

# KAUAI HIGH SCHOOL

Good Equipment -- Fine Work -- First Graduating Class

### Inauguration of the School

The Kauai High School has just completed its fifth year. It was started in September, 1914, with a Freshman class. Each succeeding year added a class until now it is a full-fledged High School with a staff of five teachers offering instruction in all courses and subjects taught in such institutions.

The year 1919 is destined to be a memorable one in the history of the school, for it is during this year that it has its first graduates. They are seven in all. Three have completed the college preparatory course and four the commercial course.

### The Fine Site

The site on which the activities of the school are staged is a picturesque one, on the bluff overlooking Nawiliwili Bay and commanding a fine view of the crescent ridge extending from Ni'mahu to Anaholo. For those of artistic temperament the inspiring natural associations of the spot are a liberal education in themselves.

### Well Rounded Course

The regular High School courses are carried. All students are required to take the English studies. These are designed to give a good working knowledge of the English language and to develop in the pupils an appreciation of good literature. One who has learned to read independently possesses a key that will unlock the great storehouses of treasure. It is a rare art and not acquired without great personal effort. The school affords those who wish to avail themselves of it the opportunity of good exercise in spoken and written English. Correct expression is taught in all classes in all subjects. Texts in Composition and the Classics are studied throughout. Library books are read and reports made on them.

In order to foster the acquiring of good language men and women with ideas who know how to express them are made welcome and given attentive hearings. The school has had several such from far and near. This is one of the most educative features of the school and one which will be systematically developed in the future. In this way the faculty is made a large one.

### The School Library

The school has a good working library. Several standard encyclopedias and reference books are in constant use. Three times a year a large box of books comes from the Library of Hawaii. These are well chosen volumes. Recently Mr. Walter McBryde presented the school with a beautiful set of the works of Luther Burbank, in twelve volumes. The illustrations are wonderful works of art and give one a very clear understanding of the plants and fruits on which experiments have been made.

### Importance of History

History is a subject that is stressed for many reasons. The great aim is to democratize the student, to make him an intelligent American citizen, capable of thinking and acting for himself whenever a public question comes up for consideration. History also gives a fine opportunity of teaching method of study.

Ancient History, Medieval and Modern History, English History, and United States History and Civics are taught, one each year, in the order named. The development of Democracy and the socializing forces receive special attention. The approach is made from the present and from the local community as far as possible so as to assure comprehension. The present is linked with the past and the past with the present. Each throws light on the other. Each member of the Senior Class for next year has already subscribed for the *Outlook* to be read in connection with the Civics work.

### Latin and French

Two years of Latin and two of French are given. College requirements standards are observed in this work. A very gratifying result was secured from an experiment that was tried this spring with a view to ascertaining whether or not French can be learned more efficiently from a teacher whose mother tongue is French than from the American teacher who learns it in College. There were ten in the class. All made marked progress, manifest-



Kauai High School Graduates of 1919. Reading from left to right they are: Goon Fong Chock, Suekichi Uyeda, Dorothy K. M. Chock, Margaret Pah On Leong, Kengi Horiuchi, Tomo Onye, Fusa Mizuno. —Photo by Senda.

### WHO'S WHO IN THE CLASS

1. Goon Fong Chock is the eldest son of Chock Chin, a Hanalei merchant. In infancy he was sent to China, returning in 1910 to Hanalei where he went to the government school until coming to Kauai High School four years ago. He is the star student of the class. In September he will enter the Colorado school of Mines at Golden, Colorado.

2. Suekichi Uyeda is a Lihue boy son of Torakachi Uyeda, a field luna on Lihue plantation. He received his elementary education in Lihue school. At Kauai High school he took the Commercial Course. He is the class secretary and the finest penman in the school. He will seek office work on Kauai.

3. Dorothy K. M. Chock is the eldest daughter of Chock Chin of

Hanalei. She went to China and returned with her brother, Goon, taking the same College Preparatory course. Dorothy has always been an active leader in school activities. She will enter the College of Hawaii next September.

4. Margaret Pah On Leong is the eldest daughter of Pah On Leong, a rice merchant of Waimea. Margaret attended Waimea school and Punaluu before coming to Kauai High school last September. She is in the class president and school accompanist. In September she will enter the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

5. Kengi Horiuchi is the eldest son of Tohei Horiuchi a cane contractor of Koloa. He received his education in Eleele and Koloa schools before entering the High school. He is Captain of the "Second Nine" baseball team

and vice-president of the class. He took the College course and will enter Chicago Technical College next fall.

6. Tomo Onye graduates from the Commercial Department. His father is Kichizo Onye of Nawiliwili, a cane contractor. He received his early training in Mills school. He spent eight months in Schofield Barracks last year, and is the High School drill master. He will continue his commercial studies in some Commercial College.

7. Fusa Mizuno is the eldest step-son of Hidekichi Nagata, a Koloa blacksmith. He received his earlier education at Koloa school. He is Captain of the "First Nine" baseball team and treasurer of the class. He is a commercial graduate and next September will enter Wilson's Business College, Seattle, Washington.

ed greater interest in the work and regret that the experiment could not have continued until the end of the term.

College preparatory students are taught Algebra the first year, Plane Geometry the second year, and Advanced Algebra and Solid Geometry the third or fourth year. Trigonometry and higher mathematics will be taught to Seniors next year.

### Science Well to the Front

Science is an important and popular subject in the school. A full four years' High School course in Science has been staged this year for the first time. This includes General Science for the Freshmen, Biology for the Sophomores, Chemistry for the Juniors and Physics for the Seniors. Sufficient work is done to give the scientific view-point in addition to a very thorough working knowledge of the materials and forces of nature.

There is a very strong demand from the student body for a still more practical work in the sciences. They ask for instruction in scientific agriculture, domestic science and sewing. More than twenty wish to register for domestic science for next year provided arrangements can be made for teaching the subject. Half of these are boys. This is surely significant.

### Practical Agriculture

By way of experiment to find out whether or not High School pupils are interested in working with the soil a considerable part of the yard was plowed up last fall and turned over to the students. There was no compulsion used in having garden plots taken by the different individuals. The following statement shows the percentage of students of the different years working in gardens:

Freshmen	27 per cent
Sophomores	38 per cent
Juniors	50 per cent
Seniors	57 per cent

Kauai High School is evidently not alienating its students from the soil, judging from the increase of interest in it as they advance to the upper grades.

The laboratory proper is small but well equipped for chemistry. The entire community has been the main laboratory in much of the most important work. The various industrial plants have been visited and the processes

studied. Much of the physical equipment has had to be improvised. A wireless receiving plant is being installed by the physics classes. Many biological excursions were made into the fields, the hills and along the shore.

### Commercial Work Prominent

The school has a complete commercial department, teaching, bookkeeping, typewriting, shorthand, commercial arithmetic, spelling and penmanship, and commercial English. The course is a thorough one. A graduate student has had an opportunity to acquaint himself with modern business practice and is competent to do almost any kind of office work after a short initiation. Three years of bookkeeping, three of typewriting, and two of shorthand are given. The seniors can take dictation readily at the rate of one hundred twenty words in a minute. The Gregg System is the one used. Six typewriters are in constant use.

The commercial students do not confine their efforts to the commercial subjects alone but all take the entire English work, the history, some of the sciences and several take French. In this way a commercial graduate has had a broad cultural education. This is necessary for the stenographer, for he is called upon by men of all walks of life to take dictation. Some acquaintance with the dictator's work is necessary to success. The commercial man is a citizen like other men. He needs a broad education for that phase of his life, if not for any other reason.

Commercial students do office and other work for firms and individuals in the community. This work may be done in the office or at school and gives the element in practice that commercial students need, and without which a graduate student is at a great loss when he goes into an office as a regular employee. Kauai Firms, by occasionally giving an odd job to the High School, render their institution a much-needed service by providing stimulus that is found only in vital effort.

### Literature and Athletics

Two literary societies conduct weekly meetings for the purpose of learning parliamentary procedure, acquiring facility in speaking and debating, and for

musical and literary entertainment. A half hour assembly period is used each day for singing, social purposes, and for hearing speakers who come to the school.

The boys have two baseball teams and a basket ball team that have played very creditably several games with good teams outside. The girls have also their basket ball team.

### Practical Patriotism

The school has a good record for its war and relief activities. \$7,600 worth of War Saving stamps were sold by the pupils. Many sweaters, socks, helmets and babies bonnets were made by girls and boys alike. Two Belgian orphans are being supported by the school. The boys are members of the Boys' Working Reserve and the girls have their Girl Reserve Society. There are thirty-eight pupils at present in Kauai High School. They come from the following Elementary schools: Waimea, 8; Makaweli, 1; Eleele, 1; Kalaheo, 5; Koloa, 4; Lihue 7; Kauai High and Grammar, 7; Hanalei, 4.

### The First Commencement

At the Tip Top Theatre on Friday evening the 27th inst., at 7:30, will be held the first commencement, to which the Kauai public, who are interested in the High School, are cordially invited. The following program will be given:

### PROGRAM

- Invocation . . . Rev. M. E. Carver
- Sea King's Bride . . . . .
- High School Chorus . . . . .
- High School Education Should Be Universal. . . Kengi Horiuchi
- The Value of High School Chemistry . . . . . Dorothy Chock
- Ka L'ai O Pua . . . Double Quartet
- Commercial Course in High School . . . . . Fusa Mizuno
- The Value and Charm of Music . . . . . Margaret Pah On Leong
- High School Athletics. Tomo Onye
- Lullaby . . . . . High School Chorus
- Application of Physics to Daily Life . . . . . Goon Fong Chock
- Our Flag . . . . . Suekichi Uyeda
- Ship of State . . . . . High School
- ? ? ? The Graduating Class
- The Class Prophecy . . . . .
- Seniors as Prophets
- Presentation of Diplomas . . . . .
- Wm. McCluskey, Principal
- Home Again . . . . .
- High School Chorus



FACULTY AND STUDENT BODY OF THE KAUAI HIGH SCHOOL. —Photo by Senda.

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