

and sixty of whom belonged to Ewa, the remainder to Waianae; but the Catholics have now established themselves at both these places, and it is understood are drawing off many from their attendance on Mr. Bishop's church. Schools are established, of which there are now three for children under teachers from Lahainaluna. Mr. Bishop informed me that there was great difficulty in procuring suitable teachers, and a still greater difficulty in raising funds for their support. The teachers complain much of their inability to secure a regular attendance from their scholars, which is thought to result from a want of parental authority at home, and their leaving it optional with the children to attend school or not.

This district contained in 1840 two thousand seven hundred and ninety-two inhabitants, and there is no satisfactory evidence of a decrease, although many speak of it as being great; but the latter opinion is formed from the census of 1836, which was on many accounts inaccurate, and ought not to be taken as authority on which to found such a statement.

This is the best part of the island of Oahu for raising cattle and sheep, which are seen here in greater numbers than elsewhere.

Dr. Pickering and Mr. Brackenridge made a tour to Waianae, for the purpose of examining more particularly the Kaala Mountains for plants. Waianae lies on the southwest side of the range, and on the sea-shore under it. After stopping a night at Ewa, they took a middle route, and passing through a gap in the mountain, fifteen hundred feet in elevation, reached Waianae in the afternoon, a distance of sixteen miles. Here they were kindly welcomed by the chief, who acts in the capacity of ruler, preacher, and schoolmaster; he is, likewise, a fisherman, and a manufacturer of wooden bowls, in which he showed himself quite expert.

The natives are much occupied in catching and drying fish, which is made a profitable business, by taking them to Oahu, where they command a ready sale.

The population is about fifteen hundred, one thousand of whom belonged to the church under the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Bishop; but since the establishment of the Catholics, one half have joined in their mode of worship.

While at Waianae, they extended their walks in different directions, along the beach, at the foot and sides of the mountains, meeting with several very interesting plants: at the base of the mountains several half deciduous trees, and bushes of sandalwood (*Santalum freycinetiarum*). It was observed that the stems of the trees and plants were