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Dear Sister W.

More than a year has passed, and not one word from you, since we parted at Honolulu. I have often wished to hear from you, and thought many times I would write you, but my labor with other cares has so occupied my time, that I have found no time to write to those who had not previously written me. Six or 8 weeks since I commenced writing to America. Wrote 2 letters, was taken with nervous toothache, and for 4 weeks was not able to do any thing or to sit up half the time. The time came to end, and I made out 2 letters more, and postponed the remainder until the future. My health is now better, and I am just beginning to recollect my correspondents at the Islands. The Providence of God have been very merciful, though somewhat afflictive the past year with us. We have had much of prosperity and enough of adversity to make us prize our present comforts. We have indeed a goodly heritage - a most delightful climate, and a comfortable pleasant home again. We have enjoyed almost uninterrupted health &c. My husband and child I have had several sick times but soon recovered.

we have much evidence also that
God has not deserted us by in his visit
at these Islands. There has been much
enquiry among the people concerning the
way of Salvation, and we hope not a
few have found eternal life. On the
last of July we were visited by ^{two} Mr. & Mrs.
Strong and Andrews. Also by Miss Ogden.
They spent nearly a week with us - had
a protracted meeting which was very
much crowded and solemn. A Church
also was formed, consisting of a few mem-
bers, and we shall probably receive
more soon. The people were exceedingly
dark and ignorant when we came
appeared to know little or nothing of civiliza-
tion. We think we can see some
improvement already, and feel encour-
aged to hope that our labours will not
be in vain. There is nothing too hard for
Omnipotence, then why pray we not
expect great things? It seems that you
have seen great things indeed at Hilo.

Is it not wonderful that God should
present such encouragement to labours
before us upon the commencement
of our Mission? Surely we can never
be faint after seeing what God has wrought
among the heathen. The natives tell
us that you are a kaonai in the tongue
age, if so I suppose you do much to in-
struct the people. As for myself I have
done but little. My circumstances have
never been good yet for studying. I
have had much to do - and much of
my work to do over again in course

piece of the top of our house and things
by fire. My babe has been very large
and fleshy, and required all my strength
to take care of him, as I have not been
willing to give him up to natives much

Mrs. Lee and myself attend a female
meeting alternately twice each week - we
also instruct the female part of the school
both school, and Mrs. C and myself instruct
a singing school. We are under the ne-
cessity of spending much time in con-
versation administering medicine
&c. I feel very much the need of a better
acquaintance with the language I can
speak and pray in the language but im-
perfectly; but, I seldom find it sufficient
to express my ideas to the understanding of
the natives. I need more knowledge
more, much more of the Christian's grace
I need them to aid in training my little
son. Dear Sister, how is it with you?
you too are a mother, and you doubtless
return your little gift as price-hip. I do
not know that I have heard its name
I should be much pleased with an intro-
duction to the little stranger. Please
tell me its weight at first and its im-
provement. Is it quiet? do you trust it
with nothing? Can you give it back to
God in faith, feeling sure that the coven-
ant that secures your salvation in-
braces that ^{of your child's} surety? Can we not get
strong hold of the promises in his
half of these precious ones and secure
for them the joys of heaven?

Little Samuel Lee is now nearly 11
months old - has 7 teeth - is just begin-

ning to walk a little alone - is very play
ful - quite healthy - weighs perhaps 24 lbs
he is very sociable and much society for
us. We value him more and more.

It seems you have had a wedding at
Filib's Condit's change, even among us.

But I must close. Please remember
me to Mrs Coan and Lyman. Mrs Co
love to your husband, says he will write
him now if he can get time. A kiss for the
baby from Aunt Conde, and one also
from Little Samiel. Affectionately,
J. L. Conde

Flora

Filib

Mrs. Wilcox