

at their morning meal than they had done on the day of our arrival, wearing now neat white capes; but I still saw the same frocks. I do not, however, wish to give the idea that they are not in reality clean: they are so beyond a doubt, as I understood they bathed almost every day; but they did not look tidy. Miss Ogden took her place at a small table, whence she was enabled to overlook the whole. Their food is that of the country, consisting principally of poe and fish, and they are occasionally indulged with molasses.

Baths and walking-grounds are prepared for them, where they can take exercise. The avowed object of this establishment is to educate the daughters of Hawaii as wives for the young men who are educated at Lahainaluna. They are fed and clothed by the Missionary Society, and it is proposed that they shall remain at the establishment until they be married.

One courtship has already taken place by letters; and I was informed these were the first love-letters that had ever been written in this group. I was extremely desirous of obtaining the originals or copies, but was not successful. The correspondence appears to have been carried on under the eye of the missionaries, and the expressions they contained were very common-place.

This whole establishment does great credit to those who are engaged in rearing it up, on account of the method and perseverance with which it is carried on. It is extremely gratifying to see efforts of this kind made, but I cannot help doubting the policy of not allowing any of the burden of it fall upon the natives themselves (the parents). The only argument advanced in justification of this course, was the rather unsatisfactory one, that these people cannot understand and appreciate sufficiently the advantages, to be persuaded to contribute to the education of their children. As far as my own observations went, I believe this to be an error. As long as the children are educated and maintained gratis, the natives will never make any exertions to furnish the means. Some of the natives said to me, on my making inquiry why their children were not at the seminary, that they could not get them there, for all those admitted were selected by the missionaries, and there are no other means of tuition; they also added, that they would be willing to contribute a few dollars for the education of their children, if allowed.

The greatest objection to the system of this school, in my opinion, is that the pupils are not taken at an earlier age, and before their habits are in any way formed, and that it is attempted to educate them exclusively for civilized life as it now is. Taken at too advanced an age, they have scarcely an opportunity of forgetting the life of ease