The Big Raft At Waikiki

A significant item appeared in the afternoon paper on Monday last. Here it is:

> "A need of many years has at last been answered with the completion of a big raft for bathers at that part of Waikiki Beach near the Royal Hawaiian and Moana Hotels and the Outrigger Club. The construction of the raft was made possible through the generosity of a number of regular visitors to Hawaii."

We spend $150,000 a year to maintain a Tourist Bureau and to advertise Waikiki Beach and other resorts. Private individuals put up $5,000 at the suggestion of the governor to send a collection of curios and some bunches of chicken feathers on poles, with a man who, very likely, does not speak the French language, to Paris, and we squeeze that $5000 out of the taxpayers later on. We have another organization whose business it is supposed to be to provide amusements for visitors after they get here.

But we leave it to the visitors themselves to pay for a bathing raft at the much-advertised beach, and so provide local residents with a convenience that has admittedly been "a need of many years."

Probably its cost was less than a twentieth of the outlay upon the Paris expedition, but, at any rate, it fills a far more effective and useful purpose in advertising the delights of Waikiki.