

diate coast is also good, and receives an abundance of rain for agricultural purposes. There are here also several small streams, sufficiently well supplied with water to drive the machinery for sugar-mills.

The scenery of this district is surpassed by that of few places in beauty, boldness, and variety; stupendous precipices rising some two or three thousand feet, with small streams rushing over and down their sides, resembling so many strings of silver girdling them, and here and there lost among the light and airy foliage. To whichever side the traveller turns himself, he is sure to find something to interest and attract his attention. The Kaluamei waterfall is a very remarkable spot, lying deep in the mountain, whither from appearance it has worn its way to the depth of half a mile back. On passing up the bed of the stream, the banks rise almost perpendicularly, and are but a few yards asunder when the foot of the fall is reached; here the sun penetrates only for an hour at midday. This is a fit place for the legends of the natives, and it is understood that it was intimately connected with their mythology. This part of the island has now few inhabitants, but from the appearance of the extensive taro-grounds, it is believed to have been formerly densely populated.

The Koolaulo flat continues further, passing by Kaneohe to the east end of the island, where the arable land decreases very much in width.

The climate of Waialua, as I am informed by the Rev. Mr. Emerson, is rather cooler than that of Honolulu, and there is no annoyance from dust. The thermometer ranges from 75° to 80°, and has not fallen below 55° for several years, and rarely below 60°. The climate is usually looked upon as healthy, except during the prevalence of the northwest wind, which is found to affect injuriously those having pulmonary complaints.

As to industry, the habits of the people are improving, which is discernible in their comparative willingness to labour for hire, and their improvement in dress. Eight years before our visit, there were but two persons who appeared at church in shirts or pantaloons: more than one-half now wear these garments, and the women instead of tapa for the most part wear cloth. Formerly a man laboured with great reluctance later than two or three o'clock in the afternoon, and rarely worked later for the chiefs or themselves; at the time of our visit they would do a full day's work, and this too without superintendence. A little improvement is also manifested in their dwellings, a few of which have been constructed of adobes, and whitewashed; but they for the most part pertinaciously adhere to the materials and mode of building of their ancestors. Some, however, have enlarged their