

Shalala, Sept, 20,

1838

Dear Mr. Wilson—

Yours of July 25th has
been lying on hand for some time,
& I have not found time of late, to
write much, my poor sick boy has
taken up so much of my time for
4 or 5 months past, ^{that} letter writing
& everything else not absolutely
necessary, has been almost entirely
laid aside. He is better now, & I
find myself somewhat more at liberty,
though he is still a baby, & requires
much attention. He is beginning
to stand a little, by a chair or cottee
& weighs almost as much as he did
before he was taken sick. But his
teeth ~~do~~ come on extremely slow, & ~~the~~
he has been so many times better & then
in a few weeks again on the borders of
the grave, we hardly dare ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~trouble~~ ^{trouble} ~~him~~ ^{him}.

a hope that his present favourable
symptoms will be of long continuance
He is now 12 months old & has only
4 teeth, the two first came before
his 7 month, but the remainder seem
to keep back with his poor, feeble
body. It is ~~not~~ sweet to feel
that he is in the hands of them who
order all things in the best way
to feel, that living or dying, he
is the Lord's. I have of ~~of~~ course
been able to do but little sincerely
for the natives since he had been so
feeble, I have had a sewing class
a part of the time - discontinued it
for want of something to sew.
This with my class in the Sabbath
School, comprises nearly the whole.
We are trying to start a boarding
school for boys & girls perhaps -
but the chiefs are so "ana of their land"
I do not know as we shall succeed.
Another ~~And~~ Bar Duce is at
Owa, this plans for the future are

similar to ours, but they will all
fall through unless the "powers that
be" will open their hands a little wider.
One do not look so far into futurity
as D. does, ~~our plans~~ ^{at present} extend only
to a school, he looks forward
& believes to settling the pupils, ~~in~~
after they have left school, or ~~when~~
when the time arrives for leaving.
The hearts of the chiefs as well as
those of other men are in the hands
of the Lord, & He is able to
cline them towards that which
will best promote His glory.

How does sister Coan progress with
her school? I feel that much, very
much more, may be done for the
children, by bringing ^{them} under our own
immediate influence, not only for
their temporal good, but ^{also} for the
salvation of their precious immor-
tal souls. Write us often as is
consistent, tell me how your workin'
school prospers; what the Lord

& every else you can think of, calculated
to stir up our ~~old~~ minds, ~~and~~ by
way of remembrance, This is little
~~the~~ Charles for me, I hope & trust
you are ~~training~~ training him, for
the Lord, I feel that much may

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be done, even in early infancy, towards
training a little one for God, Pray for us,
& for our little boy Remember us to your
associates, Hubbard sends much love,
Yours aff. sis,

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