

FROM HONOLULU.

We are pleased to print the following delightful letter from Fortunato Jayue to Supt. Chalcraft. Fortunato left Chemawa on Sept. 28 for his old home in the Philippines and the letter which follows was written in Honolulu, Oct. 13:

Under separate cover I am sending you a picture book of the Hawaiian Islands—and a sofa pillow. The pillow was made by a native and it consists of lauhalla leaves, the main body; bamboo, the white center; ekalan, the brown lines and it is stuffed with cocoanut leaves. The inscription, "Aloha" has many meanings, all according to how it is used. In letter-writing it is used as a salutation, and also as a closing term. It is a term used in greeting friends and extending good wishes, etc.

This morning, after breakfast, I took a streetcar ride to most of the places reached by car-line and I saw many beautiful things on the way. In the residence districts of the city the houses are surrounded by gardens. They are all beautiful and picturesque. Palms and big shade trees dot the lawns so that the sun's rays may not pierce their leaves but at few places. The lawns are carpeted with fine green grass, and beds of flowers are so arranged that the whole presents a perfect picture of beauty.

On the way I saw hundreds of acres of sugar cane, fields of rice, and banana plantations. Sugar cane culture is the chief industry of the islands, and pineapple growing comes next in importance. Pineapples sell here for 25 cents per dozen.

All of the streets of Honolulu are paved like those of Salem and the entire city is very clean. Honolulu is like an American city; the majority of the

buildings are modern and are well kept. The climate is ideal throughout the year. Honolulu is the largest city of the islands and has a population of about 60,000. The population consists of one-third Japanese and Chinese; one-third Caucasians, and the remaining third is of the native element. Most of the stores are conducted by the Japanese and Chinese, and a few by the American people.

At this season of the year the city is crowded with American tourists, especially now on account of the Kilaneau volcano being active. Perhaps this is the most ideal spot in the world for scenery, for grandeur, and for climate, and I think that is why so many American vacationists come over this far.

Yesterday I visited the central grammar school. The principal teacher is a graduate of Harvard who very kindly showed me through the building. I found the pupils made up of all kinds of nationalities, all striving to secure an English education. Some of the pupils bear considerable resemblance to our boys and girls at Chemawa. I was told that the school building used to be the palace of the Hawaiian princess. The building is constructed of stone, with expensive hardwood trimmings. Inside were many beautiful hand-carved panels adorning the walls and ceilings.

I wish I were able to tell you of all the things I have seen at this wonderful place, but there are too many of them, and I fear I have made a failure of my attempt thus far.

Best regards to all.

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