

Lahainaluna, Mar. 6, 1845.

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I have studied the Geography of the Bible, Bible History, Bible Chronology, Church History, Moral Philosophy, Natural Theology, The Existence of the soul, Analysis and Punctuation. The use of the globe, Arithmetick, Algebra, Navigation Surveying, Geometry, ~~Linear~~ ^{Linear} drawing gahin ~~Navigation~~ and English Grammar. I have studied the English language, two years, one hour daily.

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I am your friend,

Ua.

The writer of the above is about 19
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first order for a native Hawaiian

He is now thoughtful on the subject
of religion, has not been so till re-
cently. We have high hopes of him, that
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School

Rev. D. Greene,
Mission House,
Boston, Mass.
U. States.

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Wm. Smith, Jr. 6 Mar. 1845
Rec'd Sept. 13.
Adm'd S. L.
Oct. 29

Letter Reference:

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Date of Letter:

March 6, 1845

From:

Ua

To:

Rev. D. Greene

Content Summary:

Letter of Ua, 19 year old student at Lahainaluna Seminary to Rev. Greene of Massachusetts relaying his study habits, the books that he has read, and his great desire to learn English.

Annotated by Rev. J.S. Emerson.

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Notes:

1. *Seminary* - Lahainaluna Seminary was established in 1831 by the ali'i working with the missionaries to train teachers and to promote the importance of education and literacy for Hawai'i's people.
2. *Ua* - Ua is a 19 year old student of Lahainaluna Seminary.
3. *J.S. Emerson* - John S. Emerson arrived in Hawai'i with the 5th company of Missionaries on May 17, 1832 on the *Averick* from Boston.
4. *Rev. D. Greene* - Rev. David Greene seems to have been part of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions (ABCFM) in Boston, MA.