

the examination of long series of crania and skeletons, as here. Other burials occur in caves inland, where the bodies are found in a dried mummy-like condition.

All the bodies at Waimanalo were buried in a doubled-up posture. One, which was exhumed with care *in situ*, was buried with the knees bent up to the chest and the head bent forwards, and was placed resting horizontally on the back. Chips and fragments of basalt were found around all the graves, but no implements of stone.

The ship moved to Hilo, in the island of Hawaii, in order that a visit might be paid to the crater of Kilauea. A Petrel, possibly *Procellaria rostrata* which occurs at Tahiti, and a Stormy Petrel (*Oceanitis*), were seen about the ship between the two islands. These birds do not seem to be included in lists of the avi-fauna of the group. The appearance of the great volcano of Mauna Loa is most remarkable. The slope of the mountain, as seen from the sea, is so gradual that it seems impossible to believe that it rises to a height of nearly 14,000 feet above sea level. The cause of the peculiar form is the extreme fluidity of the lava, of successive flows of which the mountain is composed. It has run out almost like water.

Kilauea is a secondary crater on the side of the Mauna Loa, at a height of about 4,000 feet. The island of Hawaii is much more fully clothed with verdure than Oahu, and has none of the desert appearance of the latter. The journey to Kilauea is a tedious and monotonous ride. The ascent is so gradual that it is hardly perceived.

The track leads first through a fine belt of forest near the shore, and then emerges on a weary expanse of open country, entirely devoid of any fine trees, and mostly covered with a scanty, low, moorland-looking growth, with Screw-pine trees here and there. The track is scarcely marked on the bare surfaces of the lava flows, which look almost as fresh as if the lava had only set the day before. These surfaces are covered in every direction by ropy projections, curved lines of flow, and small rounded ledges showing where one part of the flow has run over another.

The whole looks as if a vast quantity of melted pitch had been turned out of a pot suddenly, and allowed to run and set hard.

It was getting dark before the hotel on the verge of Kilauea was reached. During the ascent a globular cloud was seen hanging in the air in the distance, and we were told by the guide that it hung over the summit of Mauna Loa itself, but we could not have told this, for the gradient was so gradual that there was no appearance of any mountain at all. As night fell,