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ALOHA from across the sea! An old Chinese philosopher once said "A picture is worth 10,000 words" so in this, our annual letter, we lean toward the artistic (?) rather than the literary!

This past year we have been busy and happy, the highlight of the year being a few weeks spent on the island of Maui during the summer. Maui No Ka Oe, which means "none better than Maui" is the praise we now sing of the Valley Isle. Most of our time was spent at Olinda, 4,000 feet up the slopes of Haleakala absorbing lots of good, cold, clear mountain air and resting. Maui should really be termed the friendly isle for we had at our disposal our friends' cars, mountain home and beach home. While in Kahului and Wailuku we enjoyed Japanese sukiyaki dinners, Chinese chop suey and the Hawaiian luau. The climax of our trip came when we drove sixty miles over an excellent paved road to the summit of Mt. Haleakala, 10,000 feet. From the rest house at the top one can look five miles across the world's largest extinct volcano. This crater has a circumference at the summit of 21 miles and is 3,000 feet deep. It is well named Haleakala (House of the Sun) because sunrise and sunset seen from its rim are among the grandest views in Hawaii. From the summit you can hike or go on horseback into the floor of the pit and explore volcanic formations such as the bubble caves, bottomless pit, cinder cone hills, and see the rare silversword plant. From this mountain, which in the winter is covered with