

## Letters From the People

Honolulu, T. H., July 17, 1909.  
 Editor Advertiser:—After reading both articles in your paper from Kamehameha students about the schools, permit me space to write a few words in this connection.

The first boy complained of not having enough to eat and of the "funny kind" of studies they are being taught at the schools, and asked for the help of the public and the alumni. The second boy, in an effort not to "degrade" the schools, advised his schoolmate to go somewhere else.

How much truth there is regarding the food question remains for the boys themselves to decide. What is enough for one class of boys may not be enough for another, and vice versa. All depends upon the condition the boy sits at table, whether his food storehouse demands a large supply or not.

As a citizen who has the interest of Kamehameha at heart, I want to deal more particularly with the "funny kind" of studies that are being taught at Kamehameha. Altogether too much criticism has been made of Kamehameha graduates on account of their poor broken English, and of their inefficiency in any particular line of work. The school in an effort to turn out good scholars as well as able mechanics in the limited time it has to accomplish such an end, drags the boy through school, and, like a magnet, he absorbs whatever sticks to him, and graduates not knowing whether he should be a bookkeeper or a blacksmith. Why, my attention has been recently called to a case where a local groceryman wanted an assistant bookkeeper, and some of the best bookkeepers in school were sent down to try for the place, but none of them could fill the position.

What show will a Hawaiian boy have to compete with the boys from other schools if they are going to turn out boys like this at Kamehameha, where so many of them finish their education? About 95 per cent. of the boys who graduate from Kamehameha have not the time nor the means to attend other schools, and it should be the duty of these schools to so arrange their courses to suit the requirements of these boys. In a school like this, that has lots of available land, and equipped with the best manual training shop in the Islands, and also backed up with plenty of money, it should be able to turn out graduates that compare well with those from the High School and Oahu College. It could be done, and the only hope of the Hawaiian people lies in the standard of studies placed at Kamehameha. When they graduate, they ought to be able to fill positions as bookkeepers, stenographers, machinists, etc., and if they desire to enter other schools they ought to be able to enter the senior year at Oahu College or the freshman at the College of Hawaii.

This is the problem that is facing the trustees of the schools at the present time. Ten or fifteen years ago the standard at Kamehameha was good enough, but today things have changed. They need higher studies.

This brings up another question that is of vital importance to the interests of the Hawaiians, and that is the faculty at Kamehameha. The idea of bringing teachers 6000 thousand miles across the ocean to be matron of the schools, or to keep the books, is absurd as well as lack of business judgment. Why go away for teachers? Here before your very eyes teachers can be obtained that are qualified to fill the places. Some of the graduates of Oahu College can fill positions satisfactory there, and even some of the former graduates of Kamehameha who have practical experience can take charge of some of their shops.

It takes at least a year or more for

these teachers from the mainland to get acquainted with the conditions here, and by the time they are acquainted with them, they have filled their bank account and go back to school again. When the College of Hawaii begins to send out its graduates, there is no need of importing teachers here for these schools. Luckily all the trustees are all boys from Hawaii, then why should they pay Hawaiian money to outsiders.

A Kamehameha School with much higher studies, managed and taught by boys raised in Hawaii, will be a blessing to the Hawaiian people.

CITIZEN.

### THE LATE MR. BLACOW.

Editor Advertiser: By the death of Mr. C. R. Blacow, in Kona, July 12, Hawaii loses one of its best men. Mr. Blacow had been on the Islands for many years, and all who knew him well, appreciated his true worth. He was an upright, honest man, who could be depended upon. He was an example for industry and enterprise. Kind, thoughtful, ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who needed it.

Working with all his might in a conscientious manner for all who had put their confidence in him, Mr. Blacow was manager of the Hawaiian Tobacco Co. He had made a thorough study of tobacco raising and curing. It is sad indeed that he should be cut off from so promising an enterprise. Deepest sympathy is felt for those who mourn his loss.

### FOR HOMELESS WAIFS.

The New York Herald has the following:

To the Editor of the Herald: One is fairly appalled at the enormous amount of money and labor expended every year on the case of other people's children. At least one-half could be saved if they would form a "trust" and purchase a big piece of land in some of the new possessions and let the children grow up with and in the country.

Take Hawaii for instance. Think of the saving of fuel and changes of wearing apparel alone, to say nothing of the year round out of door life. No sending of excursions up the river to get a breath of fresh air. My home is within fifteen minutes' walk of the city and yet I sleep the entire time under three blankets, and when you get to the top of the mountain above me you will need a fire in winter.

The idea of rearing a child in a city and then wondering at the men or women rebelling at leaving it! It has become part of their nature. Just try this and see if it doesn't develop for the good of all.

Mrs. B. S. W.

Honolulu, June 14, 1909.

## NO WATER, FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

MAUI NEWS.—Fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Louisa Mossman on Main street last Monday.

At the time of the fire Mrs. Mossman was away and no one home but the little girls. When they noticed that the house was on fire they gave the alarm and neighbors tried to put out the flames but there was no water in the house as the building has been fitted up since the injunction was granted a year ago which made it impossible to get water into any house that was not then connected.

### Maui Personal.

Miss Aiona came up from Honolulu Tuesday evening.

Louis von Tempky returned from Honolulu Tuesday evening.

Mr. H. S. Simpson, of E. O. Hall & Son, was on Maui last week.

J. Vincent, of the Waikoa school, returned from Honolulu Tuesday.

Moses Kaunimahu, the teacher in the Kahului school, left for Honolulu last week.

H. P. Robinson returned to Honolulu Wednesday after a visit of a few weeks with his parents who reside in Paia.

S. Keliinui was called to Kona by wireless Tuesday to be at the bedside of his wife who is seriously ill at the home of her parents.

The Missourian came into port a week ago Saturday, took on three thousand five hundred tons of sugar and departed Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkland went to Honolulu last week to take steamer for Victoria. They will visit the Seattle Exposition and later their old home in California.

Miss Hibbard, of San Francisco, and Miss Jones, of Berkeley, were guests of Mrs. Campbell, of Punne, last week. The young ladies are touring the islands and expect to see most of the places of interest before leaving for home. They returned to Honolulu by the Claudine on Wednesday.

Superintendent J. N. S. Williams of the Kahului Railroad Company went to Honolulu Wednesday to take part in the conference of Federal, Territorial and steamship representatives relative to wharves at Kahului. Word has been received here that the U. S. Engineer will be here in a few weeks to make surveys and recommendations to Congress relative to Kahului harbor. The report on the commercial aspect has already been made by Major Winslow.

A very pretty wedding ceremony took place last Saturday week at St. Anthony's church, Wailuku. Miss Rose Garcia and Mr. Chas. P. Bento were the contracting parties. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Rodrigues, mother of the bride, where a large number of friends gathered to wish the happy pair prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Bento left by Tuesday night's Mauna Kea to Hilo and the volcano where they will spend their honeymoon.



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