

etc., appropriate for the education and instruction of the rising generation. All the participants did their parts well and justly merit praise.

The general and island authorities for this organization and others were presented in their respective meetings and unanimously sustained, those for the Mutual Improvement association being William H. Mendenhall president, Wilder T. Hatc first, and John D. Hooper second counselor, Joseph H. Brinton secretary, and S. E. Woolley, treasurer. For the Relief Society—Alice R. Woolley president, Ella C. Birdno, Tryphena Garff, Kekuewa Nakuaau, Makano and Kapo counselors; Kekuewa Nakuaau secretary, and Tryphena Garff treasurer. For the Sunday schools—Edwin C. Dibble president, Henry Moss first, and Lewis R. Jenkins second counselor; John D. Hooper secretary, and S. E. Woolley treasurer.

The evening services of Tuesday, the 6th, ended the conference, which was indeed interesting and we trust beneficial.

President Woolley delivered the closing address. He said he felt that all present had certainly partaken freely of the bread of life, and he was desirous that each one give to others as freely as they had received. After thanking the people kindly for their generous treatment of the Elders during the past term and asking them to continue likewise in the future, he closed his remarks by encouraging all to press boldly onward in the work of the Lord. He offered the benediction and adjourned conference to meet at Laie April 6th, 1897.

In conclusion, I take pleasure in adding that a spirit of love, gladness and unity was prevalent in the conference from beginning to end. The Gospel of Christ was preached in power and clearness, not only by the Elders and sisters, but by each one in turn, large and small, who took part in the different organizations; for the exercises were replete with beautiful morals and precepts, that tend to strengthen our faith in all that is good, and were sufficient to create within the breast of any wanderer a fond hope that would point him or her from of this world's darkness to the light of heaven. The people from the outside branches were well cared for by the residents of Laie and dispersed with the best of feelings.

In general the future prospects of progress for the work of God in this fair land are indeed encouraging. The process of sowing and reaping goes on continually. Many are being aroused from slumber and the increased interest taken in religious affairs is noticeable. One marked feature is the improvement of the Saints in caring for the Elders. Congeniality is more perceptible of late, as many are getting their eyes open at last, and are arriving at a realization that the Elders of Zion have not been connected with the political strife that has been so prominent in Hawaii of late years, but have been laboring incessantly in the midst of the people for their benefit, calling them to repentance and showing them the strait and narrow path that leadeth to life eternal.

"The harvest is great and the laborers are few" In this part of the vineyard Our little band are all in good health, and working zealously for the advancement of truth, and join with me in wishing your estimable paper success and prosperity, and in supplicating

Him who dwelleth on high to bless all who are seeking to learn of His ways and do His will. On June 7th Elder Joseph H. Brinton, Elder George P. Garff and Sister Tryphena Garff arrived in Honolulu from Zion. On July 18, Elders Will G. Farrell and William D. Hill arrived in the mission. On June 26, Elders Melvin M. Harmon and Walter Scholes and Sisters Alice Harmon and Phoebe Scholes, having fully completed their missions, were honorably released, and on July 24th returned home per Steamship Warrimoo. On August 19th, Elder Thomas Brimley, who had labored three years in the mission, was honorably released on account of the illness of his aged father, and returned home a few days later.

GEORGE H. FISHER.
Clerk of Mission.

MISSION WORK IN OLDHAM.

OLDHAM, Lancashire, England,
November 1st, 1896.

Having read many interesting reports from our Elders traveling in different parts of the world, and having labored myself as an ambassador of truth to some of the people of the Manchester conference, I thought that a few notes from my journal would be of interest to the readers of your most valuable paper.

I left my dear old mountain home in Utah on the 3rd day of April, 1896, having a pleasant trip both by land and sea. I arrived in Liverpool on the 22nd of April, at noon. We were there met by three Elders from the office in Liverpool. On April 23rd, I received my appointment to labor in the Manchester conference, and from there to labor in the Oldham district. Here I met Elder Joseph Nelson, but before finding him I had my first little experience of being out in the world. Our president gave me Elder Nelson's address, so I made for there as soon as I arrived in Oldham. About one mile from the station, and to my surprise, I found that Elder Nelson and the family he was staying with had moved the day before to another part of the town. I could not find out where, so there I was in a town of 200,000 people and knew not where to go, being an entire stranger. I asked the next door neighbor if I could leave my satchel in their house, and I would try to find Elder Nelson. The good lady consented, so I started off I knew not where.

I walked for about thirty minutes and it began to grow dark. At this point I stood still for a few moments offering up a silent prayer, asking the Lord to direct me where to go. All at once a name and number of a house came to me as if some one spoke to me.—"Go to number 7 Radcliff street, and there you will find whom you are seeking," at this I turned right about, went back to get my satchel, got in a cab and told the cab driver to take me to the above address. I told him I did not know where the place was but that there was such a place. He said he thought not. I told him there must be. At this he drove off in search of the place. After about forty minutes driving about town, he found the exact address I gave him. I got out and knocked at the door. The lady came and asked me what I wanted. I told her I was looking for a Mormon Elder or a Latter-day Saint. Who are you? I told her, and she said, "Come in, you have come just to the right place; I expect Elder Nelson here in a few

moments." He soon came. This taught that if we rely on the Lord He will never forsake us.

I have labored in Oldham since my arrival, and have done my best to spread the truth of the Gospel in every way possible. We have held a large number of open-air meetings; I can say that these have resulted in much good. We have had 150 to 500 people stop and listen to our humble testimonies, and with the blessings of God we have been quite successful in making many friends and we have hopes of a great many accepting the true plan of salvation in the near future.

While holding one of our open air meetings, a lady stopped and listened for about one hour and then said, "that is just what I have been looking for for the past three or four years, but could not find." She said she had heard the Latter-day Saints some thirty years ago and had been thinking about their preachings ever since, and of late had looked up and down for them in vain. She is now a regular attendant, also her daughter and son, at our meetings.

A month ago in our council meeting at Manchester, we decided to hold a district conference once each week. We have six districts in the Manchester conference, so we would have a district conference in each district every six months. It was decided that the first one should be held in Oldham, also that the Oldham Elders, Joseph Nelson and Joseph Broadbent, should make all arrangements and take charge of the same. So with the help of the Saints, about twenty-five in number, we all worked hard to get strangers to attend our three services. We got out some large bills announcing the meetings:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oldham district conference. Three services in connection with the above conference, will be held on Sunday October 25th, 1896, to commence at 10:30 a. m., and 2:30 and 6:30 p. m. The services will be held at 127 Union street, Oldham.

Morning subject—Is baptism essential to salvation?

Afternoon subject—The restoration of the Gospel.

Evening subject—The divinity of the Book of Mormon.

The public are cordially invited. Seats free. No collection.

JOSEPH NELSON.

JOSEPH BROADBENT.

Presiding Elders.

Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

We posted the bills up where ever we could; also got a large number in the store windows. I arranged with one man to post one up on a board he had for the purpose in front of his store, and agreed to pay him. I returned with the bill. He opened it and saw Latter day Saints on it, backed out. The name nearly killed him. We worked hard till late each night the previous week, and left the result in the hands of the Lord. The outcome was far beyond our best expectations. Our rooms were full, there being one hundred and thirty strangers present during the day, I never saw a more attentive audience, I had worked hard all summer to get some of my relatives to attend our meetings but was unable to do so till this time. Then I was able with the help of God to get thirteen cousins to attend our meetings on this day. One man and his wife,