FROM MAORILAND TO ZION.

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Editor Deseret News:

One of the most interesting native missions is Maoriland in the "Pompanoa," or farewell meeting, usually held when Elders have completed their labors and are released to return home. Immediately after the annual conference in April a number of Elders met at Pelino, near Wellington, enroute to their various fields of labor. Elders Peterson and Hart were returning to the South Island, where they are endeavoring to re-open the work in the vicinity of Christchurch and where a number of scattered members have been found. Some years ago the most flourishing branch of the mission was located in that district, but for various reasons the work was suspended for a season, and the Elders have labored in Canterbury but very recently. In the meantime the old members have been scattered, and many have grown lukewarm, while others have had entirely the spirit of the work of God.

T. de Jersldah Goff has been transferred from Auckland to New South Wales, and he was one of the company sailing for Sydney Monday.

Elders John F. Burton and W. F. Armstrong were also present, bound for Queensland, Australia. Elder Bird was returning to the Waitara district, South Island.

Elder B. Goddard, having completed his labors, was ready to accompany the Australian Elders, enroute for his home in Utah. The lad named had labored in our Manawatu district since 1882, and Petone had been the headquarters of his fireside home. The Maoris regretted their attachment and appreciation of his labors by numerous handshakes and tearfully "hongis."

A "Pumpurewhi" was held on the Tuesday evening, as the above named Elders were leaving on Friday morning. At 7 p. m. the church bell announced the time for gathering in the evening hours, which was crowded by an attentive audience of immigrants. After a spirited address by Elder Goddard, the usual opening ceremonies, the singing of "Kaore Te Kiwaha," and the prayer by Elder Goff, the meeting adjourned to the building of Mr. Hunter, where "Kaiwhakaoranga" and "Kaiwhakaoranga" were sung, and tearful farewells were exchanged at the congregation dispersed.

The following morning the company of Elders prepared to leave. At 7 a. m. all the people assembled for the final farewell. Then a sad, sad scene. Aged men and women, with tears in their eyes, spoke, the last "hongi" was given, and the Elders departed amid cries of "Haere ano," "He kanoi ki," etc.

At Wellington Elders Peterson and Hart embarked for Christchurch, Elders Goff, Johnson and a company of Maoris left for Petone, and Elders Goddard, Burton, Armstrong and Goff boarded the steamship Wakatipu bound for Australia.

After the five days' sailing the last named company arrived at Sydney, where Elder A. J. Ridger was located. A few days were spent in the busy metropolis of New South Wales, and three of the Elders then sailed for Queensland, on arriving at Brisbane a number of meetings were announced, and for two weeks the time was fully occupied, visiting the Saints, and preaching the Gospel to large and attentive congregations. Elders John F. Burton, D. W. Livingston and W. F. Armstrong are now located at South Brisbane.

A journey this way made to Ipswich—nearly two miles from Brisbane—where Elder E. H. Bodily and C. H. Crow are now laboring for some time. A public meeting was held in the Olympic hall, which was well attended, and tracts were given to the people. Some of