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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 28, 1896.

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The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Historical Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Nov. 28, 1896, at 7:30 p. m., the President, Hon. W. R. Castle, being in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Hon. W. F. Allen, in the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. G. P. Castle, read the Treasurer's Annual Report, showing total receipts of \$294, and disbursements \$292.95. There was in the Savings Bank a deposit of \$271.40 to the credit of the Society. He reported also the receipt of a donation of \$2000 from the Trustees of the Charles R. Bishop Fund.

It was voted that the Corresponding Secretary should write to Hon. C. R. Bishop in grateful acknowledgement of his generous gift, the only permanent fund of the Society, to which it is hoped that others will make additions from time to time.

The Librarian, Miss M. A. Burbank, read her Annual Report, giving the details of the additions to the Library during the year.

The Corresponding Secretary read his Annual Report, making mention of various items of interest in his department.

The Recording Secretary read some recommendations from the Board of Managers, which were adopted by vote of the Society.

Messrs. W. F. Wilson, J. Q. Wood and J. L. Dumas were elected to Active membership; and as Corresponding Members, Hon. J. W. Foster of Washington, D. C., Capt. Nathan Appleton, of Boston, Mass., and Dr. Emily B. Ryder, of Bombay, India.

It was voted to publish a list of the bound volumes of books in the Library of the Society.

The officers for last year, with the exception of Mr. G. P. Castle, were re-elected. Mr. Castle's resignation as treasurer was accepted,

with a vote of thanks for his faithful and efficient service, and Mr. T. R. Mossman was chosen to fill the vacancy. The officers now are:

President.....	Hon W. R. Castle.
Vice-President.....	President S. B. Dole.
“ “ .....	Colonel W. F. Allen.
“ “ .....	Mr. J. S. Emerson.
Corresponding Secretary .....	Prof. W. D. Alexander.
Recording Secretary .....	Rev. C. M. Hyde, D. D.
Treasurer.....	Mr. T. R. Mossman.
Librarian .....	Miss Mary A. Burbank.

Dr. N. B. Emerson then read a paper written by Mrs. E. M. Naukuina, giving the legend of Nanaue, the Shark-man, which by vote of the Society, was requested for publication.

Prof. W. D. Alexander read an autograph letter by J. B. Rives, of date March 22, 1825, which he had purchased of a dealer in Paris in 1894, and now presented to the Society. The reading of the letter was followed by that of extracts from Capt. Duhantilly's narrative of his voyage around the world, which served to explain the letter as well as M. Rives' subsequent history. Prof. Alexander was thanked for the gift which he had made to the archives of the Society, and was requested to publish it as part of the Occasional Papers of the Society.

The Recording Secretary gave an abstract of the legend of Wai-anuenuu, the name of the idol recently found on Kauai, purchased by Hon. G. N. Wilcox, and by him presented to the B. P. Bishop Museum of Polynesian Ethnology and Natural History.

C. M. HYDE,  
*Recording Secretary.*



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE  
HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

I hereby submit the following report of the finances of the Society for the year ending November 28, 1896.

The receipts during the year have been:

Membership dues and initiations .....	\$174 00	
Interest on Two Hawaiian Government Bonds..	120 00	
		\$ 294 00

The disbursements for the year have been:

Collection and distribution.....	\$ 17 00	
Salary of Librarian for the year.....	100 00	
Salary of Janitor.....	48 00	
Purchase of books, pamphlets and papers.....	52 30	
Stationery and copying.....	10 15	
Printing reports and circulars.....	33 00	
Postage .....	7 50	
Accrued interest payable on Bonds.....	25 00	
		\$ 292 95

Leaving a balance of receipts over disbursements	\$ 1 05
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The present available funds are this day as follows:

Funds in the Savings Bank.....	\$ 271 40
Cash in hand this day.....	44 65
	\$ 316 05
To this may be added 2 Hawaiian Gov't. 6 per- cent. Bonds .....	2,000 00
Making the financial resources of the Society...	\$2,316 05

In reference to the item of Government Bonds, I may say that during the year this Society has been presented with \$2,000 by the Hon. C. R. Bishop, which was invested in these bonds. This, as you will see, brings in a revenue of \$120 per annum, which will materially aid in carrying on the work of the Society.

There have been eight new members added to the Society this year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. CASTLE,  
*Treasurer.*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

OF THE  
HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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*To the Officers and Members of the Hawaiian Historical Society.*

GENTLEMEN:

During the past year there has been little to report. The books ordered and received are as follows:

"Moko," or Maori Tattooing, by Major-General Robley.

London Literary Gazette and Journal of Belles Lettres for the year 1821.

Kotzebue's Voyage in 1826, etc., in the Discovery-ship "Pret-priatic."

Ledyard's Narrative, edition of 1783, a present from Mr. V. L. Tenney.

From Mr. H. M. Whitney, a book on Hawaii, by C. de Varigny.

Various statistical works have been received from the U. S. Government, and three books, together with a number of pamphlets, from Prof. D. P. Todd, of Amherst College.

Rev. O. H. Gulick has presented several pamphlets, and others have been received from New Zealand. Numerous circulars from publishing houses and other firms in various countries have come to hand.

Mr. Henry F. Poor presented in April last, a large quantity of valuable historical material, and has since supplemented that gift by bringing clippings from newspapers, and a pamphlet, entitled "Hawaii, the Story of a National Wrong," by Julius A. Palmer, Jr.

Of the Hawaiian newspapers taken by the Society, the daily "Ka Leo" ceased publication May 18th, 1896. The daily "Oiaio" also ceased publication June 26th, and the weekly "Oiaio" has not been brought to the Library since Sept. 4th, thus leaving the "Kuokoa" the only Hawaiian paper now coming to the Society.

The Library of the Historical Society has not been consulted as much this year as in previous years.

It would probably be an advantage to have a printed list of the books in the Society's Library, both for the benefit of the members, and as an aid in obtaining new acquisitions to the collection.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. BURBANK,  
*Librarian.*

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## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 28, 1896.

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Again I am obliged to apologize for the meagerness of my report.

Since the publication of Mr. James Hunnewell's valuable narrative, and of the last annual report, no more papers have been published by this Society. Two papers, however, have lately been contributed, which will be read this evening, and a number of our members have prosecuted historical researches during the past year. A translation by Miss Henry of an ancient Raiatean poem entitled "Honour," has been published in the *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, and has attracted much attention in New Zealand. I am informed also that Dr. Emerson's translation of David Malo's *Hawaiian Antiquities* is nearly ready for the press.

### THE ANCIENT NAMES OF NEW ZEALAND.

The publication in one of our former reports of an interpretation of the word "Aotearoa," a Maori name for New Zealand, which made it mean the *long white cliffs* or the *long white world*, drew out an interesting letter from ex-Judge Fenton of New Zealand, a veteran Maori scholar.

He shows that "few native names are descriptive, except of rivers and mountains. Almost all other names are derived from ancestors or are names brought from their old homes." He suggested that "Aotearoa" may be the name given by the ancient