We try to separate them; put them to light work, such as irrigating cane. I think a majority of the women who come here are not married to the men; come here merely to live with them.

Q. Loose women?
A. Yes; that is my impression.
Q. Why do you take them out of the fields?
A. On account of their morals. They were likely to entice men to cohabit with them. I have caught several in the act.
Q. Is that the character of the women generally?
A. That is my impression. My impression is that a majority of them are rather loose; that for a consideration they will sell their body.
Q. What about the Chinese women?
A. There are none here to speak of.
Q. What about the character of the men—Chinese laborers?
A. I think as a whole they are a peaceful, quiet race of people and reliable laborers.
Q. Do they speak the English language much?
A. No; a great many of them speak the Hawaiian language. Some speak pigeon English.
Q. After their contract has expired do they remain here in any considerable number?
A. Of late a good many have returned to their own country.
Q. Those who remain here, what do they do?
A. Some remain on plantations. A large majority of them—I don’t know how they exist. I think through opium and gambling.
Q. Any engaged in cultivating taro and rice?
A. Yes. Many of them are crowding out the natives in making taro (poi).
Q. Any engaged in fishing?
A. Not to a great extent. They are certainly getting control of the raising of taro and the making of poi.
Q. Do any of them get to be merchants?
A. A great many of them.
Q. Now, the Portuguese.
A. They are the best class of laborers we have here. They are extremely industrious; they are sober; they practice strict economy; they save money and are a very desirable class of people. The only drawback is you have to pay them more wages. They can not live as cheaply as the Japanese and Chinese.
Q. You have quit bringing them here on that account?
A. Yes.
Q. How are the Portuguese, educated or illiterate?
A. As a whole they are illiterate. The rising generation is being educated and is quite bright.
Q. Now, about the Hawaiians. How do they work?
A. They are very good in certain work—irrigating and handling of water and driving bullock teams.
Q. Not as good in cane fields as Chinamen?
A. Well, if they have good overseers and watch them they will do good work.
Q. How about Chinamen?
A. They are faithful workers.
Q. Without overseers?
A. No; no laborers are, excepting Portuguese. If you send 3 or 4 Portuguese a distance to mend a fence or road they will do the work, but Hawaiians will talk and idle. Chinamen about the same. China-