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Dear Brother Wilcox

I beg you will not think I have forgotten you, no ka mea, this is a new station, and I have been here alone with Mrs. B. and every thing has been to begin, and I must say moreover, every little has been begun which was not begun before. Bro. Bliss and wife came in here yesterday. It is to-day completed six weeks that Mrs. Rowland & I have been here alone in Kohala. We have however not been lonesome. Mai no ka manaolana. But we have got into a small house and we are pilikia loa. In pleasant weather, as it has been for some weeks past, we get along tolerably well, but now there has come up a cold wet blow, our houses leak, and is very damp. Every thing that is left out will mould, or be very damp. As for schools we have 100 of them I believe in Kohala, such as they are. I have encouraged a teacher's school, but stopped it again on account of the native houses which the teachers lived. They are exceedingly loose about it, have got time about half done

We have proceeded to settle at Mauna Loa

If we get each of us a native house built in three months from this we may think ourselves fortunate. But we much need good houses.

I expect soon to commence a singing school. As soon as the houses are done I shall commence the teacher's school. The people, to give their character in one short word are heathen. As a race they are slightly towards civilization are naturally so lazy. They dwell like the beasts. Nature has given so much to Kohala that if the people are industrious they can live well, but it is not that blessed land which it had been represented. However if we trust in God and go forwards, in due season this land will be won over to Christ, and that it may be made the garden of the Lord. How does it go at Milo. Prospering I hope. Well if we are faithful the blessing of God will crown our labours and this nation will be won over to Christ. Pardon my haste. Aloha kakou. I must prepare to preach next Sabbath. You need not wonder if Br. Coan has by mistake put my name down, or if I have been licensed. Necessity has licensed me and I do the best I can. Ke aloha aku ia oukou a pau ia oukou a pau i loko o Iesu Kristo ko kakou Ala.

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