Notes & Queries

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Ted Chernin has informed the editors of The Journal that there are errors in the map accompanying his article that appeared in the 2000 issue, “My Experiences in the Honolulu Chinatown Red-Light District” (HJH 34, pp. 203–217). The map on page 206 places two theaters, (H) Toyo Theater and (I) Nippon Theater, in the wrong locations. The correct locations for both are mauka off North Beretania Street and are so indicated in a reprint of the map (fig. 1).

Mr. Chernin has further stated, on p. 205 of The Journal, “I knew of ten [houses] that were crammed into the very few streets and square blocks of Chinatown, bounded by Beretania, River, Kukui, and Nu’uanu streets.” He has corrected Kukui Street to be North King Street on the replacement map, and has also corrected the spelling of Chaplain Lane (not Chaplin).
Fig. 1. Map of Chinatown which locates houses of prostitution and theaters during World War II, drawn by the author from memory about 1966. Under the "Key," (H) Toyo Theater, off College Walk and (I) Nippon Theater, off College Walk, are now accurately located mauka off North Beretania Street and Chaplain Lane is spelled correctly.