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native population
Truly, the rapid decrease of the Hawaian Ahorigines within the last huodred years tas cassed it th be taken for thrown into contact with the white civilisation, this race also was coademped to utter extinction in s very short lapse of time, an idea repeated as a positive fact by many would-be authorities who ought to know better. In reality, merely a proof of prosmption or preindice, becasse the past decrease does not fitally warrant its continannce, no more than it did in the case of the New-Zealand Mories. and becasse the question is really a dificicult one, eren to the earnest stodent, owing to the lack of positive, trustworthy statistices, The Goreroment Censsses, and dedactions therefrom, have nerer been reliable, or at least only so as approximations, and the only rational way of checl ing and adjasting those offcieil figures,--vie: by comparing birth ard deaths,--is utterly anavailable, on accoont of the constant evssions of the Clustom and Sbipping regulations, and of the very loose system of Registration or "FtatCivil" kept here. Even in Honolaln, this registration is very imperfect; bet, in the out histricts and especinlly in such as are thinly popplated with s. Stered inhabitanis, it is merely nominal, and quite a number of deatbs,
of births, go absoutely unaticed unrecoried.
However, there is $n$ growing opinion among thinking However, there is n growing opinion, among uinking
men, that the broad notion of the impendivg extinction of the Hawniian Race is, to suy the least, premsture. Beveral of the leading Natives do not eren hesitute to say that. at the present time, the harping on that erroneous idea, is only a bugbear used for political parposes, by the small elique of Forignaers who want to override the Native elerent, and conveniently just fy their despoiling policy. the decrease of the Aborigines has seen its lowest ebb and the decrease of the Aborigines has sent
that the tide has begun to torn, so that, owing to the very prolific nature of their Half-castes, the Hawaiians cau no longer be expected to dissppear, if they are at all taken care of as a Nation, both sanitarily and politically.
An enquiry on this matter may therefore be interesting. starting from the various findings of the official Censnses, but taking them only for what they may be worth, and not going bowever further back than that on
attempt at a connt made by the missionaries. The pretions figures, based on a loose estimate by Cap. Cook, are absolutely deroid of any scientifio aceciracy and value, and moreover various extraordinary caases, -bitter wars and the great pestilence of 1805. (the "oku $)$," most certsinly the Asiatic Cholera )-contribted to make the deerease quite exceptional between 1779 and 1823 .
We shall thus obtain one Table, $B$, showing the official figures embracing the pure Natives and the Hawsiians
Half-castes taken together, as a whole Native Nation : and another one, $c$, differentiating the two elements, as divided since 1866 only.

Table b. -Decrease of Natives



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In a general way, the abore Tables go to stow a total Decresese in 67 years, of 107, 614 Natives, -75 per cent. of the wiole amoont,- or taking into accoont the incressing
Hamaiiun Half-cates, $\begin{aligned} & \text { loss of of } 101.48 \text {, or } 72 \text { per cent. }\end{aligned}$ Hamsian Halfecastes, a loss of 1014.8 , or 72 por cont.
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Nooe of the above figarss boverer can bo expected to carry yill their apparent significic
A) more especially enamerated:
B) it is erroneons under the respective headings of Natives and Half-castes:
C) it does not allow any estimate of loss from emigration. A. -The last Census was onfered at a very late hour, and the superintendent thereof acknowledges that be had barely the indispensible time required for appointing enamerators and giving them the necesary material, ins and explanations. It cannot therefore be surprising that, in thedistant districts, principally on Hawnii, Maui and Kanai, many enamerators were incompetent or indifferent, or did not understand thorugghly their work, so that the People could not obtain the proper information to render complete and correct reports. The result of this is known, among the ledding Natires, to be that quite number of Hawaiians, grown-up people and children, ha not been enumerated.
B.-The same argument applies to the returns of the
Half-eastes, with more especially these two Har-car of error:
1st. That many real Half-castes have been reported in transpused to the Half-eastes aceount. Any one acquainte with the Natives can testify that they very easily overlool any aceidental admistare of foreign blood, and consider themselves pare Natives when brought ap exelusively by Natives, away from foreign inflnence; moreover-with the not follow the father, -every person who mather and di not follow the fatber,--every person who has an Hawaita
mother is Hawaiian to the fall extent. In fact, nearly all the present nutive leaders are Half-erstes in rarions degree and yet are readily granted the influence and authority of full Natives. Therefore,-and if only by reason of the licentiousness of former years-no well-informed man can besitate to rendily admit that unmixed Natives mast b considerably less than the number officially reported. A good illastration of this assortion, ont of many to my own
knowledge, will be the following: When a well-know American Cind is exploring expedition American Commodore, in bis exploring expedition, mad
the ascent of the Maunaloa mountain, he was escorted by troup of natives from Puna; daring the trip, he took a fancy to one of the native girls, who nine months later gave birt to a boy, thus clearily a half-caste; but, having been kep by his native parents in Puna, where he married a nativ woman and reared an unosually large family, this man Yet a well and has seen the portruits of his American father, has always been strack with the characteristic ressemblance between the two.
2nd. Many enumerators seem to have been sorely puzzled on the question of the children of Chinamen married half or three-quarter Chinese-Hawaiian women; these mon certainly ought also to be enumorated as half castes, as it patriotism of balf-castes, whatever may be thir deas patriotism of balfeastes, whatever may be their degree, edly bend to their Hawaiian mother's side. Consequently, in the last Census, quite a number of these cases have erroneously gone to swell the number of Chinese to the detriment of the half caste enomeration.
From these varions facts, it is a safe to conclude that the figures of the last Census are:
ficient as a general total for the Natives
Too large in the amount of reported pure Natives; Too large in the amount of Chinese children. A more rigid and enlightened enquiry at the next Censu (1896.) must therefore show more half castes and less full natives than migbt be expected through the last retarns. and will consequently pruve that the repminctive power of deducted from the Census.
deducted from the Census. varions Hawaiians Censases do certainly give a wrong impression as to the true rate of decrease of the pure native elements, is that they bave never allowed the enquirer to make any difference between the natural decrease due t the natural excess of deaths over births, and the artificia one caused by natives leaving the country, whereby they show or swell a tendency to a decrease in the race.
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To elacidate this point. it is seessary to briefly examine the probable causes and reasons of the recorded decrease The folloring have beea broadly mentioned, some of whieh do aceonat for the unestal mpidity of decrease during stre periods: the discase introduced with eivilisation, dead'y epidemics of mensles and small-pox, and later. leprosy; to these may be added early intemperance sad
licentionsness, infanticide or wore properly foctieide (3) sicknoss resulting from earelesuness in counection with the new modes of living and elothing suddenty imposed by the Missionaries, the constant dhaproportion of sexes, and last. bat not least, emigration.


