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Dear Sister

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I received a note from you some time since for which I thank you. Many engagements have prevented me from writing many notes but I intend to pay up all my debts soon if possible. Mr. Mearns received a letter from Mr. Cowan last evening giving some account of the revival at your station but not so particular as I could wish, think you are highly favoured by the Lord but I how responsible the situation, how important that those should be wise, and holy men who have so much to do with eternity-bound souls, and those who are to exert an influence on the destinies of this people. Does it not warm and encourage your heart to hear the voice of the convert, the enlightened, and converted, heathen as he speaks of the love of Christ for our lost and ruined world? And how is your health, your spirits, do you lean your head upon the bosom of your Beloved, and do you find him a resting place, a never failing source of comfort, peace, and happiness, is your mind calm and composed, in the prospect of the joys, and sorrows, the trials, the difficulties of the missionary life? hope this is your happy frame, you know that we can if we will, enjoy the presence of God. But alas I find my heart prone to depart from the living God, prone to neglect a crucified Saviour, I sometimes think

I feel some degree of thankfulness that God has graciously given me the privilege to do something for the poor heathen notwithstanding my unfaithfulness, Great very great has been the goodness of God to me since I left my native home and shall I distrust him for the time to come? We have found plenty of work to do at Mōloka'i, 600 children assemble on the Sabbath for instruction and 280 on the week days, Mr. Thurston superintends the large school has native teachers, Mr. Hitchcock has had a smaller select school in the afternoon, I have had a school of girls 20 or more which have learned tolerably well, they are orderly, attentive and affectionate, some of them give some evidence of seriousness, and one or two of a change of heart, some of them are learning to sew, they learn very readily, Mr. H. and also his family have been considerably unwell, the children have all been sick, but are now better, Mrs. H. had a fall from a horse, while returning from a missionary tour, 30 or 40 miles distant where the family had spent a few days, her wrist was lame for some time but is now better. She left them last week and came to Lohainakuna to stop a while, Mrs. Rogers is out of health and has gone to Mōloka'i, we live in their house have many conveniences and comforts, Mr. Thurston has a class in the high school

And to day I am to take a class of seniors
Mrs Smith's scholars, as I hope I nee shall
not be without employment. Brother Condit
and I nee expect to leave to day for Kanon
they have been detained a long time, on
account of a vessel, Mrs Baldwins little
Mary has been dangerously ill for several
weeks, now appears to be some better,
Miss Smith stays at Mrs Clarks now, has english
and native schools, I think it a privilege
to be near her, you know she is faithful
to admonish and reprove, as we should
all be, hope you will write me along
letter and faithfully reprove me for my
coldness, and stupidity, and want of love
to the dear savior, O how can I be so
how can I be inattentive to the concern
of the soul I pray for me, to day we
pray for Broth & sis Bailey, hear her
health is poor, hope she will be comforted
with the holy spirit, We all need grace
to support us amid the trials of this
present life, write and tell me what
you expect to do for a Physician, can you
have Dr Andrews? I mistrust by what she
wrote me, she will need him herself
about the same time, she wrote me
that her health was poor, and was unable
to do but little, Do you live in a separate
house? how I should like to come in and
sit awhile with you, we keep house when
at home in a part of Mr Ls house, find
Mrs Ls, a very kind sister, I love her
more and more, good afternoon, dear sister
Lorise C. Mason