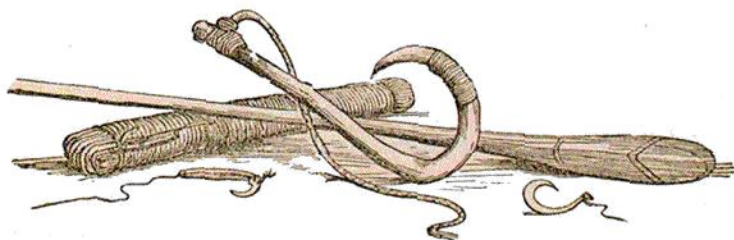


wants: all this is done gratuitously, and I think seems little esteemed, however strange it may seem, by the natives. I very much doubt the policy of giving their services and medicines free of charge, for the natives are abundantly able to pay, and I make no doubt would do so if they felt they could thus command the services of the physician whenever needed.

This is a part of the organization of the American Mission that is highly commendable: in no other mission is it found. It not only alleviates the cares of the missionaries themselves, in their families, but adds greatly to their success, and power of doing good. One of the great difficulties in practising medicine among the natives, is their heedlessness and inability to restrain their appetites, both as respects the patients themselves, and their families and friends: they often disregard all injunctions as to diet, nor do they exercise any control whatever over the sick. The natives, however, are adepts in alleviating pains, as I myself can testify: the practice of the loomi-loomi seldom fails in assuaging headache and pains in the limbs; but this is not practised by those who are the disciples of Esculapius.

Although the Hawaiian Islands have been much vaunted as a resort for invalids, I am not satisfied that it would be beneficial to visit them, unless the person afflicted would, on choosing the most suitable abode for his recovery, confine himself to the circumscribed limits. Few comforts could be looked for, unless the patient were to become an inmate of some one of the missionaries' or respectable residents' houses, where they will be sure to enjoy all the kind attentions and the care of another home.



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