

cause can have but little influence. This is true also as regards intemperance, for he bears testimony to his having never seen a native intoxicated on Kauai. The touching of a French whale-ship at Waimea and landing a quantity of wine and brandy, has, he thinks, revived their propensities of fifteen or twenty years past; and when the liquors were exhausted, they were found resorting to a method of distillation of their own, or subjecting various fruits to the process of fermentation until they would produce intoxicating effects. All this has been promptly arrested by the activity of the judges and their agents.

In this district comparatively few die of acute diseases. Dropsies are among the most frequent; palsies and diseases of the lungs also occur; syphilis is rare, but gonorrhœa prevails extensively.

The climate is considered very salubrious. Immoderate eating and fasting, living in damp huts, long exposure in the water, and sleeping on the ground, are all assigned as causes for the many sick and weak among the natives.

The schools in this district have, as elsewhere, undergone an entire revolution. Formerly, all the adult population were included among the pupils; now they consist only of children, and within two years past these have greatly fallen off in numbers—as much indeed as one half. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, with some native teachers, have charge of the school. Mr. Alexander thinks, that the native children are not inferior to those of other lands in point of intellect. These schools, unlike those of Tahiti, are kept open five days in the week, and six hours each day. Besides the school at Wailua, there are several others at different places. The teachers are relieved from all government taxation, except the poll-tax, and receive whatever the congregation contribute at the monthly meetings, which Mr. Alexander computes at about forty dollars for the last seven months; this sum divided among eight teachers, does not give each of them one dollar a month!

The church was established at this station in 1834, by five persons from the church at Waimea, and five others; these received an examination. The church now consists of eighty members. Three persons have been excommunicated, and four have died. The congregation on the Sabbath amounts to from six to eight hundred.

Large quantities of beans were raised on this island, in hopes of supplying the whalers with them; but, after they had been raised and carried to Oahu, they discovered that those ships did not use them. This is one instance, among many, of the want of practical knowledge on these islands.