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Publication and Library Committee.

The Recorder and the Secretary of the Society; ex-officio

Arthur G. Alexander .............................................. Continues for one year
Mrs. Emma Lyons Doyle ....................................... Continues for two years
Mrs. Florence H. MacIntyre ................................. Appointed for three years

THE HAWAIIAN MISSION CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Cousins was held April 12, 1920, at three o’clock, being a part of the Centennial program. President W. W. Chamberlain was in charge.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. O. P. Emerson and the singing of the hymn, “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains.” The President’s address followed, which is printed entire. Short reports were read by the secretary, Mrs. K. W. Andrews, the treasurer, Lyle A. Dickey, and G. B. Carter for the trustees.

It was moved that these reports with the secretary’s minutes be accepted and ordered printed.

A collection was taken amounting to $317.42.

The Nominating Committee, chairman W. J. Forbes, announced the following officers, who were voted upon favorably: President, George P. Cooke; vice-president, D. Howard Hitchcock; secretary, Mrs. K. W. Andrews; treasurer, Lyle A. Dickey; recorder, R. W. Andrews.

The usual appropriations, $100 for Armenians and $25 for educating pupils in the mission schools, voted at a Board of Managers meeting, was ratified by accepting the secretary’s report.

The president called for remarks on the transfer of land, and W. O. Smith spoke at length on the business transactions with Kawaihae Church and the City and County of Honolulu, which leaves the cemetery and the enlarged grounds in charge of the Cousins. The following resolution was then favorably voted upon:

Resolved, That this Society approve the acts of the president and treasurer in executing the agreement made the 9th day of January, 1920, between Kawaihae Church and the Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society, whereby the trustees of said Church conveyed to the Society 5577 square feet of land, now included in Kawaihae Street, but which has been deeded to said Kawaihae Church, together with the present Mission cemetery lot, to be used and maintained by said Society for cemetery purposes, and when not so used for a period of one year, said right shall cease and revert to Kawaihae Church; and

Resolved, That this Society approve the acts of the president and treasurer in executing the agreement dated the 30th day of January, 1920, between Kawaihae Church, Hawaiian Mission Children’s Society, City and County of Honolulu and the Territory
of Hawaii, whereby the said Society conveyed to the Territory of Hawaii 3420 square feet of land on Kawailoa Street for road purposes, and received in exchange 527 square feet of land adjoining the Honolulu Construction and Draying Company’s property, together with the use of the cemetery above referred to."

President Chamberlain told of the much work done in renovating the Chamberlain House and called for proposals as to the future use to be made of the building. If used as a museum furniture would be required in fitting it up, and a care-taker. Judge Dole moved that if it could be financed, the museum proposed by G. R. Carter become a permanent feature of the Chamberlain House. It was so voted.

Rev. J. Q. Adams, D. D., of Auburn Theological Seminary, after greetings held up a rare piece of Hawaiian tapa, supposed to be over 130 years old, presented to him on a former visit to the Islands, and which he now donated to the Mission Children’s Museum. This was received with applause and accepted with a vote of thanks from the Society.

The roll was called promptly at four o'clock by companies and families, and it is notable that with the exception of the 13th company, which made the long journey from Boston in 226 days, arriving in 1944, every company was represented. The Pioneer Company had 20 descendants present, the 3rd Company 24, 3rd Company 21, 4th Company 22, 5th Company 64, 6th Company 16, 7th Company 80, 8th Company 87, 9th Company 60, 11th Company, including Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Damon who arrived the same year on the Victoria, 22, and 12th Company 3. Another fact brought out is that the 3rd Company, coming on the Puritan with the cranky captain and the four first unmarried women sent out as missionaries, also the large harmonious 8th Company, on the Mary Frasher, have stood well by their adopted country, the first bringing 91 as the review.

Numerically, by families, there were present, Coolidge 64, Judis 63, Bress 40, Holts 34, Alexander 31, Baldwin 21, Chamberlain 19, Clarks 19, L. Smith 18, J. V. Smith 15, Castles 13, Lyons 12, Thrusstone 12, Singsam 11, Bonds 11, Bishop 10, Forbes 8, Armstrong 6, Parks 6, L. Andrews 5, Demens 5, Wilcox 5, Johnson 5, Diamond 4, Oake 3, Hickok 3, Whites 3, Kimney 3, Dole 2, Emmons 2, Lyons 2, Rowell 2, and 1 from each of the Bailey, Dibble, Parker and Green families.

This has been by far the most representative roll-call ever held, Centennial celebration bringing Cousins from the coast and from the other Islands. Next year, however, we want to enlarge the number of contestants. It has been suggested that some one in each family be chosen to compute and send to the secretary the number of living descendants in that family. In that way all absent cousins as well as those in Honolulu will answer to the call.

At the close of the roll-call the photographer came and the meeting adjourned without the anticipated greetings, and without the parting song, especially appropriate today, "Rest be the Tie that Binds."

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE BOARD OF MANAGER.

We are today celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the landing of the advance guard of those brave, devoted, unselfish, Christian men and women who came to these shores to bring the gospel of Christ to its inhabitants and with it the arts and industries of civilization. It is indeed a great privilege to each and every one of us, the descendants of those missionaries, to gather here this day and do homage to them and their untiring efforts in uplifting and civilizing the Hawaiian people.

The past year has been one of exceptional activity on the part of this Society. It has seen the realization of a number of long cherished plans for the enlargement and improvement of the Society’s grounds.

In 1901 our departed cousin, A. B. Clark, first suggested acquiring the Chamberlain House, and its renovation, as a home for the Society. The Society has grown so that the house is too small to accommodate the attendance at the annual meetings but other uses have been and will be found for it. Mr. Carl Andrews was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the restoration and devoted much time and thought to preparing the plans. Owing to his departure from the city it was necessary to appoint a new chairman and Mr. Arthur C. Alexander accepted. The result of his hard work and careful and painstaking direction is plainly visible.

Mr. Ira D. Reckaw, under whose direction the work was carried on, deserves great credit for the thorough way in which the renovation has been made and the careful and correct duplication, so far as possible, of the former construction.

The house stands today as a memorial of its builder, Levi Chamberlain, and in its construction and architecture reflects his character—unassuming, yet thorough and efficient.
Mr. George R. Carter has, at the expense of much time and money, assembled an exceedingly valuable collection of Hawaiian books, manuscripts and other historical papers, photographs and documents, and has installed on the second floor of the building a large portion of this collection. It is Mr. Carter's intention to present this to the Society. The museum, which we hope in time will be much larger, has been installed in some of the rooms on the ground floor. It is the hope of many members of the Society that this museum can be maintained and enlarged and become a permanent part of the building. The parlor, dining-room and kitchen can be used as a place for the holding of meetings and entertainments.

Through the unflagging efforts of Messrs. W. R. Castle, George P. Castle and W. O. Smith, documents were finally executed by which the Society conveyed to the government a strip of land on the King Street frontage and a portion of the land on Kawainahao Street and obtained in exchange from the Territory a small strip of land on the makai-Waikiki corner of the Levi Chamberlain lot, thereby bringing this property to the street line. The Trustees of the Kawainahao Church have, by a separate agreement, granted to the Society the use of the present mission cemetery and 5570 square feet of land which is now a part of Kawainahao Lane, but which the Trustees of the Church have acquired as an addition to the cemetery. The Society is to have perpetual use and control of the cemetery as long as it is used as such. At the direction of the Mary Castle Trust, which donated the so-called "depository lot" to the Society, 3300 square feet of this lot were conveyed to the Territory for road purposes. A small stone wall has been erected on the Kawainahao Lane boundary of our property, greatly improving its appearance. Shortly the Territory proposes to construct a good road along Kawainahao Lane. When this has been completed the stone-wall on the Waikiki side of the mission cemetery will be taken down and moved over to the new frontage.

It has been suggested by the present Trustees of the Mission Cemetery that the control of the endowment fund for upkeep of the cemetery be placed with the Society. This seems very appropriate. The Society would then have the care of the property on both sides of Kawainahao Lane. To keep the buildings and grounds in good condition will require considerable money. An endowment of $25,000 is considered necessary and should be secured. The Centennial Fund Committee, acting by the Hawaiian Board proposes to raise a Memorial Fund of not less than $400,000. Included therein will be $25,000 for this Society. It is the hope of your president and the board of managers that this memorial of $400,000 will be raised promptly. We appeal to every member of this Society to put his or her shoulder to the wheel to help this committee roll the Centennial Memorial Fund considerably beyond the $400,000 mark. The self-sacrificing lives of our missionary ancestors should inspire us all to give freely that the work which they began may be still further expanded. No one should feel that his contribution is too small to be of use.

There have been five meetings of the Board of Managers during the year. The secretary's printed report will contain more of the detail of these meetings than we have time for here.

There have been numerous gifts to the Society of letters, relics and other mementoes. Our departed cousin, Mr. A. S. Wilcox, left by his will $500 for the general purposes of the Society. This will be received in due time.

Time does not permit of mentioning in detail the work of the committees which have made our part in the Centennial so successful, but the board desires, on behalf of the Society, to thank Mr. George R. Carter for the magnificent library and collection which has been a source of so much interest; Mrs. F. M. Swain and her committee, for the delightful reception of last Saturday; Mrs. W. F. Frear and her committee, who so tastefully furnished the rooms of the old house; Miss Agnes Judd and Miss Mabel H. Andrews for their interesting museum display; Mrs. W. J. Forbes, Miss Dora L. Kerwin and all those connected with the play written by Miss Ethel M. Damon, which is to take place in the Memorial Hall tonight, Mr. G. P. Wilder and his committee for the fine appearance of the grounds, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Andrews for their enthusiastic and faithful labors in behalf of the Society during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
President.

THE CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE OR DREAMS COME TRUE.

There is no need to tell any but the newest the history of the Chamberlain House and its founder, how Levi Chamberlain, a young man, was sent by the American Board of Missions as the financial agent of the Sandwich Island Mission in 1823; how he led a strenuous life, taking charge of all the goods sent to the mission, distributing to other islands, keeping accurate records that are even now quite legible, keeping in monthly touch