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Mother of five, Bishop's wife 16 years, Presently Temple Ordinance Worker and
Relief Society Social Relations and Visiting Teacher; sister-in-law of Aunty Sally
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Welcoming Remarks were offered by President Albert Ho.
PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The selfless service of MPHS Board members and the worthiness of the cause for which MPHS was organized have made light the responsibilities of leadership during 1985-86. The fellowship among Council members has been rewarding to me personally. We have been excited about the increasing numbers of people not only interested in the history of the Church in the Pacific but willing to go to great efforts to make certain that history is recorded and shared. Former MPHS presidents Ken Baldridge, Rex Frandsen and Grace Pratt have established leadership precedents which guarantee the ongoing viability of MPHS and provide inspired patterns of future leaders to follow.

This year's conference with the tram tour of sites of historic importance in Laie will I hope provide a new kind of opportunity for enjoying our history through a sort of pilgrimage to those places where history was lived. I hope that this year's tour and focus on Laie may be followed in future years by other tours and focus on equally interesting sites. If this is to occur we need your continuing interest and further willingness to share your ideas and experience. To paraphrase Paul: shall we not press on in [so exciting] and worthy a cause!

Lance D. Chase

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, 1986-86

Lance D. Chase, President (1987)

Rex Frandsen, Executive Secretary (1986)  Gus Pearson (1988)

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