



H. G. R.
O.K.

Preston, Idaho. June 17th '12.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith
Salt Lake City.

Dear Brother:

The call dated April 2nd 1912. has been received, and considered by myself and family. and I am pleased to say that with the help of the Lord I will be ready to go to New Zealand in October.

Your brother for the cause of
truth. Julius H. Campbell

Henry T. Rogers
Bishop.

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Julius H. Campbell,
June 17, 1912.

See history below mission photos.



Missionaries and Maori Saints on their way
to the Hui Tan at Korongata, Hawkes Bay District



Another view of Thitar grounds at Korongata N.Z.









President Romney, two Maori Saints and
missionaries traveling on country roads of
New Zealand. Julius taking the picture





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Julius H. Campbell served in New Zealand from November 19, 1912 to August 1, 1913. He was greeted in Auckland by President Orson D. Romney, **his wife and Prof. Johnson**, who was the new superintendent of the Maori Agricultural College. His first assignment was in the print shop in Auckland. Here's information from the mission history.

Tuesday, Nov. 19. Hugh S. Geddes, Preston, Idaho, John W. Pugh,
Salt Lake City, and Julius H. Campbell, Preston, Idaho, arrived in Auckland to labor as missionaries in the New Zealand Mission. (E:715,719)

Pres. Romney, wife and Prof. Johnson, accompanied by Elders Merrill and Virgin commenced their homeward trip reaching Gisborne after a two day's ride. The rough sea then prevented them from sailing for Napier until the following morning. (E:255-256)

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Friday, Nov. 22. Pres. Romney and wife and Prof. Johnson and Elders Merrill and Virgin sailed from Gisborne to Napier. They made a visit to Korongata. Talks regarding the April Hui and the Maori College were made while there by Pres. Romney and Prof. Johnson which were kindly received

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R. Ipson were honorably released to return home. (E:707,711,715)

Saturday, Nov. 23. Pres. Romney and party reached Auckland early this morning to find Elders Hugh S. Geddes, John W. Pugh and Julius H. Campbell had arrived from Zion as the President had been previously informed by wire while at Gisborne. Much writing and office work was done during the day by President Romney and a Priesthood meeting was held and the following appointments were made: Elders Geddes and Melbourne Romney to the Hawkes Bay District; Elders Pugh and Berlin to the Wairau Conference, South Island, and Elder Campbell to labor in the print shop at Auckland. (Hist.Rec.Book E:256. No. 2882)

Monday, Nov. 25. The following was copied from Historical Record

He was then transferred in February 1913 to the Hauraki District to serve with the Mission President's son, O.D. Romney, Jr.

Monday, Feb. 10. Everybody left this splendid conference for their homes and fields of labor feeling well satisfied for having attended. Elders Hugh S. Geddes and Melbourne Romney were to continue their labors in the Hawkes Bay District.

Elder David H. Wood was to preside over the Bay of Islands or Ngapuhi District, with Elder Lehi S. Virgin as his companion.

Elder Lawrence E. Harris would return, after a few days visit in Auckland to Nuhaka District.

Elders Orson D. Romney, Jr., and Julius H. Campbell were to labor in the Hauraki District, Elder Campbell having been changed from the Auckland Conference to labor as above stated among the Maoris; Elder Benjamin B. Stringham was transferred from the Auckland Conference to assist in the Print Shop for the time being.

Julius was in New Zealand during one of Saints' grand conferences -- called Hui Tau --- and usually held at Easter time. At this particular conference in Korongata, the Maori Agricultural College was dedicated.

Sunday, April 6. On this and the two preceding days the annual conference of the New Zealand Mission was held at Korongata. At this time, also, the dedication of the Maori College was attended to.

The following is a list of Elders and their appointments which is the first time for many years that all the Elders in the Mission attended the Hui Tau, and with the General Authorities of the Church were sustained as follows:

✓ Orson D. Romney,	Mission President
✓ H. Harold Robinson	Mission Secretary.

BAY OF ISLANDS

✓ David H. Wood	✓ Lehi S. Virgin
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AUCKLAND

✓ Francis E. Halls	Editor released
✓ Lawrence E. Harris	Editor
✓ David S. Romney	Business manager "Messenger".

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✓ George C. Hill	In Print shop
✓ Fuller R. Remington,	"Cook".

WAIRAU

✓ John W. Pugh

OTAGO

✓ Robert H. Scadden	✓ Daniel G. Seegmiller
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CANTERBURY

✓ Ezra Adam Ricks	✓ William R. Dalling
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MANAWATU

✓ Wesley J. Beck ✓ William E. Orr (released)
✓ William E. Hepworth

✓ WELLINGTON

✓ Ira Burton Whitney ✓ John A. McFarland
✓ Leland J. Cassity ✓ Frederick A. Berlin

✓ WAIKATO

✓ Owen A. Eldredge

✓ MAHIA

✓ George A. Chadwick ✓ Lewis E. Olpin

✓ WAIAPU

✓ Lawrence W. Merrill ✓ Clarence E. Tregear

✓ HAWKES BAY

✓ Hugh S. Geddes ✓ Melbourne Romney

✓ HAURAKI

✓ O. D. Romney, Jr. ✓ Julius H. Campbell

✓ WAIRARAPA

✓ Vernon E. Nielsen ✓ John G. Cameron

SCHOOL TEACHERS

✓ Sidney J. Ottley, College
✓ William Bird Tauranganui School
✓ John L. Ellertson Korongata School
✓ Samuel Morgan Porirua School

(Hist. Record Book E:278-280)

College dedication, Image 77

By July, Elder Campbell was ill and of concern to President Romney.

Pres. Romney for he wrote many Elders in the field. (p.296)

Wednesday, July 16. Pres. Romney heard of the illness of Elder Julius H. Campbell at the Thames; he was being nursed by Ma Payne, so

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Pres. Romney left Auckland by the noon boat to visit him. While he found Elder Campbell's condition serious, it was decided that he should return with Pres. Romney to Auckland, where he could get special care so that his strength would permit him to return with Elders David S. Romney and Henry Harold Robinson sailing from Auckland August 1st as far as the North-western States and there labor if possible, his health permitting, so as to finish his mission. This was probably the first Elder transferred from the New Zealand Mission to the States for the purpose of improving his health and completing his mission. (Hist.Rec.E:296.)

Saturday, July 19. Elder David S. Romney returned from the Huia Private Hospital to headquarters greatly improved in health, but still it took much care on the part of Sister Romney and the Elders to look after Elders Romney and Campbell being desirous of having them as well as possible for their homeward trip.

Over a two-year period, Mission President Romney had sent home two missionaries in caskets who had died from typhoid. Elder Campbell had been at the harbor to bid one of the goodbye. That was likely weighing on his mind as he decided to send home an ill Elder Campbell with an early release to receive medical treatment back in the United States. Here is the account of the body of Elder Burt from Brigham City being shipped home.

Friday, Jan. 17. The body of Elder Burt was finally enclosed in a beautiful oak casket and safely packed in a strong box for shipment.

At 2 p.m. the body was lowered into the vessel "Makura", Pres. Romney overseeing everything and expressed himself as well pleased with the treatment of the Steamship Company. Besides the President was Sister Romney and their son William, also Secretary of the Mission, Harold H. Robinson, Francis W. Halls, Daniel G. Seegmiller, Julius H. Campbell and David S. Romney; also Elders Ephraim E. Wight and James N. Wallace were present to witness the body safely placed in the vessel and the latter two Elders were to accompany the remains of Elder Burt home. It was indeed a sad occasion and one that will long be remembered. It was nearly midnight before the vessel left the wharf, but it was not too late for Pres. Romney and all the Elders to be there to see them depart from the shores of New Zealand. (Hist. Rec. Book E:265-266)

Here is the account of Julius' release and return voyage.

President Romney had now decided not to transfer Elder Campbell to another mission but send him home, for his health was far from being permanently cured. (Hist.Rec.Book E:297. No.2882)

Saturday, July 26. Elder Henry Harold Robinson arrived from Christchurch to assist the Secretary of the Mission in the office a few days before taking a homeward voyage as guardian for the sick Elders.

The President had this day sent a wire to Towai instructing Elder Lehi S. Virgin to come to Auckland if possible as he too had suffered some with his appendix. (Hist.Rec.Book E:297)

Tuesday, July 29. Elder Virgin arrived from the North, and while not seriously ill Pres. Romney deemed it best to honorably released him to return with other Elders on the "Niagara", sailing from Auckland August 1st. (p.297)

Friday, Aug. 1. Elders Julius H. Campbell, Henry Harold Robinson, David S. Romney and Lehi S. Virgin were honorably released to return to Zion. (E:715-719)

Saturday, Aug. 2. The boat for home sailed from Auckland taking among her passengers, Elders David S. Romney, Lehi S. Virgin and Julius H. Campbell, all being ill, and Elder H. H. Robinson who had been released to accompany them. (Hist.Rec.E:297-298)

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Historical Note

The New Zealand Mission was organized 1 January 1889 from the Australasian Mission. On 1 September 1968, the New Zealand South Mission was organized from the New Zealand Mission.

The New Zealand Mission was renamed the New Zealand North Mission 10 June 1970. Its name was changed again 20 June 1974 to the New Zealand Auckland Mission.

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