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LOCAL STUDY.

Professor Huxley said that if the increase of knowledge did not alleviate human suffering, the sooner a comet swept the earth out of existence, the better it would be.

Students in social science are finding out that while general knowledge has great value, the clear and exact knowledge of local conditions is even of greater value. "Men today write long articles about the school, the church, the saloon, as they conceive them to be, without giving any attention to the actual church in which they worship, the schools in which their children are educated, or the saloon around the corner." They are like the English physician who wrote at great length on the existence of bacilli in India, but neglected the study of the bacilli of typhoid fever in his own cesspool, which carried off his wife and children.

If any community ever needed a close, scientific study it is our own. Here is a singular mixture of races, a little Babel in its way, a rag-bag full of curiosities, odds and ends, a museum full of the queerest humanity, above all is a Government founded on a political theory of the Anglo-Saxon type, of which 90 per cent. of the people who live under it know nothing, either by racial instincts or education, and scattered all about the premises is an uncomfortable amount of social dynamite. No one seems to be making a close study of this affair, that affects our prosperity and happiness. The planners, the merchants, the mechanics, the professional men seem to regard it as an interesting matter, "worth looking into if we had time for it." But all seem to agree practically in ignoring the study.

It would be expected that a body of intelligent men, such as are the members of the Social Science Society here, should lead in the much needed investigation, and by a series of patient, continuous examinations, develop and perfect a knowledge of our social conditions. It is rather singular that it has not done so. President Hosmer tells the public, through the society, about the latest discoveries on the Euphrates. It is interesting of course, and if the society exists for recreation only, or the consumption of literary cock-tails, which give a temporary feeling of balminess, it is perhaps proper enough. There seems to be an environment of this well educated and serious body of men, which prevents or discourages the greatest of all social studies, that of the locality in which the society exists. It seems to urge those, like President Hosmer, who are capable of making original investigation, to seek some distant "Paraphor or Abana" for study, instead of exploring and arguing the facts that exist here, and have everything to do with our social and political existence. It is local, and not foreign study that is the impressive need of the hour.

The society may reply it is not the business of the press, or of the public to criticise its methods. But the teachings of its theological members are always to the effect that responsibility to God and mankind never cease, under any conditions. Even if the society exists for pleasure only, and it surely does not, it must adjust itself to the needs of the times. The very best method of advancing society is to begin at home, with a thorough understanding of local conditions, unless everything is to be left to blind chance.

A RESTRICTED PRESIDENT.
There seems to be an opinion among men here, especially Americans, who ought to know better, that, in the event of war between Spain and the United States, President McKinley can deal with these Islands as he pleases simply as a "war measure." Whether he can or cannot, raise the American flag here as a war measure with the consent of our Government and without the consent of Congress, is a novel question, and the lawyers would not easily agree on it. War does not release the President from his constitutional obligations. As commander-in-chief he has discretion and extended power in destroying an enemy. But he cannot, at any time, exceed his constitutional powers.

When President Lincoln issued his emancipation proclamation, he knew, and said, that it had no legal effect in freeing the slave. He could, as a war measure, give physical freedom to the slave, while his master was in rebellion, and so cripple him for the time being. But he could not, under the Constitution, take away either property in slaves, or in anything else, without "due process of law" in the Courts. The proclamation was issued mainly in response to Northern senti-

ment, which demanded that it should be announced that slavery must go. At no time during the war were any large numbers of slaves set free. The proclamation was worthless, so far as the great majority of them was concerned.

Mr. Lincoln and his associates knew this well enough. They feared that if the war ended, the Supreme Court would declare the proclamation did not alter the legal status of the negro, and slavery would continue.

They urged an amendment to the Constitution, by which slavery would be legally and finally abolished. The amendment was adopted only in the last year of the war, and became a part of the fundamental institution in December 1865.

The American Constitution in many ways severely restricts the powers of the President, even in the event of war. To some extent it weakens his power, when he could use it to great advantage.

The British Constitution, which is only a collection of laws and usages, permits the British Government to exercise powers that the American Executive is carefully restricted from using. That Government could declare war with Russia without specifically submitting the matter to the Lords and Commons.

In the Spanish matter, President McKinley having no power whatever either to intervene in Cuba or declare war, submits the case to Congress, where the power lies to authorize hostile action.

Earnest Commendation.
MR. EDITOR:—As a member of the Kiloahana Art League, I wish to express my thanks to the Musical Circle, for the charming and instructive entertainment of Thursday evening. In so doing, I am conscious of voicing the sentiment of all who were fortunate enough to be present. The patriotic airs, so nicely arranged by Professor Berger, the biographical sketch, the masterly rendered sonata by Mr. Yardley and Miss Clymer, the songs, violin and piano numbers quite took me back to the old Boston days. I think it remarkable that in Islands of the Pacific, so separate from musical and art centers, there should be so much latent energy and culture. Good speed to the Kiloahana Art League. May it grow and prosper, until it is obliged to move into larger and more comfortable quarters.
A MEMBER.

April 22, 1898.
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I. O. O. F. Anniversary.
THE MEMBERS OF EXCELSIOR Lodge No. 1, Harmony, Lodge, No. 3, Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1, Polynesian Encampment No. 1, and all sojourning Brethren and families of the above Order are invited to attend the 79th anniversary meeting to be held at Harmony Lodge, No. 1, on King street, THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
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The Dredging Muddle.
A member of the House said yesterday that a committee meeting would be held in the evening and that in a couple of days at most the Representatives would probably be advised that the dredging now in progress in the harbor should be stopped. This matter, so it was stated by the House member, has no direct connection with the difference between the Oahu Railway Company and the Government. The arrangement which is now questioned by a number of the law makers is one in which the Government has made a trade with an estate in water front land. Those who protest believe that a poor bargain has been made by the Executive.

The Cuban Situation.
MR. EDITOR:—No fair minded person can blame the Spanish for their hatred of the Americans. The Cuban rebellion would have been crushed long ago had it not been for the support of American sympathizers.

The U. S. Government made a pretense of preventing filibustering expeditions and the shipment of arms and ammunition from their shores. But what a farce it was: As facts will prove.

The New York moneyed Cuban Syndicate has had its influence and what is the result? Our nation is on the verge of war and is adopting a new and dangerous foreign policy, and all for what? Let the reader answer.

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