

REV. L. H. GULICK, M.D.

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On November 3d, 1827, the Rev. Peter J. Gulick sailed from Boston with his wife as a missionary to the Sandwich Islands. The ship took the second reinforcement to the mission, the first having gone five years earlier, and three years after the original establishment. Mr. Gulick was a native of New Jersey, born in 1797, and was one of a family of seven sons and a daughter. He was graduated at Princeton in 1825, and spent two years in the theological seminary there. Before leaving this latter he had decided to become a missionary, influenced, as he afterward wrote, by "missionary intelligence portraying the wretchedness of the heathen." The same year he was ordained to the ministry, his kind friend, Rev. Dr. Luther Halsey, at that time a professor in the college at Princeton, preaching the sermon and giving the charge. The next month he was on his way to Hawaii. Mrs. Gulick was from Lebanon, Conn. Mr. Finney, in his autobiography, speaks of her conversion under his ministry at Utica, N. Y. She had taught school before marriage.

Arriving at Honolulu the following spring, they labored at several points and in various islands for forty-six years. They "saw the Hawaiians in their nakedness and degradation, and they lived and wrought until they saw them a Christian nation." In 1874, when both had passed their seventy-fifth year, they removed to Japan, to be with a son and daughter, and lived to celebrate their "golden wedding" there. A little afterward the aged husband died, and it was not long before his wife rejoined him. What a career!

To them were born in the Sandwich Islands eight children, seven of whom reached maturity and survived them—six sons and a daughter. All of these have been engaged in missionary work, and five of them are so engaged at this time—three brothers and their sister in Japan, and one brother in Spain. Of these the eldest was Luther Halsey Gulick, recently deceased. He was born at Honolulu in June, 1828. At the age of twelve he was sent to this country for an education, "working his passage as cabin-boy around Cape Horn." His father's friend, Dr. Halsey, was his instructor at Auburn and in New York, in both of which places Dr. Halsey was connected with theological seminaries. The boy was full of zeal for knowledge, and a great reader—characteristics which marked his life in all situations to its end—and his tastes and longings were gratified in his friend's library. But inadequate health, or insufficient health and limited means together, forbade his taking a college course. He studied medicine at the University of the City of New York, increasing his small income by lighting street lamps, and took his degree in 1850—not yet twenty-two years old. Six months later he was ordained (in the old Broadway Tabernacle, New York), and in November of the following year sailed with his wife, Louisa Lewis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the Sandwich Islands, in com-