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MATERNAL ASSOCIATION OF THE
SANDWICH ISLANDS MISSION

Secretaries Records, 1834-1852

The Maternal Association met to discuss such problems as the influence of the culture and language of the natives on mission children, and duty to the mission work versus duty to the family.

4 volumes. Overlapping dates. Irregular entries.
English language.

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SANDWICH ISLANDS MISSION

Secretaries' Records, 1839-1845

1839	July - December
1840	January - December, irregular
1841	January - December, irregular
1844	August - December
1845	January - November, irregular

One disbound volume. Not paged.

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The Maternal Association of Honolulu Station met at Dr. Sudd's. Present Mrs. Castle, Chamberlain, Clark, Cooke, Ives and Hennepf. Meeting opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer by Mrs. Hennepf. Some remarks were made upon the necessity of system in conducting the meetings of the Association after which officers were chosen for the year. Mrs. Sudd was chosen directress and Mrs. Hennepf Secretary. After a few remarks in relation to the next meeting the Association closed with singing and prayer by Mrs. Chamberlain.

July 10th

Met at Mr. Castle's. Present Mrs. Castle, Chamberlain, Cooke, Diamond, Ives and Hennepf. Mrs. Sudd was absent on a tour of the Islands. Mrs. Castle opened the meeting by reading a portion of scripture. Prayer by Mrs. Ives. Mrs. Castle read to the children an account of a little girl who was deaf, dumb and blind from the Mouths Companion. Also an account of the little girl and the flies. Then sung after which Mrs. Diamond led in prayer. Some conversation followed and a piece was read from the Mother's Magazine by Mrs. Hennepf. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cooke.

July 17th

Met at Dr. Sudd's. Meeting conducted by Mrs. Ives. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Diamond, Sudd, Hennepf and Richards. Mr. S. opened the meeting by reading the scriptures. Prayer by Mrs. Hennepf. Singing. Prayer by Mrs. Cooke and Diamond. An article from the Mother's Magazine was read to the children and some conversation followed when the meeting was interrupted by the coming

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Mr. Richards who gave us an account of the treaty just completed between the government and Cap Laplace of the French frigate Antoinette.

July 27th

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond, Sudds, Knapp, Richards and Tinker. Meeting opened with reading the scriptures and prayer by Mrs. Dimond. Singing. Something was then read to the children from the way to be saved by Mr. Castle. Mrs. C. and Mrs. Sudds questioned them upon what they had heard. They appeared interested and seemed to understand the subject. Some selections from the Mother Magazine was then read by Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Dimond. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cooke.

July 31st

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Clark, Sudds, Knapp and Richards. Meeting opened by Mrs. C. After singing a piece was read to the children for the consequence of sin and questions asked them by those present. Conversation followed respecting adopting some plan for benefiting the native females. The opinion of those present seemed to be that we should each have our separate spheres of labor but no definite plans were formed. Singing and prayer by Mrs. Clarke.

August 1st

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Sudds, Knapp, Richards and Smith. Mrs. S. opened the meeting with reading a portion of scripture and prayer. After singing she read to the children from the way to be saved. Most of them appeared interested and attentive.

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After the time appropriated to the children had passed Mrs. S. read from Mrs. Sigourney's letters to mothers. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Richards.

Aug. 14th

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Cooke, Clark, Sudds, Knapp and Richards. Meeting opened as usual by Mrs. Sudds. Mrs. Richards read to the children from the same work which they had heard at previous meetings. The prominent subject was falsehood. Mrs. Clark proposed a question for the consideration of the members of the Socy. relating to untruths and after a few minutes conversation the meeting was closed by Mrs. Knapp.

Aug. 21st

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Clark, Sudds, Knapp and Richards. Mrs. Castle who was prevented from attending the last meeting by illness was able to be present but not to take any part in the exercises. Mrs. Dimond and Mrs. Smith were absent on a tour of the Island. Meeting opened by Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Sudds read to the children and questions were asked them by different individuals present. Mrs. Richards read from Mrs. Sigourney after which Mrs. Sudds closed with prayer.

Aug. 28th

Met at Dr. Sudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Chamberlain, Clark, Cooke, Dimond and Knapp. Meeting opened and conducted by Mrs. Clark. She read to the children on the subject of giving their hearts to God. Some letters were read from Mrs. Sigourney and some of the subjects therein contained partially discussed. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cooke.

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Sept. 4th Met at Mr. Castle's. Present Mrs. Castle, Clarke, Cooke, Dimond, Sudd and Knapp. Meeting opened by Mrs. Knapp. Mrs. Sudd read to the children from the way to be saved. When the time allotted to them had expired she read an article containing some remarks upon a letter of Dr. Bowler on the subject of educating children. ^{One of} his remarks was that natural objects of excitement should be removed from the child. Various opinions were expressed in regard to the meaning of his language - but all agreed in the opinion that exciting things should not be placed in the way of the child for the sake of drawing out wrong feelings. Some thought where such objects were before him it was better to teach him to govern himself than to remove the object. The subject was discussed at some length after which Mrs. Clarke proposed the question What means should be used to manage a child of a peculiarly uneasy and restless disposition. No one seemed prepared to give an answer, but all expressed an interest in the question. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Clarke.

Sept. 11th

Met at Dr. Sudd's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond, Sudd and Knapp. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Dimond. Mrs. Cooke read one or two articles from the Youth's Companion to the children. She also read an article from the Mother's Magazine addressed to Christian mothers, and a letter from Mrs. Temple missionary in Snyrna. Mrs. S. after speaking of the value of the Magazine proceeded to remark on the ^{of children} importance of confining them to a simple diet &c. which led to some conversation on the subject. Meeting closed by Mrs. Sudd.

Sept 18th

Met at Dr. Sudd's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond, Sudd, Clarke, Knapp, and Parker and Tinker. Mrs. Clarke opened the meeting and read to the children. One or two articles were read from the Mother's Magazine. Mrs. Tinker closed the meeting with prayer.

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Sept. 25th Met at Dr. Sudd's. There were but few present viz. Mrs. Dimond, Sudd and Knapp. Mrs. Sudd read a portion of scripture and Mrs. Cooke opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Sudd read an article from the Mother's Magazine entitled Habits of feeling - This led to quite a lengthy conversation during which Mrs. Sudd came in and different subjects occupied the attention of the ladies till after the regular time for closing the meeting.

Oct. 7th Met at Dr. Sudd's. Present Mrs. Cooke, Sudd, Dimond, Sudd, Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Castle was absent on a voyage to Hawaii for the improvement of her health. Mrs. Smith opened the meeting. Mrs. Sudd then read a note from Mrs. Quincy of the mission in China. It contained some questions relating to the difficulty of communicating right ideas to children in regard to prayer. Mrs. Smith then read one of Mrs. Sigourney's letters in verse and Mrs. Knapp read a habit. They gave rise to a long and interesting conversation which occupied the attention of the meeting till after the time for its being closed.

Oct 30th

Met at Dr. Sudd's. Our meetings had been interrupted for three weeks by company from two American ships of war in port. In the mean time Mrs. Castle had returned and was able to be present with us. The other ladies present were Mrs. Bingham, Cooke, Dimond, Sudd and Knapp. Mrs. Sudd opened the meeting with reading a portion of scripture and prayer. The children being at school in excess were needed for them and the time was spent in reading selections from the Mother's Magazine interspersed with free remarks. Mrs. Cooke closed the meeting with prayer.

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Met at Mr. Knapp's. Gerrit Suddel being very sick some of the sisters were necessarily absent. Present, Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond, Bingham, Parker, and Smith. Mrs. Parker opened the meeting by reading the scriptures and Mrs. Bingham and Parker prayed. After some conversation Mrs. Cooke and Dimond closed the meeting with prayer. Gerrit and the family were made the subjects of prayer and conversation.

Nov. 21st

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Chamberlain, Dimond, Knapp, Rogers, Smith and Miss Ogden. Mrs. Smith conducted the meeting. She read several articles from the Mother's Magazine. Some conversation followed on governing children, but all found it more easy to theorise than to practice. Meeting closed with prayer by Miss Ogden. Since we last met one of the mothers of the association had been called to lay her first born son in the grave - but she could say the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away - blessed be the name of the Lord. - Gerrit Suddel died Nov. 19th

Nov. 27th

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Chamberlain, Dimond, Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Cooke conducted the meeting. She read some articles from the Mother's Magazine one of which was upon the conversion of children. This led to an interesting train of conversation which occupied the time till the hour for closing. Mrs. Chamberlain made the concluding the prayer.

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Dec. 1st

Met at Mr. Dimond's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dill, Dimond, Knapp, Suddel and Smith. Mrs. Dimond conducted the meeting. She read some remarks of Dr. Dwight on the management of children which was followed by interesting and instructive conversation. Meeting closed by Mrs. Smith.

Dec. 18th

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond, Smith and Knapp. Mrs. C. conducted the meeting. Read from a work on the Education of children by John Hall. His object seemed to be to lay point out errors in the usual management of children rather than to lay down rules for improving the system. Mrs. Smith closed the meeting.

Dec. 23rd

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Cooke, Dill, Dimond, Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Castle was so ill that she was not able to be in the room. Mrs. Smith conducted the meeting. She read some resolutions adopted by the Maternal Association at Utica and something from Hall. Some part of the time was spent in conversation. Meeting closed by Mrs. Knapp.

Jan. 1st

Met at Mrs. Dill's. Present Mrs. Bingham, Chamberlain, Cooke, Dill, Dimond, Johnson, Knapp and Smith. The secretary was obliged to leave the meeting and did not know the exercises of the meeting. Mrs. Castle was ill and unable to be present.

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Jan. 15th

Met at Mr. Knapp's - Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Bingham, Dimond, Diell, Knapp and Smith. - Mrs. Cooke conducted the meeting. Opened by reading a portion of scripture and prayer. Read from Hall on Education, interspersed with remarks connected with the subject. Mrs. Bingham closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Dimond was appointed to take charge of the next meeting.

Jan 22nd Met at Mr. Knapp's Present Mrs. Castle Chamberlain, Cooke, Dimond, Smith and Knapp. Mrs. Smith opened the meeting. Owing to some interruptions the remainder of the afternoon was spent in conversation.

Jan 29th Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle Cooke, Diell, Dimond, Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Dimond took charge of the meeting - Finished Hall on Education. Conversation upon subjects relating to what was read. - Mrs. Cooke closed the meeting.

Feb. 5th Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle Cooke, Diell, Dimond Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Chamberlain was prevented from attending by the sickness of her husband. Mrs. Knapp took charge of the meeting. After reading a portion of scripture and prayer the remainder of the time was spent in reading from a work entitled Fireside Education. - Closed with singing and prayer by Mrs. Dimond.

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Feb. 12th

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke, Dimond and Knapp. Mrs. Knapp had been absent at the island of Maui for more than three months. She took charge of the meeting. Read a portion of scripture and questioned the children who were present in regard to its meaning. She then read some articles from the Mother's Magazine. Some interesting conversation followed respecting the management of children. Mrs. C. spoke of the feelings she had experienced in regard to the death of her eldest son Gerrit, the grounds of hope in his case, and of some of his traits of character. The meeting was more interesting than any we have had for some length of time. Mrs. Cooke closed with prayer.

Feb. 19th Met at Mr. Knapp's Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke Dimond and Knapp - Mrs. Cooke took charge of the meeting. Some thing was read from Fireside Education and the remainder of the time spent in conversation.

March 4th

Meeting at Dr. Tudd's Present Mrs. Castle Diell, Dimond, Tudd and Knapp. Mrs. Knapp opened the meeting by reading the scriptures and prayer - Some articles were read from the Mother's Magazine and the meeting closed by Mrs. Dimond.

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General meeting, the arrival of strangers, the departure of some of our number &c. have interrupted our station meetings so that we have had no regular one for this year till today. Met at Dr. Tudd's. Mrs. Smith was chosen directress for the year. No change made in the Secretary. The directress took charge of the meeting. After reading a portion of scripture and prayer, she read a few pages on the subject of being agreed in the management of children. The remark was made books tell what should be done but not how to do it which gave rise to a protracted conversation on some of the traits of character which need correction in children. Among others falsehood was mentioned, and various opinions were expressed as to the best method of treating it. One lady, remarked that she thought severity would not be successful, that instead of subduing the habit ^{when acquired it would lead to it} when ~~preventing~~ a child had not previously been prone to deception and falsehood. — Another thought that if severity was ever used it should be for lying. Thought she had seen the good effects of the rod in the case of one of her own children. — Finally, it was suggested that we should all pray more this year and feel more for the salvation of these children. — Mrs. Cooke was appointed to take charge of the next meeting.

Aug. 26th

Met at Dr. Tudd's. Present Mrs. Cooke, Diell, Dimond, Tudd, Knapp and Smith. Mrs. Cooke opened the meeting. — Mrs. Knapp read a few chapters from the Parents Friend interspersed with a few remarks. — The directress then proposed to have an exercise for the children as there were a number present. Each of the older ones was asked if she had not some particular fault which she wis

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us to pray to God to assist her to correct. - One answered
falsely, another disobedience to parents, and another
being unkind to others. Mrs. Smith after conversing
with them a few minutes prayed particularly for them.
They then withdrew and a few minutes were spent by
the ladies in free conversation upon various things among
which was the propriety of speaking to the mothers con-
cerning the faults of their children, in the maternal
meeting - One of the oldest mothers thought that it
would have a very unhappy effect upon some of the older
children should they know that their faults were made
the subject of remark. Another thought it would be ben-
eficial to the mothers if all would do it, but the general
impression seemed to be that it was better to go to them
in private. Mrs. Rogers was appointed to conduct the
next meeting.

Sept. 9th

Met at Mr. Dimond. Present Mrs. Cooke, Dimond,
Knapp and Rogers. This was a prayer meeting according to
the proposals of the Directress at the previous meeting. Mrs. D.
presided, and opened the meeting with reading a portion of
scripture and prayer. Sung a hymn. Mrs. K. and Mrs. C.
led in prayer. Sung again. Some remarks followed after
which Mrs. C. closed the meeting with prayer.

Sept 16th

Met at Mr. Rogers. Present Mrs. Castle Cooke
Dimond, Hall, Knapp and Rogers. - Mrs. K. conducted the
meeting. Read from the Mothers Friend. Remarks were
made upon the various subjects touched upon by the author.
Government of children was the prominent subject. Mrs.
Dimond closed the meeting.

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Met at Dr. Tudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke,
Duell, Dimond, Knapp, Rogers and Smith. Mrs. S. conducted
the meeting - Read from the Parents friend - Conversation
followed and Mrs. Duell closed the meeting.

Sept 30th

Met at Dr. Tudds. Present Mrs. Castle, Cooke,
Dimond, Tudd, Knapp and Rogers. Mrs. S. conducted the
meeting. Read from the Parents friend some circumstan-
ces interrupted the meeting before the time for closing.

Nov. 4th

Met at Dr. Tudds. - Our meetings have been sus-
pended for a number of weeks in account of the arrival of the
Exploring Expedition. Meetings were liable to be interrupted
by calls and visits and it was thought best to suspend them
altogether.

Present at the meeting to day Mrs. Cooke, Hall, Tudd
Knapp, Rogers, and Mrs. Munn from Abolokai. -
Mrs. S. opened the meeting. After reading a short time from
the Parents friend Mr. Elliot came in and made some re-
marks respecting the education of children, sending them
home, establishing a boarding school here &c. It was thought
that his remarks were most applicable to parents in America
than at the Sand. Islands. Mrs. Munn closed the meeting.

Nov. 11th

Met at Mr. Hall. Present Mrs. Cooke, Hall,
Knapp Munn and Rogers. - Mrs. K. conducted the meeting.
A few chapters were read from the Parents Friend. Nothing
particularly new or interesting was brought to light -
Mrs. White closed the meeting with prayer.

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Dec 30th Met at Mr. Armstrong's - Mrs. Gudd conducted the meeting. Mrs. Chamberlain & Mrs. Hall prayed - Mrs. Gudd read from the bible & then talked of Thanksgiving dinner, & of several other things.

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Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Mrs. Castle, Chamberlain, Dimond, Hall, Knapp, and Smith. Mrs. Dimond conducted the meeting. After opening the meeting with prayer chapters were read from the Young Wife on the following subjects: viz. Submission, Kindness, Meekness, Confidence and Sympathy. Remarks were interspersed - and an interest was manifested in what was read; it was remarked that we might all profit by the sentiments of the writer, though we should not probably agree with him in all. Mrs. Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

Jan 20th - Met at Dr. Guddison. All the Mission ladies at this station except Mrs. Knapp, Castle & Chamberlain. Mrs. Smith conducted the meeting - Mrs. Smith & Armstrong read to the children, about the Resurrection, the Happiness of Heaven & the Misery of Hell. The children were questioned & some explanations were made of what was read. The children sang a hymn about Jesus in the little ark - Mrs. Cooke prayed, & after some conversation about continuing the meetings, the different members dispersed.

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The last meeting was at Mrs. Cooke's - Mrs. Dimond conducted the meeting, & opened it by prayer - Mrs. Armstrong read to the children - Mrs. Dimond read to the mothers in ^{the} Physical education of children - Mrs. Hall closed the meeting by prayer - Feb 13th

Feb 17th Met this afternoon according to adjournment at the house of Mr. Rogers. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Smith who also took charge of the exercises for the afternoon. A chapter was read concerning the Puritanish woman who built a house on the wall for Elisha. Mrs. Smith explained it in her own happy way - and the children appeared edified by it. A short piece was then read entitled "Punemaker". Mrs. Smith then read from Todd's simple sketches the story of the "Twins". Most of the children paid good attention, and gave correct answers when questioned. They were particularly directed to notice the fact that little James made preparation for death while in health. Appropriate observations and questions accompanied the reading.

Mrs. Smith then read a chapter from Wayland's Moral science - on Intellectual education of children. A question arising respecting the right of parents of to interfere with the educators of their children was discussed. Opinions various

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Some thought that were they teachers they should not wish to have all the parents come and tell how they wanted their children managed they should wish to exercise their own judgment. Others said that as they could not like to give cloth to a mantuamaker without directions, much less could they commit the education of their children into the hands of others without the privilege of expressing their wishes with regard to them.

Mrs Chamberlain appointed to take the charge of the next meeting, Mrs Ludd to select reading for the children. The children then sang the sweet hymn "Remember thy Creator." Mrs Rogers made the concluding prayer. Meeting adjourned to meet the next Wed. at Dr Ludds.

Feb 24

Met at Mrs Armstrong's. Present Mrs Armstrong Cooke Chamberlain Dimond Hall Judd Knapp Smith and Rogers.

Dr Judd, who had just arrived from Hawaii, where he had been absent for more than two months and a half, called on the sisters and gave us some account of his perilous situation and Providential escape from one of the craters at Pihalea.

The meeting was opened by reading a portion of

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Scripture and prayer by Mrs C. Mrs Judd read a story to the little children about a very kind careful Shepherd and a poor silly little lamb, in which they appeared interested and paid good attention.

Mrs Lovell Smith read to the older children the story of poor blind Samuel, upon which, they were questioned & appropriate remarks were made.

Mrs Armstrong read a chapter from Wayland's Moral Science on the duty of children obeying their parents. Mrs Judd closed the meeting by prayer. Adjourned to meet at Mrs Judd's next week.

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Met at Doct Judd's. Present Mrs Judd, Chamberlain, Cooke and Rogers.

The meeting was opened by reading the scriptures and prayer by Mrs Rogers. Mrs Chamberlain read to the children on obedience. The writer stated that, that was not obedience which was rendered unwillingly, nor is it obedience if a child does as he is bid in order to obtain some privilege nor is it obedience to make objections to what is required. Each of these statements were illustrated by anecdotes. Mrs Cook read by request a piece on pride. The remainder of the time was taken up in questions and remarks to the children. The Hymn O that it were my chief delight to do

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The things I ought ^{to have} said ^{and} the Meeting closed by prayer
Adjourned to meet at Mrs Hall's next week

March 10th

Met at Mrs. Hall's. Present Mr. Cooke, Mrs. Rogers
Mrs. Armstrong. Mrs. A. conducted the meeting
Opened by a prayer for the children -- Mrs. Rogers
read a small portion to the children. The meeting
was short, as the day was quite unpleasant --
This was our first meeting, after the death
of Mrs. Castle, which took place on the 5th
we prayed for the afflicted widower & for the
motherless child, but breathed not a wish, that
the ^{dear} wife & mother, might resume her
former seat ^{in our} circle -- No, such a wish would
be selfish -- We would not call her from the society
of angels & happy spirits, from the presence of the
Lamb who has ^{washed her in his precious blood &} made her whiter than snow,
we would not, if we could, call her back to our
meetings, in this world of sickness sorrow & pain
death, but rejoice that she is released from all
its sorrows -- We will remember & pray for the dear
child of our departed sister -- The child on whose
little head, the dying mother laid her hand,
& claimed the blessings of the covenant.
Yes, we will pray for the child, & not mourn for
her mother -- "Thou art gone to the grave but we

"We no longer behold thee,
"Nor tread the wough paths of the world by thy side
"But the wide arms of memory are spread to enfold thee,

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"And sinners may hope since the sinless hath died

"Thou art gone to the grave -- but 'twere vain to deplore thee
"When thou wast thy ransom, thy guardian, thy guide
"He gave thee, he took thee, & he will restore thee;
"And death hath no sting, since the sinless hath died

March 11

Met at Mrs. Dimond's. Present Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Cooke, & Mrs. Dimond. Mrs. Cooke
opened the meeting with prayer and reading
from the Bible the story of Daniel & being
cast into the den of lions. A story was then
read to the children from Mrs. Sigourney's pen
the story of Lucy Allen. An interesting piece was
read from the same source respecting Geo. Wash-
ington's mother. Conversation followed respecting
upon the subject of teaching children benevolence.
Facts were stated respecting children of So. Town
Meeting closed by prayer -- to meet the next week
at Mrs. Cooke's -- Mrs. Dimond to take the charge of the next ^{meeting}

March 23rd

Assembled at Mrs. Cooke's according
to adjournment. Present Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Lefson of Kauai & Mrs. Cooke. Mrs. Dimond being
sick waited while for Mrs. Ludd her substitute.
Mrs. Smith read from the bible. Mrs. Lefson led
in prayer. After which Mrs. Smith read a little
from Miss Peacher on female education some con-
versation followed. Mr. Armstrong to be request-
ed to take the exercise for the children next
week. The next meeting to be at Mrs. Rogers --

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Mrs Ladd directs of the next meeting
Prayer by Mrs Smith.

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March 27th

Meetings more popular again. Met at
Mr. Armstrong's. Mrs. Conduet the meeting &
read a tract to Mother's. Children all gone to
Mrs. Hooper's. Mrs. Cooke & Miss. Brown prayed.
Mrs. Knapp was at the meeting. Had a
very good meeting the only 4 females present
Met next at Mr. Dimond's.

Our Annual Meeting being over, our
station Maternal meetings were resumed
Met at Mrs Cooke's July 7th
Present Mrs Dimond, Cooke, Conduet, Rogers,
Wilcox, & Judd.

Scriptures read, and meeting opened
with prayer by Mrs Judd & Mrs Rogers.
Conversation about improvement in conduct-
ing our meetings for the ensuing year -
what publications had been received for
profitable reading. Death of Mrs Leslie
of the Oregon Miss. and her five Motherly
ones - comparative trials of different
missionary stations. & considered ourselves
among the most favored as to health, comfort

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encouragements, &c.
Chosen by ballot, Mrs Dimond for Di-
rectress for the ensuing year -
Appointed next meeting at Mrs Rogers's
to be conducted by Mrs Cooke.
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Meeting to day at Dr Judds instead
of Mrs Rogers; it being inconvenient to have it
at the latter place. Present Mrs Armstrong, Judd,
Rogers Dimond Conduet & Cooke - Meeting open-
ed by reading the Scriptures & prayer - by
Mrs Cooke. Reading by Mrs Armstrong Dim-
ond & Conduet from the Mothers Magazine -
The subject was "Novel reading". As the reading
proceeded questions were asked, & the sentiments
freely discussed. The author wholly disapproved
of novel reading for young people - and the ladies
agreed that his reasoning was good, and his opin-
ions coincided with their own.

One lady inquired, "what children should
read to refine their taste?"
The remark was made that some people seemed
to need works of the imagination - some ministers
- But it was concluded that those were the very
ones who would not be persuaded to read them.
Conversation upon the reading for the
next meeting - Meeting to be at Mrs Armstrongs
Mrs A to conduct it. Meeting closed by prayer
by Mrs Armstrong -

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Ladies

All the mothers at this station except Mrs. Chamberlain met at Mr. Armstrong's to day. Mrs. Conde also was present. Meeting conducted by Mrs. A. Pray & reading the scriptures by Mrs. A. A hymn was sung, which helped to render the meeting more pleasant. Reading by Mrs. A. from a book called "Woman as she should be" - woman's duty & sphere was plainly marked out & proved by Scripture. The ladies were free in remarks, but no dissenting voices were heard. Closed with prayer by Mrs. Fulick. Next meeting appointed at Mr. Knapp's - Mrs. K. to conduct the meeting.

July 28th Met at Mr. Knapp's - Ladies present Mrs. Armstrong, Conde, Cooke, Diamond, Dole, Hall, Field Knapp and Rogers. Meeting conducted by Mrs. Knapp. After opening the meeting by reading a portion of scripture and prayer, and singing Mrs. H. read from the book commenced at the previous meeting. Subject "Influence of Christianity on Women." After speaking of the debased condition of women in all heathen countries and of her elevated standing in Christian lands the author proceeded to state some of the natural causes why there are more numerous examples of Christian piety among women than among men. They are as follows, viz. ^{Wages} they are less exposed to those vices which are incompatible with Christian piety, to the absorbing passions of gain, to the lust of civil power, office, dominion, they are more at home than men, are more exposed to those sufferings and trials which render religion peculiarly acceptable and are more accustomed to subjection. He concluded by saying that if Providence had rendered it more easy for women to embrace religion than men, then they are more guilty if they do not, and further that as Christianity has done so much

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for woman she ought in return to do much for Christianity. Opinions were expressed in regard to the different points presented and it was remarked that if his reasoning was correct it was important that the training of children should be well attended to. - Sung again and the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Dole. Next meeting at Mr. Hall's Aug 4th 1841 -

The meeting of the Maternal Association was held at Mrs. Hall's. The usual exercises of the meeting were conducted by Mrs. Hall, but on account of her ill health Mrs. Dole was requested to read for her, which they did. Reading, "Woman as she should be" continued. Subjects treated, frivolous character of the present age of young ladies especially. Enquiry into the causes &c. which led to some interesting discussion among the members present. The opinion was unanimous that the deportment of the male sex, even the best of them, toward females, is of such a nature as to encourage idleness & vanity & a neglect of the more useful & sound pursuits. There were, however, some dissenting voices. And advice with regard to health exercise &c. Ladies advised to dispense with carriage - yes (perhaps hand carriages at the S.F. are present an exception however) & dare, yes dare to walk, to walk fast - perhaps with staccato bell - & "boots thrown back" atakanta-like. The author ~~only~~ ^{observed} the ladies actually run. I think it was observed by ~~one~~ individual that "no exercise conduces more to health than walking, because it calls into exercise so many muscles." But it must be rapid to be effectual. Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cooke & adjourned to Mrs. Chamberlain's, on Wednesday next. Ladies present at this meeting. Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Dole Mrs. Conde Mrs. Cooke Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Knapp & Mrs. Dole.

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Aug 11. Met at Mrs. Diamond's.
Reading from "Means & Ends."
Subject Health: how to be promoted &c.
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Aug. 18. Met at Mrs. Cooke's. Present Ladies, Rogers, Judd, Diamond, Cooke, Armstrong, Deane, Thwappe & Dole. The usual exercises of the meeting were conducted by Mrs. Dole. Reading, the closing chapter of Mrs. Winslow's book, "The christian education of women."

Also, a part of the first chapter of "Taylor's Home Education," which compares the advantages of a public with those of a private or home education.

The author's remarks & opinions were discussed but nothing very decisive resulted therefrom. (note. Perhaps it is a point where ^{expression} practice, under favorable circumstances, only can decide.)

The question was agitated, "how shall we teach children to feel & act when they complain of ill usage from others?" Two of the members were rather of the opinion that the best method is, to teach them a partial indifference of feeling & action. - on this. Don't mind it - it will do you no harm &c.

Another member said, she wd teach her child to examine its own conduct & to see if some evil ^{of its own} had originated the peevish complaint. (Note. Wouldn't it be well to discuss that point a little further & try to discover if really this is all we have to do about it.)

It was interesting to observe that some of the members were willing to give their thoughts on these important topics & it is ever to be hoped that those who do so will at least reap the reward of a quiet conscience & the comforting assurance that they "have done what they could." Meeting adjourned till wed. Aug 25, at Mrs. Armstrong's.

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Wed. Aug. 25. met according to appointment at Mrs. Rogers. Present Ladies. Rogers, Judd, Cooke, Dimond, Hall, & Dole. Mrs. Dimond read the Chapter of nursing from "means & ends." Sedgwick, Illustration - Mary Bond. The chapter on Manners was also read & discussed somewhat. The author asserts that the Americans very much exceed the English in good manners & to prove it relates the story of a young lady traveling in England, is treated quite uncourtously by a stupid lord, & tells us that ladies are generally treated with the utmost attention & consideration, in similar situations in America. But females do sometimes meet with rude, uncivil men, even there.

Mrs. Dimond opened & Mrs. Judd closed the meeting with prayer. This will be remembered as the day of sister Munn's departure from this world. This circumstance made the meeting more than usual, solemn & interesting.

Meeting adjourned to meet at Mrs. Judd's on wed. next at 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

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Wed. Sep 1st

met at Doct. Judds. Present Ladies. Judd, Armstrong, Chamberlain, Galick, Knapp, Dole, Hall, Cooke, Dimond, Smith, Rogers. The meeting was opened as usual by reading the scriptures and prayer. A letter written by Mrs. Munn to her friends in America, and found by Mr. Munn after her death, was then read by Mrs. Judd. The remainder of the time was spent in conversation - Mrs. Smith closed the meeting by prayer.

Adjourned to meet at Mrs. Knapp's on wed. next at 1/2 past 2 o'clock.

Sept. 8th Met at Mr. Knapp's. Present Ladies. Armstrong, Cooke, Cooke, Dimond, Dole, Hall, Judd, Knapp, Rice, Rogers, and Smith. Meeting conducted by Mrs. Knapp. Opened by reading a portion of scripture and prayer. - A chapter was read on the subject of dress from the pen of Miss Sedgwick. Remarks were interspersed and although the subject might not be thought as well adapted to a maternal association as some others yet it might not be altogether unprofitable. - A hymn was sung and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Rice. Adjourned to meet at Mrs. Armstrong's next week.

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Met at Mr. Armstrong's.

Mrs. Rogers, Cooke, Judal, Smith, & Cole were present. Mrs. Armstrong conducted the meeting. After a prayer the meeting conducted as usual. Read in the 4th volume of President Edwards works, an account of the remarkable ^{conversion} of a female, & the wonderful operations of Gods Spirit on her heart. Think it profitable to read such accounts, as it leads the mind to serious contemplations on heavenly things.

Mrs. Cooke read to the children. The meeting was rather confused, as Mr. Conder & Mrs. Bliss family were about leaving for their station.

Mrs. Rogers prayed - Next met at Mr. Hall's

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Met at Mrs. Hall's. Present Mrs. Smith, Judal, Armstrong, Rogers, Bliss, Hall, Knapp & Cooke. The meeting was opened by reading and prayer. Mrs. Armstrong then attended to an exercise with the children. Read them a Bible story & questioned them - sang two hymns. Some of the children seemed interested. Mrs. Cooke then read a part of a lecture of Dr. Warren on physical education. Much noise - difficult reading. It was however the unavoidable noise occasioned by the assemblage of so many little precious ones. Therefore it was not so annoying to a mothers ears as it might have been to others. Next meeting appointed at Mrs. Chamberlains.

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Oct 6

Meeting at Mrs. Gulick's. Only four present Mrs. Bliss, Knapp, Cooke, and Gulick. Meeting opened ^{and closed} by prayer and the remaining time spent in reading. Read Address to Mothers. The author says:

The duties of the mother begin in the morning; they end not with the day: they incessantly call upon her till she reaches the grave. Others may have a respite; Others may for a time throw off care, and anxiety, and responsibility. But the mother never can do so. She must be unceasing and faithful when no eye sees her to applaud; must sow her seed when she sees no immediate prospect of a harvest; must expect no return and no reward for her labors for years, and it may be for life. She can adopt no theory which is not to be reduced to immediate and constant practice. To enable her to perform all these duties, she needs faith; she needs to be a woman of prayer - of daily, fervent, habitual prayer. We must be reminded of this, as we are prone to neglect prayer when oppressed with cares, and most need help from above.

Some objections were made to the recent practice of authors throwing all the care and responsibility of training children on the Mother.

The next meeting to be at Mrs. Dimond's.

Nov. 3rd Met at Mr. Knapp's Present Ladies
books, Diamond, Dole, Hall, Judson, Smith and Knapp.
Met conducted by Mrs. Knapp - Opened with read-
ing a portion of scriptures and prayer after which a letter
was read from Mrs. Hoisington - of the Ceylon mission,
published in the Mothers Magazine.

A chapter was read from the same work on the conversion
of children which led to some remarks on the comparative
differences between the number of children and adults
who backslide after having once given evidence of piety.
An article entitled, How shall we teach children to pray
was also read, and some of the mothers mentioned things
that had occurred in their families relative to that point.
The author was in favor of very short prayers with children.

A report of the Maternal Association at St. Louis, Miss.
was read - One prominent feature in the report was the
interest expressed in young men, who are away from the
influence of their mothers and sisters among strangers.
It was thought that such claimed an interest in the Asso-
ciation - A hymn was sung and the meeting closed
with prayer by Mrs. Smith. - Next meeting to be at
Mr. Armstrong's.

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Nov. 12th 1841. Met at Mr. Armstrong's. Ladies - Dole
Judson, Smith, Diamond, Cooke, Hall, & Armstrong. Meeting
conducted by Mrs. Armstrong. Read the 2^d chapter of
Romans, sang a hymn, & Mrs. Dole prayed. Some extracts
from the pen of Rev. Dr. Alexander were read. One reason
he says why Christians do not grow in grace is, because they
mingle too much with ungodly people. This remark struck
the reader very forcibly, & led her to the inquiry, ~~Do we~~
~~we~~, Missionsaries mingle too much with such people, & what
is the character of our intercourse? Does such intercourse
retard or increase our growth in grace? It might have
been well to make these inquiries aloud, that the subject
might have been discussed. A story was read to the
children about a birth day party, where several children
had assembled - Just as the time had arrived for
them to go home, notices were brought them. Some
of the children remained, while others, left, & returned home
at the time specified by their parents. The object in read-
ing the story was to show that children here, & can
resist temptations. Meeting closed by prayer, - by Mrs. Cooke.
Next meet - at Mr. Hall's.

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The Association met according to adjournment at
Mr. Hall's. Members present: Mrs. Hall. Judd & Knapp
Rogers. Several books by Philip V. Smith - The exercises
conducted by Mrs. Smith. After reading the Scriptures
& prayer - a note from Mrs. Clark to Mrs. Cooke was
read, giving some account of the M. W. at Lahain
and an interesting allusion to their juvenile
society. The arrears of their labor last year amount-
ed to twenty dollars, & was appropriated to the
Female Boarding School at Waikukua. Some
questions were asked relative to our meetings,
punctuality of attendance, interest etc. A little
discussion followed relative to forming a juve-
nile S. among our children here - Some dif-
ficulties were brought forward, & the subject
was dropped - An article was read from the
"Mother's Mag." illustrating the painful effect
of parental deception on the mind of a child.
Also read an article entitled "The mother in the
closet." The writer attributed his conversion after
a long course of sin & infidelity to the secret pray-
ers of his mother - The annual report of a man
in Illinois was also read - conversation was then
held on the deeply affecting providence of God which had
only two days previous removed ^{by death} one of the dear chil-
dren of this mission. Wm. Henry Locke the eldest
child & only son of his fond parents, was much sym-
pathy was felt for our dear afflicted friends. We felt
that this was emphatically a consecrated child, &

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we remembered with pleasure the ~~practice~~ ^{practice} of his mother
practice of conversing with him of God & the Saviour from
his earliest infancy. The story of Calvary was doubtless the first he
ever learned. He & Altho' he was called away in a unlooked
for moment, we felt it right to indulge the hope that the
Angel of the covenant was with him in the midst of those
bitter waters, & stood ready to conduct his ransomed
spirit to the bosom of his God. We felt anxious to im-
prove this solemn warning to the good of the dear children pres-
ent. An appropriate hymn was read, & a little conversa-
tion held with them in reference to it. Prayers were then
offered with special reference to our bereaved Br. & Sister
by Mrs. Judd & Mrs. Rogers -

Adjourned to meet at Mr. Simons' ds.

"But tho' earth's fairest blossoms ^{die} fade,
And all beneath the skies are vain,
There is a world whose confines lie
Beyond the reach of care & pain."

"Then let the hope of joys to come,
Dispel our cares, & chase our fears,
If God be ours we're travelling home,
Tho' passing through a vale of tears."

Nov 24. The Mat. Ass. met according to adjournment at Mrs. Diamond's. Members present, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Diamond & Mrs. Dole. The exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dole. The scripture exercise was the 12th Romans, the purport of which is, God's mercies shd. arouse us to please him. No man need think too well of himself, but cheerfully attend on that calling wherewith he is placed. Love & other important duties urged upon us. Revenge especially forbidden.

An article entitled, "Parental consistency," was read from the "Mothers' Magazine" illustrating the influence of this virtue, & the effect of an opposite course. The writer supposes that children are very discriminating judges of parental character & ^{that they} mark all inconsistencies with a scrutinizing watchfulness. That children notice little things & are extremely sensitive of right & wrong, that even Christian mothers, ^{may} destroy the souls of their children through inconsistency, & closes with several directions for training children, weightily. This subject was noticed particularly by one of the members, probably all felt its importance. A few anecdotes were then read on the same point, & after some conversation on the peculiar trials of Misses at this station, Mrs. Bliss closed the meeting with prayer. Adjourned to meet at Mrs. Cooke's

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Dec. 6. The Maternal Association met according to adjournment at Mrs. Lock's members present Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Gulick, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Lock, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Rogers. Exercises conducted by Mrs. Rogers. A part of the 44 chap of Isa. containing a promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the children of the church was read.

The Address of Abbot before the United Maternal Associations of Boston was read, also the letter of the wife of a Missionary at the West and a letter of Mrs. Lewis. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Smith and adjourned to meet at Mrs. Rogers.

Dec 13. Met at Mrs. Rogers. Present Mrs. Hall Mrs. Dole Mrs. Rogers Mrs. Dornstone Mrs. Judd Mrs. Cooke Meeting opened by reading the 22nd chapter of Proverbs, prayer by Mrs. Cooke. Reading by Mrs. Diamond, the selections were from the late "Mothers Magazine" a letter from a missionary in the east respecting the training of his little girl aged five years he appeared quite pleased ^{with} the proficiency she had made in the knowledge of household work and other attainments. A remarkable child; doubtless (in her father's estimation) there are many very wonderful children in these days, but to be serious, are not parents apt to magnify the virtues of their own children while they are comparatively

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blind to their faults. A series of articles were read
entitled "Mental and Moral qualities transmissible
from parents to children" from an unpublished work by
a lady. She attempts to prove the aptness of Dr Good
who says the variable talents of the mind are as propa-
gated as the various features of the body. It has been
observed that children of very young mothers were usually de-
ficient in strength of intellect. In biography it is found that those
men most conspicuous for native strength of mind were
not generally the first children of their parents.

Examples. Dr Franklin the 15 child of his father 8th
of his mother. West tenth child of his parents.
Mother of Washington 28 years old when he was born
mother of Samuel Johnson part 40

The author says it ought to be an object of the first
importance with every woman about to become a
mother to keep a constant watch over herself to
cultivate all good dispositions and noble aspirations
to overcome and subdue all evil propensities and not
to indulge for a moment in indolence of mind or
inactivity of body. The indomitable spirit of Napoleon
his rapine for warlike pursuits, and pride were
probably caused by his mothers passing much of her
time on horseback sharing the fortunes of war with
her husband & exposed to continual danger & peril
for some months previous to his birth. Other examples
are given of the Emperor and Count de Alban, Lord Bacon
&c &c

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Dec 20th Met at Dr Good's. All the
Ladies at the station present excepting
Miss Smith.

A series of articles were read
from the Mothers Magazine upon the con-
version of children to a Christian of
experience & discrimination. It was a
subject of tender interest to every mother
present. Meeting was opened by read-
ing the 113 psalm, prayer by Mrs Good,
closed by singing and prayer by Mrs
Chamberlain & Mrs Gulick. I think it
was a profitable season to us all.

The Saviour's promise seemed to be verified
"Where two or three meet together in my name
I will be with them & that to help them."

Dec 25th Met at Mrs Knapp's. The ladies
all present excepting Mrs Chamberlain &
Miss Smith. Meeting opened in the usual way
by Mrs Cooke. Reading from the Mothers Mag-
azines. Subjects - Maternal influence - Attain-
ments compared with accomplishments. Extract
of a speech of Daniel Webster. After the
reading a discussion upon the influence of
natives upon the children. All agreed that
the influence was bad - & that it was desirable to
keep the children as much from exposure as
possible. Different circumstances of mothers
send and it necessary for some families to

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to be more exposed than others & the caution seemed both natural & necessary to those under more favorable circumstances to avoid censuring others less favored. Sympathy and encouragement are needed by the latter, that they may toil on in their rough path, hoping in God who does not require more than what a person is able to perform.

After the meeting some conversation about a thanksgiving dinner.

January 8th Met at Mr. Armstrong's - Mrs. A conducted the meeting. Reading scripture, singing, reading from the Mother's Magazine & were the exercises - There was no school that P.M. & a story was read to the children. Ladies present Mrs. Knapp, Judd, Dimond, Cooke, & White.

Jan. 12, 1842. Met at Mrs. Hull's. Mrs. Smith conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Dole read "Letter from a clergyman to his wife on spiritual improvement - & parental responsibility, also, an appeal to christian parents," under as statement relative to the probable proportion of the children of the professedly pious, lost & saved. - Also the memoir of "Little L," a pious child in England who died at less than 2 years. Also an article on "beastly sins." Present Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Rogers & Mrs. Dole.

Adjourned to meet at Mrs. Chamberlain's Jan. 19.

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Jan 19th

Met at Mrs. Chamberlain's. The ladies of this station were all present. Meeting conducted by Mrs. Knapp. - Opened in the usual manner. - Reading from the Common School Journal, on the following subjects: "Motives to be addressed in Education," "Conversations between two teachers," "Importance of visible Illustrations in common schools," "Moral Education" and "Reading". Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Hall. Adjourned to meet at Mr. Dimond's Jan. 26th

Jan. 26.

Met at Mr. Dimond's according to adjournment. The exercises conducted by Mrs. Smith. After reading the scriptures & prayer - two letters were read from Mrs. Dr. Whitman - addressed to Mrs. Hall - conversation followed relative to the peculiar circumstances of our mission at the Oregon. & many facts were mentioned relative to their trials, & also concerning the visit of the exploring Squadron to that region. Adjourned to meet at Mr. Cooke's Feb. 2

Feb. 2. Met at Mr. Cooke's. Present Mrs. Dimond - Mrs. Dole Mrs. Knapp. Mrs. Dimond conducted the meeting which was opened in the usual way - A lecture was read on Moral Training from Mr. Abbot's pen. It was excellent and delighted the ears of those who heard it. - Mr. present very sorry that there was not a

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general attendance Meeting closed by Mrs Knapp.
Feb 9th Met at Mr Rogers. Meeting conducted by
Mrs Rogers.

Reading from the Bible Evangelists
on the subject of *penitence* &c

Feb 16. The meeting was at Mrs Judas.
The book not present till the particulars of
the meeting were forgotten - May the "record
on high" not number among the misim-
proved privileges granted us here -

Feb 22. Meeting at Mrs Knapps - Ladies generally
present. Meeting conducted by Mrs Cook. Reading selec-
ted from the Connecticut Common School Journal.
An interesting account of Mrs Willard's labors in
superintending schools in her native country. Her
plans & methods were discussed - Some of them were
new - such as teaching very young children to print little
compositions - She also taught them Geography by
drawing maps - paid great attention to their

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reading - Spelling by writing the words that the eye
might be taught as well as the ear. Meeting
closed by prayers - led by Mrs Knapp & Miss Smith

March 2. Meeting convened at Mr Armstrong's - Ladies
all present. Mrs A conducted the meeting.
Read ^{part} & sung as usual. Read about the
senses &c Mrs Judas read a letter from
Mrs. Coen, & one also from Mrs. Clarke -
Mrs. Coen was in poor health - Mrs. Clarke seemed
rather depressed in spirit - Meeting closed
after Mrs. A read Caroline's journal, by singing
& prayer - Meet next at Mr. Hall's.

9. Meeting at Mr Hall's. Conducted by Mrs A.
B Smith. Ladies generally present. Meeting
opened by reading the scriptures & prayer by
Mrs Knapp. Reading selected from the Mothers
Magazine, the subject of which was Mental and
Moral qualities transmissible from Parent to Child
in which much interest was excited. & much
interesting conversation ensued. Singing as usual
Meeting closed by Mrs Rogers.

March 16th 1844 Meeting at Mr. Chamberlain's.
 Mrs. Dole conducted the meeting & read from
 D'Israeli's "Curiosities of Literature" An article
 on "Characteristics of Genius" The author remarks
 in this passage on the "youth, fancies, jealousy
 intractability, enthusiasm, & domestic life" of men
 of genius, all of which presented grounds of
 interest to the inquirer on education & the
 mental capacities of children.
 Closing prayer by Mrs. Chamberlain.

23rd Met at Mr. Dimond's. Meeting conducted by
 Mrs. Knapp. Opened in the usual manner. — Read from
 the Mother's Magazine, a series of articles on the "Conversion
 of Children" in which the writer stated various reasons why
 parents should labor for the conversion of their children in
 early life. Among others were mentioned the improbability
 in many instances of their conversion in after life, and the good
 of which they might be instrumental if converted in child-
 hood. A short article was read on "Early Discipline" which
 gave rise to a free discussion and opinions were expressed
 on the different points presented in the article. —
 Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Armstrong.

March 30th Met at Mr. Cooke's, Present Mrs. Knapp, Cook
 Smith, Dole, Rogers Dimond. Mrs. Dimond opened
 the meeting with reading scriptures, and prayer. Reading
 from Mother's Magazine. We were particularly interested in
 two letters addressed to Mrs. Whittley by a lady. Subject, Conso-
 lations for anxious mothers. Meeting closed by singing and
 prayer by Mrs. Lowell Smith adjourned to meet at the house
 of Mrs. Rogers

April 13th Met at the usual place. Ladies of the sta-
 tion all present except Mrs. Armstrong. Services
 commenced as usual with reading scriptures, sing-
 ing & prayer.
 An article was read upon the utility and
 importance of visiting time as it passes. — An
 allusion to mothers also from the Mother's Mag-
 sine urging them to renew their faithfulness in
 labouring to bring their children into the sur-
 tice and admonition of the Lord.

Letters were read from Mrs. Dicks in which she
 speaks with deep feeling of the loneliness of wid-
 owhood & her affliction, as a growing one —
 which must be always be the case, when an af-
 fectionate wife is called to bide in the grave
 the husband of her youth. Her first love, the
 father of her babes — Our dear sister's affec-
 tion must have been aggravated by the re-
 flection, that the precious clay, once so loved,
 was not permitted to slumber in a quiet
 grave, in the land of his father, nor at
 his adopted home, among the "sea-girt Isles",
 but in the depths of the great Ocean he slept
 till the "sea gives up its dead" —

Letters were read also from Mrs. Hill & Mrs. Cham-
 berlain's two sons, which were interesting. Another
 from Dr. J's mother, mentioning the conversion
 of Dr. Grant's eldest son.

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April 20 Met at Mrs Sudds - Present
 Mrs Sudds Armstrong, Diamond Dole Rogers
 Knapp and Miss Smith. There being no school
 some of the older children were present.
 The meeting conducted by Mrs Rogers.
 The exercises commenced by reading the
 scriptures and pray - Read a sermon by
 Kirk on the Necessity and Nature of Maternal
 Separations. The sermon was lengthy and
 occupied most of the time and left little
 for conversation. That part of the sermon
 particularly addressed to children was re read
 to the children present. Meeting closed by
 prayers by Miss Ogden. Adjourned to meet
 on Wednesday next at Mrs Armstrongs

April 27th Ladies at the Station
 all present except Mrs. Dole & Mrs. Cooke. She latter
 absent at Mani. Meeting conducted by Mrs A -
 1st prayer by Miss Smith (Miss Ogden present)
 A sermon written by Rev. Mr. Kirk was read to
 the children. He urges children to hearken to
 instruction & to fear the Lord. If they do not listen
 to instruction they cannot learn, & cannot be made
 good but by learning. A reason why they should
 listen to ministers is, because ministers love them,
 & are sent by God to preach to them. The rea-
 -sons he gives children, why they should love
 God is, because he is so great, so holy, & is all

to do what he will with them, both in this
 life & the next. The children then sang
 the hymn commencing "That awful day will bring"
 At short piece was read to mothers.
 The story was about a stupid boy who never
 cared for books or instruction, until caused
 from his stupidity by the prayers & love of his
 mother. The fervent prayers of a mother overleth
 much. This stupid boy afterwards became a
 literary man - a judge. Mrs. Chamberlain closed
 the meeting by prayer. Met next at Mrs. Hall's

May 1st We have just returned from the
 funeral of little Lowell Smith. Last Wednesday
 he was at our maternal meeting with his mother
 as lively & happy as any of our little ones. Now
 he lies in the dark cold grave. His age was about
 10 months. His sickness was sudden & short.
 The parents are severely afflicted in the death
 of their only child. There is a feeling of desola-
 -tion in their hearts which none can feel, but
 those who have had dear children taken from
 them by death. Such can & do sympathize with
 them. They are surrounded by sympathizing
 hearts, when some of their brother's & sister's
 have borne such sorrows alone. But there is a
 friend, who is near us all, & is always ready to
 sympathize & console us in the midst of ~~trouble~~
 He can & does sustain the afflicted, when nature
 grows overwhelmed in ~~grief~~ & is ready to sink
 under it. May this affliction lead the parents,
 & all of us, to think less of earth & more of
 heaven. May it make us, who have children, more

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faithful in promoting the spiritual interests
of our dear children. May we pray more for them
& with them, & not be overanxious about their
temporal good. May we teach them to
shun evil, & cleave to that which is good.

While we sympathize with the afflicted
parents, & they mourn their loss, we would
not, if we could, call the sainted spirit of
little Sarah, from the society of angels, of the
children of missionaries who have gone before
him, & more than all, from the dear Saviour's
arms, for He is a better parent to the child
than his fond parents could be. We would
not take his little body from the grave,
until the Saviour shall call it to be clothed
in immortality. Rest there sweet babe

"No pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear
Intrude thy bounds. No mortal woes
Can reach thy peaceful slumbers there,
While angels watch thy soft repose."

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May 11 Assembled at the usual hour at the house of
Mrs Chamberlains. All the sisters at the station were present
except Mrs Dole and Mrs Rogers. Several of the sisters were
present from the different islands, who had come to H. to attend
the G. Mrs. M. ...

The exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. Letters most
deeply interesting and affecting were read from Mrs. Thurston's
family, giving account of the sickness and death of their beloved
Lucy soon after their arrival in the United States.

Our dear Sister, drank the bitter cup of sorrow alone - yet
while referring to the death of her beloved L, her four remain-
ing children prostrate and dangerously sick around her, her com-
panion and husband being at the far distant isles of the Pacific,
She could say, 'The Lord sustains and comforts me!'

We hoped that these communications so affecting, yet
expressing so much submission to the will of God, would
comfort a dear sister present, whose heart has been stricken
and deeply afflicted.

The meeting was closed by singing
the 332 hymn,

It is the Lord - enthroned in light,
Whose claims are all divine,
Who has an undisputed right
To govern me and mine

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June 29th - Assembled at the usual hour at the house of Mrs. Hall. Present Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Rogers. Reorganized for this year. Mr. K chosen Director - The meeting was opened as usual by reading ^{the scriptures} and prayer - A letter from Mrs. Peirce to Mrs. Hamstrong was read, and some remarks made upon it; and some conversation relative to the Mission at the Society Islands was had. It was thought best to write to that Maternal Association and make some enquiries, respecting some reports which are circulated in regard to their committing their children to natives. Mostly, from early infancy, till eight or ten years old. Mrs. Lowell Smith was requested to write. Closed with prayer - Adjourned to meet next week at Mrs. Chamberlain's

At the commencement of this year God has blessed us with the addition of two infants to our number. Sarah Elizabeth Rogers born May 12th and George Dale born June 7th. These Mothers have occasion renewed us to praise our Heavenly Father for deliverance

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Records of the Maternal Association of the Sandwich Islands Mission for 1844

May 18. The Association met at Mrs. Chamberlain's Honolulu. Members present Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Dr. Andrews, Mrs. Locke, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Parker, ~~Mrs. Knapp~~.

The Association proceeded to the choice of officers for the year. Mrs. L. Smith was chosen Director & Mrs. Emerson recording Secretary. The 71 Psalm was read & prayer offered by the Director. After singing Mrs. A. B. Smith & Mrs. Colcord were received as members of the Association.

Appointed Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Clark & Mrs. Dr. Andrews a committee of overseers. Remarks were made upon the privilege of having children to labor & pray for, & allusion was made to the recent deeply afflictive providence, which had removed ^{by death} our only child from one of the sisters. ^{by} voted to adjourn to meet at the house of Dr. Judd on the 26th of Wednesday the following week. After again uniting in singing a hymn, the concluding prayer was offered by Mrs. Emerson.

Directed the overseers, present

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May 25. Met at Mrs. Judd's according to adjournment. Reading the Scriptures & prayer by Mrs. Emerson. Owing to peculiar circumstances the committee of overtures was not ready, & it was thought best to spend the season in prayer.

Two hymns were sung & prayers offered by Miss Ogden, Mrs. A. B. Smith & Mrs. Lafon. Our afflicted sister Andrews, whose little daughter lay at the point of death, was particularly remembered.

Voted to request the brethren to make arrangements for a daily prayer meeting for the children. Concluding prayer by Miss Brown. Voted to adjourn till Thursday evening.

May 26. The National Association met at the house of Dr. Judd according to adjournment. Reading the Scriptures by Miss Ogden, prayer by Mrs. Paily. Subject discussed, modesty in children. Adjourned to meet at the same place on Monday the 30 at half past 2 o'clock. Closing prayer by Mrs. Richards.

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July 6th

Met at Mr. Chamberlain's - Mrs. C. conducted the meeting. Mrs. Knapp read from Phillips a chapter entitled "Mothers' hindrances duly weighed." Most of the ladies were present - Meeting closed with prayer as usual.

July 13. Met at the home of Mr. Demond. Mrs. Lowell Smith conducted the meeting.

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July 1st Met at the home of Mr. Cooke
Mrs. Simond conducted the meeting, which was opened
by reading a psalm, prayer and singing
Reading from "Father's Book" respecting the Sabbath
The author recommends several ^{methods} ~~ways~~ to interest young
children. Closed by prayer

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Aug. 3rd

Met at Mr. Knapp's - Present Mrs. Cooke
Diamond, Smith, Rogers and Knapp. Meeting conducted
by Mrs. P. - Meeting opened by reading a portion
of scripture and prayer, then sang a hymn. Finished
reading an article entitled "Mother's hindrances duly
weighed" by Philip commenced at a previous meeting,
Some time was spent in conversation on topics allu-
sion to by the author. Sung again and the meeting
was closed with prayer by Mrs. Smith

August 10th

Met at Mr. Knapp's

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August 17 Met at Mrs Chamberlain's. Present,
Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Diamond Mrs Knapp & Mrs C.
Some of the members were absent who would gladly have
mingled their prayers & sympathies with ours, had not
circumstances prevented.

The meeting was opened by reading the 32 Chapter of
Deuteronomy and prayer by Mrs Chamberlain

The time was principally spent in conversation. Subject -
The importance of forming correct habits and principles
in early childhood.

While we have all sad evidence that our
children are depraved, that they go astray from their birth, &c
we bless God for the encouraging promise, "Train up a child
in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not
depart from it." Let us not despond. "They that sow in tears
shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing
precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring-
ing his sheaves with him." Let us with humility and firm
dependance on the assistance of the Holy Spirit, go forward
in the discharge of our arduous, though delightful duties
and our labours and prayers shall not be in vain.

We considered it a great privilege to meet together for pray-
er & consultation on the interests of our children, and we
would regard it as one of the greatest blessings which we en-
joy in this foreign land, that our dear sisters are ever ready
to sympathise with each other in their trials & their joys.

"Blest be the tie that bind." &c
The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs Diamond.

Recorded the exercises. Present

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Aug 24th Meeting held at Mr Dimonds.
 The ladies present were Mrs Dimond
 Hall Knapp Rogers & Cooke. Meeting
 opened as usual by reading from the
 Bible. After reading two prayers by Mrs Cooke
 & Hall. Mrs Dimonds' eldest daughter was
 particularly remembered - it being her birth-
 day. The reading selected for the occasion
 was from Mrs H. Mon's "Instructions on female
 education" - Subject Religious education
 of children - While we were somewhat inter-
 rupted by the restlessness of our little children
 yet we hope our meeting was not in vain.
 Closed by prayer - Next meeting to be at
 Mr Cooke's.

August 31st Met at Mrs Cooke's Present Mrs Rogers
 Mrs Knapp Mrs Cooke Mrs Dimonds Some of the
 members of the Association were out of town for the
 benefit of their health. Mrs Hall has a little daughter six
 days old. The meeting was opened by reading 14 chapter
 of St John with singing; and prayer by Mrs Dimond
 The selections for reading were from the "Listener"
 closed by prayer

Sept 7th

Met at Mr. Rogers. Present Mrs. Cooke
 Dimond, Knapp, and Rogers. - The meeting was
 opened as usual - After singing Mrs. R. read from
 the Mothers Journal some articles entitled "Early
 Domestic Education". - The author treated the
 subject in a Phenological manner and the theory
 seemed quite plausible - however difficult the practice
 might be - singing again and the meeting closed
 by Mrs. Cooke.

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ended the exercises. Several

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Sept 15. Meeting at Dr Judd's
Only three members of the
association present, enough
however to claim the promise
of the dear Saviour -

Our afflicted sister
Loke was remembered who lies
down on a bed of pain & lan-
guishing if not of death. We
prayed the Lord to spare her
not for her own sake, for we do
not doubt, but to die would gain
to her, but for the sake of her
husband & three infant daughters

Those who have tasted the sor-
rows of orphanage, can plead for the
motherless -

Reading selected from Edge
worth's Practical Education, a Chap-
ter on ^{Smith} its importance - how to form
habits of speaking truth - and break

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the habit of falsehood when formed, some
very valuable hints were measured from
the chapter - an address also from
his combs Manual for Maternal Affe-
was read, Prayer by Mrs Judd

Sept 28th Meeting at Mrs Knapp's present

Mrs Judd Mrs Louch, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Doit Smith
and Mrs Rogers Reading in the scriptures
as usual first prayer by Mrs Judd - Letters
from Mrs Bingham to Mrs Judd read and
also one from Mrs Larkins Mother to
Mrs Knapp; and also one with two pieces
in the Mothers Magazine a little time spent
in conversation and the Meeting closed by
prayer. By Mrs Smith

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Nov. 16th Ladies. Mrs. Rogers & Mrs. Hall met at Mrs. Armstrong's - Meeting conducted as usual -

Nov 23. Met at Mrs Chamberlain's Ladies present Mrs C, Mrs Judd, Mrs Diamond and Mrs Rogers. Reading the scriptures and prayer by Mrs Chamberlain. Were interrupted by calls. Adjourned to meet next week at Mrs Diamond's.

We would with gratitude record on these pages the goodness of God in the birth of Mrs Armstrong's son, Wed Oct 5th and Mrs Diamond's daughter Sabbath 9th and that both these dear sisters are restored to comfortable health.

The records for 1844 from the meeting

Aug 7. 1844. Met at Mr. Castle's. Ladies present Mrs Judd, Diamond, Cooke, Rogers, Knapp, Goodale Castle. Mrs Rogers conducted the meeting. Opened by reading the scriptures, singing & prayer - Reading from the Mother's Magazine - mostly an address to mothers by the Rev. Mr. Sprague of N. Y. Concluded by prayer by Mrs Judd. Adjourned to Mr Knapp's.

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Aug. 14th Met at Mr. Knapp's. Only three ladies present. Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Knapp. Mrs. Knapp conducted the meeting. Reading from the Mother's Magazine - Mrs. Castle closed the meeting with prayer - Next meeting appointed at Mr. Chamberlain's.

Aug 21.

Meeting at Mr Chamberlain's. The sisters present were Mrs Chamberlain, Miles, Rogers, Diamond, Knapp Rice & Castle, exercises conducted by Mrs Castle - commenced by reading the scriptures & prayer - Reading from the Mother's Magazine - Meeting on the succeeding week appointed at Mrs Diamond's. Mrs Rogers to conduct it - closed ^{with} singing & prayer by Mrs Rice.

On the preceding page under date of Oct 5, 42 we find recorded the birth of a son of sister Armstrong. It is perhaps a comment on the punctuality of our Ladies & may it be added, on the interest in these maternal circles that we are permitted to record on this, the birth of a daughter of the same sister, on the 12. inst. another child of the covenant & ought we not to expect another heir of heaven? We would rejoice to see that our sister is so far & so comfortably restored to health.

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Recorded the exercises previous to

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Aug 28.

Met at Mrs Diamond's. Ladies present Mrs Dudd, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Diamond, Mrs Knapp Mrs Biddle & Mrs Rice Ladies absent Mrs Rogers on account of sickness in her family, Mrs Chamberlain, on account of a multiplicity of labors & fatigues Mrs L Smith & Mrs Hall - cause of absence unknown Mrs Cooke conducted the meeting, in the usual way - reading, from the Mother's Magazine - her address to mothers, on ~~the subject~~ provoking children to wrath. Adjourned to meet at Mrs Diamond's Dr Dudd's on the coming week. Mrs Diamond closed with prayer

Sept 7. 1844.

Met at Dr Dudd's. Mrs Rogers, Wilcox Rice & Dudd present - meeting opened by reading Scripture & prayer - finished the articles in Mother's Magazine, by Rev R. Emerson on "provoking children to wrath." a very solemn & impressive article, well worthy a second perusal by every father & mother at the Lord's week ends -

Meeting interrupted by the ladies being called home before the hour for closing - Why are the Material Meetings so poorly attended? Do the Mothers find them unprofitable? It is the only female meetings we have! Are our children all in the Ark?

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If the sisters think, that the meeting is ^{not} worth the time devoted to it, one hour & a half in a week, in a spiritual view, ought we not to make it more devotional, and spend more time in prayer

If it be too exclusively devoted to mere reading what the mothers can read as well at home.

ought we not to have more conversation, so as to have our meeting take the place of visiting - We should be more likely to make conversation profitable -

Would it not save time in this respect? and would it not be better attended? Let us enquire into the causes of the declension and remove them if possible, and would it not be pleasant to have Mrs John Lidd & her friends meet with us who belong to the Bethel Church?

I recollect we once had a practice, of choosing a subject the week beforehand, for discussion, by reading articles selected upon the topic, and giving our own views also, which we found profitable -

I am sure there is no member of ^{our} little band, who feels, that she has nothing more to learn, and no more grace to crave, to fit her for these important & solemn responsibilities -

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Sept 11.

Met at Mr Castle's. Ladies present Mrs Rogers, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Wiley, Mrs Rice & Mrs Castle absent Mrs Sudd, Mrs Chamberlain, & Mrs Diamond Mrs L Smith & Mrs Hall having gone into the country a finding inconvenient to come to Honolulu, hold a national ^{meeting} together at the same hour with us. Mrs Cooke having gone a greater distance still, 5 miles, at the King's Pleas, finds it inconsistent with her health & can't to meet ^{with} us regularly. Some conversation ~~was~~ ^{was} pursued, on the interest in the meetings & it was agreed that as far as attendance was an evidence of interest, there was a pretty good degree. It appeared that a majority at least, of the ladies, make it a rule that the national ^{meeting} on Tues. afternoon, must be attended & attendance, we left duty plainly present. There was something said about the Mothers in town attending our meetings but nothing very definite - Read from Mr. Magazine "Counsel Sleeping to Parental fidelity," "Influence of a Praying Mother's personal meritorious," & "On keeping the Sabbath." Meeting closed in the usual way by Mrs Castle. Mrs Rogers closed with prayer.

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Sept 18th

Met at Mr. Knapp's. Ladies present Mrs. Castle Mrs. Chamberlain Mrs. Rice Mrs. Sudd and Mrs. Knapp. Absent Mrs. Diamond and Mrs. Rogers. — Read from the Mother's Magazine an article entitled "Economy and Parsimony" which led to some conversation on the subject of forming a juvenile benevolent society. It was suggested that it be connected with the school for Missionaries children at Parahou but nothing definite was decided upon. The subject seemed to strike the minds of those present favorably. Mrs. Spalding's case was mentioned as one deserving of the efforts of the society should there be one formed. A letter was read from Mr. Goodell Missionary at Constantinople giving an account of the death of his son from the same publication. Also an article entitled "We must know and love our Bible more" and another on the "Habit of Prayer." Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Chamberlain.

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Mansfield
at 1 hour

Sept 25

Met at Mr Chamberlain's. Ladies present Mrs Damon, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Castle, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Hall, and Mrs Chamberlain.

The meeting was commenced by reading a portion of scripture and prayer by Mrs C.

The subject of forming a juvenile benevolent society was resumed, and Mrs Castle was requested to prepare a constitution for the society, to be read at our next meeting.

Reading from the Mother's Magazine.

Mrs Castle closed the meeting with prayer.

Oct 2

Met at Mr Dimonds. Ladies present Mrs Dimond, Judd, Chamberlain, Castle and Rogers

The was opened by reading a portion of scripture singing and prayer

Reading from the Mother's Magazine

The subject of a juvenile society was resumed. Mrs Castle commenced writing a constitution. It was thought best to defer the subject till the next meeting and it was recommended that Mrs Castle and Mrs Rice both present a constitution for the consideration of the meeting

Mr Dimond closed the meeting with prayer

Oct 9. Met at Mr Dimonds. Ladies present Mrs Dimond, Judd, Chamberlain, Castle and Rogers. Reading from the Mother's Magazine. A constitution was read by Mrs Castle and Mrs Rice. It was approved, but not fully adopted at some points.

Reading from the Mother's Magazine. The meeting was closed with prayer. The constitution was read by Mrs Castle and Mrs Rice. It was approved, but not fully adopted at some points. The meeting was held at Mr Dimonds.

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Hitchcock and Rogers

Oct 23. Met at Mr Castle's. Ladies present
Mrs Judd, Rogers, Hitchcock, Gulick, Hall, Knapp
Rice & Castle. Mrs Chamberlain & Mrs Dimond
absent. Read from the History of Education
subject physical education - in infancy & child
hood, interspersed with free & interesting remarks
Considerable was said about sympathizing with
children in their little accidents It was agreed that
boys were ^{in some degree} not very sympathizing & that it was
attributable to erroneous training
Meeting was opened in the usual way by Mrs
Castle Mrs Gulick led in prayer - Mrs Judd
closed with prayer.

Oct 30th Met at Mr Knapp's. Ladies present Mrs. Cooke
Rogers and Knapp. Some of the ladies were absent
from the station and others were detained by unavoidable
causes. - Although few in number our meeting
was not altogether unprofitable - Read part of an address
before a Maternal Association in New York. - - -
Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Cooke.

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Nov 6th Met at Mrs Chamberlain's. Ladies present, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Judd, Mrs Cooke and Mrs Chamberlain. Reading from Smith's History of Education which called forth remarks and lead to free conversation. Prayers by Mrs Forbes and Mrs Chamberlain.

Nov 13. Met at Mr Castle's. Ladies present Mrs Judd, Rogers, Forbes, Rice, & Castle. Mrs Castle read from the History of Education rather unfortunately did not succeed in selecting interesting matter. Remarks as well as reading rather cursory. Mrs Forbes opened & Mrs Rice closed the meeting with prayer.

Nov 29. Met at Dr Judds. Mrs Rogers Mrs Thripp Mrs Rice & Mrs Judd present. Scriptures read by Mrs Thripp & meeting closed by prayer & singing. Reading from Milton Mayhew, meeting closed by singing & prayer by Mrs Judd.

Dec 5th Meeting held at Mrs Cooke's Present Mrs Rogers Mrs Judd Miss Whitney, & Mrs Cooke. Meeting conducted by Mrs Cooke. Reading interspersed with baby music occupied the time till near the hour for closing when ^{there was} some ~~talk~~ conversation respecting

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Dec 11th Meeting at Mrs Rogers. Present Mrs Chamberlain, Rice, Cook, Knapp and Rogers. Meeting opened as usual by reading the scriptures and prayer. Reading and remarks from the Ladies occupied the time. Closed with prayer by Mrs Rice.

^{18th} Met at Mrs Knapp's. Present Mrs Hall, Mr. Dimond Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Knapp. Meeting conducted by Mrs. Knapp - Reading from the History of Education and remarks thereon occupied the time. Meeting closed by Mrs. Hall.

Jan 15. 1845 Met at Mrs Hall's. Mrs Rice, Knapp, Cook, Judd, and Chamberlain, Present. Meeting opened by Mrs Hall. Reading from the History of Education and remarks as usual. Meeting closed by Mrs Knapp.

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Met at Mr Chamberlain's. Present Mrs Judd, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Dimond, Mrs Castle, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Hall and Mrs Chamberlain. The time was occupied by reading letters and part of a sermon. Prayer by Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Castle

Jan 29

Met at Mr Dimond's Mrs Knapp, Cooke, Castle, Mrs Hall, Miss Whitney, Mrs Rogers present. Meeting opened by reading scriptures singing and prayer after which several letters from the U.S. were read among which were one from our dear afflicted sister Lapon and another from Miss Emily Whitney. Meeting closed with prayer by

Feb 5 Met at Dr Judd's

Feb 12 Met at Mrs Rogers. Mrs Castle, Cooke, Rice, Dimond and Rogers present. Miss Goodale was also present. Meeting opened with the usual exercises. Read in the Mothers-magazine. Subject, Parental Government. Reading was interspersed with remarks from the sisters. Meeting closed with prayer

Feb 19

Met at Mr Castle's. Present Mrs L. Smith, Mrs Judd, Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Rice & Mrs Castle. Mrs Judd opened the meeting with prayer Mrs Castle read a portion of scripture and

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two numbers of the article on Parental Government in the Mothers Magazine. It was remarked that children might acquire the habit of neglecting duty, by being suffered to occupy the time allotted to it, in things of minor importance, and also when it had been neglected through carelessness or listlessness, by suffering it to remain undone. Mrs L. Smith closed the meeting with prayer

Feb 26

Met at Mr Hall's Mrs Dimond, Knapp, Rogers, Castle, Cook and Mrs Perkins present. Meeting opened with prayer. Read the Monitor conversation. Meeting closed with prayer.

March 4, Met at Mr Chamberlain's. Ladies present Mrs Hall, Mrs Cook, and Mrs C. The time was occupied in reading from scriptures, singing, prayer and conversation. Mrs Perkins and Mrs Nye came in just at the close of the meeting

March 12th

Met at Mr Dimond's present Mrs Judd, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Castle, Mrs Hall, and Mrs Dimond. Meeting opened and closed with prayer and singing reading from Abotto's young mother & Advocate of Moral Reform.

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June 18. Met at Mr. Castle's. Present Mrs. Child,
Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Rice & Mrs. Castle. Opening
& closing exercises conducted by Mrs. Castle.
One of the little girls read a piece on punctu-
ality a few letters furnished by Mrs. Richards
completed the reading. Meeting commenced at
1/2 past 3 & closed at 20 minutes before five.

June 25th Met at Mrs. Snapp's. Present Mrs. Cooke, Rice
& Richards. Mrs. Snapp absent at Hawaii. Mrs. Cooke
opened the meeting by prayer after which a portion of
Scripture was read by Mrs. Richards. Having no book at hand
on the appropriate duties of mothers, some extracts were
read from Mr. Perkins very interesting book, "Residence
in Persia among the Historians". The little girls (several
being present whose mothers were absent) added to the inter-
est of the occasion by singing and reading from some
juvenile work on neatness. The exercises were closed by
Mrs. Rice, and the meeting adjourned until the next week
to meet at Mrs. Hall's.

July 2. Met at Mr. Hall's. Present Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Smith
Hall, and Miss Brown. Meeting opened by Miss Brown
read from the Evangelist with remarks. Meeting closed with
prayer by Mrs. Smith.

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July 9th Met at Mr Chamberlain's. Present Mrs Hall
and Mrs Chamberlain. Mrs C selected a chapter
and a hymn and brought out the books - Waited
an hour for the ladies - Adjourned hoping the next
meeting might be better attended.

July 16th Met at Mrs Dimonds Present Mrs Castle Mrs Cooke
Mrs Dimond ^{Mrs} Smith & Mrs Judd. Mrs Judd ^{opened} conducted the meeting
by reading the fourthth chapter of St John and prayer.
An article upon Scolding was read from the Moral Reform
Paper, which led to a discussion upon Patience.
The conversation was carried on in a kind and inqui-
ring spirit and was calculated to impress the im-
portance of Mothers maintaining a cheerful temper
& cultivating with great earnestness the Christian
graces particularly that of Patience - Closed by
Mrs Cooke with prayer.

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...the exercises were very ...

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November 12. The maternal Meeting has been as regularly attended as the circumstances of our families would permit, from the last date till the present, but the book having been mislaid no minutes have been entered.

Met this P.M. at Mrs Hall's. Present Mrs Hall, Castle, Knapp, Richards, Judd, Smith, Rice and Chamberlain.

Mrs Hall commenced with reading from scripture, singing and prayer. The remainder of the time was taken up with free inquiry what we, as mothers and missionary sisters felt able to do, out of our own families, for the benefit of the natives.

Mr Armstrong was invited in to give his advice, how the little time and strength any of us could command, might be most profitably employed. He recommended visiting from house to house in the several districts of the church, also teaching the young women an hour after service on the Sabbath.

Closed by Mrs Chamberlain with prayer.

Nov 19. Met at Mrs Chamberlain's Present Mrs Castle, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Diamond, Mrs Hall, Mrs Judd, Mrs Knapp, Mrs Rice, Mrs Smith and Mrs Whitney.

Mrs Chamberlain read part of the Saviour's precious sermon on the Mount and Mrs Smith made the introductory prayer. An article called The Touchstone from the Mother's Magazine was read, which lead to much serious conversation and, I trust each of us formed a new resolution in our minds, that we would labour more, and pray more for the conversion of our dear children.

The meeting closed with prayers by Mrs Judd and Mrs Cooke.

Nov. 26. The Association met at Mrs. Diamond's. Most of the Ladies were present, also the younger children. the oldest being in school. Mrs. L.

...anted the exercises. Several very interesting articles from the M. Magazine were read. ... followed, on the best means of increasing the spirituality of the meetings. It was ... that the devotional exercises for the ... arranged thus. 1st. Reading the ... prayer. 2d. Singing & prayer. 3d. ... conversation for a time, & then ... reading or conversation, & then ... with prayer. It was ... meeting closed. ... that the ... children do not ... After the ... was approved. ... Mrs. Judd's. Dec 3. The ... at Mrs Judd's. Ladies ... was to write the ... to on account of the Dec. 10th Met at ... Present Mrs Judd Mrs Roger Mrs ... Mrs Castle. Reading and prayer by Mrs ... singing and prayer by Mrs Roger. ... the subject of ... instruction ... The recommen ... in detail

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was considered.
A chapter was read from Dr. Keble's ^{regularly}
^{unit, from}
Woman's guide ^{to} Conversation. ^{from} ^{miscellaneous}
by prayers from Mrs Knapp & Mrs C.

Dec 17th Met at Mrs Rogers - ^{young} ^{sisters} ^{fell}
Mrs Gadd, Mrs Cook, Mrs ^{the} ^{natives.} ^{the} ^{be}
Mrs Castle, Hall Mrs Knapp and Mrs C.
The meeting was opened by reading
Laws and prayers by Mrs Rogers -
closed by prayer was then offered by ^{the} ^{prayer}

Parents -
Mrs Rice and Knapp

Dec 24th Met at Mrs Castle
Hall & Rice - meeting was opened from ^{the} ^{introductory} ^{prayer}
prayer by Mrs Castle. ^{from} ^{the} ^{Mother's} ^{Magazine}
prayer by Mrs Gadd. ^{the} ^{introductory} ^{prayer}
Good a part of the chapter ^{of} ^{the} ^{means} ^{of} ^{bene-}
fitting children. ^{followed} ^{with} ^{discussion} ^{mostly} ^{on}
the question whether the ^{the} ^{effect} ^{of} ^{education}
the result ^{of} ^{constitution} ^{is} ^{the} ^{effect} ^{of} ^{education}
Concluding prayers by Mrs Gadd & Mrs Cooke.
Our meetings have ^{been} ^{held} ^{at} ^{the} ^{usual} ^{times} ^{of}

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late perhaps, on account of the afflicted state of
his mission. On the 15. inst Mr Whitney one of the
pioneers of this mission, & who has labored here for nearly
26 years, was called to his eternal home. He departed
in triumph: his hope firmly anchored on the Rock of Ages.
On the 13. Mr Chamberlain sailed for China for the
benefit of his health & about the same time Dr Smith took
cruise on a whale ship for a cruise of a few months, for the same
purpose may the Lord watch over, comfort & restore them
to health - Be the support & consolation of their families as
of the ^{precious} ^{stay} ^{of} ^{their} ^{lovely} ^{companions} - May
these afflictive providences lead us all to be more watchful
prayerful - to hold all our earthly blessings at the divine
disposal - to lay up our treasure in Heaven, to live for
Christ - to train our children for him that when we
are called to die, we may, like those dear friends that
are gone before, find ⁱⁿ ^{our} ^{faithful} ^{Redeemer}
a refuge in our faithful Redeemer.
A book was commenced July 3. 1839, & closed
day Dec 24. 1845. The first recorded here the
death of one sister in the mission one brother & 4 children
any deaths have occurred which have not been noted
perhaps it is partly owing to irregularity in keeping the minutes

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31st Dec. at Mrs. Knapp's

Present Mrs. Castle, Mrs.

Cook, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Knapp

Meeting conducted by Mrs. Knapp - Opened by reading the scriptures and prayer. Singing and prayer by Mrs. S.

Reading from Abbotts way to do good on the subject of imparting instruction to children.

The author was of opinion that children would be much more interested in by instructions given them in detail than in an abstract form and gave ample illustrations of his views in the chapter which was read.

It was objected that few mothers would have time to pursue such a course but still it was thought

suggestions might be useful in the training of children. Closed with prayer by Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Cook

Concluding prayer by Mrs. Cooke. Our meetings have been very successful.