A GEOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

Brief Description of the Sandwich Islands, Their Production and Population.

In the North Pacific ocean, latitude 18—15 degrees, and 22—30 degrees north and longitude 154—61 degrees, and 159—30 degrees west, are the Sandwich Islands. These are twelve in number—four large, four intermediate, and four very small. They form a chain the general trend of which is from N. W. to S. E., and are of volcanic formation. Extinct craters are numerous, and plainly mark the fiery march of the goddess Pele, whose present abode is the famous Kilauea. Out of the twelve islands, the eight larger ones are inhabited, viz., Hawaii, Maui, Oahu, Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Niihau, and Kahoolawe. The soil, in general, is very fertile, though there are tracts which are unproductive from lack of moisture, or through being covered by more recent flows of lava. Showers are frequent on the windward sides of these islands, caused by the moisture laden trade winds which blow almost constantly during eight months of the year.

Hawaii is the largest of the group, and has an area of 4,210 square miles. Its greatest length is 93 miles, and its greatest breadth 74. Because of its elevation and size, the temperature varies greatly. Assuming either of its great mountain cones, every variety of climate can be found until snow is reached. The summit of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa are nearly 14,000 feet above the level of the surrounding ocean, and are nearly always capped with snow. Probably the most noteworthy feature on this island is the active volcano Kilauea, situated on the flank of Mauna Loa, at an elevation of 4,000 feet.

Maui is the second island in size and agricultural importance, the greatest length being 48 miles, the greatest breadth 30 miles, and the area 760 square miles. Haleakala, the largest extinct volcano in the world, is one of the noted features of this island. The rim of its crater is about twenty miles in circumference, and broken by two large gaps through which the lava formerly flowed. Another feature of note is the picturesque Iao Valley, famous for its beautiful scenery—the perpendicular cliffs by which it is surrounded, and as being the scene of a fierce battle, fought between Kamehameha I. and one of the former kings of Maui about the year 1790. It is said that the struggle was so great that the stream running through this valley was, for a time, blocked in its course by the bodies of the dead and wounded. Hence it has since borne the name of "Waihiku," or season of slaughter.

Oahu is the third in size, but first in population. It has an area of 604 square miles; length 40 miles, and breadth 23. This is the most important island of the group, since it contains the metropolis and capital of the kingdom, Honolulu. The harbor of this city is also the best and most frequented of the islands. The principal public buildings of Honolulu are Iolani Palace, the residence of the Queen; Aliiolani Hall, containing the legislative hall and principal government offices; the Queen's Hospital; the custom House, Postoffice and Oahu Jail. At the back of Honolulu is the magnificent Nuuanu valley, carpeted with ferns and creepers, which presents to the tourist a fair sample of Hawaiian scenery. About thirty miles north of here is the settlement of Laie, our mission headquarters, consisting of its extensive pastures, absence of dust, and prosperous little community. Here also is a small plantation run in connection with the mission labors. The cane irrigated by the three fine artesian wells looks well; but that above has suffered much from the drouth during the past four months. Recent rains, however, have revived it somewhat, and a partial crop will be harvested.

Kauai has an area of 589 square miles; length 22 miles, and breadth 22. An abundance of water and wood, fertile soil, and luxuriant vegetation have obtained for it the name of "the Garden Island."

Niihau is a small island near Kauai, having an area of only 97 square miles. The greater portion of this island consists of a low, grassy plain, affording excellent pasturage for about 30,000 head of sheep. The manners and customs of the natives living on this island are more primitive than those of any other island of the group.

Molokai, with an area of 270 square miles, length forty miles, breadth seven miles, is the island to which the lepers are sent by the government for isolation. Their houses (built by themselves at the board of health), together with a few horses, cattle, pigs and dogs, are all they possess. A thrice is kept by the government, at which all things are sold at cost, and those who are too sick to help themselves are cared for in the government hospital.

The area of Lanai is 150 square miles, length 15 miles, breadth 10. The inhabitants here depend principally upon rain for their supply of water, there being but one running stream on the island. Sheep-raising is the leading industry. It was here that our mission headquarters were located prior to the purchase of the Laie plantation, in the year 1865.

The area of Kahoolawe is 68 square miles, length 14 miles, breadth 6. Because of a plentiful supply of grass, a cattle ranch has been established here. The other four islands of the group are too small to call for mention. The population of the islands is chiefly found along the shore on a belt of land varying from one to four miles in width, and except in the cases of a few deep and fertile valleys, the interior is very sparsely inhabited. In 1887, out of 80,578 people 40,000 were Hawaiians; the remainder were Americans, British, German, Portuguese, Chinese, and of other nationalities. The principal industry is the cultivation of sugar-cane and the manufacture of sugar. Next in importance is the cultivation of rice. The raising of cattle stands third in the list of industries. Coffee, bananas, pineapples and other tropical fruits are grown in considerable quantities. The climate is mild and much cooler than places in a similar latitude on any of the continents. Thunder storms are of rare occurrence, and are seldom severe. These islands were discovered by Captain Cook, on January 18th, 1778. He landed first at Kauai, and then sailed to Hawaii, where he was killed by the natives Feb. 14th, 1779. At the time of Cook's visit the Hawaiians were barbarians; now they are Christians, and advancing rapidly in civilization. Only He who reigns above can recompense those who have spent their time and talents in the interests of this native race. There are legends among the natives of a race of white men (like Cook's crew) but of this nothing definite is known.

The Hawaiian government is a limited monarchy. There is a Queen, a House of Nobles and a House of Representatives. The members of the two houses are chosen by the people. The rulers of Hawaii from 1782 up to the present time have been as follows: Kamehameha I., II., III., IV. and V., Lunalilo, Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, who is now reigning.

Very numerous lies have published by American newspapers regarding the efforts of certain aspirants to overthrow the present administration, but all such is groundless, so all is peaceful here. One can travel wherever he chooses with none to molest or make afraid.

Y. M. M. I. A. Conference.

The regular semi-annual conference of the Y. M. M. I. A. of Bannock Stake convened in the Stake tabernacle on Sunday, Oct. 25th, at 10 o'clock. Present on the stand President W. W. Cluff and Alma Eldredge, of the Stake Presidency, the Stake officers, many of associations, and Elder D. R. Gill, of Salt Lake City. After the usual preliminary exercises, reports of associations were made showing that the cause of mutual improvement is advancing. Supt. Reese congratulated the members on their progress, and urged them to increased activity.

A quartette by members of the Cowlitz association was excellently rendered.

Elder D. R. Gill pointed out the benefit to be derived from the association if properly conducted. Education and progress, he said, should be the objects kept in view by members, so that they may become intelligent exponents of the Gospel.

At the afternoon session an essay entitled "Two Atoms," which showed much thought and ability in preparation, was read by Mr. M. Allred.

President Alma Eldredge, in an instructive address, encouraged the young men to press onward in the pursuit of knowledge.

A trio by Prof. Geo. Reed and company, elicited favorable comment. This was followed by a short address on the "Sentiment of New England," by Chas. Callis.

Elder D. R. Gill dwelt on the subject of prayer.

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Lv Ogden	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Park City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Heber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Provo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Springville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Spanish Fork	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Thistle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Helper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Castle Gate	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Colton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Gordon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Price	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Wellington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Cleveland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Castle Dale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Emery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Crescent	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Thompson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Cisco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ar Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Westbound Trains.	No. 5.	No. 1.	No. 3.
Lv Grand Junction	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Cisco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Thompson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Crescent	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Green River	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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