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There has been considerable dealing in real estate within the last few days and the owners of lands have made considerable profits upon the values such property was held at a year ago. Enterprise, energy and stable government are uniting in giving prosperity to every one on the Islands.

Among the matters that the Board of Health should consider when inquiring into the reasons for the abnormal death rate among Hawaiian children, is the water. A large majority of the population drink the water supplied by the city, without either filtering or boiling it. The entire water supply of the town should be filtered, but that is a matter for future appropriations, and action in the legislature. But the Board of Health, through its agents, might urge upon the people the necessity of boiling the water before using it for drinking purposes. A few popular talks, translated into Hawaiian, printed on leaflets, and distributed broadcast might do good. The pastors in the native churches could also give able advice upon the matter. It is quite as necessary to save the body as the soul.

Next Thursday will show whether the charitable organizations of the city are prepared to fall into the line of modern improvement, or whether their officers prefer to go on in the present fashion. Union is powerful in all things, and can be as powerful in the management of charities as it is in anything else. We all see the disadvantages of indiscriminate personal charity. We cannot get rid of it, but we know, when we reason, that it must be unsatisfactory and even harmful. Personal charity is really selfish, for it is done without inquiry and merely to get rid of impurity. To avoid personal charity we have organizations. But twenty or thirty organizations have again the elements of disunion. Therefore it is better that union should again come in and that there should be a centralization of the organization. The benefit of it has been appreciated elsewhere. It will doubtless be appreciated here.

STEPPING FORWARD.

An experiment in establishing true University Extension in Hawaii will be made next week. By Thursday the first lecture will be given and that doubtless will attract a large crowd, partly of those who are desirous of improving themselves and eagerly grasp the opportunity for guidance in self culture, and partly of those who go for mere curiosity or because it seems the thing to take up a new intellectual fad. The steady work and application required will reduce these very naturally as time goes on. It is one thing to have a work critically treated and lectured about, and it is quite a different thing to do the subsidiary reading which helps the listener, not simply to hear, but to thoroughly understand, and then to make application of the knowledge that has been gained.

University extension has long been in practice in Europe, and has had much success in many cities. As far back as the sixties it was organized from Oxford, from Cambridge and from London University, but it never took root in the states until 1890, when the first Philadelphia society for the extension of university teaching was formed. Since then it has gradually grown and spread till there are centers in every part of the union.

University extension may be regarded as a widening of the doors of the college and university so as to take in classes of people who are not now directly benefited by the higher institutions of learning; it brings to busy people at their homes the opportunity of securing university aid and direction in carrying on their studies while engaged in the round of daily toil.

This of itself would be an advantage, in that it raises the standard of a community and gives a number of them at least, something higher to think about and to talk about than the petty affairs of a narrow existence. But this after all is not its true aim. A human being may have had an excellent university training but it can be forgotten and become rusty, as the seed in the parable, which came forth well for a time but for want of earth withered away, or was choked by an overgrowth of weeds.

The main aim of university extension is to make self culture one of the serious and permanent interests of life, to take its place side by side with religion, with business, with manual labor, with politics, with amusement. A writer taking this view says: "It would be ridiculous for a man to propose to devote two or three or four years to religious observances, study and reflection with the idea of dispensing with the necessity of ever think-

ing of them again. It is no less ridiculous for a man to drop the process of self culture after leaving school or college. From this point of view university extension has a distinct mission, viz: to preach the doctrine of the duty of systematic self-culture—a duty resting on every man and woman alike."

University extension appeals not only to the young, to those who are entering upon life, but it appeals and is of benefit to those who are middle aged as well. It appeals in another way, and teaches us the true democracy of letters. The man of wealth, the hard working mechanic, the school master with his narrowed horizon, the dry goods clerk, the professional man whose mind is wrapped up in his one subject, can all meet upon a common plane and can appreciate the benefits to be obtained from study properly and judiciously applied.

Not only does it show the true democracy of life, but it is also an agent which brings together those who are separated by religious belief, the orthodox and the unorthodox, the Jew and the Christian, the Roman Catholic, the professors of all the jarring creeds of Protestantism, the believers and the unbelievers can come together and unite in one common effort. For culture is based on broad lines which neither religion, station nor race can obliterate.

Honolulu should welcome this effort upon the part of those who have made the initial effort in this direction. It comes at a time when the whole community is steeped in thoughts of wealth. It offers no means of making increased wealth, such as we regard as riches. But it offers to those who can appreciate it and take its advantages something that makes wealth more worth having, and which yet makes small means more enjoyable than great wealth.

But one thing the organizers should keep in mind, which to a certain extent was foreshadowed in the exordium of this article. If purely popular courses are adopted such a policy defeats itself. It may succeed for a year, it may succeed for two, but it is fatal to permanent usefulness. The ideal course is not one which attracts a thousand hearers. It is one that stimulates a hundred students. Students not hearers only are needed.

CROWNING DISCOVERY.

There is much talk of motors and there always has been. Steam was a revolution, but electricity has exceeded steam in many directions. Then we have had compressed air. Now a new force is coming to the fore which promises more wonderful results than any that have yet been captured by the human intellect. Liquid air may be regarded as the crowning discovery of a century which has been fertile in mechanical progress.

We are today mentally no better than at the medieval writers, the men the remote past struck out gems of thought which cannot be bettered to-day. The Hebrew "Wisdom Writers," the Greek poets, playwrights, historians and philosophers, the Latin literature, the medieval writers, the men of the Renaissance, the Elizabethan authors, all have been our equals, and many have been our superiors. But in the skill of harnessing the powers of nature to do our will, and to serve us in our ordinary lives, annihilating distance and time to a great extent we have exceeded all others that have gone before.

The application then of liquid air, with the enormous force it gives, at comparatively little cost, to practical working of machinery, forms a fitting wind up to the closing year of the nineteenth century.

The Morning Star after missing one season's trip has again sailed for her tour among the small islands of the Pacific. Her voyage, apart from its missionary character, is of general interest, for on her return she brings information about places which are little visited, the news from which is often filtered through prejudiced channels. It will be extremely interesting to know how the Spanish war has affected the different tribes of islanders along and in the vicinity of the line.

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