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these islands—their physical, industrial or social characteristics. As the avowed publication organ of this society, the monthly would enter a field of usefulness whose occasional observers would be the world. In a degree, the Hawaiian Monthly might become what the publications of the Asiatic Societies of India and Japan have been and are. Not that its usefulness need cease at that. The Mission Children's Society has many of the brightest minds in the community among its members. The Maile Weath makes private publication monthly of clever papers that are often worth preserving. Mr. Kinney wrote for the Maile Weath one of the most logical arguments in favor of prohibition I remember ever to have seen in print. It was published in the Press. Mr. Loris Thumston wrote for the Maile Weath an account of a trial before a justice court at Waialua, or somewhere else on this island, that suggested powers of humorous character delineation not unworthy the world's great humorists. I say possibilities because the sketch (also re-published in the Press) was more a hint of what the writer had in him to do than a fair measure of his humorous ability. Why not republish the best things in the Maile Weath in the Hawaiian Monthly? And the Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association has in mind a scheme of usefulness which may be made to aid the Monthly not only in usefulness but in profit. It is proposed to give in the library room semi-monthly, monthly or bi-monthly lectures on literature, that shall help to put readers in the way of new ideas, that shall open new fields or discover the barrenness of old ones. It lectures be taken up with enthusiasm backed by earnest resolution to continue—there are plenty of men and women here who are capable of preparing and delivering them—the Hawaiian Monthly is just the place to publish them.

The friend this month is taken up almost altogether with number six of Mr. Frank Damon's Rambles in China. The topics treated are A Rush Among the Hakkas, A Country Mission Station, Chong Hang Kang, The Province of Heang Shang, An Interesting Walk, Light in the Darkness, Our Duty. The concluding topic concludes as follows, speaking of the Chinese returning home from here:

Shall they come back here as heathens as they left, to worship the same gods their fathers worshipped, to burn incense before the Gods of War and Wealth, at the shrine of the "Goddess of Mercy," and bend before the altars of Confucius? Shall they take the money which they have made in a Christian land to build new temples and gold and ornament new shrines, as I fear is now too frequently the case? These are questions which are forced upon one here from day to day. Our duty is plain and simple. So far as lies within our power, God calls us to give the light of the Gospel to those who come to us from this land. Our duty is at the same time a high and holy privilege.

The Anglican follows in the wake of the Friend—unintentionally, of course, and takes issue with the Hawaiian Monthly in its discussion of the Chinese Question here. I do not fully agree with the leading article in the June Anglican, but it is capably written and deserves to be read in connection with a careful editorial in last week's Press entitled Hope for Hawaii. There is much more in the four local monthlies—including the Planters Monthly—about which I should like to write, if the city editor did not remonstrously limit my space.

I quote from the Anglican's leader, which, in a measure, supplements the Press' initial editorial of last week:

When the Hawaiian lands to exert himself he can do more and succeed far better than most people give him credit for. He knows how to take care of his women too, and we be to the Chinaman or any other man who dares to molest them. But the fact is, there is a difficulty that the young educated Hawaiian male has to contend with, which has nothing to do with the Chinese. The educated girls will not marry the young men. That the men would marry the girls we know assuredly in many instances. We have said it before, and we say it again, that there is a lack of true patriotic feeling among the young people, which must spring from some defect in their education. How can this defect be supplied? This defect is the cause of the decline of the race far more than the Chinaman, and it will not be supplied by vigorous measures against the poor fellow, who, after all, much like every one of us, looking after himself, only he is to be censured for doing it so well and so successfully.

All the foreign monthlies for June are good. Harper's has a profusion of excellent engraving. The Century, though it has less than Harper's, has some equally good work. The Atlantic has a number of clever articles, including one on The Sea Serpent that does not tell all the stories about that monster though it professes to tell nearly all. The Oceanic has an interesting chapter of the Shepherd at Court. The Popular Science Monthly has half a dozen articles, each of which I should like to see reprinted here, as I believe the Popular Science is not very generally taken on the islands.

ALFRED HARDIE.

A Trip to San Louis Obispo.

The Mariposa left Honolulu on the 13th of April with a large cargo and a great number of passengers. The trip to San Francisco was very pleasant, the weather being fine and the sea very quiet. There is little to be seen on this trip, as one is far out on the Pacific and no land in sight from the time you leave Honolulu till you get to San Francisco. The monotony is spoiled somewhat by seeing the sun rising out of the ocean on the one side of the steamer every morning and sinking to rest on the other side every evening and also by the clouds, moon and stars. But the principal thing in view is the grand old Pacific Ocean, stretching around on all sides.

The officers on board are very kind and obliging, but they all sink into oblivion when one takes into consideration the first officer. Would that he like his grand old master had some beautiful little islands like the Hawaiian to own and control, buy and sell at his pleasure. But although he may never live to fame on such a ladder as this,

yet his name is sure to be sent thundering down the ages in some way. The Mariposa got into San Francisco on Tuesday, April 23rd at about 8 A. M. It is needless to say anything in favor of that city. Its rapid growth, its amusements, commerce and climate are the pride of California. You enter its harbor by the Golden Gate, a very appropriate name in earlier days and indeed yet, for although the Golden State cannot now boast of such wealth in the precious mineral as in the days of 1849, yet it is by no means an old state. Its fine climate, large size and the comparatively small population promise well for a better future than the past one in "the days of gold."

After a stop of three days in San Francisco the writer took the Orizaba, (one of the Pacific Coast steamers) for San Louis Obispo. The sea was rougher than it was from Honolulu to San Francisco, but nearly all on board were able to meet at the "festal board" in 10 hours after leaving the metropolis of the Port of San Louis Obispo was reached. After a ride of 9 miles on the cars the little city came in sight. It has a population of about 3,000, is about 200 miles below San Francisco and 100 miles above Santa Barbara. The country, which bears the same name is about 100 miles long and 50 or 60 broad. This country is but little known yet, the great trouble being that there is no railway communication between here and San Francisco. But it is bound to be in the near future one of the leading counties in Southern California. It is now one of the best dairy countries in the State.

The climate here compared with that of Honolulu is rather marked. The climate here in different parts of the country is quite changeable, while in Honolulu, as you know, it is very even.

California has been favored with plenty of rain this winter, over forty inches having fallen in this country. All look forward to a prosperous year. I will now say Aloha.

ELMER HILL.
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