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Mr. Abner Wilcox.
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Hawaii.

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Dear Brother,

I have not heard from you since we left Honolulu except by brother Castle stating that you & your wife were well & had moved your residence. The fault perhaps is in myself who ought to have written you before. But the business on my hands is the only excuse for not writing to you & other friends whom I have neglected.

I spent a fortnight in visiting Waia. Since that time I have been engaged in school until within a week past which I have spent in preparing

papers for the sailors &
preaching to them.

There are now 4 whale-
ships here. Two have
left. Last Sabbath &
Sabbath evening we had
an audience of about 30.

Brother Mc Donald's health
is ~~very~~ low. Dr Baldwin
has strong fears respecting
him. He bled again
at the lungs again
last week.

Brother Hitchcock & his wife
are now staying here for
a fortnight or so.

I have done but very
little towards acquiring
the language

Notwithstanding my
great weakness & disqual-
ifications for the work
I am led to rejoice more
& more that I have come
to these islands. No
matter where we live
nor where we die
if we do the work
that God assigns us.

No matter whether our
lives be long or short;
no matter what others
think of us if we can only
be prized by God.

My Sister is very thankful
indeed for the letter she received
from Sister Philcox & were
she able she would now
have answered it.
Yours in Christian Affection, Mark Lane.