

BACK FROM MOLOKAI.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT ON THE LEPER SETTLEMENT.

Impressive Ceremonies at the Unveiling of the Damien Monument.

Address of Mr. Stiles and Reply of the Bishop of Panapolis.

The steamer Hawaii, Captain Cameron, arrived shortly after midnight Monday with the members of the government who went to Molokai to inquire into the manner in which the leper settlement was conducted.

The party arrived at Kalaupapa at 4 o'clock on Monday morning. They breakfasted at 5 o'clock and went ashore about an hour later.

The Bishop of Panapolis was received by Father Wendelin, and was conducted to the Catholic mission. Bishop and Mrs. Willis went to the girls' home. The remainder of the party proceeded to the superintendent's house.

There are about twenty-three of the parcels of land, situated in various parts of Kalaupapa, the most of which are scattered along the base of the pali. This examination occupied about four hours.

The representatives of the government had complete records of every award of land in Kalaupapa, Kalawao and Waikolu, the area of each and memoranda of the recorded transfers of title.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock the various members of the party met again at the superintendent's house and, after luncheon, the representatives of the government proceeded to Kalawao and there inspected the hospital where Dr. Goto's patients are being treated.

Dr. Goto explained his methods of treatment, and showed the various remedies and medicines which he used. The patients under his treatment here, as well as at the Bishop home, showed apparent improvement.

From the hospitals the party went to the old store and examined its condition, and from there to the boys' home. They were disappointed to find that the work of erecting the new wards at the latter home, for which Mr. H. P. Baldwin's generous donation was given, had not made more progress.

justice, however, to the authorities at the settlement it should be stated that their time and attention have been much occupied of late in erecting new wards at the Bishop home, the new store and butcher shop at Kalaupapa, and other improvements.

The general affairs of the settlement were found to be in a satisfactory condition. The country was unusually dry—the drought having continued longer than usual at this season of the year, and unless rain follows soon the live stock will suffer.

It was noted that the much-talked-of reservoir had not been constructed, nor had the work even begun. Judging from remarks made by officers of the board of health it would appear that somebody is likely to be stirred up on this subject.

The devoted sisters and brother Dutton were found as usual with their hands and hearts fully occupied with their labor of love.

At about 4:30 p. m., in the presence of a large assembly, the Damien monument was unveiled and dedicated. Mr. Ed. Stiles, under-secretary of the foreign office, acting under instructions from President Dole, with appropriate remarks gracefully presented the memorial monument to the care of the Catholic church in the following words:

YOUR LORDSHIP: I have been delegated by His Excellency the President of the Provisional Government to come hither and place in charge of the Catholic church this memorial monument, gift of the National Leprosy Fund of Great Britain, the honorary president of which association is His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

There is a certain amount of sympathy and compassion of the outside world in your affliction. In the busy mart of the world's commercial center, amid the strife for gain and political supremacy, a philanthropic organization has sprung up, Phoenix-like from the ashes of a humble servant of the Catholic Church—Father Damien—composed of men renowned in the service of the state, the church, in the profession of medicine and surgery, and in civil life.

Their sole aim and object is to discover a balm for those afflicted with leprosy, to bring the torch of medical science to enlighten the gloom that has so long surrounded thousands of its victims in every land and clime. The result of modern research and study of the disease has encouraged the belief that it may be grappled with with the hope of ultimate success.

On this occasion the members of the band appeared for the first time in the new uniforms provided by the ADVERTISER fund. The dark cloth with crimson straps, gilt bands and gold buttons producing a fine effect. The vessel left shortly after 6 o'clock and steamed directly to Honolulu arriving at the wharf shortly after midnight.

Mr. J. A. Doyle, well known in this city and Hilo, has been appointed official Japanese interpreter. A residence of ten years especially fits Mr. Doyle for the position, he being able to speak the language in eight dialects.

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Credit Given.

In connection with the dedication of the Father Damien monument, credit should be given to Mr. H. R. Armstrong, formerly Hawaiian consul-general at London, England, for his assistance; the cross having been transported to this country from England at the expense of himself and friends.

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