

## A NEW DEPARTURE.

There has recently been organized an institution called the Honolulu school of Dramatic Art. Our city has long wanted an organization of this class, attractions being few and far between. The School is in the hands of well known men who are thoroughly familiar with the professional stage, this fact alone insures the success of the venture. It is the intention of the faculty to produce modern dramas at intervals at the Opera House in order that the pupils may acquire that freedom on the stage that goes to make up the finished actor. The directors of the School are as follows: Lovette Rockwell, Allan Dunn, Stuart Webster and W. D. Adams of the Bergstrom Music Co., to whom all communications regarding initiation should be addressed. There is also a vocal department ably managed by Mr. Hugo Herzer connected with the institution. The rooms of the School are in the Progress Block and visitors are always welcome.

## MY ISLANDS.

On the edge of the world my Islands lie,  
Under the sun-steeped sky;  
And their waving palms  
Are bounteous alms  
To the soul-spent passer by.

On the edge of the world my Islands dream  
Under the tender gleam  
Of moon and star  
That beckon far  
From worlds that only seem.

On the edge of the world my Islands sleep  
In a slumber and deep,  
What should they know  
Of a world of woe,  
And myriad men that weep.

On the edge of the world, dear Islands, stay,  
Far from its clamorous day,  
Content with calm,  
Hold peace and balm,  
Be Isles of the Blest, for aye.  
—Mary Dillingham Frear.

## PLACEZ A MON COTE.

This beautiful French hymn was written by the celebrated Ultramontane, Louis Veuillot, and set to music by Charles Gounod (in 1883), recently deceased:

Placez a mon cote ma plume,  
Sur mon coeur le Christ mon orgueil;  
Sous mes pieds mettez ce volume,  
Et clouez en paix le cercueil.

Après le dernier priere  
Sur ma fosse plantez la croix,  
Et si on me donne une pierre  
Gravez dessus;—J' ai cru! Je vois!

Dites entre vous; Il sommeille,  
Son dur labeur est achevé!  
Ou plutot dies;—Il s'éveille!  
Il voit ce qu' il a tant rêvé!

J' espere en Jesus sur la terre;  
Je n'ai pas rougi de son loi;  
Au dernier jour, devant son Pere,  
Il ne rougira pas de moi!  
—L. Veuillot.

## SOME BIG CATCHES OF FISH.

Steamers arriving from Kauai ports yesterday bring news of some great fish catches. During the past week thousands of fish have been caught off Waiwea. At Hanalei Mr. Birkmyre is reported to have captured 4000 mullet in one haul in the Hanalei river.

It is not time to have the basic law of this Territory amended? We put the question to the visiting Senators. Should not the man who is responsible to the President and Congress for the honesty and efficiency of local administration, be empowered to make his own choice of subordinates and to remove them for cause? That is the rule in the best systems of municipal government and it ought to be the rule here where political conditions always threaten the Treasury and obstruct every effort in office for the public good.

The Territorial Agricultural Department for which Wray Taylor is commissioner, is at present engaged in an effort to promote

small farming in Hawaii by every possible means. Not only is this work being done in the free distribution of advice but also of seeds and plants required by the farmers. Seed potatoes sufficient to plant hundreds of acres have been sent to Maui and sisal plants enough to start a good sized plantation for Molokai.

The work of the department is done for the most part in the Nuuanu Valley experiment stations. Thousands and thousands of trees and plants are under the care of Foresters Haughs who is in charge there. The illustration above shows the propagating house on the left, where thousands of young trees are given their start in life. When the sprouts have attained a sufficient growth they are distributed free to whoever may make request. Many of the most beautiful forests on the islands are the results of young trees planted by the government.

During the rainy season the propagating house is used by the employes of the forester in making flower pots from ti leaves.

On the right are the servants' quarters, while to the rear the illustration shows the residence occupied by the forester.

Panicum grass which is shown under cultivation in the second picture is being distributed over the Territory to the various ranches. Panicum grass is said to be an ideal food for stock, and the results already obtained from the seeds sent appear to justify the claim.

## GREAT INDUCEMENT TO STUDENTS.

The management of the Wilczek concert on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, have arranged a special rate for all the college students in the city. All information regarding same will be given by W. D. Adams at the Bergstrom Music Co. Mr. Wilczek has arranged an elaborate program including such numbers as the Prinze Song from the Meistersinger for violin, piano and organ. The Spanish Dance by Sarasate, etc. This will be a great social event as well as a great musical treat, as several social parties have engaged seats at this early date.