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THE REWARD OF HAWAIIAN GIRLS.

In this morning's P. C. Advertiser appears a letter signed by Miss Kahelemauna, a graduate of Kawaihahao Seminary, to which that journal pays a deservedly high compliment. It is such an honest comment on the situation in which the Hawaiian girls find themselves after receiving an education which elevates them above the ranks of the ignorant peasant-serfs of Europe, and so much more of a practical sermon than we generally hear from the pulpits of our Christian Churches that, taking advantage of our Editor's absence, we shall adopt it as our leading editorial to-day, probably, much to the relief of our readers. Miss Kahelemauna says:

Mr. Editor:—In this morning's Advertiser on the editorial page is an article under above headlines in which you refer to a New York industry which you would have transplanted to these Islands, using the mountain tops for "goat culture" and intimating a source for the profitable employment of graduates from Kamehameha and Kawaihahao schools in the manufacture of gloves from the skins of such goats. I do not, in common with some of the natives find a connection between this proposed industry and the report that they are to be driven to the mountains when annexation comes, but I do find in it an occasion to make some opportune statements as to the present condition of many graduates of Hawaiian girls' schools. Some days ago in writing on "A good class of Portuguese," you said: "This class must share homes—that is, own land in fee simple and they must be able to obtain a decent living from it;" and again, "We compel their children to attend school and get knowledge." "Knowledge breeds wants and plenty of them." I have merely quoted this, because if applicable to an alien friendly element settling in our midst how much more so to the native Hawaiians. From the earliest days of the advent of missionaries in these Islands our nation has been tutored in the ways of civilization. Our wants begotten of knowledge, as you truly state became many and our opportunities to satisfy them seemed to diminish in proportion as the wants increased. You will pardon me for saying that our present condition is largely due to the fact that the offspring of our earlier tutors, forgetful of the God of their fathers found comfort in worshipping mammon.

In the first flush of their endeavors while still under the influence of their fathers and brothers in the conduct of their enterprises, our women went into the fields to strip the cane, did washing, and sewing, incidental to the requirements of the times, and industry seemed the watchword on all sides; but as one by one the monitors of our earlier days went to their last long rest, it seemed as though an estrangement were coming upon the foreign element in our midst. In their eagerness to curry the favor of their new found master and forgetful of the duty they owed to the natives among whom they had been prospered—they sought in every clime to find the cheapest element to perform the labors theretofore done by our own people.

The natives in their simple confiding way looked on and even en-

couraged the work of these people because from the very nature of things, it must be right being in large measure the work of the children of those who had sacrificed so much for us in the past. But lo! what an awakening these years of toiling for the necessities of life have brought to our people and more particularly to our women in their endeavors to keep themselves respected while laboring to satisfy their wants. As a seamstress in this community I have laid aside my usual lamp light vigil over the sewing machine to give vent to my long pent up thoughts and feelings. It has seemed to me since reading "An Industry" this morning that I should say something for the girls of Kawaihahao and Kamehameha schools—as a scholar in the former school with our lamented "Princess Likelike" as a class-mate, I was taught among other things, the art of needle work by which I am now endeavoring to make a livelihood. I was also taught many things that gave me new ideas of life—ideas that created "wants" as you call them faster than they could be satisfied and when after my years of education and sojourning among those who seemed to have the means to satisfy their every want; when after this I was set adrift to make a living by the means at my command—now cruel it seemed to me to find almost every avenue for honest employment—filled by an alien element whose coming has been at the bidding of those who from selfish motives were seeking only personal gain and from like selfish motives allowed their hirelings to flood the rest of the country, taking away our opportunities one after another until now I ask you what is to become of the girls of today? With the education they are being given, the "wants" that they feel, and the constantly dwindling opportunities to satisfy those wants.

Your people took from us our Government five years ago, under a plea that our Queen was hostile to the best interests of the country—justifying the expectation on our part that after such representations we should have a more conservative Government of the country—one that by creating conditions under which a white man could prosper, would also be the means of uplifting our own people inasmuch as they were educated on similar lines—how rudely such hopes have been dashed to pieces, needs no repetition from me—the constantly increasing poverty among the natives tells its own story.

Your Government seeks to coerce our men into its support by means of oaths and the like—it could long ago have had the loyal support of every thoughtful man and woman of the race, had it shown itself regardful in the slightest degree of our interests and welfare and it might even command our respect if it had been faithful to its own supporters, but how can you blame the large number of natives who still hold aloof and whom you term Royalists when the Government of your creating is so weak in the presence of the Almighty Dollar. Talk about a mountain goat ranch as creating a possible industry for our girls, why, with the present outlook they would starve before this could become a reality even though it were a possibility.

Looks Dark for the Hawaiian Gobbie.

Representative Johnson of Indiana, a republican, turned himself loose on the Hawaiian annexation scheme the other day in the house and belabored it unmercifully. The news reports said that Mr. Johnson's speech electrified the house and the galleries and produced a deep impression. This is particularly unfortunate for the schemers at this time, because they are not in a position where they can stand an electrifying opposition or the production of deep impressions. They are at sea, so to speak, and only a very little thing is required now to force them into a position where they would find themselves under the disagreeable necessity of clutching at straws or such flotsam as might come within reach.

The fact of the matter is that the annexation project can be carried to a successful finish only through such devious ways as do not tread public sentiment. The abandonment of the nation's historic policy is possible only through defiance of the wishes of the people. The real rulers of the United States will have no hand or part in the Hawaiian steal.—N. Y. Leader.

A Misfit.

Hawaii is called the key to the Pacific, but it doesn't appear to fit the congressional keyhole.—Denver Times.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

On our outside pages we commence the publication of the speech of Representative Williams in opposition to annexation, as printed in the Congressional Record.

It is understood that "Boss" Rowell is reducing carpenters' wages to those of Chinamen. For bridge building, it is said, he has offered only \$75 a month for a head man. This does not seem just for men accustomed to receive from \$350 to \$500 a day. Rowell's mishaps and errors in judgment must make him a white elephant for the Interior Department. He, himself, would make an excellent journeyman for to give him his just credit, he is an indefatigable workman.

It is learned that Mr. Joseph Marsden having retired from the Commission of Agriculture, which he has honorably filled with so much benefit to the country and credit to himself, will now informally address himself to the procuring of European labor for our plantations. The writer is under the impression from considerable travel in those sections that an excellent class of labor could be obtained in the south of Ireland and the southern counties of England. There would be no difficulty at first about the wages; the main trouble would be in connection with the living accommodations and the food and the granting of a patch of ground for raising vegetables. Anti-English prejudice, jealousy and fear will probably, however, prevent any effort being made in this direction. The independent spirit of these nationalities will not be in consonance with practical serfdom.

A friendly word in regard to the parks or recreation grounds for the Palama and Kalihī districts. The Legislative committee has reported favorably in connection with the

Aala site and the old Makiki baseball ground for recreation purposes. In regard to the latter it will be valuable for athletic purposes, so long as the turf is trampled and cut up by the hoofs of our volunteer cavalry and mounted police. Clubs, as, for instance, the Honolulu Cricket Club, willing to expend money in its preservation and improvement, and to make it convenient and comfortable to all with a neat fence and turstiles and shade trees, are not justified in doing so so long as it is a cavalry drill ground. In regard to the Aala Park, although THE INDEPENDENT was the first to select and support the adoption of the "reconstructed" ground as a good site, it now feels inclined to support what it has reason to believe are the views of the administration in opposition to it. We think that a special committee should be appointed to first ascertain whether there is not a more convenient site mauka of the proposed lot before the Legislature appropriates the Aala plot, perhaps only to meet a possible veto at the hands of the Executive, with the result that we shall have to postpone the creation of a new park or recreation grounds until the people's legislature meets next session. There is plenty of time to go slowly and surely, and this is certainly a case justifying the adoption of the motto *festina lente*.

The Football Game.

It is whispered that out of the \$117 received at the football match on Saturday for the benefit, as all imagined, of an Orphan Fund, no less than one-third or \$39 were paid to the Y. M. C. A., for the use of the grounds. The players, it may be said, defrayed all their personal expenses, including their Jerseys, themselves. It is understood that the Y. M. C. A. first requested one-half of the proceeds and claim that they were reluctantly compelled to make a charge.

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