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Dear Sister W,

Your kind letter and most acceptable present came safe to hand two days since, and I hasten to acknowledge my obligation to you for so acceptable a token of remembrance. I never have been so pilikin for butter and milk as I have this summer. Have not on an average more than three pints of milk: Make no butter. As a great favor I am allowed to board two cows at Punahou, from which Miss Smith makes me one pound of butter per week. This is all I have had to supply the table & recently, for cooking I bought American butter. I have had only one boarder in the family since G. M., Mrs Gadale, who with the exception of one month, has been in the family ever since my husband's death. In order to make the ends meet, I have denied myself of butter & milk, a very important part of my diet, so that I now only weigh one hundred & 23 pounds, though my appetite & health are very good. - For this same reason I have not been able to have the children at Punahou visit me as formerly. I could not afford to pay fifty cts lb per butter & without it I can't make any thing good. The morning your present came I had prayed that my need in this respect might be supplied & I felt that it was sent in answer to prayer.

I have said, I have not had but one boarder this summer. After G. M. I felt a sort of reluctance, with only the help of old Pohakahu, to increase my care and labours. And tho I have lived as economically as possible, I find myself at the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the year to have overdrawn my salary \$200. To relieve myself from this embarrassment I am resolved immediately to take boarders. I can work but to beg I am ashamed. If you can make butter for me & let me have it at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts per lb I shall consider it a great accommodation till I liquidate my debt. — At present, I have Mr Holsman with us. He is an invalid & one of the first missionaries sons. — My own son Warner is also with me. He went to Waiuku with a hope of doing some thing in the way of agriculture, but not having capital to build fences, hire natives & meet the constant out lay, without any thing coming in, I advised him to give it up for the present & come home. He may get some employment once here. He is firmly rooted & grounded in religious principles & is a great comfort to me in this respect.

I hear often from the girls. When they first arrived in America, they were very homesick but now they say they are glad they came to that country, but they always express a hope that they shall return to the islands. They wish me in every letter to remember them to all their friends. Their last long vacation was, part of it spent with Ewart in Bristol Marne, among their fathers relatives, & the rest was spent with

Mr & Mrs Holbrooke. He was Mr Chamberlain's partner, formerly in business. They enjoyed their vacation very much. Did not attend the meeting of the Board, but had a call from Doctors Andrews & Gulick.

I am glad you have pleasant accounts from your husband & son. I hear of you through Mrs Dale. Please let me hear if the little boy's feet are perfectly cured, and let me hear how you & the little ones do.

The sisters, as far as I know are well. - Mrs L Smith has a son a fortnight old. Weighed 10 1/2 lbs. Mrs Cooke is expecting any time Mrs Hall has Mrs Mrs Taylor & Mr A. G. Thurston, & Mrs Mrs Lee for boarders.

Mrs Diamond is living in her new Stone house & has her hands full, to take care of her little family.

Mr Taylor preaches excellent sermons to a crowded & very attentive audience. - Mrs & Mrs Hitchcock have returned <sup>(we were to)</sup> this P. M. from making a visit to Honolulu. The health of Mr & Mrs Rogers is much as usual. Mr Clark & Mr Castle have both recovered & are engaged <sup>again</sup> in their labours.

I have been but twice to Prunabrow this summer & both those times walked.

I must, before I close, just tell you I have sent for the two cows, which will add very much to the comfort of the family in milk & I must look to other sources for butter. We were very glad to use yours for table butter. We receive none from Mrs Emerson.

I return the hail with a few raisons which  
I beg you to accept, with the love of Isabella &  
myself, please remember me with affection to Mrs  
& Mrs J. and family.

Very truly  
Your sister

M. P. C.

Mrs. Lucy E. H. Wilcox

Waiole

Hawaii.



Do excuse this hasty written letter could I com-  
mand the time you would hear frequently  
from me I hope I may some time feel able  
to keep a valiant man to assist me. It is good,  
in all our predicaments to trust in God. Thus far he  
has led me on & provided for my wants & I can  
trust him for the future.