HONOLULU PREFACE

Friends of The Library of Hawaii was organized by a public-spirited group of citizens in 1938. Eight years later it merged with the Honolulu Library and Reading Room Association. Since then it has been active on many levels in promoting the best interests of Hawaii's free library system.

In 1963 the Friends furthered its aim to "increase the facilities of the Library of Hawaii by the securing of materials beyond the command of the ordinary library budget" when they purchased the valuable James Tice Phillips Collection of Hawaiiana, now permanently on display in the Library.

It was recognized that there exist in this and other such collections out-of-print books about Hawaii which because of their scarcity and high price are not readily available to the general public. Mrs. Steele F. Stewart, a member of the board of directors of the Friends, drew attention to one such book—Isabella L. Bird's "Six Months in the Sandwich Islands." Her suggestion that this lively and authentic travel book is highly deserving of perpetuation was enthusiastically endorsed.

Accordingly, a Publications Committee was formed under the chairmanship of Frank A. Hecht, vice-president of the board of directors of the Friends, to assume leadership in such an undertaking. It includes a nucleus of board members and a group of community leaders deeply interested in Hawaiiana.

Frank A. Hecht, chairman	Alice Kiewit
	Pauline N. King
Thomas M. C. Chang	Mrs. Ray Morris
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Mrs. Charles J. Henderson	Mrs. Steele F. Stewart
Mrs. Sam Jackson	Robert E. Van Dyke
Albert F. Judd	John T. Waterhouse
Harold W. Kent	John Wright

The Committee's principal function will be to enlist the support of the community in the inauguration of a series of Sandwich Islands Publications under the sponsorship of the Friends. Donors to the Series will be listed in the limited editions.

The initial selection was a happy one—the first edition of "Six Months in the Sandwich Islands" published by John Murray of London in 1875. To this text have been added photographs of the Islands as Miss Bird saw them, kindly made available by Robert E. Van Dyke from his outstanding collection. Alfons Korn, professor of English at the University of Hawaii and a member of the Hawaiian Historical Society, has written the introduction. The book was designed by Norman S. Ives, University of Hawaii visiting professor of art from Yale University. It is the good fortune of the Friends to have the book published by the University of Hawaii Press under the guidance of Thomas Nickerson, its director, and Aldyth V. Morris, its managing editor.

	THOMAS M. C. CHANG, president
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