

meter stands lower. The daily variation is seldom more than ten or twelve degrees. The barometer does not usually vary much from 30.00 in. It will have been perceived that there is a great difference in the degree of moisture which exists within a few miles; indeed, I might say, that within a few rods a different climate often prevails: in this respect, there are few places in the islands so remarkable as the immediate vicinity of the town of Honolulu.

While parts of the town are rarely visited by showers, other portions of it are noted for the frequency of their occurrence. In passing from the town up the valley of Nuuanu, rain becomes more frequent, until at last the superabundance of moisture is quite annoying.

There is a great variety of opinions relative to the healthfulness of the climate, and it certainly has opposite effects upon the feelings of different persons. Upon the whole, the leeward side of the island is to be preferred as a place of residence, although the quantity of dust renders it at times very uncomfortable, for it seldom happens that there is sufficient rain to lay it; while on the weather side the frequency of showers is much complained of. In some parts, it is said, a day never passes without rain.

With respect to the force of the trade-wind, which generally prevails for nine months of the year, it is at times, extremely unpleasant, and blows over the high land of the islands with great fury, sometimes becoming dangerous to vessels in the neighbourhood. This remark applies particularly to the small islands: the larger ones have alternate land and sea breezes, which moderate their temperature, and usually the winds are not so violent. The most delightful part of the twenty-four hours is the night, and I have never experienced such pleasant ones in any other part of the globe. Though warm, there is an elasticity in the air that never exhausts. In the winter season, from December to March, the trade-winds for the most part cease; calms take their place, and occasionally a southwest gale is experienced for two or three days. This is generally preceded by a heavy swell setting from that quarter, and a great increase in the surf. This wind is accompanied by heavy rain: we did not experience it ourselves, except while on the mountain; but the residents informed me that it was extremely uncomfortable, and instead of the elasticity usually felt in the northeast wind, they experienced a heavy dull feeling, relaxing the whole system. At certain seasons of the year there are heavy dews; exposure to them, however, is not deemed injurious.

The diseases of the climate are few, and generally of a mild type, and from the report of physicians long resident, the islands may be considered healthy for foreigners. The diseases that are most preva-