Book Notices


This volume, keyed to the high-school level, presents an excellent panoramic survey of its subject. Following discussions of religion in ancient Hawaii and Hawaiian royalty and religion, we find concise treatments of: the Hawaii conference of the United Church of Christ; the Roman Catholic diocese of Honolulu; the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.; Eastern Orthodox Church; the United Methodist Church; the Lutheran churches; the Baptist churches; the Presbyterian and Reformed churches; the Religious Society of Friends; the Hawaiian mission of Seventh-day Adventists; the Salvation Army; the Christian Church; the revivalistic faiths; Jehovah's Witnesses; the independent Hawaiian churches; faith and health sects; the Unitarian Fellowship of Hawaii; the Filipino churches; the Jewish faith; the military chapels; Buddhism; Buddhist groups; Shinto; the new faiths of Japan; the Chinese religions; Baha'i; the faiths from India; religious architecture and art; and the religious scene in Hawaii.

The summary of contents noted here indicates the rich variety of beliefs long characteristic of the Islands. Certainly Hawaii's Religions can be recommended to anyone interested in tracing the spiritual history of Hawaii.


This little booklet is a monument to the dedicated efforts of a group struggling to salvage the modest—and fast-disappearing—architectural heritage of Honolulu. Much of the best is already gone; and much of what remains is threatened. Indeed, at least eight of the buildings pictured have since succumbed to the wreckers. The very size of the book itself, compared to what has been produced in mainland cities from coast to coast, shows the critical state of affairs. One wishes for a high overall standard of photo reproduction. But it is, nevertheless, a valuable and interesting guide, based on painstaking, productive research.

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