sunday, November 3rd. Mother and son doing nicely. The departure is the return of our beloved and much esteemed president, Elder Matthew Noll, and wife,

accompanied by Elder John Brown and wife, to their home in lovely Zion at the close of their successfully performed missions. They have all labored long and diligently in this field and bear away with them our respect and heartfelt devotion.

Another important event worthy of mention was the arrival of our new president, Elder Samuel E. Woolley, with his wife and family, in Honolulu on August 31st, in good health and spirits. They are at the present with us at Lāhē, where a special meeting was held last evening and the following temporal and ecclesiastical appointments were made for the ensuing term: Samuel E. Woolley, manager of the Lāhē plantation, with Walter Scholes as assistant, M. M. Harmon, school teacher and book-keeper, Alice Harmon, storekeeper, and Laura Fisher, assistant school teacher; the ecclesiastical appointments are, for Lāhē, S. E. Woolley, president of branch, with M. M. Harmon and Walter Scholes as counselors; Ella Birdoo, president of the Primary association, with Alice Woolley and native, Millema, as counselors; the Sabbath school and Mutual Improvement association are both presided over by natives the names of whom I need not mention; for the Islands—Sister Alice Woolley as president of the Relief societies, with Sisters Alice Harmon, Phoebe Scholes, Laura Fisher, Ella Birdoo and natives Kekuewa and Kahuhu as counselors, and native Sisters Makaoe and Kapu as aides; E. C. Dibble as president of the Sabbath schools, with M. M. Harmon and John R. Jolley as counselors; Thor. Brimley as president of the Mutual Improvement associations, with Wm. H. Thompson and Wm. H. Mendenhall as counselors; Geo. H. Fisher as clerk of the mission and secretary of the Sabbath schools and Mutual Improvement associations.

Thor. Brimley, Geo. H. Birdoo and native Newahine, traveling Elders for the island of Kauai.

Wm. H. Mendenhall and U. L. Rooke, Oahu.

E. C. Dibble, John D. Hooper and native Kealakihonua, Maui.

Geo. H. Fisher, Wilder T. Hatch and native Kaihala, north Hawaii.

Henry M. and Louis R. Jenkins, south Hawaii.

John R. Jolley and native Nakuaau, Honolulu branch.

Wm. H. Thompson, music instructor for the branches of Lāhē and Honolulu, Oahu and Waialuku, Maui.

The Elders will shortly depart for their respective fields of labor. All upon the mission are enjoying the best of health and spirits and feel to continue in the great work of publishing glad tidings of eternal salvation among this portion of Israel's children.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion and truth, I remain

Very respectfully,

Geo. H. FISHER,

Clerk of Mission.

### SNOWFLAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Snowflake Stake convened in the Stake house at Snowflake on Saturday, the 23rd of November, 1895, and continued during Sunday, the 24th. There were four regular conference meetings

besides a Priesthood meeting held on the evening of the 23rd.

The Stake Relief Society and the Stake Primary association held their conferences on the 21st and 22nd, and the High Council held its regular session on the 22nd in the afternoon.

We were blessed with the presence of Elders F. M. Lyman and Edward Stevenson, of Utah, several visiting brethren from the St. Johns Stake, all the members of the local Stake presidency, most of the High Councilors, Bishops and other leading men, besides a very fair turnout of the people.

A very enjoyable time was experienced, notwithstanding the heaviest snow storm known here for many years prevailed during the conference. The visiting brethren and the local authorities who addressed the conference all appeared to enjoy a rich flow of the good spirit, and were prompted to give just such instructions as were best adapted to the condition of the people. The speakers in the regular conference meetings were Bishops John Hunt, L. M. Savage, John Bushman, Nels Peterson, Hans Hansen, Z. B. Decker Jr., Elders John A. West, Edward Stevenson, Jesse N. Smith and F. M. Lyman, the latter occupying the greater portion of the time, in beautifully portraying several of the first principles of the Gospel. Elder Lyman also presented the general and local authorities, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

Brothers Lyman and Stevenson were full of blessings for the people and their visit to this Stake will be long and gratefully remembered.

L. M. SAVAGE,

Clerk of Conference.

### THE WORK IN FLORIDA.

GREENVILLE, Madison Co., Fla.,

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The following few lines are submitted for publication trusting room may be found in your valuable columns, and that those interested in the work abroad it may not fall short of its desired end.

At the time of this writing the missionary labor of this state extends as far east as the Suwannee river in the part known as central Florida, and is now being pushed with renewed vigor. Four Elders, among whom were John Watts, Geo. A. Wootton and Frank Smith, according to appointment lauded here and began the work of canvassing among the people who had never seen a "Mormon" before. The first warning note struck was that of "detectives," "spies," etc., quickly followed by the evil fruits of "yellow-backed novels." After less than a week's labor Elder Wootton was taken down suddenly with a severe attack of rheumatism, preventing him wholly from subsequent activator. This was truly discouraging to all parties but the work has been kept steadily moving and it is to be noted with gratification that the work is gaining ground and finding favor more generally each day. True the adversary has not been idle and there remains much room wherein evil may be done. The fact is keenly realized by the Elders here. Two were met by a mob of some eight men and given timely warning to leave the country, showing that the grand mar-