

OUTRIGGER TAKES UP LIFE SAVING

Mrs. L. Fullard-Leo Giving Instructions In Important Branch of Swimming

The following is an extract from the March number of the Swimming Magazine of London:

“Much good work is being done in America by Mr. Wilbert E. Longfellow of the American Red Cross, who has just completed a year's tour of the States in the interests of swimming and life saving. He reports that swimming is rapidly coming into its own as the greatest of all sport in America. The Red Cross recommends that everybody become a swimmer and every swimmer a life saver.”

The reading of this item to the directors of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club recently caused those present to offer a gold medal to the members of their club who scores the highest number of points in the first class training for the Elementary Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Try-Out on Saturday

Members who wish to improve their health, their knowledge of swimming and turn such knowledge to useful account are invited to hand their names to the chaperone at the club and be prepared for the first drill next Saturday at three-thirty in the afternoon.

Mrs. L. Fullard-Leo, who has been urged by the head office of the Royal Life Saving Society of London to form a branch in Hawaii, will give instruction to this and any other classes formed, free of charge, in an effort to introduce this humane work here.

Eighteen of the Senior girls at Punahou have taken the work up enthusiastically and within the course of a month will be ready to take their first examination, when a gold medal offered by one of the faculty of the college goes to the girl who scores the highest points.

Miss Ward First American

It is interesting to note that the first American woman to gain the diploma, which is the highest award of the society, was Miss Josephine Barker of Rochester, New York, who had to travel to a point in Ontario, Canada, to take her examination last fall.

The work is quite new in America, but promises to make rapid strides. The total number of awards granted by the society since its inception twenty-six years ago approximates 182,000 and have been sent to all parts of the world.

In introducing this work here, Mrs. Leo has received much encouragement from the harbor board, which caused the charts of the society to be framed and put up along the benches, as well as recommending the life guards to the study of the method.