



PALAMA SETTLEMENT

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Mr. and Mrs.

Recently, the Palama Music School was awarded a financial grant to enable us to collect and arrange a book of folk songs of Hawaii of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino, Puerto Rican, Portuguese and Hawaiian background. In other words, to fill the need in the schools of the islands for books that reflect the many sided culture of Hawaii.

I am hard at work collecting these wonderful songs now and expect to take a year in preparation and assembly.

Now here is how your interest may affect this interesting project:

The Palama Children's Chorus is an ideal group to work with to try out the material for the first book of songs. We have selected forty girls from 8 through 12 years of age to be invited to sing under my personal direction this year. Your daughter is included in this group and I hope that you will take the opportunity to discuss this in your family circle pointing out not only the enjoyment that she will get from the experience but also the education and increased knowledge that comes from singing the songs and knowing of the cultural background of our many racial groups in Hawaii.

The chorus will meet every Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. with juice served at the break. This will last for the 17-week fall semester and 17-week spring semester.

Some of the songs will be recorded for local and possibly mainland use later.

Only with a stable group of attentive and reliable girls will it be possible to realize the hopes we have for the Children's Chorus in this project. If your daughter is going to be in the chorus please do what you can to encourage her regular and prompt attendance.

If you have any questions please call me at 879525.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Kelly Jr.

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