

Waiimea Dec 18/67

Dear bro Wilcox

It seems a long time since we exchanged notes on paper - I am quite desirous to hear from you & your part of Kauai, & hope you will gratify my wishes. Watchmen what of the night? what of the day? or have you no day there? as it is here. It seems to be all night here. midnight. no signs of approaching day. Wickedness seems to be triumphant, not that all are declaring themselves on the side of wickedness. Many keep up a game for the pono - they are still in the ch - & attend meetings some times - but bad reports are in circulation. I sometimes fear the number of the righteous in Waiimea is very small - a mere remnant. But then, I must not be discouraged - I must labor on - pray on - hope on - sow the seed in the morn - & withhold not my hand in the eve - not knowing which will prosper, this or that. I must do the Master's work - & leave results with him.

We number 9 in our family. Myself, wife, Fidelia & 6 Rairakamahine kani, whom we are instructing, trying to qualify for usefulness & for heaven. They make us a good deal of trouble & annoyance - but we have a good chance to find out human nature, & the depths of human depravity, obstinacy - selfishness - wickedness - In training our own children, we didn't find a bad one - what we shall make of these girls, remains to be seen - we must labor & pray for their conversion -

Mrs L is thinking of going to Honolulu to take
one of the girls to Miss Pringham's school

Castro you know is in Honolulu, boarding at father
Bishop's doing something for a living. poor man, he
has a hard time of it, hard to keep above water.
Albert is studying medicine in Michigan his
beside. Ann Arbor - expects to get an M.D. in
a few months. He lately visited D O of London
found him rather peevish his son Geo. is a doctor
& edits a medical journal -

Elizabeth is in Waiolua Seminary which is
quite flourishing, nearly 80 pupils.

Waimea is sunning and apparently -
Hauakua has been full of drinking, but things
are somewhat improving of late - Bro Bick
nell is doing well, is very laborious - The people
seem to like him very much -

Hauakua has 3 pastors.

Things in Kohala are more encouraging.

There is much drunkenness in Koloa I hear
but there are praying people there & some
there is hope. Bro Poque writes favorably
of Kauai. Nothing from Kona of late. There
has been going on a turban in S. Kona a divi-
sion in the chh - some following a man pretend-
ing to be Elijah - probably he is insane.

We are to have an exhibition next week

The 25th - for Sab school children &c -

Old Mr Parker is still alive & goes down
to Honolulu in this steamer - he is very feeble may
never return here alive -

Give my love to Mr Low man & also
to Samuel Kaala ma - & to your associates
tell me all about them & every thing on Kauai
tell me about your children - let me hear from I
think this is my 2^d letter to you one

All love in aloha and to your family
your bro L Lyons