

sweeping over the civilized world today: the belief in the coming of Christ shortly, for one; and the other, disbelief of the spiritual and of the Resurrection.

"As a man thinketh, so he is."

The Christian world is disappointed in Edison for his lack of humility in not giving to God the glory his ability to make successful his mechanical wonders.

January 3.—Mars, the aviator, has made a great success and has given delight to thousands of spectators. His flights today were as successful as any he has made, while great care was used not to attempt, or tempt, high altitudes, on account of the dangerous contrary and conflicting winds and currents, more particularly violent this, the last day of the aviator's efforts. Notwithstanding all the impediments and fears of wind and current, the courageous man decided to fulfill his engagement, and left Honolulu having made a multitude of enthusiastic friends, amazed at his daring and bravery in this his chosen line of skillful research, skyward.

He certainly knows more of the upper airs today than before he came to explore, above Moanalu. All wish the birdmen as good success in their future undertakings as they have met with in Honolulu. They must look back to the hearty hospitality of our people in all their future work.

They will meet with larger numbers, but never with more cordial good will, than they found extended to them here. Their advent was a great event, because it was something entirely novel to Honolulu.

January 4.—The Sierra and the Wilhelmina leaving kept the morning hours of the day fully occupied.

This afternoon there is a hard rainstorm and cold gusts of wind between the downpours.

But it is all acceptable to the planters and helps to enrich the country generally.

There is seldom any murmuring as to too much rain.

Much has been said about taking down all the unsightly fences, and this will be one long step toward "beautifying Honolulu." Probably nearly all, if not quite, surround the older and poorer

houses, that are occupied chiefly by tenants, are rented and not owned by them. If all, owning houses rented, would agree to the removal of the fences, much could be done. Many of these places have, already, pretty little garden spots, but the perhaps old and broken fence detracts from the beauty and the tidiness that would otherwise be made plain.

Then, again, many of the tenants would take more pride and care in the little front yard, knowing it could be plainly seen from the street.

And wherein one worked to make his place have a good show of shrub and blossom, the next neighbor would be almost sure to try to have his plot appear in as good shape.

And so the circle would widen, gradually embracing the town, and Honolulu be made more beautiful on its less-favored side.

Is this not probable?

Take down the old fences, we pray. Let us all see the little or big garden or grass spot, tidy and bright—a relief to the eye and to the passer-by.

MANAGER MESICK.

Mr. Mesick, by the way, of the Hawaiian Gazette Co., is one of the most faithful and reliable of managers. One can always depend upon what he says, and his work in the printing department is as perfect as anything can well be made. Go to him if you want fine work in the way of printing.

By all means talk, if you can, with him. He is an enthusiast in his work, having been at the same pretty much from the start of his working life.

January 16.—Yesterday was an ideal day, clear, cool and beautiful. The rains have been so plentiful that all nature is in richest garb of glorious apparel, and charms the eye at every glance toward hill and valley.

Today is dark, with almost steady gentle showers. Now, at the noon hour, it does not seem much like clearing off, and it is very cool.

January 10.—News was received in this city yesterday of the death of Rev. Dr. William Morris Kincaid, former pastor of Central

Union Church, who passed away at Charlotte, North Carolina, on the 2nd of January, 1911. At the time of his death he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that City.

Doctor Kincaid was born in Utica, New York, about sixty years ago. His father was George Kincaid, a Scotsman from Inverness; his mother was a French Huguenot. His boyhood was passed in Utica, where he was prepared for college in the public schools of the city. After four years' collegiate training at Williams College in Massachusetts, under the great educator, Mark Hopkins, he graduated with honors in 1872.

His theological course he obtained at the Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York, and his first pastorate was at Cortland, New York, from 1875 to 1878. He then went to Rondout, the same State, and served a pastorate there until 1881, when he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of San Francisco. In 1890 he resigned that position and left the Baptist Church at the same time. In that year he became a Presbyterian and received a call from Minneapolis, where he remained until coming to Honolulu in September, 1898. He was installed as pastor of Central Union Church on the tenth of December of that year, and served here until June, 1906, when he accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, a congregation having a membership of nearly 1000.

During his residence in Honolulu, Doctor Kincaid became a prominent personage, and his departure was regretted by a large circle of friends. He took a great interest in Hawaiian affairs, and his address at the Mohonk Conference in 1905, was but one of the notable occasions upon which he presented local subjects for the consideration of the Nation. He was credited also with doubling the membership of Central Union Church during his pastorate. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Williams College in 1904.

He was a warm friend of Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, and served as university preacher for that institution last spring.