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REMARKABLE LIFE AND DEATH.

The Leper Governor.

The Honolulu exchanges announce in brief the death of Wm. P. Ragsdale, Governor of the Leper Settlement on the Island of Molokai, Sandwich Islands. The decease of so noted and remarkable a man, in the prime of life, deserves a more extended obituary. "Bill Ragsdale," as he was popularly known, was a Hawaiian by birth, his mother having been a native and his father an American. By profession he was a lawyer, speaking English as fluently as Hawaiian, and the most noted orator of the Hawaiian kingdom, whites and natives included, and among the latter there are many conspicuous orators. The manner in which Ragsdale discovered that he had the leprosy, as told by himself is most interesting, and especially from a scientific point of view.

The deceased resided for a number of years on the Island of Hawaii, and had an office at Hilo, the capital of the Island. One night he was studying up a law case in which he was deeply interested, when the chimney from his lamp fell on the table. Although the chimney was hot as fire, "Bill," in his excitement, picked it up and set it in its place without experiencing the least inconvenience, such as would naturally result to a really sound person handling a red-hot lamp chimney. He reflected for a moment, looked at his hand, but could not discover the least sign that it had been burned. He then took off and put on the chimney repeatedly, and with the same result. This experience convinced him that he was among the afflicted, and he lost no time in communicating with the authorities. An examination was made, and medical authority declared that he was afflicted with leprosy. Dr. Trosseau, four years a physician at Honolulu, but now a resident of the Island of Hawaii, made the principal examination.

Up to this time no person on the islands ever dreamed that Bill Ragsdale had the leprosy, and some doubted, even after the examination, if he was so afflicted. Bill, however, was personally convinced that he was so afflicted. The police did not arrest him, however, owing to his exalted position, as was common with those suspected of being lepers, so he voluntarily delivered himself up as a victim of the terrible disease. He was then sent to Molokai and installed as Governor of the leper settlement, which position he held for a number of years, up to the time of his death last month. Soon after his isolation from the world and his friends, the disease made itself more apparent, and there were none so incredulous as to believe that he was not forever afflicted with the leprosy.

During his administration of affairs he was as successful as he was popular. There were and are about 800 lepers on the settlement, but by his tact and kindheartedness Ragsdale made the most extraordinary and saddest community on the face of the earth as cheerful and happy as the unfortunates could be. By his advice the government made many reforms, and the lepers recognized him as a father. One of the most peculiar and startling phases connected with this episode is the fact that Mr. Ragsdale, who was a married man with a family, took up with a young woman on the settlement of Molokai, who fell in love with him. She was remarkably handsome, of splendid, physique, and had already buried two husbands or lovers—for both terms are substantially the same with the Hawaiians free from missionary influence. Both her husbands, as we will call them, died of leprosy, yet the wife, as she must be termed, was never afflicted with it. She fell in love with Ragsdale, and they continued to live in the most perfect harmony, the wife not having the least fear of being subject to the frightful affliction of her husband. She still survives him, and is in perfect health, or at least was so not long ago.

It may be here remarked that there are some 75 individuals on the leper settlement who are not afflicted with leprosy. These have voluntarily exiled themselves on account of the deep love and affection they have for their friends who are lepers. They mingle freely among the sorrow-stricken, eating out of the same calabash of poi, and drinking from the same cup, chatting and talking together on the same mat, and even sleeping together. Still some of the very healthy persons, indeed the majority of them, never catch the leprosy. In a word, they have no fear of it at all.

Who the successor of the deceased leper Governor will be is not known. It was believed at one time that Peter Kao, a cousin or uncle to Queen Emma would be Governor, but by influence this leprous chief has been allowed to leave the settlement and is now a resident of Honolulu, Peter had a nice cottage at Molokai, and, as becoming his rank, had servants to wait on him. During his sojourn there he enjoyed life as well as could be expected, and had the good will of the lepers at large. Now that he is free, and Ragsdale dead, it will be difficult to find the proper man to fulfil so delicate a duty. The Hawaiian authorities have many faults and shortcomings, but the humanity they exhibit toward the lepers, in providing and caring for them, is greatly to their credit. The settlement is under the taboo; that is, no human being is permitted to enter the dreadful locality without a special permit from the board of health of Honolulu. It is very difficult to get this permit, so that not one foreigner in a thousand ever can visit the leper world of Molokai.

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