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THE STORY OF KONA ORPHANAGE

AN INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE INCEPTION, FOUNDING AND GROWTH OF THE SPLENDID PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTION ON THE SLOPES OF MT. HUALALAI—WHO ITS INMATES ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE TAUGHT—ITS NEEDS.

The following is an account of the Kona Orphanage given in the annual report of that institution, recently published.

Kona Orphanage is in the district of North Kona, on Hawaii the largest island of the coral-fringed volcanic group. In itself a small village, the Orphanage is perched one thousand feet above the sea level on the slope of Mt. Hualalai, about two miles from the little seaport town of Kailua.

The healthfulness of the climate is thought to be unsurpassed. The breezes coming from the ocean by day and from the mountains by night render the atmosphere cool and invigorating. Mt. Hualalai rises nine thousand feet above sea level. On rare occasions its summit is covered with snow, but the thermometer at the Orphanage seldom registers lower than sixty, or higher than eighty-five degrees.

June 9, 1894, Alice F. Beard came to the Hawaiian Islands, and soon after became interested and actively engaged in work among the most needy children of Honolulu. After a few years her father visited the islands and built her a home on the island of Hawaii, requesting on account of the healthfulness of the climate, that she live there as much as a fourth of the time.

Miss Beard soon made her interest felt among the children of the settlement in North Kona. Most of them were of Japanese parentage. She built a chapel, gathered the children into Sunday school, gave them picnics, entertained them at her place, and visited them in their homes, which were accessible only by foot or horse trail. During the summer of 1899 it was decided to enlarge the work. Much time was spent in consideration, bible study and prayer that the work which would do the greatest good might be undertaken. During this time, the "Life of Faith" by George Muller, telling of his wonderful orphanage work in England, and a book by Ich. describing his orphanage in Japan, were unexpectedly received, and were read with much interest.

Another thing which had much to do with deciding Miss Beard to take care of the children, was that, during the summer and fall, the mothers of those in whom she was interested came to her place to pick coffee, arriving at daylight and leaving at about four in the afternoon. The fathers, too, were away from home from early morn till late at night. Finally, one day in the latter part of November, while engaged in prayer and in reading a part of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen?" "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" Miss Beard decided to take care of Japanese children in need of a home. December 1, 1899, she announced her decision to the people of the settlement, and within eight months six little people had found a home at Kona Orphanage.

Miss Beard soon saw that her home must be enlarged, so she built a house which would accommodate thirty; whereupon she decided to take in needy children of all nationalities, and from all parts of the Hawaiian Islands.

There is no age limit. A child with neither parent, with one parent, or with both parents, may enter. When one desires to place a child in the Orphanage, application is made to Miss Beard. The case is investigated, and if it is found that for any reason the child really needs the home, and that he will not be a hindrance to those who are already there, and if there is no good reason why he should not be admitted, he is received. If he has a parent who is able to pay, such parent is required to give a small sum each month.

For the protection of the children, Miss Beard usually asks the court to give her their guardianship during the term of minority. Such petitions have always been granted, with the consent of those interested in the children, legally or otherwise.

A course of study similar to that used in the grades connected with the Honolulu High School, is used at Kona Orphanage. It is Miss Beard's aim to secure the best instructors possible for the children.

The girls and boys, under the instruction of competent teachers, do house-keeping, cooking, laundering and sewing. The children milk the cows, make butter, raise vegetables and flowers, pick coffee, and take care of the grounds. The older girls are taught to cut and make garments and to care for small children. The boys are instructed in the care of horses, cows, pigs, chickens and bees. They are also taught to cut wood, and to pulp, wash and dry coffee. The older boys are taught carpentry, painting and tinkering.

Fourteen children have neither parents living. Sixteen have fathers, seven have mothers, and twenty-two have both parents living.

Of those who have both parents living, seven have mothers who are phy-

sically unable to care for them, and fathers who are drunkards; eight have mothers who are immoral, and fathers who have deserted them; two have fathers and mothers who have deserted them; three have mothers who are immoral, and fathers who are opium habitues; and two have parents who are financially unable to give the proper care to their children.

A dozen good cows (mostly Jersey) furnish an abundant supply of milk, butter, cream, and cottage cheese. Twenty-five hives of bees furnish all the honey that is needed.

Eggs for the Orphanage are supplied by about one hundred and fifty good laying hens.

All the year round the Orphanage gardens supply an abundance of choice vegetables, including sweet potatoes, string beans, carrots, onions, tomatoes, egg plant, cucumbers, lettuce, radishes, peas, corn, Irish potatoes and squash.

There are forty acres of land belonging to Kona Orphanage. Twenty acres are in coffee, five acres are planted in fruit and vegetables and fifteen acres are used as pasture land.

The following estimate shows that not less than \$3,095 worth of farm produce is now raised yearly at Kona Orphanage:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Items include Coffee (\$500), Milk (1740 quarts a month, 1,618), Butter (300 pounds a month, 450), Honey (450 pounds a year, 48), Eggs (50 dozen a month, 250), String beans (900 pounds a year, 34), Carrots (450 pounds a year, 10), Onions (900 pounds a year, 36), Tomatoes (250 pounds a year, 14), Papayas (1800 pounds a year, 29), Sweet potatoes (120 bags a year, 75), Peas (220 pounds a year, 10), No account has been kept of Bananas.

Total.....\$3,095 The cost of farm labor is \$552 a year. The cost of stock and chicken feed is \$750 a year.

The Orphanage farm has been under cultivation for seven years.

A gentleman connected with the government agricultural department in Honolulu recently visited the farm and expressed himself as being pleased with the small farming at Kona Orphanage.

On the Orphanage grounds there are about three hundred banana plants, one hundred papaya trees, twelve alligator pear trees, six mango trees, and about three hundred pineapple plants. One hundred of these pineapple plants, donated by Byron O. Clark, of Wahiawa, Oahu, are of the choicest variety.

Not less than fifteen hundred quarts of guava jelly and jam are made and consumed at the Orphanage in a year. The guavas grow wild.

For the past two years, through the kindness of Mrs. E. C. Greenwell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. White, Miss Noe-noe Roy and J. D. Paris, the children have been enabled to pick pobas, which have been converted into about a hundred quarts of jam.

The children have also been permitted to gather great quantities of papayas, bread fruit, mangoes, alligator pears, oranges, lemons, and rose apples on the Kona Sugar Company's land. Mrs. Alexander Cockburn has also contributed mangoes, and a Japanese neighbor has allowed the children to gather papayas on his place.

Every care is taken to keep the health of the children up to the highest standard. The latest and most approved scientific methods are applied in regard to bathing, food, clothing, exercise, rest, sleep and happiness. Results have amply paid for all the time, money and labor that have been expended along these lines.

The government doctor has paid his yearly visit to the Orphanage, and made an examination of every child. Aside from this, his services are seldom required.

But one death has occurred since the Orphanage was founded.

There are needs at the Orphanage which are very pressing. The boys have not sufficient dormitory room. At present the older boys are sleeping on a veranda of the manager's cottage.

There has never been but one room for the Orphanage school. Classes are now being taught on verandas. There is need of a four-room school building.

There is also need of a stable for the cows, to which the Orphanage is indebted for a good share of its food supply.

On account of frequent rains, it is necessary to have a laundry shed. The room now in use is too small. At present much of the washing has to be done out of doors between showers.

Five thousand dollars would make the needed improvements. The school and the boys' building will be named for the good friends who may donate the money needed.

Perhaps the greatest need is a good road connecting the Orphanage with Kailua and with the upper government road. The Orphanage is only two and one-half miles from Kailua and a half mile from the government road. At present all supplies have to be brought in a roundabout way, a distance of six miles, then carried on pack animals a half mile down the hill to the Orphanage.

CONGRESSMAN COMING.

A letter received by Secretary Atkinson conveys the information that Charles William Gillet, who was chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds in the last Congress, and Representative in Congress from the Thirty-third New York district will visit Honolulu in the near future and asking that the proper arrangements may be made to receive him.

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Latest Of Kuropatkin



The above picture is made from a photograph of Gen. Kuropatkin taken at his winter quarters near Mukden. It shows that the hardships of the winter camp are not telling to any great extent on the Russian commander.