

AT KILAUEA.

Two Notable Visits to the Crater.
Christianity versus Paganism.

Who, in all Hawaii, has not heard of the great Kapiolani? Not the present Queen-dowager, dear to the hearts of the Hawaiians for her goodness of nature, but with no ancient high lineage to command their honor and reverence—Kapiolani the great was a daughter of the famous High Chieftain Keawe-mauihi of Hilo, and by her deeds proved herself the greatest chiefess of her time—greater even than that other remarkable heathen woman, Kaahumanu, who did so much to emancipate Hawaiians from the thralldom of superstition. At one time intemperate and dissolute, upon embracing Christianity Kapiolani became a shining example of civilized virtue and propriety. To her, of all the natives, came the conception of the great deed for which her name is worthy of most honor. The tabus were thrown down, the divinity that hedged the King had been shown to be of earthly origin, and the gods were relegated to oblivion, but on the far mountain height, in her temple of the eternal fire, Pele still reigned supreme, feared by all alike.

It was in December, 1854, the story runs, that Kapiolani determined to break the spell of native belief in Pele, to visit the goddess in her temple and defy her power. Husband, friends, even the missionaries, attempted to dissuade her, but the great chiefess was firm in her resolve to show her faith in the God of the Christians. Those who remember the trials and fatigues of the trip to the volcano, to day, by steamer, train, carriage and on horseback, will understand something of the personal cost at which Kapiolani traveled, on foot, the distance from Kealahou to Hilo, 150 miles, to visit the crater. There was no Volcano road in those days; no Fern trail; no pathway over the lava bed; but over ragged volcanic rocks that tore her hands and feet, through the dense tropical undergrowth of the forest and across the turbulent mountain streams, the great Queen forced her weary way to fulfill her noble mission. Arriving at the volcano, Kapiolani met the priestess of Pele, who warned her not to go near the crater, and predicted her death if she dared violate the tabus of the fiery goddess.

"Who are you?" demanded Kapiolani. "One in whom the goddess dwells," was the reply. In answer the chiefess quoted passages of Scripture descriptive of the greatness and power of the supreme God. A pretended letter from Pele was brought to her, but her reply was only to quote other passages and to speak of the true God, until the priestess was silenced and confessed that Keakua, the deity, had left her. Kapiolani then went forward to the crater, where she was surprised to find Mr. Goodrich, the missionary, who, hearing of her expedition, had come to meet her. On the eastern edge of the crater a shelter was built for her, and there, looking toward the flaming lake, the chiefess spent the night. I venture to say that there are few men or women living to-day who would care to do the same, alone and ignorant of the possible dangers of that awe-inspiring region. But this poor, half-civilized, wholly uneducated woman had the blood of many generations of great chiefs in her veins, and her soul was fired with the spirit that makes martyrs. Who can tell what thoughts were hers as she lived through that night? Did she sleep at all, one wonders? Did the matchless nerve that had sustained her falter at all? No one can say, for she was alone in this brave deed.

The next morning, with a company of about eighty of her people, she descended over 500 feet to the "Black Ledge," where, in full view of the boiling, raging crater, with its many darting tongues of fire, she ate of the sacred ohelo berries, the luscious little red fruit that grows up in the lava and sulphur beds, and were consecrated to Pele, and threw stones into the burning lake, saying, "Jehovah is my God! He kindled these fires. I fear not Pele. If I perish by her anger, then you may fear Pele; but if I trust in Jehovah, and he preserve me when breaking her tabus, then you must fear and serve him alone." Then they sang a hymn of praise to God, and kneeling upon the brink of the "everlasting fire," they prayed to him. In all the annals of history occurs no sublimer example of high moral courage.

Now for another royal visit to the crater.

This one occurred early in 1890. The islands had enjoyed sixty-six years of culture, educational and civilizing influences since the great chiefess broke the tabu of Pele. Queen Liliuokalani, having ascended to the throne, was making a tour of the islands, and visited Hilo, going thence, as she herself has written in the record-book of the Volcano House, "to pay due worship to Madame Pele." Of course she had no fear of the dismantled goddess for Liliuokalani is (or was) a Christian ruler. She is said, moreover, to be an enlightened and cultivated woman, and of course as such could never be subject to the doubts and fears that must have preyed upon the untutored mind of poor semi-benighted Kapiolani. As might be expected, therefore, the visits of these two great personages present a marked difference in detail.

The Queen sailed from Honolulu with a large retinue, including many of the court ladies and gentlemen and a varied assortment of baggage, among which were two small sucking pigs, who made the journey, each in his own private conveyance—a wire bidgeage. A kahuna (sorcerer) or two were also of the party. The Christian Queen, who is a member in good and regular standing of the Union Congregational Church, does not, of course, believe in kahunas, and doubtless these were taken along, "not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good

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ASSETS.	
Bonds and Mortgages	\$ 21,983,944 02
Real Estate, including the Equitable Buildings and purchases under foreclosure of mortgages	25,912,412 49
United States Stocks, State Stocks, City Stocks and other investments	75,084,749 48
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (Market value, \$7,673,706)	5,913,300 00
Real Estate outside the State of New York, including purchases under foreclosure	14,122,736 70
Cash in Bank and in transit (since received and invested)	5,554,006 66
Interest and Rents due and accrued, Deferred Premiums and other Securities	6,488,702 66
Total Assets, December 31, 1892	\$153,060,052 01

We hereby certify, that after a personal examination of the securities and accounts described in the foregoing statement, we find the same to be true and correct as stated.

THOS. D. JORDAN, Comptroller. FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor.

LIABILITIES.	
Reserve on all existing Policies (4% Standard), and all other liabilities	\$121,870,236 52
Total Undivided Surplus (4% Standard), including Special Reserve of \$2,500,000 towards establishment of a 3 1/2 % valuation	31,189,815 49
	\$153,060,052 01

We certify the correctness of the above calculation of the reserve and surplus. From this surplus the usual dividends will be made.

GEO. W. PHILLIPS, J. G. VAN CISE, Actuaries.

INCOME.	
Premiums	\$ 34,040,568 39
Interest, Rents, etc.	6,289,069 10
	\$40,280,237 49

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Claims by Death and Matured Endowments	\$ 10,859,373 04
Dividends, Surrender Values, Annuities and Discounted Endowments	5,675,074 94
Total Paid Policy-Holders	\$ 16,534,447 98
Commissions, Advertising, Postage and Exchange	4,083,478 35
General Expenses, State, County and City Taxes	3,544,021 01
	\$ 24,161,947 34

New Assurance written in 1892	\$290,490,316 00
Total Outstanding Assurance	\$50,962,245 00

We, the undersigned, have, in person, carefully examined the accounts, and counted and examined in detail the assets of the Society, and certify that the foregoing statement thereof is correct.

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