

THE OUTRIGGER CLUB

EDITOR STAR: The affairs of the Outrigger Canoe Club are moving along, and it now looks as if Ford's idea of reviving the interest in the old Hawaiian sports is to be carried out, if not improved upon. The new officials have started in earnest to put things in ship shape order and to do them upon a business-like basis.

For instance, the dancing hall is now being altered improved and strengthened, and in such a manner as to increase its beauty and durability. This dancing hall, we may say, is to play no unimportant part in the future. And it is proposed not only to use it for dancing, but as a social hall and club house where afternoon tea parties and clam chowders etc., can be served and where the members can bring their children and unite their funds for an outing.

Here will be an ideal place for the children to paddle the small canoes in the smooth water of the lagoon, right under their mother's eye; or they can play in the sand, or bathe in the sea, or lie in the shade of the trees, or do any old thing they wish. It is also proposed to have this hall and the grounds fitted with electric light, later on, and to make the whole place a thing of beauty and a joy forever. It is also proposed to put the grounds in better order, to build a wall along the side of the grounds, and to repair the

canoes and the grass houses, and later on have seats and tables built under the trees. Also to buy two racing canoes.

We are glad to say that every one is showing a disposition to do something and which is quite encouraging. For instance, some of the members have not only paid their dues promptly, but have desired that they should be called upon again if necessary. Others have paid their dues and given some amount for the improvement of the club grounds. Some of the prominent and wealthy tourists have also paid the annual membership fee, though they are only to stay here a month, simply to help the club along, and for the purpose of urging the native sports. And Mr. Allan Herbert who donated money and various things to the value of hundreds of dollars, when Mr. Ford was here, is still doing various things to help the club along. It has been desired to accept no outside help, or at least not to ask for it or from the Promotion Committee at it's said that if a club cannot stand upon its own feet it is bound to fall sooner or later. Though I presume there would be no objection to any one making a donation to it. It's also hoped that those that can do so will take a life membership, or an annual membership card.

Very truly,

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