

MISSION FIELD.

THE CHURCH IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

By the Rev. Geo. Wallace of Honolulu.—(Continued).

The people of our Communion are a feeble flock in one of the smallest of earthly kingdoms. All together, they would not constitute what an ambitious parish hunter in the wandering caravan of clergy would call a "desirable parish." And yet much good work has been done. The St. Andrew's Priory school, and the school of the Rev. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Davis at South Kona have trained many English, half-caste, and Hawaiian girls to become good wives and mothers. The Academic school for girls taught for five years in Honolulu by Mrs. Wallace, met a want which those who desire higher training for their daughters rejoiced to have ably supplied. The Bishop's school maintained by him at great sacrifice of his time and personal income has had a good effect on the youth who have been there taught. The influence of the clergy who have taught in the secular schools have been a wholesome spiritual leaven. The Rev. Mr. Mackintosh has been the leader and guide of many Hawaiian boys who have been under his tutelage. Other clergymen, now in other parts of the world, have labored faithfully, and there are living witnesses to their work and fidelity.

The preaching of the Gospel, the ministration of the Sacraments, the worship of the Church, and the herding of the flock, have been without interruption, although the record of the work has not been sounded abroad with any loud acclaim.

The beautiful cathedral church of St. Andrew is being built, slowly, to be sure, but on those strong foundations which speak to the eye and heart, of the Evangelic Truth and the Apostolic order, the beauty of holiness, and the spiritual structure of living faith. For nearly a quarter of a century, until a year ago, our place of worship was a mean and sordid building, ugly and deformed. The chancel and choir of the cathedral have now been occupied a year. Two out of five bays of the nave are approaching completion. The structure will remain, after these are erected, for the completing hand of the builders of the next generation. There will be no more beautiful church west of the Rocky Mountains.

And should this meet the eye of any who have visited Hawaii, of any who have profited by the gains of Hawaiian commerce, generous souls whose love is broader than their local interests, may they be stirred to help us in building up this centre of our work and worship! Our needs are great, and the liberality of our people has been sorely taxed.

Six services are held in the cathedral every Sunday. The division of our congregations makes

it possible to accommodate our people in the uncompleted structure. We have a celebration of the Holy Communion on all Sundays and holy days at 8:30 a.m., and mid-day Celebrations twice a month. Four sermons are preached every Sunday in English, and one in Hawaiian. The Chinese congregation use a portion of the old church building, and the work among them is being urged forward by the Rev. Mr. Gowen with much zeal and success. There are two Sunday-schools, a St. Andrew's Church Association, a Guild, and a Women's Church Aid Society.

Our people are generous, and as hospitable and kind as the climate. All Honolulu opens its doors to the visitor and the stranger. Nowhere is the grass greener, the verdure and bloom of plants and trees are more luxuriant, the air gentler and softer. The burning heats of Chicago and New York are never known, and cold we feel not by any approximation.

We have welcomed here three American clergymen in five years. They are hurrying guests. Could some of your hard worked and brain-weary bishops, rectors, or educators, come to us for a time for two, three, or four months, out of the blizzards of the frozen north, from the slush of the spring time, or the blazing August heat, they would find here perpetual June, wholesome recreation, genial hospitality, and tranquil rest. They would carry away with them the memory of an earthly paradise, fallen but very beautiful.

Where every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile.

They would leave among their brethren who dwell surrounded by the tropic sea, many grateful souls cheered by an infusion of their zeal and power.

Think not that the moral energy of the Christian life was confined to the church of the first centuries. At this moment there are millions of souls in the world that are pure, humble, and loving. But for Jesus Christ our Lord, these millions would have been proud, sensual, selfish. At this very day, and even in atmospheres where the taint of skepticism dulls the brightness of Christian thought, and enfeebles the strength of Christian resolution, there are to be found men whose intelligence gazes on Jesus with a faith so clear and strong, whose affection clings to him with so trustful and so warm an embrace, whose resolution has been so disciplined and braced to serve him by a persevering obedience that, beyond a doubt, they would joyfully die for him, if by shedding their blood they could better express their devotion to his person, or lead others to know and love him more.—*Canon Lid-don.*

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