COMMERCIAL.

HONOLULU, JULY 29, 1885.

Commercially the past week has not shown any signs of the promised business previously anticipated, although all appears to be in readiness for a change for the better. The shortage in the rice crop has had a decidedly adverse effect upon commercial circles and a consequent paucity of business among shippers. The usual amount of sugar now arriving from windward indicates clearly a still larger deficiency in comparison with the figures of the recent season, especially preceding an unusual era of dullness in trade generally, and of tight money particularly. The late wind and rain storm has caused a large amount of bananas but whether the damage is of great extent has not yet been ascertained.

The steamer Gaelic of the P. M. S. S. Co.'s line is daily expected to arrive, and will bring a few days later news.

The O. S. S. Co. sailed the Alameda sale for San Francisco on Saturday, the 1st inst., carrying the usual outward mail.

Shipping at present is very quiet, no actually commercial trade regular from Rosen, William, Dimond & Co.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25th, 1885.

SUGAR—We have no change to note in our local market, and prices of refined remain unchanged.

EASTERN AND FOREIGN MARKETS.—There is very little of interest to report, in either Eastern or Foreign markets, and the situation is much the same as reported in our last circular.

The New York market, however has held its own notwithstanding the continued weakness in London, and a further decline in prices there, which are now very near Spot parity with New York.

Refined sugars should not be made weaker in the Coast, on the basis of London quotations and producing countries generally have shown disposition toward weakness.

The deadlock in New York between buyers and sellers has been broken, and purchases made on the basis of previous quotations, and this fact shows the strength of the position there.

Refiners although carrying fair supplies have again entered the market and are reluctant to reduce their stocks with the prospect of a better outlook for their goods.

Latest mail advices of July 9th, report that a fair amount of sugar was being taken by refiners, and the market ruled moderately active and strong, with refiners disposed to replenish their stocks, by purchases of spot supplies, but while advices received that the Trust, London, adopting a lower market, seemed to check the demand and no further business transpired.

Refined continues to be sold with conditions as to arrival, and there is disposition to yield but buyers are still very cautious and easily influenced by the fluctuations of the London market.

Latest telegraph advices quote Cuba Centrifugals 96 per cent test at 6½c.

LONDON, July 9th—Beets 96 per cent test 15s. 7½d., 15th, 15s. 3d.

Since the 29th inst., both the New York and London markets have ruled nominal with no change to note in quotations.

Manila basis 5.50 for 75 per cent.

RICE—As analyzed in our last report, now on Alameda, owing to importations of Carolina, sold at 4½c. each. This will double the amount which, if not for this action, as in spite of the low rate of freight, there is little or no margin at 4½c. We quote to-day 4½@4¾c. cents.

CHARTERS—Market continues dull and inanimate with no transactions to note since our last advices. Wheat is declining, and we hope will soon reach a point where vessels will offer. No change to quote for either wood or lime freights.

FREIGHTS—London 40 days sight 34s6d. New Zealand 40 days sight 35s.

FLOUR—S. C. Extra Family $4.70; El Dorado $3.30.

BRAN—$17.50 per ton.

HAY—$17 per ton, cut $1.20.

CRACKED BARLEY—$25 per ton.

OATS—Fine $1.10, med. $1.20, choice $1.30.

BEES—Extra wheat and oat sheaves $14.00, large bales $12 to $13.

LIME—$1.60 and $1.50 per bbl.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

Arrived.

July 25—S S Alameda, Mouse, from San Francisco.
27—Am bk Amy Turner, Newell, from Boston.
28—Am schr Catalina, Cousins, from San Pedro.
29—Am schr Lizzie Rogers, Lee, from Port Gamble.
29—O&O S S Oceanic, Metcalf, from San Francisco.

Sailed.

July 28—Haw schr Pioneer, Cameron, for Ocean Island.

Vessels in Port.

Am ship Wm Rogers, Eachen
Am bark Geo Skiddy, Hall
Am bk Forest Queen, Nelson
Haw S S Yamashiro Maru, Matsugae
O S S Alameda, Morse
Am bk Amy Turner, Newell
Am schr Catalina, Cousins
Am schr Eureka, Lee

IMPORTS.

From San Francisco, per Alameda, July 27—Cargo of lumber, 1 cabin passenger, 2 steerage.

From San Francisco, per Oceanic, July 29—Cargo of merchandise, provisions, feed, etc.

From San Francisco, per Eureka, July 29—Cargo of merchandise, 20 bags, etc.

EXPORTS.

From San Francisco, per Lehana, July 25—1,397 bags sugar, 56 bags bran, valued at $6,096.50.

PASSENGERS.

From San Francisco, per Alameda, July 22—Judge D J Cooke, Col C H Judd, John A Buck, Dr James W Ross, Capt C C Ayres and wife, Miss J McAllister, Miss Kate Rhodes, Miss Ella Rhodes, Miss Ella Rhodes, A Trebert, Mrs A W Fuller and child, Mrs M H Fay, Mrs M F Bowers, G E Whitney, Miss S C Dickson, Mrs A Kinney, Miss Kate Kinney, J Swain, John Swain and wife, Geo D Dowe, Jas Welch, wife and child, P E Thelen, J C Ward, C H Murphy, A J Baldwin, wife and 2 children, Miss M Love, J E Adams, wife and 2 children, Mrs H Dickson, Miss M Kaai, Miss C Pohaku, W E Stevens, Wong Kam, and 36 steerage.

From San Francisco, per Oceanic, July 21—H W Calkins and wife, V Ives, P Sheridan, E C Winston, Miss M Vennigerholz.

For Kaui and Hanalei, per W G Hall, July 22—C H Spencer and wife, W G Irwin, Miss Dorr, Miss Dorr, Mrs F F Hastings, J H Terbenden, H Boat, Wm H Cornwell, Miss Cary, Miss Cary, Miss Cary, Miss Cary, Miss H Cooper, E Smith, Rev J D Paris, J D Paris, Jr, W P A Bertram, H Jones, Miss C Kelley, Miss Whitney, Miss Kaheiki, Jr and 2 children.

For Hawaiian, per C H Bishop, July 22—Mrs J Shelton and child.

From Kaui, Niihau and Nihoa, per Lehana, July 25—W H Rice and family, Mrs A Rice, Miss Rice, Miss Rice, Mrs E Hofgaard, Rev J Hemphill and wife, W W Hall, S E Doty, A Jaeger, H Jaeger, E S Cunha and wife, H W Kaai, J D Holt, Jas J Kaai and wife, J Kaai and child, Miss J Kaai, Miss Kaai, J Kaaiakamanu and wife, Geo Hoff Jr and wife, J J Williams, Mrs E M Beckley, Miss Peterson, Miss L Pukui, Miss K Operan, Mrs J M Kaohiwai and daughter, Miss Kaohiwai, J Kealoha, Miss Kaohiwai, Miss A Harris, Mrs J Lemon, Mrs P Costa, Mrs Dowe, Miss S Shelton, Mrs C T Makanani, Miss L Kaai, Miss Kaai, Master Kaai, Master Kaai, Master Kaai, and 200 steerage.

From Windward Ports, per Kinau, July 28—Dr J Wright, Mrs Wright, E Clarke, W Hughes, Jr, H C Wright, Miss Wright, Master Wright, Master Wright, Mrs J Morris, C Notley, P Woods, L Asch, W C Wonkahiki, Miss M Dowsett, Miss B S Pelham, Mrs G Hyde, Mrs H Dickinson, Mrs H M Parker, E Parker, C Parker, wife and child, Miss M Parker, wife and child, Miss N Smithies, Capt Hudson, wife and 2 children, Miss Kwakiha.

From Kaui via Waialua, per Jas Makee, July 29—J H Paty and daughter, M Dickson, Mrs A K Hapai and child, J Kaloaiohi.

From Kahului, per Lehua, July 29—H P Baldwin, Capt Wilder, Judge J Kalama and wife, E H Clark, A Dias, Mrs Dias, Mrs Chamberland and son, Mrs Kaheiki.

From Koloa, per Kinau, July 29—Mrs Sexton, Jose Lopez.

MARRIED.

HAYES—SPRING—In this city, July 25th, 1885, in the parlors of Mrs Lorrinby the Bishop of Olba, by Rev Father Damien, Henry Davis to Miss Nina Serring, both of Honolulu.

BLAISDELL—HUGHES—In Honolulu, July 27th, 1885, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev Alexander Mackintosh, Mr Jonathan Blaisdell of Kohala, Hawaii, to Miss Marinda, second daughter of Thomas Hughes, Esq., of this city.

DIED.

MAY—In Honolulu, at the residence of her brother, July 26th, 1885, Kate, fourth daughter of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Ashton-under-Lyne, England, and beloved sister of T. May, Honolulu, aged 32 years.

SUKHADIT—In Honolulu, July 27th, 1885, of fever, ALBERT SUKHADIT, aged 2 years and 10 months.

Wedding Bells

On Monday evening last, July 27th, a large assemblage met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes, Nuuanu Avenue, by invitations to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Matilda Hughes to Mr. John L. Blaisdell, of Kohala. Notwithstanding the threatened aspect of the weather, nearly all the invited incurred the risk of a drenching to be present, and at 8 o'clock sharp the Rev. A. Mackintosh appeared, and unhesitatingly after proceeded with the solemn and impressive marriage ceremony of the Episcopal Church, speedily making the twain legally married for the occasion, and was attended and heard "Both saith the same part." The bride was ably assisted by her sisters, Miss Hughes and Miss Alice Hughes, while the groom had for "best man" Mr. Charles and George Louns Jr. After the congratulations of their numerous friends, and friendly conversation was indulged in by all present, until summoned by the host and hostess to do justice to the wedding feast, which was a sumptuous one, and served in the dining room, the guests, all the longer than being invited, dancing with which, and the genial presence of the amenable host and hostess, they found themselves at the unseemly early hour of the Sabbath "remarkable" to the contrary notwithstanding, which commenced with music during the evening. Dancing and friendly chat was kept up until about 12 o'clock, when all retired, after having their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Blaisdell and the host and hostess, and wishing the happy pair every future life's pleasure and trouble free. On the sideboard was a fine array of beautiful presents, comprising silver and plated ware, and other articles both useful and ornamental, contributed by the relative and friends of the happy couple, who, the day following the bridal was most beautifully decorated while the verandas and grounds were gaily festooned with fancy colored lanterns. The bride and groom leave for their future home, Kohala, by the *Kinau*, Thursday, July 30, where Mr. Blaisdell is well-known as a sugar planter and where he is to undertake sugar cultivation. Both he and his young wife take with them the best wishes of their numerous friends, including the GAZETTE, for their future welfare.

In Memoriam.

We have to record with regret the death on the 25th inst., of Miss Kate May, niece of the late Henry May, and sister of Mr. T. May, of this city. The deceased young lady was born in Newark, England, and had just completed her twenty-fifth year. She came to Honolulu towards the end of last year, and some time afterwards began to suffer greatly from the results of an accidental fall. The disease terminated in the loss of her uncle, to whom she was devotedly attached, aggravated her illness, and lately it became apparent that her condition was critical. She was apparently recovering after the fatal event, but a few days ago she was found necessary, when on Sunday she suddenly passed away. The memory of this gentle and affectionate character, her unobtrusive charity whenever she had an opportunity, and the cheerfulness and Christian fortitude with which she bore her death, will long be cherished by the end, will long be thought of by her relations, with whom we express our deep sympathy, and her many friends.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from St. Andrew's Cathedral, the impressive service being conducted by Rev. George Wallace and Rev. A. Mackintosh. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. Dowsett, E. Holdsworth, Von Holt, Whitney, E. Jones and Smith. Among those present of the Church were Mr. and Mrs. T. May, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Walker, Bishop and Mrs. R. Willis, Mrs. Jordan, Savidge, A. T. Atkinson, Settingoun, T. R. Davies, Yardley and S. B. Dole.

The Kinau.

Owing to the severe storm which prevailed during Sunday and Monday the departure of the steamer *Kinau* has been delayed until Thursday, July 30, when she will leave on a trip to Hilo and the Volcano, giving passengers two days at the latter and two days in which to do the crater—an opportunity not often presented to tourists—returning, August 7.

In consequence of the above arrangement there will be no departure for Hilo next week, August 4. The *Kinau* will resume her regular time table on Tuesday, August 11th.

Many bodily ills result from habitual constipation, and a fine constitution may be broken and ruined by simple neglect. There is no medicine equal to Ayer's Pills to correct the evil, and restore the organs to natural, healthy, and regular action.

ISLAND LOCALS.

ABOUT TOWN.

Work is again at a standstill on the new Police Court and Station building on Merchant street.

About 450 invitations have been issued for the forthcoming drill and hop of the "Honolulu Rifles."

It is stated that the wife of the Japanese Commissioner is at present very sick with an attack of measles.

The contractor has begun active work upon the new building for the Chinese Union on King street near Nuuanu.

The time in which to forward tax returns to the assessor is getting very short, expiring on next Friday, at noon.

Thanks are due to the Secretary of the Merchants' Exchange for forwarding a file of papers to the Gazette, per Kinau.

The brigantine *Consuelo*, Capt. Cousins, arrived in port here on the 24th inst., from San Francisco after a quick run of 11½ days.

Mr. E. P. Adams, the auctioneer, will sell at 10 o'clock this morning the entire household furniture in the residence, number 88 Beretania street.

Among those who received prizes at the Fort Street School were two Hawaiian boys, Waiamau and Palkouli, sons of native ministers in Honolulu and Kaneohe.

The Queen gave a luau, at His Majesty's boathouse, on the evening of the 23rd inst. the principal guest of the occasion being H. I. J. M. Consul-Commissioner Inouye.

The band concert at Emma Square on Saturday afternoon was not very well attended although the programme presented contained selections which merit only adequately performed by the band.

Reminiscences of the past are brought to remembrance by the call for tenders from artisans, for the erection of two buildings for the Board of Health.

The Inter-Island Steamship Co.'s steamer *Florida*, captain Cameron, sailed from this port on the morning of the 25th inst. for San Francisco, where she will undergo some necessary repairs.

The Japanese steamer *Yamashiro Maru* which was expected would have been for Yokohama on the 23rd inst. has been detained in port on account of illness of the wife of the Japanese Commissioner.

On August 12th, Mr. T. W. Everett will sell at auction, at the residence of W. H. Bailey, Esq., Waikiki, Maui, a number of horses, carriages and cattle also household furniture, harnesses, etc., etc.

Signor Lanciarez, His Italian Majesty's charge d' affairs at Yokohama, Japan, and F. A. Schaefer, Esq., Italian Consul at this port, were entertained by His Majesty at breakfast at the Palace, on the 23d inst.

The fire laddies went through their usual drill, on the last Saturday of the month, on the afternoon of the 25th inst., and succeeded admirably in laying several of our principal thoroughfares with water.

The lecture, or sermon rather, delivered by Rev. John Hemphill at Kawaiahao Church on the evening of the 26th inst. although not well attended on account of the inclement weather prevailing, was an interesting event and well appreciated by the audience present.

The "Honolulu" and "Benedict" clubs met in friendly rivalry on the diamond at the Recreation grounds on the afternoon of the 26th inst and after a very exciting contest the Benedicts became the victors. Score 7 to 6.

Mr. Putnam the successor of Mr. McKinley in possession of the U. S. Consulate in this city, received by the steamer *Alameda*, a commission providing him to the position of Consul-General of the United States to the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The strong pressure noticeable on the steam gauges of the fire engines when engaged only in practice drill is worthy the attention of the Chief Engineer, such continuous heavy tests only redounding to the injury of the machinery and no practical good being accomplished.

A letter received from Mr. Israel Fisher, states that the Kahuaiwa were not called in with Hilo at least. At his last interview with Iaw he was asked whether any *Kahuai* had been used and the reply was in the negative. His reason for asking was that he thought his wife might have employed one.

On the 31st inst., next Friday, the Yosemite skating rink will be the center of attraction to the general public on account of the occurrence of the grand fancy dress party which will take place on that date. Those who intend to be present either in costume or as spectators are advised to go early. The prizes are five in number, and the masquerading will take place at 9 p. m.

Thieves have been practicing in their nefarious profession during the past week to an extent greater than is usual in this city, and in consequence residents along Punchbowl, Emma and Nuuanu streets have taken extra precautions to guard their valuables. Two or three lodgers in Hotel cottages are numbered amongst the victims of the sneak thieves.

The Central Park skating rink was crowded with an expectant audience on the evening of the 24th inst., which had gathered to view the advertised carnival of Mons. Tavernier's masquerade set for that date. After a patient waiting until finding only some twenty maskers appear on the rolling circles, the greater portion of the audience left, much disappointed and very tired.

The Chief, of the GAZETTE staff goes forward as a special commissioner, by the outgoing steamer *Kinau*, to the domains of Madame Pele. Beside his, there are also noticed the names of Mrs Boyd, Mrs Anderson, Miss Hopper, Miss Mary Atkinson, Messrs F. Hustace, J. Morgan, Alexander Boyd, T. E. Atwater and wife, A. J. Baldwin wife and son, J. C. Ward and George Boyd. The steamer will arrive back again in Honolulu on August 7th.

Mons. Tavernier's picture, in oil, of the "Pele lake" at the Volcano, was exhibited to the general public at King Brothers' establishment on Hotel street, on the evening of the 27th inst., and though not so well displayed as the merits of the picture warranted, yet the interest shown by spectators was a deserved tribute to the genius shown in the truly artistic effort of Mons. Tavernier, in placing on canvas the scenes incident to the locality of Hawaii's wonder.

The Fire Department is to be shorn of its chief for a time, Engineer Nott and family leaving by the steamer of the 29th inst. for New York via San Francisco. Second Assistant Engineer Ach will have the prior claim to chief, as the immediate superior, 1st Assistant Monsarrat is surveying on Molokai. The number of ex-chiefs in town warrants the supposition that the city will be well protected against any onslaughts of the fire demon, during Chief Nott's absence.

At Lee, a Chinaman, who for some time past has filled the position of steward and cook to the family of Captain Fuller, but who left his employer on account of a financial embarrassment (consisting of the retention of moneys advanced to buy the multitudinal beefsteak) and who has since been wanted by the police, was captured at the 23d inst., on the O. S. S. Co.'s wharf, by his former employer, and arrested. En route to the police station Ah Lee endeavored to get rid of the possession, of two tins of opium, was discovered throwing them into a convenient place, and in possession to answer for before the Police Magistrate on the 24th inst. Being found guilty he obtained sentence of $3 fine and four months imprisonment for embezzlement and $75 fine and two months imprisonment for opium.

HAWAII.

Mr. D. H. Hitchcock leaves shortly for the coast to enter on a course of study; eventually he will proceed to Europe.

The schooner *Emma Claudina* is now off Papaikou taking in her cargo of sugar. She will sail for San Francisco during the coming week and will be followed by a good freight and a large number of passengers for the Coast.

The Regular Monthly Social of the Foreign church, Hilo, was held on Tuesday evening, July 21st at the home of Hon. F. S. Lyman. There was a very large attendance of the citizens and a large number of strangers who are on visits to Hilo at the present time. The evening passed most pleasantly for old and young.

Boisterous Weather.

STORMS S. E. GALE AND HEAVY RAIN.

The storm which set in on the evening of the 24th inst. also had gathered to view the advertised carnival of Mons. Tavernier's masquerade set for that date. After a patient waiting until finding only some twenty maskers appear on the rolling circles, the greater portion of the audience left, much disappointed and very tired.

During the night of Monday, the 23rd ult. rain held sway in town and few cared to disinfect themselves by leaving the comfortable cottage or more pretentious residence on visits of either pleasure or business, and, as a consequence, the streets bore a most deserted look, the fallen leaves and branches which had given way to the force of the strong and frequent squalls, covering the roads and walks and giving the lonesome streets all the attributes of a deserted village.

The wind squalls increased in violence and frequency, toward midnight of the 23rd ult. and in the early morning hours of the 27th, between two and four o'clock the strong blasts made and havoc with trees, fences, signs, telephone wires, plants and shrubbery and many a dweller in the pretty cottages that surround the city watched the roof of the domicile expecting and dreading a sudden demolition of the habitation. The excitement incident to the occasion was added to in the appearance of the three generals who were armed with many trees by the crashing of branches, the crash and thud that announced the fall of some aged and prized member of the arboral family.

Towards noon of the 27th, there was less force in the squalls, which still prevailed, but the rain seemed to increase in violence and at 1 p. m. a heavy downpour visited the city proper, quickly flooding the streets, the superfluous fluid filling to repletion the gutters and flowing in noisy cataracts into the lowlands and sea. At 3 p. m. the clouds broke, the sky to windward showed a bright appearance and at 4 o'clock wind and rain had entirely ceased, the clouds rolling in lazily from the eastward.

The storm although of short duration left various evidences of its force and presence in the shape of uprooted trees, broken fences, demolished signs and damaged buildings scarcely any grounds in town, of any size, but contained many trees broken and bent, or destroyed, plants or broken trees, of the war of the elements.

The roadway to Waikiki was lined with fallen trees, and in the grounds of H. R. H. Princess Likelike, many a favorite tree remained uprooted. Along the residents along Punchbowl suffered by the loss of trees and plants, Beretania, King, and other streets thinned and being blocked by fallen trees and broken branches. Thomas and Emma Squares as well as the Government Nursery shows many a gap where a goodly number of the arboral life that was there extant. The well laid out grounds of Major Wodehouse was made a wreck by the downfall of some twenty trees, the German Club sustained damage to their grounds and buildings to the amount of $300, and other residents on Emma street mourn the loss of many beautiful shade and fruit trees. The flagpole at the Government House was broken off close to the ground, carrying away a couple of palm trees in its fall. The Melin fence of the Central Park and dancing rink was blown down, and many other damage was done in and outside of town to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Such a heavy blow from the S. E. has not been experienced in Honolulu before within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and although the damage done is great to be deprecated, the health of the inhabitants has undoubtedly been benefited by the scrubbing and sweeping influence of the boisterous weather.

A TRIP TO NIHOA.

Graphic Description of the Visit.

An Addition to Ornithology.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

The steamer *Lehua* left the wharf at 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon July 20th, with the boisterous intervals of a large and miscellaneous crowd which had assembled to witness the start of the much talked of excursion to Nihoa. To the land marked a stream of trunks, packages, boxes, parcels of fruit and other articles of use and luxury poured before shelter on board amid the army of stevedores and their friends, who scrambled up and down the gang plank. The band lent its harmonies to the occasion. Some two hundred passengers thronged the decks as the vessel steamed off on the voyage, the larger part of whom were regular excursionists booked for Nihoa, the balance being passengers for Kauai.

Her Royal Highness, Princess Liliuokalani, with her private boat and crew, a large retinue of women dressed in holokus of a blue plaid, and accompanied by the royal standard, was a conspicuous feature of the expedition.

It did not seem that room could be found on board for the horizontal stowage of all the passengers, but as night drew on and Honolulu faded from view and Waianae's peaks emerged in the twilight, a transformation scene took place, where by the decks became gradually and evenly paved, with men and women for paving stones. This condition of things made it a somewhat hazardous performance for one with his wife, child or children and there for the matter, to walk the decks. Now and then a daring individual would start upon this difficult undertaking and would at once become an object of interest or aversion according to the stand point or recumbency of the spectator. His erratic movements, as he would endeavor with varying success, to step only in the crevices of the aforesaid pavement, clutching at the deck roof in the meantime or failing to do so, pawing the air like an ancient Hawaiian idolatrous propitiating his stone deity, or some parent agonizing for the auditory repose of her baby, was an entertaining spectacle to those at a safe distance, and a terrifying one to the paving stones in question.

As the darkness gathered and the violet light faded from the West, the hurricane deck grew merry with varied entertainments; after a Hawaiian youth and maiden had in turn given specimens of the Hawaiian national dance to the pleasurable rythmic thrumming of a turn-pitch fiddle, songs were sung, Hawaiian and foreign, sentimental and patriotic. On one side of the pilot house a party of young men gave some rousing choruses with fine voices, varied with an occasional jig from a truly talented member of the party. On the other side of the pilot house a couple of damsels, completely ignoring the strains arising from the other side of the deck accompanied their sweet sympathetic voices with well played guitars.

As we passed the sheltering reaches of the Waianae mountains and begin to feel the swell of the open sea, sound and merriment and the eating of watermelons gradually ceased and silence and sleep attacked the ship's company, with the result only however of a temporary battle.

At Nanihoi, a large part of the excursionists went ashore and were feasted by Governor Kanoa. At Waianae the expedition halted for nearly 24 hours, giving ample time for further feasting, and for short outings to a few enterprising parties who had taken advantage of the opportunity afforded by the stay. At Waianae the afternoon were busily employed on board and we were at last fairly out of Nihoa. There was some exhilarating influence in Waianae, judging from the gayety of manner with which many of the excursionists returned to the steamer at that place. One young gentleman was past gayety and had to be literally set upon while in the boat, to keep him from embracing everybody, or of jumping overboard, and when the boat reached the steamer he was pulled up bodily by the hands and arms, dragged and thrown on deck in a heap where he lay oblivious the rest of the day. Another gentleman apparently in the same condition, lay on his back on the deck in the sun with his mouth slightly open, when His Excellency the Minister of Interior came along and seeing him, immediately stopped, and with appropriate gestures recited over him, "Mark Antony's apostrophe to the dead Cæsar."

Before dark, Kauai and Niihau had faded from sight; our course was a little north of west, the wind was fair and light, and the sea smooth. At daylight the next morning Nihoa was an object twenty miles away appearing at that distance like a steep rock perpendicular at its northern side and having a steep slope at its southern. Thousands of sea-birds came to meet us and flew over and around us and through our rigging apparently investigating every detail of the steamer and its occupants. As we approached the island we turned slightly to the north and coasted around the island, stopped to his back, was about to step into the boat, when an impportune wave submerged him to his neck and then retreating dragged him into the sea, evidently bent on drowning him, and apparently intent on taking the boat down with him, the photographer, as he was disappearing from view under the surface, with a mighty effort caught hold of the boat and was pulled in with his pack. Mr. Williams also, was not to be congratulated upon the method adopted by him in getting on the boat, for by some inaccuracy in his calculations or possibly from a want of stability in the boat, his flying leap from the rocks resulted in his landing on his stomach across the gunwale and sliding down into the boat on the side of the boat, instead of reaching the inside in the usual way. His trape trave was slag, with salt water, and all the pictures taken ashore were endangered. In spite of all difficulties however, the whole party were conveyed safely to the steamer, and in consequence, early in the afternoon, many of them well soaked with salt water, some of them with abrasions and cuts on their persons, from contact with the sharp rocks, one woman in particular being painfully bruised. Upon weighing anchor, the steamer was pointed for Kauia, another island about twenty miles west of Nihoa. Nihoa we left on fire, with fifteen or twenty acres burnt over, and the smoke pouring from the summit as if volcanic fires had broken out. This unfortunate fire, necessarily involved the destruction of large numbers of unfledged birds, who were wholly unable to leave their nests or may have been the result of accident or mischief, but no information as to its origin could be gained. Certainly, the happy and prosperous colony of birds which made the island their head quarters were justified in going to meet the steamer upon its approach in the morning and investigating it with questioning and suspicious glances and outcries. As we passed the south eastern end of Nihoa in coming away, we could see a large arch over the water under the mountain, extending clear through to the other side, and large enough for a boat to row through.

The steamer had now become transformed into a menagerie. Many unfledged birds having been brought on board, and a few full grown tropic birds. The young birds were mostly killed and salted down, a few being retained alive for pets.

Definite signs of former human occupation on Nihoa existed in a few skulls, which were picked up, and in the terraced slopes where some kind of cultivation had undoubtedly been carried on.

By daylight next morning Kauia was in sight,—a low smooth island, shaped like a new moon with the open side towards the trade winds. It is well peopled with birds, but did not appear to have the immense number that we found at Nihoa. Although the steamer was over crowded with passengers, a large number having come on board at Kauai, the trip was a very enjoyable one; good temper prevailed throughout the voyage. There was plenty to eat, and the food was well cooked and served. Captain Freeman and his officers were obliging, and were careful of the comfort of the passengers; the stewards and waiters were strangers, and they performed the arduous service of delivering the crowded passengers here and forth, at the various stopping places, with cheerfulness. I may add that Princess Liliuokalani generously contributed her boat and crew to the general use from time to time during the trip.

SAMOAN B. DOLE.

OUR SCHOOLS.

The Exhibitions and Awards.

The Royal School.

The closing exercises connected with the Royal School took place in the shape of a school exhibition on the morning of the 23rd inst., and was attended by a large audience consisting of parents and friends of the scholars, members of the Royal Family, Government officials and the public generally, who quickly filled all the available standing room within earshot of the platform. The programme presented on the occasion was quite varied, and each of the numbers received hearty applause, the recitation by Master Fernandez being merely enjoyed and being the event of the occasion. Following was the order of exercises:

Opening Hymn—The Lord is Mindful of His Own ..... By Scholars
Recitation—The Miser Punished ..... S L Kekumano
Dialogue—The Weather Cock:
Old Fickle ..... S Palama
Tristrain Tickle ..... J Poor
Declamation—Independence Bell ..... K Hasi
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A boat was soon lowered and took the captain in search of a boat landing, the surveying party, the photographers, Mr. Hall with seeds to plant and the scientists, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Rowell, with their pack with a large basket for eggs. A heavy surf broke on the rocky shore and upon the one small beach. A landing was finally selected and subsequently used, but as two or three of the boats were swamped during the while landing and taking of passengers, it could not be regarded as satisfactory: it was simply a place on the bold rocky shore where the waves broke violently and rolled and fell perhaps twelve feet at times; the boats of the boat were not generally allowed to go ashore, and at the propitious moment would be urged against the rocks and the landing effected by frantic and flying leaps from the bows. In the meantime the water would suddenly rise and nearly submerge those who had just found a footing on the rocks, or would fall leaving the bows of the boat caught and the stern far below, and the next wave would fill the boat. In spite of these difficulties a large number of the excursionists including women and children, left Honolulu, among the rest, active participant in the outrage of the island, while the miscellaneous excursionists wandered around robbing birds' nests, kidnapping infant birds, planting seeds of different kinds, collecting palm leaves until about two o'clock in the afternoon when a fire broke out in the grass on the slope above the head quarters of the surveying party, which spread so rapidly and produced so much smoke that a retreat to the beach became general. The conflagration was a repetition of the incident of last year with the burning of the excursionists in the morning, only it was somewhat more hazardous, and some additional and exciting scenes were introduced. Misfortune attended the photographers. Mr. Dowsett, with his camera on his back, was in the midst of a hot fire when he was caught by the ankle in a crevice and fell headlong on the island, stumped to his back, was about to step into the boat, when an importune wave submerged him to his neck and then retreating dragged him into the sea, evidently bent on drowning him, and apparently intent on taking the boat down with him, the photographer, as he was disappearing from view under the surface, with a mighty effort caught hold of the boat and was pulled in with his pack. Mr. Williams also, was not to be congratulated upon the method adopted by him in getting on the boat, for by some inaccuracy in his calculations or possibly from a want of stability in the boat, his flying leap from the rocks resulted in his landing on his stomach across the gunwale and sliding down into the boat on the side of the boat, instead of reaching the inside in the usual way. His trape trave was slag, with salt water, and all the pictures taken ashore were endangered. In spite of all difficulties however, the whole party were conveyed safely to the steamer, and in consequence, early in the afternoon, many of them well soaked with salt water, some of them with abrasions and cuts on their persons, from contact with the sharp rocks, one woman in particular being painfully bruised. Upon weighing anchor, the steamer was pointed for Kauia, another island about twenty miles west of Nihoa. Nihoa we left on fire, with fifteen or twenty acres burnt over, and the smoke pouring from the summit as if volcanic fires had broken out. This unfortunate fire, necessarily involved the destruction of large numbers of unfledged birds, who were wholly unable to leave their nests or may have been the result of accident or mischief, but no information as to its origin could be gained. Certainly, the happy and prosperous colony of birds which made the island their head quarters were justified in going to meet the steamer upon its approach in the morning and investigating it with questioning and suspicious glances and outcries. As we passed the south eastern end of Nihoa in coming away, we could see a large arch over the water under the mountain, extending clear through to the other side, and large enough for a boat to row through.

The steamer had now become transformed into a menagerie. Many unfledged birds having been brought on board, and a few full grown tropic birds. The young birds were mostly killed and salted down, a few being retained alive for pets.

Definite signs of former human occupation on Nihoa existed in a few skulls, which were picked up, and in the terraced slopes where some kind of cultivation had undoubtedly been carried on.

By daylight next morning Kauia was in sight,—a low smooth island, shaped like a new moon with the open side towards the trade winds. It is well peopled with birds, but did not appear to have the immense number that we found at Nihoa. Although the steamer was over crowded with passengers, a large number having come on board at Kauai, the trip was a very enjoyable one; good temper prevailed throughout the voyage. There was plenty to eat, and the food was well cooked and served. Captain Freeman and his officers were obliging, and were careful of the comfort of the passengers; the stewards and waiters were strangers, and they performed the arduous service of delivering the crowded passengers here and forth, at the various stopping places, with cheerfulness. I may add that Princess Liliuokalani generously contributed her boat and crew to the general use from time to time during the trip.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

The Exhibitions and Awards.

The Royal School.

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Dialogue—The Weather Cock:
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