

Winnemac Bay 19th 1837.

Dear Sisters

I have written to you quite recently and have since heard that you had left on a visit to the volcano. As I have an opportunity of sending you Monday I will not let the opportunity pass. On Monday we received letters from Honolulu the general letter and letters from our friends in America. I had letters from my Father brother and sister, my brother you saw at Hartford. They were of such a nature as to cheer and encourage me rather than make me regret that I had left them. My sister wrote that there was some prospect of a revival in the place and I cannot but hope that the next letters will bring the news of my dear brother's conversion. My sister who must feel these separations for we were always together says there was a meeting the next Monday evening after we left at our home and she said it never appeared so lively to her before as after the people had all left. Yet she says I have not the least desire for your return. I feel that I have a friend in Christ and God and I think I never enjoyed religion better than I now do. I rejoice that you are permitted to labor in the missionary cause

The tear of affection did start while reading
 these letters but it was not the tear of sad-
 -ness. I received one from Miss Peck with
 whom you had a slight acquaintance
 and she said she would like to hear from
 those with whom she had become some
 what acquainted. I intend to write to her
 soon. I believe she will yet become un-
 -satisfactory. I do not know as this will be
 interesting but I think if we feel an in-
 -terest in each others welfare we shall
 in each others friends. When you write
 let me know if you heard from your
 -mother. Write me a long letter and tell me
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insignificance. I sometimes think it
is not to be called sacrifice and self de-
nial. With every opportunity and let me
know how your soul prospers as well as
other things. I think I have enjoyed more
of the presence of Christ here than at any
time since I arrived at the island. My sister
and I in much love to you and husband
your aff. sister
Charlotte C. Knapp

Miss Lucy E. H. Wilson

Hilo.

Hawaii.