

At that time, M. was intending before long to prepare a box to send to J. in Charlotte, people there, who appeared very glad to see me. The King & his consort, the Queen & others, were
& she thought they had better go in that. But before she got it ready, we both very attentive to my wants, took the best possible care of me - gave me the most de-
-concluded that you would get them sooner by some other conveyance, than you sirable berth in the cabin, &c. Mr. King seemed much pleased with the idea of having
would to send them in the box. I accordingly tied them together in a package, sealed me accompanying them. I hope my intercourse with them these few days, has been some-
& directed them to you, & some months since, committed them to the care of our ^{not only} of doing some good, ^{but} by my influence & example, & I think
dec. agents, to be forwarded by the first oppor. I did intend to write you, & ^{with} them they nor I, shall soon forget our visit there together. They have now left
enclose the letter in the bundle, but was unable at the time to do it, & though the Del. to return to Oahu. -----

I do not know as there has been any oppor. since, for forwarding it to the U. S. via Cape Horn, if so, this letter may possibly go with the package.

Before you receive this, you will probably have heard of M's marriage, which took place at Kona last May. She has now gone to Kealahou on Hawaii to reside, & we are now separated, several hundred miles from each other. I cannot give you much information respecting her present location, as I was never at the spot where she now lives, tho' I have been at Keawaloa the opposite side of the Bay, & spent several months at Hualapaha a mile or 2 inland upon the mountains, during the time Mr. W. was gone to the Society & Marquesas Islds, in 1832. Messrs. Rugg & Forbes then occupied the station, but they have since both retired to the U. S. & left the Isld a year ago last fall in company with Mrs. Dibble & children & son Emerson. Every year of late has made some change in our number, either by death or removal, & at the Gen. Meet. last May, as many as 6 or 8 of the brethren asked leave to return home. Perhaps a few years more, may ^{& the number} be entirely dissipated. It seems sometimes to me, that we are all speedily going, either to another Isld or a better home, & I have often thought during the last year, that to me the prospect of the latter, would be welcome. But how little do we know what is before us, & it is well for us that we do not, as a knowledge of the future might fill our hearts with sadness, & unfit us for present duty.

My health at present is not good. I am troubled more or less almost constantly of late, with the complaint which has so often reduced me very low, & it is no doubt aggravated, by the trials which I have had within the last few months, & which still affect my mind, & often depress my spirits. I endeavor as much as possible to forget my sorrows, for I know that cheerfulness of spirit is necessary to my health, but my loneliness & desolation continually reminds me of them, & my heart is almost constantly sad & agitated.

The King & his suite have recently visited this Isld, & spent some 5 or 6 weeks, but ^{attending to some matters} & at Kilauea, instructing the people, &c. &c. I went with them to the Isld of Oahu - was absent from home 6 days - I spent at K. the other 2 on the water, going & coming. I had a pleasant visit with the

My Dear Henry,

Within the last 2 months or a little more, I have recd 3 letters from you, all arrived within a few days of each other. Their dates are Sept. 25, Oct. 22, & Dec. 9th/47. I intended to have written you immediately, but company for a fortnight or more, & various other things, prevented. I left home the 7th inst. for this place - came on horseback - rode about 8 miles the 1st day to our summer retreat where I spent the night, expecting to ride over here the next day, but was detained there 3 days by stormy weather. The weather appeared more settled on the 10th & I started for this place about 5 P.M. but was soaked to my skin before I had got much more than half way, by a drizzling rain. It poured down in torrents as we were descending one of the steepest & most precipitous on the road, & the path was very slippery, so that my horse could with difficulty keep his foot-hold; my eyes also were so blinded by the storm in my face, & just at dusk, that I could scarcely see how to guide him. I had no one with me but a native, & know not what I should have done had any accident happened, but a kind providence brought me here in safety, for which I feel grateful. I came over to assist the families, Dr. S. & Mr. R., who were sick, & in circumstances to need aid. Mr. R. & Mrs. S. & all their 7 children, have suffered more or less with inflamed eyes, & some of them have been very bad, so that they could scarcely open the lids, for several days in succession. I was almost afraid to come over here myself, lest I too should suffer with the rest, but as yet, (tho' I would ascribe it to the praise of Divine goodness) that I have thus far, escaped. My eyes as I believe I have before told you, are com- pletely weak, & much of the time the lids are inflamed, but with great care thro' the day & by using a shade lamp at night, I can read & see considerably. I am sorry to hear that your eyes are so weak. Do take all possible care of them.

I thank you much dear H. for all your letters, they are a great comfort to me. In the one of Sept. you touch upon a subject, which you say you should not mention to any one else. Now you do not know & cannot well conceive, how gratifying it was to have you manifest so much confidence in me, particularly as the treatment of your

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water M. on that same subject, has been the very answer, & has been a sore trial to my feelings. It is nothing you could have done which would have had such a tendency to drive you to yourself, & ^{to yourself} ~~to yourself~~ as this pamphlet, & I hope you will not feel that your Mother's lesson is a sacred repository, when you may confide your own without fear of being betrayed. Open your heart freely to me at all times, & tell me all your plans, your prospects, your trials, sorrows & joys, & you may rest assured that you will have my sympathy & my prayers. In seeking a companion for life, pray constantly for guidance & direction from on high. Be not hasty in making a choice, & may you be enabled to select one who will be a help mate indeed, both in your temporal course & spiritual interests. Should you conclude to set up for yourself as a printer, perhaps I can assist you a little. I have a small patrimony, derived in part from my own earnings before I was married, & partly from your grandfathers & aunt P. & should you need, I could let you have at least \$100, perhaps more, to commence with. And should I hereafter ever be destitute & you in circumstances of affluence, I doubt not you would cheerfully aid me in return, rather than see me suffer at least I can trust to your generosity & kindness, thus to do.

In one of your letters you speak of a young man who had visited us, who you say was in Mr. Ely's mill, but whose name you could not recollect, who spoke of Miss. having landed property as their own. I do not know to whom you refer, but with of no such person except a lad by the name of Matyeu Henry Shendon, who called at my house 2 years ago last spring, & spent an hour or so. I was much interested in that young man, as he appeared to be pious, & to take a lively interest in our work, & from all I could learn, preferred the society of the Misses, to any other. I do not recollect that there was any thing said about land while he was here, but I might have been misinformed for some one else. All the landed property, houses, lands, &c. with the exception of clothing, outfit, & what had been purchased by us since we have been on "Bona fide" salaries, now in the hands of the Misses - at these 2500, belong to the A. B. The Misses of course have the use of this property, so far as they need for their own comfort, & for the cause of Christ in the fields, just as they do of any other funds belonging to the A. B. but are not at liberty to dispose of them for any other object. This however does not include personal property, owned by individuals previous to their becoming Misses, or legacies from personal friends, &c. Such property belongs to the individual who possesses it, & he can dispose of it in any way he chooses, without being responsible to any one, but God, & his own conscience. Your F. Munn considered that he owned a single cent, aside from his salary, & we have been on salaries only a few years, say 6 or 7. Our

salary while your F. Munn was \$450, mine now is the same as that of the single ladies, \$175. This is amply sufficient for all my personal expenses, board, clothing, &c. but living as I do in a house by myself, all the little repairs, &c. necessarily come upon me, occasionally it takes quite a little sum to meet them. I might do otherwise if I chose, draw these sums from the common fund, but I do not often do it, when I can meet them with my own salary. — With regard to the things which were your F. Munn's, I sent you a few articles last fall in a box to Mr. H. which you may see this, have sent. He never had any taste for curiosities, & after when I have been collecting them to find, would say, he thought they would not value them very much. Should you ever be in the States, & would like such articles of curiosity as I can procure, shells, hoppers, &c. I shall be happy to send you some. I wrote to cousin Clara Bidwell a few weeks since, & told her that it was my intention to send her a box of shells this season, but duty seems to detain me here at present, & the situation of the family is such, that Dr. S. thinks I shall not be able to return home before Oct. & in that case, it will be very doubtful whether I can send her a box this fall. I mention it, as I may not be able to write her again, immediately.

I have alluded to Mr. H. but have not yet told you that she was married last spring to Rev. John P. one of her own denomination, & has gone to Hawaii to reside. We are separated several hundred miles from each other, & shall not probably meet in the future. — I have not said half I wish, but what I have said for the present, as a vessel is now here bound to Hono. & sails this evening. There will be an opportunity to send to the States before many days, & I am anxious to have this letter go if possible - for the vessel will have sailed before this reaches Oahu. In haste, with much love to yourself, & all our friends, I am as ever your fond & affectionate Father, Henry P. Collety, P. S. I hope if possible to write you again before the ships all leave this fall.

30th Dec. 1848. Your letter dated Tualala town July 8/47 was recd. July 10/48. I intended to have answered it ere this, but duty called me to leave H. a short time after its reception, to spend the families who were sick at H. another Miss. station 15 miles from here, & I was absent from home between 5 & 6 weeks. I had a tedious time on my journey back from them on back, which proved quite too much for my strength, & I have not been very well since. Had I was not well, when I started on my journey home. I had also much to do with so long absence, clearing houses, & putting things in order. I will not say as you do, that when I take my pen to write you, I hardly know what to say, unless it be from the multitude of things which crowd into my mind at once, & the difficulty of selecting what will interest you most. You seem to think that you know but little of the circumstances of

is it because you have forgotten? or have I failed to tell you of the state of the people? No. Perhaps you do not recollect your native home, & the scenery around the parental dwelling. I have always supposed that you had retained that, as H. & E. seem to have done, & you were a day or two with them, when you left the Island. The features of my face, you say you do not recollect, & could you recall them as they appeared when you took your leave of me, I am so altered, that you might not now recognise me, were we to meet. I have passed thro' seasons of severe trial, during the last 3 years, & have suffered much, both in body & mind. I live at present entirely alone, as M. has left me. She was married last May to Mr. J. O. of the same regiment with herself, & has gone to H. to reside, several hundred miles from here. We shall probably not see each other very often in future, should our lives be spared. And now if you have forgotten how I am situated, I will introduce you anew to the home of your childhood. The house stands perhaps 1/2 of a mile from the sea which it fronts a little West of South, is one room deep, 3 on the floor, bedroom, sitting & dining room, besides a pantry & cookroom. The bedroom is at the East end of the house, the sitting room in the middle. The furniture remains much as when you left, for I seldom purchase a new piece. One plain fall leaf table made of ^{box} oak, (native wood) 2 old settees, one on each side of the room, the old dressing case which has always stood under the glass, between the mountain door & window, a small stand & work table, a few chairs of different colours & forms, & the old desks, constitute the furniture of the sitting room. The dining room has not much, besides a table, & 2 or 3 chairs. The cookroom & pantry at the N. W. corner of the house, the walls of which were not laid up with the house but joined on afterwards, are all craking & will probably ere long tumble down, if they are not taken down. I expect to be obliged to get them built anew, before many months, a job which I much dread in my present feeble state of health, with no masons, or any one who understands the work.

And now for the yard. Perhaps you may recollect that you & H. assisted me in planting some tamarind seeds at the E. & N. East corner of the house, a little back from the road. Some of these trees have now become quite large & are very dense, tho' they bear but little fruit. We gather our fruit from 2 or 3 trees we have in the valley on the land which King Kaumualii gave to you & when we first arrived at the Island. But to return. The Maunasa Bride of Barbadoes which you & H. planted in the S. W. corner of the front yard is there yet, & has become a large bush some 10 or 12 feet high, spreading its branches far & wide. It is now in blossom. One of the Hou trees in the corner of the yard has died up thro' drought & been cut down, & the one at the S. W. corner I fear will speedily, as some of the limbs seem to be dry & withered. The 2 roots of

Cassia still firmly grow one each side of the front door, & round the base in part of the Piazza, affording a beautiful & dense shade, have long since died thro' drought. An Alger tree, now occupies the spot, where they each stood. The one towards the West, is a very beautiful tree. The body is about 12 feet high, very straight, without a limb, then it branches out in every direction - some standing nearly erect, & others slender & 8 or 9 feet long, bending gracefully on all sides. It is only with much care & culture, that I have brought it to its present state. I have a number of others growing in the yard, but none of them will compare with this, for beauty. There has been so much rain here the last 2 years, that vegetation has grown rapidly, & we have been surrounded with trees, grass & shrubbery. The castor oil tree has grown all about so, but the season is now so dry, they are all suffering & every thing else, for want of rain. A year ago last winter, I had a good garden in the yard, but usually it is too dry here on this upland plain, to raise much, except when the season is very wet. The Hou tree by the side of the well is now very large, & has for the last 2 years, afforded us a good shade. The old well, - house for domestics, - carpenter shop have been shed, all remain as when you were here, except having gone somewhat to decay. I believe I have now given you a pretty good description of the house, yard & wish I could give you a picture of the remaining occupant, at least if such a view, would afford you any satisfaction. But at present I can only say, that in addition to my feebleness, I am growing old & infirm, & tho' alone in one sense of the word, my dear I trust is with me, & this presence cheers me on in my pilgrimage, which would otherwise be lone & sad. Tho' M. has left me, & under circumstances exceedingly trying to my feelings, I would not blame you for a moment, indulge an anxious thought about me. My apts. bro. & sister R. are very kind, & so are other members of the ship they make up in a measure for the loss, or absence of my children. And now dear S. let me thank you for your Dogwood tree. It affords me pleasure to gaze once more upon your features, though it be only your picture. You say it is a correct likeness, - if so, you have altered considerably since you left the Island. I see you wear glasses. Let me ask for what purpose. Are you near sighted? If you are, you had not ascertained the fact, when you left for the U. S. I sent to Mrs. B. some 2 or 3 years ago to have your likeness taken, & at the same time sent an order for that, & other things which I requested her to purchase. But she made purchases enough to take up all the money. Did she pay for it, or was it at the expense of getting it done? What is the usual price for taking one? How do your accounts now stand, with regard to the debts you incurred, several years ago while at the South? Have you been able to cancel them yet? or are they still as a burden

might prefer for you? When you write, be frank, & tell me all about your circumstances. I have had no little anxiety on your account, with regard to those debts, & if they were cancelled, would beg you to use the strictest economy with regard to dress & every thing else, till you have paid to others, whatever is their due. Always endeavor to live within your income however small, for it is much easier keeping out of debt, than to find wherewith to pay, when once they are incurred. And as to that restless, unsettled cast of mind of which you speak, labor incessantly & vigorously to overcome it, & when you make resolutions, do it in the strength of Christ, & not in your own. Look constantly to Him to enable you to keep them, otherwise you will find your strength but weakness, & your resolutions of no avail. With regard to the ministry as a profession, I have nothing to say, or rather I would say nothing to induce you to enter it, if it is not your choice, & you cannot see the path of duty plainly directing you to that work. This has always been my feeling, altho' I must say, that had you finished your College course as was expected, & chosen the sacred work out of pure love to precious souls, it would have been gratifying to me as well as to others; but I never felt a wish to compel you to enter that profession against your wishes, nor do I think any one else can do so. I think you erred greatly in the first place, in not conversing freely with Mr & Mrs Ely, & letting them know your views & feelings with regard to your duty, for I am sure they would never have wished you to become a preacher of the gospel, without a heart for the work. That act of yours, ^{leaving College as you did,} has left a stain upon your character, which I fear will never be effaced; & the thought that your conduct caused you ^{to} such agony on his dying bed, must I think give you pain, whenever you reflect upon it. Have you seen the work, "Sins & Characters in College"? I see the author who was a classmate of your De, has got an account of your leaving College thus mysteriously, in his book, so that a knowledge of the fact, & of your own folly & indiscretion, is likely to be perpetuated to future generations.

I hope you will not say again when you take your pen, that you do not know what to write me, nor think that because I am unacquainted with the objects & persons around you, that I shall not feel interested in whatever you may relate respecting them. The fact that I am thus ignorant of what is passing around you, is one great reason why you should enlighten me on the subject, for I usually take an interest, in whatever interests those I love. Now I presume you might give me many a little anecdote, of persons & things with which you are acquainted, in which I should feel interested. Tell me also the branches you teach in your school, - the number of pupils of each sex, their ages &c. & also all that relates to yourself. Open your mind freely to me on all subjects, &

me your trials, your sorrows, your joys, your prospects, your discouragements, your hopes for the future, & last but not least, tell me frankly the reasons & motives which induced you to leave College in the way you did. You need not fear that I shall betray the confidence you repose in me, for where can you find a friend to whom you can unburden your heart & rest with sympathy, if not in a Mother?

A few words more with regard to perseverance, in some one lawful calling. I read a short time since, a few lines in "the family Christian" headed "Some Questions," which I will copy: "Did you ever know any body to stick to any kind of business, no matter how unpromising, ten years at least, who did not prosper? Not one! no matter how bad it might be in the beginning, if he stuck to it earnestly & faithfully, & tried nothing else, no matter how hard he found it sometimes to keep his head above water, still, if he persevered, he always came out bright in the long run - didn't he? Whatever it may have been at the beginning, at the end of ten years, he had made a business for himself."

Now is it not worth making a very great effort, to acquire stability of character, sufficient to persevere steadily & faithfully in some one profession, say school-teaching if you have given up the ministry, & relinquish all attempts at every thing else? I do earnestly desire dear S. that you should overcome this restless turn of mind, & become stable & settled, for until you do, you cannot expect to prosper in any one thing. That this may be the case, is, & long has been, my earnest prayer.

My paper you see is full, but had I leisure & strength, I could fill another sheet, & still have much I wished to say. But for the present I must close, offering you of an interest, in the sympathy & prayers of your affectionate Mother, M. P. W. (Mrs B. J. Little)

Your good letter of Aug. 30/47 was rec'd last July, & caused mingled notions of sorrow & of joy; - sorrow to think that our dear E. had been a source of so much trial to you, (altho' I had suspected no such thing) & joy that you now hoped she had overcome in a measure, her peculiar propensities of having her own will & way. I hope she may yet be deeply humbled & subdued, & manifest a spirit of deep repentance for her sins, & of forgiveness towards all whom she has injured. I rejoice to learn that her De's death, has been sanctified to her. No doubt one design of Providence in removing him from us, has been for the good of survivors. Praying as that dispensation has been to me, I have from the first regarded it in that light, & I may we all strive to profit by it. Three years have now almost run their course, since that event, & though the first tumult of grief has subsided, or rather given place to a composed, chastened, state of feeling, yet the scenes thro' which I then passed are often very vividly portrayed before the eye of my mind, as tho' I were

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experiencing them anew. He had be praised for his great goodness, in sustaining, comfort & strengthening me, under this sore bereavement. His presence has in a great measure, made up for the loss of that dearest of earthly friends. M. too has left me, as you will probably have heard ere you receive this. She was married last Mo. to Mr. J. B. who came to the Isl^d in the Globe, at the time she did. She has gone to K. to reside, the most distant Isl. in the group. We shall probably meet but seldom in future, even should our lives long be spared. I am at present entirely alone, with public health, & tho' I strive against depression of spirits, I sometimes feel sad; very sad. But for the most part, my saviour's presence buoy's me up, & helps me to go cheerfully on, in my lonely path. Were it not for that dear & precious friend, who sticketh closer than a brother or a K. wife, I should be almost disconsolate. His leaving me has been a great trial to my feelings, but the Lord sustains me even under that, also.

Poor as my health is, & has long been, I am able to do a little Missⁿ work. For nearly a year & a half past, when at the station, I have attended two weekly female meetings, one with the members of the church alone, to pray for a revival of pure religion in our own souls, & also that the Spirit of God might be poured out upon the people, & the other with all who wish to attend. In the latter each one who can read, brings her book, & a Chapter or tho', each taking a verse in rotation, till it is finished. I then go over the whole, asking questions, to see if they have comprehended what they have read, & explaining whatever may be obscure to them. ^{the meeting ceases with this program.} Sometimes these meetings are very interesting to myself, as well as to them, & I trust profitable to us all. Occasionally they will express their surprise that they never had such views of certain portions of scripture before, & say they are highly favored to have me able to meet with & instruct them. And it is indeed pleasant to me, to guide their minds into a knowledge of the truth. There is no special attention to religion among us at present, nor has there been of late, tho' the people for the last few months, have come out more to meeting, than for some time previous. Indeed they have not as yet, fully recovered from the shock or stagnation of fever, (if I may so express it) which came over them at the death of my dear K. who had so long been their pastor. After his death, they seemed for a good while to regard me rather than Bro. R. as their teacher, & used to come to me instead of him, for letters of recommendation &c. to other churches, & even now they come occasionally, (I have had one application this week) tho' I have so often directed them to him, they are begin-

ning to regard him more as their pastor than formerly. This will show you how they related to the Pioneers & those who came early on the ground, & have labored long among them as spiritual teachers & guides. I presume that none who shall hereafter enter the field as Missⁿ will ever acquire that influence over, or that confidence in the minds of the people, which the first Missⁿ did. At the time of our arrival, they were like little children, & have grown up as it were under our watch & care, looking to us as to Parents, & whatever we taught them was their duty, they tried to believe, & feel that they must do it. And tho' the obedience of the majority consisted only in outward acts or mere forms, without any reference to the heart, I trust the way was thereby prepared, for the special influence of the Spirit of God to speak upon the hearts of many, during the great revival in 37 & 38. They had then long been under a course of religious instruction, & perhaps were better prepared to receive the good seed of Gospel truth, than they otherwise would have been. Some I trust from among them are now before the throne of God, casting their crowns at the Saviour's feet, & many more I have no doubt, have been washed, & purified, & sanctified by the Spirit of God, who will surely shine as stars in the Kingdom of glory. — I am keeping a journal to send to G. but it is not quite ready yet — hope to forward it before long.

Much love to her, Mr. S. & all our dear friends. Yours in the bonds of Christian love and fellowships, Miss P. Whitey.

P.S. As to my informant ^{agreed to} with what I wrote you about — in my last, I can assure you that Mr. H. never to the best of my recollection, ever alluded to any of his party of that nature, in his letters to me. He has often spoken well of her, & sometimes in high terms, & for now, too high. As for Mr. B. I have not rec'd a line either from him or his wife, since they left the Isl. I thank you much for your pardon in your last, & only regret that you did not give me the information sooner, painful as it is ^{to communicate, or receive such intelligence.}

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My dear Sir, Your very welcome note of Sept. 11th accompanied by a bundle of books, pamphlets, &c. was rec'd by me some time last spring — in April I think I gave to my daughter ^{who was then with me,} the blank book & box of pens, with your kind regards, as you requested — and I would now express my unfeigned gratitude to you, for your continued kindness & liberality, in sending me such a donation of ^{interesting & valuable} works. Mr. H. I commenced the perusal of them at once, but they arrived only a few days before we were to leave home for the Is. Most of the Missⁿ & we had not time then to finish in the Is. Since my return, I have read James & Charles in Collyer's, & have been quite

interested in the work. Many of the names of Mr. W's disciples are familiar to me, & with some of them, it has been my happiness to enjoy a personal acquaintance. Some too, of the scenes mentioned in that work, are also familiar, having often heard my much lamented H. speak of them. My acquaintance with some of the characters mentioned in the book, has doubtless increased my interest in the perusal. I am now reading Mr. W's "Travels over Sea" have not yet finished the 1st Vol. but have been quite interested & gratified in the perusal, so far as I have read.

My D. as you may perhaps have heard, was married last May to Mr. J. R. He was a member of the same reinforcement with herself, & they have now gone to H. to reside. Her health has improved considerably since I last wrote you, tho' it is not yet good & she lives alone at present, i.e. in a house by herself, the same I have occupied for near 20 years; - spend part of my long lonely evenings in reading, for having no one near to converse with or speak a word to, I often resort to a book, both for company & amusement. But my eyes are too weak to allow me to read ^{much} very fine print, particularly nights. Tho' I live in a house alone, I have associates at the station, Mr. & Mrs. Rowell. They are very kind, good neighbors, & it is a great comfort to have them near me, as I am an invalid as well as yourself, tho' not like you, a prisoner at home, for I am able to go out some. I have suffered so much from sickness for many years past that I feel a deep sympathy for the afflicted. It must be trying indeed to you ^{to think} to be thus confined. But the Lord often tries severely those whom he most loves. Happy they who can see his hand in all the dispensations of his providence, whether merciful or afflictive, & ^{praise him even in the furnace} feel that whatever they experience of trials, crosses, or sufferings, all is from a good hand. He has promised that all things shall work together for good, to those that love him, & I hope you can rest upon, & draw consolation from this promise, & others of similar import.

I do not know that I can tell you any thing new, or particularly interesting, with regard to our work. No special revivals at present so far as I know, tho' there was considerable attention to religion at some of the stations, a few months since. Mr. W's death was like a paralytic shock, to the people of his charge. They loved him intensely, ^{to the point of idolatry} & when the Lord saw fit to remove him from them, they well might give up in despair. Tho' 3 years have now almost elapsed since that event, they have not yet fully recovered from the shock they then received, tho' there is at present some indication that they are waking up a little from this state of lethargy, & moral stupor. ^{But} however but the special influences of the Spirit of God, can fully revive them. O that he would come down into our midst & cause a great shaking among the dry bones here, until every soul

shall feel his power - arise, & stand up, a great army to praise the name of the Lord. Will not our dear Christian friends in A. pray more for us? Thy might in this way strengthen our hands & our courage our hearts, & thereby greatly aid us, in the toilsome but delightful work of tracing the dark & untutored minds of the heathen, & bringing them to a knowledge of the truth.

With kind regards to your family, & with sentiments of esteem, I subscribe myself yours in the bonds of Christian affection.

Mary P. Whitney.
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Waimea Kauai Oct. 17 - 1848.

Dear Sister M.
I heard yesterday that a whale ship was expected here in a day or two on his way to H. as the Capt. is friendly to the Miss. & it seemed so good an oppor. to send you a box, I thought I would try to get one in readiness to forward, in case the Capt. can take it. I intended to have had one prepared ere this, but I was called the forepart of Aug. to visit Koloa to assist the families there who were sick, & thin circumstances were such, as to detain me till about the middle of Sept. I was from home between 5 & 6 weeks - and home on horseback, but the journey was quite too much for my strength, & I was consequently very feeble for several weeks. My health is not very good now, tho' better than it has been. When I heard of this oppor. yesterday, I went to work, collecting together such things as I had - could not find a box exactly to my mind, & had not time to get a new one made. I intended to have sent one a little larger, but as I had none just the size I wanted, took the one the nearest I could find. I have been packing it today, & feel quite fatigued. - - - Perhaps it would be well for you to heat the dried goods in the oven when partly cooled, after baking. I should have done it here, but my oven is now so broken, I cannot safely use it. - As to the shells, some are nice, & others are but ordinary specimens. I send you a beautiful pair of the Queen's Cuck, also a large pair of the Ribbed Turn, or as they are sometimes called, Partridge Shell, from their resemblance to that bird. You can select such as you choose for yourself from among them all, & give the others to the children. - - - If I could have had more time to prepare the box in, I could have put up things a little more to my mind, & perhaps have got you a few better specimens, but I hope they will now be acceptable, tho' perhaps they may not in all respects, meet your expectations. - I was detained so long at H. & so ill after my return, I began to fear that I should not be able to send you a box this fall. I send you H. a stone axe or more properly an adze. There is no handle to it, & if there was, I could not get it into so small a box.

You will please to accept a grass cloth collar, trimmed with Palm leaf, edging of my own
knitting. I send a lace one for sister Dow - the edging is the half palm leaf. ---
--- I keep edging for handy work, & do it only when I should do little
or nothing else. Sometimes do not take it up for months together ---
--- I have put up a muslin one for E. which she will please to accept
as a present from ^{her} aunt W. I have put in a little calabash with a nut for
John - have filled it with shells which are at your disposal. The natives
make use of the gourd shell for various purposes - indeed it was found
almost their only container. They have them from this size, to those which
will hold near half a barrel. Foreigners too make considerable use of them for
travelling, instead of trunks & boxes. They keep things dryer from the rain.
I have put in a few small shells & quills of the Sua Umbra on the top, to
fill up the chinks & make the whole more compact. The latter are sometimes
used for slate pencils. I thought the children might like them for that purpose.
I wanted to have sent you a pair of the shells with the quills on, but they are
cumbersome things to pack, & I thought you would prefer to have the space
filled with something else. If I misjudged, please be frank & tell me so,
that I may know your mind in future. --- I did not intend to have
filled my chest in this way, the ~~XXth~~ I thought that some explanation with
regard to the contents of the box, was necessary. I have spun it out however
to a much greater length, than I intended. --- I have recd nothing from
your pen, since I wrote you in Feb. last - hope you have a letter or letters on
the way ere this. I have had nothing from sister Dow for a long time. I
think her last date was Aug 14/45. - am very anxious to hear from her.
Cousin C. Bidwell spoke of her in a letter written a year ago last summer,
said she was not very well then, & her children feared she might not live
long. Do give me the particulars of all our friends so far as you know
them, when you write. I hear but little from our family friends, ex-
cept what I get from you & sister D. I should like to have John & E. write
me, & I hope you will make me acquainted with your present situation, family,
&c. You know that I am a perfect stranger to your present location - can only think
of you as having taken wing - flown from P.O., & alighted somewhere in Lee.
I should like to have you introduce your H. to me also. Tell me his size, his com-
plexion, the color of his hair, his eyes, &c. Any thing of this nature will interest me
but I should ^{much} rather prefer to see your Daguerreotype, to a mere description on paper.

Postscript to a letter to sister M. Dated Oct. 17. 1848.

Was you ever acquainted with a family of the name of Wms in P.O., the late
airson & a young lad that went to sea? In the number of the "Friend" for May/47 there is
a notice of a death which I will copy. "Died in the U. S. Hospital at Sabana March 28/47
Henry Williams, aged 17 years & 7 months, from Pittsfield, Berkshire Co. Mass. when his boat was
I have after thought I would mention the circumstance for the sake of his friends, but it
has never before occurred to me when writing to you, or any one else there. I men-
tion it now, lest I may forget it again. --- Nov. 14. I was disappointed the second
time with regard to sending you box off - am about to make another effort & hope
I shall succeed. --- 16th I have tried for the last 2 days to get 6 or 8 men to man this
double canoe to take me with you box & other things on to Keloo, to meet a vessel com-
ing from there bound home, but cannot find enough who are well, & able to go. Almost
the whole population is sick with the measles.

Dec. 1st This is your Little Day. I little thought when I wrote this letter, that it would
remain by me till now, but I have tried my best to get you box off without success. I
do hope that before my day, I shall be able to find men who are able to take it
on to Keloo, if no other offers to ship it here.

Dec. 2. The whale ship Huntville left Smith from Cold-spring touched here
yesterday A.M. bound home, & I have engaged a passage on board for you box -
feel that I am very fortunate in having an offer to ship it here without sending
it to New. I shall pay the freight to the U. S. Capt. I think he may perhaps go into
N. Y. when he gets home instead of Cold-spring. I have therefore written to cousin
J. Bidwell to send the box on to you in case it is loaded there or take charge
of it till he shall hear from you respecting it. --- I am intending to send a
box of curiosities to friends in P.O. as soon as I can get one ready & then shall
be an offer to forward it - have not been able to do any thing about it yet,
but intend to soon. It will be considerable work to get it ready, as I wish
to put up separate parcels for near 40 individuals, those who have re-
membered me in their contributions. Were the contents of the box for one
family only, it would take comparatively little time & labor, to prepare it.

In your last which I have received, you mention that Bro. John
had just the letter which I wrote him 2 years ago & more. Will he

net write me? I should be happy to receive a letter both from him & his wife. Please tell them so from me.

What was the Christian name of the Miss Donforth, who was in Bayre when you was there?

With regard to the box designed for friends in P.O., it is very doubtful whether there will be an oppor. to send it this year or not, as most of the ships bound home have left, & they may possibly all have gone before it is ready.

I do not recollect that I labeled any shells for Clarissa Spur, but I trust you will allow her to share with the children, in such as you do not wish to keep for yourself.

To M. S. Bidwell, a postscript or addition to his letter of Oct. 30-1848-
I have made 2 attempts to find the sump-jug Box, but in both instances have been unsuccessful. The W. Ship touched here yesterday, & I learned that 2 of them were bound home. I have engaged a passage for the box on board the Ship Hunterville, Capt. Smith from Calcutta going to N. O. He says he thinks some of going into N. O. when he gets home, but should he conclude not to, does not know how he shall get the box to you. I told him I thought you would be able to get it from whatever port it might be landed with giving him no further trouble about it. I shall pay the freight to the U. S.

I send also a small box to my sister M. & should the vessel land at N. O. I would thank you to see that it is forwarded to her, or to the day of it till you hear from her respecting it.

I wrote to Mrs. B. last July, & have written twice to her within a few weeks, - once since I found this, which has been forwarded, the other goes in the box. My health is much as usual, not very good, but able to be about house.

Once more accept my love & kind regards, for yourself family & all dear friends.

Yours with sincere affection,
M. P. Whitney

with my kind regards to him & all your family, I must close as ever, your affectionate sister
Whitney

(Mrs. Clara Bidwell) Oahu Hawaii Oct. 30-1848

My dear Cousin, I have with me an order of \$36 on Mr. Hill our Treasurer, & should feel much obliged if you could purchase for me a ladies watch. I do not know what one will cost, but thought probably it could be obtained for the sum I send. Should there not be a provision to purchase one, please pay the balance, & I will see that it is repaid. I wish a light good one which will run 30 hours or more, without winding. I have one now which costs \$10, but it is too large & heavy to be pleasant for me to carry. I have an oppor. to dispose of it, & shall probably do so, as soon as I can obtain another. Should there be more money than enough to purchase a watch, & sufficient to obtain a nice shade. I should like one very much, of about bottle green silk, & strong frame with 2 joints. They are very convenient when riding on horseback with the sun in ones face. I have seen one, but used to borrow Mrs. occasionally when she was with me, & found it a great comfort, so good to preserve my eyes from the bright rays of the sun. I suppose you know the size, about a foot long when folded up, convenient to carry in the pocket when not using it.

I have as you are concluded to send you a box, but am sorry to say that I have not been able for want of time, to prepare anything as I could wish. Some of the shells I have not had time to wash & clean. I intended, & they are too frail to trust to native hands, particularly the violet snail I send them just as they were gathered from the beach & brought to me. After seeing your last letter, I resolved to make another effort to procure the Sea Urchin - engaged a number of men to dive for them, who went several miles from here, & they succeeded in getting quite a quantity, more than I had before obtained for many years, a few of them very large ones. Some of them were alive when they reached here, but many of them were dead from the long time they had been out of water. Those which were alive are some of them very beautiful specimens - as nice I think as I ever cared. The shells of many of those which were dead when they arrived, have I am sorry to say, partially dropped off. I have put them in sawdust to fill up vacant places which would something, instead of putting in paper, & perhaps you can make some use of them. I had no idea before I began to pack the box, that I should be able to get them all in with what other things I wished to send, but I found that I could pack them much closer than I anticipated. I do hope this box with its contents will reach you in safety, & afford you as much pleasure in opening, as it has me in packing. There are a few shells of different kinds - have not obtained a very great variety.

The small black shell a species of the *Sturte*, is found in great abundance both here & at the
N. I visited that del. the summer past, in company with the King & suite, & while there
obtained quite a quantity I took with me a few articles of trade, in case I should
see any thing I wished to purchase, & when I returned, I left them with an influential
man (as my stay there was short) to hire natives to collect shells. A few days since
a canoe arrived from there, bringing the avails of the articles. They had procured a
few nice shells of different kinds, but the most, were those little black ones. I should
think there was a peck of them. I put up a part of them in a little box which I put
for my sister M. the other day, but have enough left for you, as many I think as
you will care about immediately. They are rather a pretty shell for a plain one, &
I thought they would answer to put with others to make shell beads & baskets. have
found them very convenient to fill up the chinks near the top. - I have put up a
stick of the *Stoda* tree - a species of the *Pandanus*, for a cone for cousin M. &
another one also for my son S. When rounded in turning lathe & varnished, the
wood is handsome & makes very pretty cones. I sent one to H. of the spear wood which
was his F's, have also put up a little bundle for each of the boys, & hope you
will pardon the liberty I have taken in putting them into your box. The little graph
I thought would be a curiosity, in case you had never seen one. I intended to have
it furnished with mats fitted to it, but the mat was absent from some at H. on
an errand of mercy taking care of the sick there for 5 or 6 weeks in the matter of
dry & soft, which made me behind hand in all my work, so that I have been
very much driven since my return, & my health too, not very good. I have put
in a piece of an old fig. mat which will answer perhaps for a carpet, by turning
under or cutting off one side so as to fit the width of the house, & binding the
edges. If you prefer, you can cut the sticks out of the door way, & cut the bottom
ones which hold the house together. The native who made it left them in thinking
it would be less likely to get wrinkled & out of shape on the passage. I send you
a few sprigs of the flower of the cocconut, with the envelope or pod in which it
grows. There are I should judge between 50 & 100 such sprigs in one pod. I wish
you could see it when it first opens. The flower is then of a beautiful straw color,
& the young cocconuts of a delicate pink or peach-bloss. The little calabash in which
I have packed the violet snail, is for your little son who sent me the cocconut
dipper, you did not tell me his name. It will show him what contained them
times keep them food in. By the way, you have added not a little to the convenience
of my milk establishment, by the tips which I see in the boxes. I feel that I have not

Thanked you half enough for your kindness, not only in sending me these particular things, but for all
the articles you sent me. I find them all of use, especially the tin vase.
I commenced this letter with a quill pen, but it needed mending so soon & my
eyes weak, that I took a steel one, not thinking the difference in the marks, would be
so great. Can you dear cousin, send me a few like the sample I send you on pt
I have a box of superfine ones, but I seldom use them, except when I write
in haste with weak eyes, & cannot well mend my pens. They make so fine and
it tries my eyes to write with them. There were some of the kind I would like, in the
writing case you got for M. & had she been here, I presume I could have got a
few of her, but did not like to take any of them, without her leave. - Another thing
I will mention, which I supposed I had used in the box till after I had written you
before, & which I shall need in my school, i.e. some worked needles, very large
not for darning, but for working cruel or German worked, on canvas. I had not
opened the needles when I wrote you, but as there was a large paper among them, I sup-
posed they were such as I requested M. to mention one day as she was writing to
M. If you could send me Dr. S. Dox. a part of them blunt points, I shall feel ob-
liged. With love to all your family, I am as ever your aff^l cousin,
M. P. Whitey.
(M. Marshall B. Zull)

Waima Hawaii Oct. 30. 1848

My Dear Cousin,
I have just written to your good wife, & will now pen a few lines to
you. This letter will go with a box of shells, which I have just been packing to
you family, that in case of any detention of the box after landing, you may have
it has arrived. - I can learn of no vessel going to N. I. this season. The
Tea is at Honolulu to sail it is said direct for Boston, about the 15th of next month,
& I hope to get the box there, in season to go by her. I shall request our regular
agents at that place who have the care of shipping such things, to mention on the out-
side of the letter the name of the vessel which takes the box, & also to what port she
is bound, that in case it does not go by the Tea, you may know when to send
for it. I shall also request them to pay the freight from here to the U. S. - I have
packed it in very great haste, having but just heard of this affair. I looked
over the boxes which you sent me last year, as being nearest the size I wanted, of
any one I could find. It probably met with some accident on the voyage from
H. here, as one end was broken in, the board split into several pieces, & the lid split
in two. No damage however was done to the articles within, except one of the spits
was broken. I have had it repaired, & hope it will go safe.
I write in the greatest haste, as I wish to get the thing off as soon as possible. If

the Lord ever watches you in safety, & hope some one of your family will write, & let me know in what state the shells are on their arrival. Please excuse my brevity, & accept of these few lines with much love from your aff^l cousin, M. P. Whitney.

Dear Henry,
I have concluded to put up a box of shells & other curiosities, for cousin Mr. S. Bidwell's family, & will send a few things to you & S. A choice cone which was your S's, you will please to accept as a keepsake. It is one he valued highly more so, than almost any article he possessed. It was a present to him from the vessel, the second mate of the ship Jefferson, which was wrecked here some 5 or 6 years ago. He had another, a more common one of bamboo, a present from Kaikioewa an old Sasi, which he lent to a sick man, to use during his sickness. The man died, but the cone was never returned. If I had that, I would send it to S. I have put up a little bundle for each of you, containing, &c. &c.

I do not know as you will value these things particularly, but as I have not of you S's which you would value more, (unless it be some of his books) I did think I sent you & S. a few things last fall, in a box M. & I put up for funds in Conn. which you have probably received this. When you write, let me know what you value what I send you, or not. I disposed of the principal part of your S's clothing except shirts & some small articles, within a few months after his death, as I did not care to keep them, to be consumed by the moths. If you value these, I shall be glad I did not dispose of them, with other things.

I wrote you about 2 months since while at Koloa, a full sheet, but had not time to say half that I wished. The effort to get off that letter, in addition to all my other cares & labors at that time, well might make me sick, for some days afterwards. I was in great haste now, as I am anxious to get the box off as soon as I can for Hono. I have just heard that the Tean is to sail for Boston about the 10th of next month, & I am very desirous that it should go by her, as our secular agents there write me, they know of no oppor. to send directly to N. Y. this season. I have just written to Mr. & Mrs. Bidwell. I wanted to have sent you a few specimens of shells, but did not like to take the room in their box. Should all the sea Urchins which I now send arrive in a good state, i.e. retaining the quills, perhaps they will be willing to let you have a pair, should you wish. I hope to write you again before many weeks, & shall expect you to pay me in good coin, with interest, for all my letters. I must now take my leave of you for the present, & with much love, subscribe myself your very aff^l Mother,
Mary P. Whitney

Dear Sister Finken,
Waimea Hawaii I. I. Nov. 1. 1848.

I had looked in vain for many years for a letter from you, & when your half sheet of Oct. 9th /47 arrived in Miss Coleman's letter, it took me quite by surprise. I must say however, that I was very glad to receive even a few lines from you, for tho' you are far away & no longer one of our endeared people, you still have a place in my affections, & my heart. Yes, I often think of you, & have sometimes been inclined to believe, that your silence indicated a feeling of disappointment, with respect to the state of things in your beloved native land, on your return there. Was it not even so? Could I take a seat by your side for an hour or two, I should ask many questions about yourself & family, as well as relate to you the dealings of God, with me & mine. Dear sister you little know the trial thro' which I have been called to pass, in the death of my beloved H. unless you have experienced a similar one. The separation was like winding one's heartstrings around, & but for the supports of Divine grace, I should have sunk under the stroke. But tho' the trial was great, the consolations of God were greatly & the promise was verified to me, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." I was enabled to rejoice even in my deepest sorrow, & to praise God while passing thro' the furnace. Tho' he took from me my earthly all, yet he has in a measure, made up this loss in the enjoyment of himself. For near 2 years, I had the society of my daughter, but she too has now left me - joined affinity last May with Mr. S. P. H. has gone to Kaula on Hawaii, to reside, I am at present alone, in the strictest sense of the word, so far as regards human society, & yet I trust not alone for my Saviour is with me. He cheers my desponding heart, diffuses joy & peace thro' my soul, & by his presence & smiles, makes my lone & solitary dwelling, a little Bethel. I have more or less routine company thro' the day, & always enough, to occupy my time, but my wings are shut usually, & retired alone. Having no one near to speak a word to, I find my heart often going forth in ejaculations, & enjoy many sweet & refreshing seasons of communion with my Maker. Frequently my dear Saviour's presence so fills my heart, that I almost forget for a time my loss, but if withdrawn only for a little season, an overwhelming sense of my loneliness & desolation forces itself upon me, & I am ready to sink under the pressure. The Lord be praised for his great goodness, to me, a weak & feeble sinner. The great Thy Maker is thy H. the Lord of Hosts is his name, has been, & still is, a very precious one to me. He is indeed, all that is comprised in that ending one.

I occupy the house where I lived when you were here. Bro. R. & family now live at the station with me, & occupy the old English house. They are very kind, good neighbors - have 4 little children, the eldest 5 years, & the youngest 2 months old. Sister R. & I have

a little prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon, & I sometimes find these seasons very precious. Besides this, I have been in the habit for the last year & a half of meeting twice a week with the sisters of the church, & those who were serious, for reading the scriptures & prayer. My health much of the time is very feeble, but I feel that what little strength I have, must be spent in doing good to those around me, & I find these seasons not only pleasant, but I trust profitable to myself, as well as to others. I must tell you something about your old acquaintance, & also make you acquainted with others, who are strangers. To begin near home, I will first introduce to you notice, the reinforcement we have recently received. On the 1st of Aug, a young Physician by the name of Smith, arrived at Honolulu, & a young lady by the name of Rowell, on the 30, of the same month. On the 1st of Sept. ~~arrived~~ 2 young ladies by the name of Johnson, were introduced to one of the Misses. I met as to strength. All the mothers are now enjoying pretty good health. Sister I. writes me that so far, they had got on very well with 2 babies, tho' her hands I doubt not, are full. She has now 3, your number. Bro. Wilcox has 5, & D. L. 4 - the oldest not quite 2 years & 9 months when the youngest was born - quite a family of little folks. I spent 5 weeks with them during the months of Aug. & Sept. Sister Knapp as you have probably heard has united interests with Bro. Dole, & makes a very good mother for his children. Dr. Andrews & Bro. Paris I hear are about

returning to the U. S. Dr. A. may perhaps have sailed on his. Bro. Hunt & Armstrong have left the Misses. The former has gone to California as an evangelist - left his wife & 2 children at Honolulu. They board with Bro. Rogers. Bro. Armstrong has taken the place of Bro. Richards as superintendent of schools. Thus you see that tho' we are in one sense multiplying our number is still diminishing - some by death, others by removal, & others still to fill important posts as Gov. officers. At the last Sun. Meet. of the Misses in Aug. as many as 6 or 8 of the brethren asked leave to return to the U. S. It really and truly as tho' the Misses would soon be disbanded, unless new recruits speedily arrived. The Misses families on Hawaii remain much as usual with the exception of Bro. Dole, whose health has failed, & Dr. A. & Mr. Paris. Bro. King is located at Kilauea. Mr. Clark has returned to Honolulu to take Bro. Armstrong's place (since in the house Dr. Dole died) & Bro. Conde has removed from Honolulu to Waialua, to take charge of the church & congregation, vacated by Bro. Clark. Bro. Dwight is located at Molokai, & Bro. C. B. Andrews is appointed with Bro. Allen in the same at Laibainalua. Sister Allen has been sick, since last June. She was at that time confined with her 8th child, & has been greatly afflicted with abscesses - has had 3 or 4, first in one breast, then in the other. A letter from Bro. A. Dole's wife says, "She is greatly reduced, has not sat up more than 5 minutes in 10 weeks. And the last I heard respecting her, she was unable to turn herself in bed without assistance. Sister Richards I suppose is expecting to return to the U. S. this fall. At least that was her expectation when I saw her last, in June. Her 2 youngest & 12 of the children of the Misses were at that time read to the Misses church. Their names are, Henry Lyman, Mary Thurston, Wm. Alexander, Dwight Baldwin, Alva & Ann Eliza Clark, Martha Ann Chamberlain, Sophia Hall, Mary & Henry Richmond, Mary Jane Armstrong, & Oramel Gulick. John Gulick has gone to Oahu to spend a few months, for the benefit of his health. He joined the church a year or two ago. You say that your children are all small of their age. You can hardly have any idea, how some of the children here have grown. Mary Thurston & M. J. Chamberlain now 16, are nearly as tall as I am, & much larger otherwise. Martha A. B. is considerably taller than her mother, & the older boys now 15 or 16, have grown to be young men. You see how long a letter I have written you, will you not give me a few lines at least, in return? Do write to me occasionally, if you do to some place at the Islet, & so long as I am able, it will afford me pleasure to answer your letters. With much love to yourself, Bro. Dole's children, & to any of my friends should you see them, I remain as ever your sister, in the best of bonds, Mury P. Whitmore

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My Dear Henry,

Waimea Hawaii Nov. 8 - 1848.

There is a subject on which I have for some time been intending to write you, & that is, relative to your return to the Is. I have previously written to you, advising you not to come, & I shall not now advise you to the contrary. I will only state facts & leave you to act as providence may direct you, in your future course.

When Dr. Sudd was here last July in company with the King & suite, I had just recd your letters by the Matilda. We were speaking one day when the Dr. was here of the arrival of that vessel with his sister & her family, & I mentioned to him that you wrote ^{expressly} a desire to return. He thought seemed to strike him favorably, & he said you could have employment as a printer should you come. I told him that you wrote about your eyes not allowing you to set type much longer, thro' which he inquired if you was capable of editing a paper - said you could probably have that place if you chose, when the present Ed's time was out. I told him I could not say as to the former, I thought you possessed at least mediocrity of talent, but knew not whether you would be willing to take the editorship of the Polynesian (Gov. Paper) were it capable. He requested me to write to you on the subject, & I intended to have done it ere this, but my time has been very much occupied since my return from H. a few weeks since, & my health not very good. I see the Dr. has his expectations raised respecting your coming, as I recd a letter from him yesterday, inquiring if I had written to you on the subject, & if so, what I wrote. He said they were now likely to want you, before you could get here. - In your letter of Dec. 9th /47, which was recd a few days previous to those sent by the Matilda, you say, "At times I feel as tho' I could break thro' every restraining tie, & unite myself to the Is. with a Miss? either an adventurer, but I think the latter would have recd too unequivocal opposition." I am happy to know something of your mind, on that very point. He once wrote to you on that very subject, a year or two perhaps before his death, proposing that you come out here, with a view of laboring in connection with the Gov. Prep, & had I said one word in favor of it, the letter would probably have gone. The way did not then appear to me to be open, & it seemed at that time not expedient; I therefore advised him not to send it, which he never did. It is now true I have not been able to find it, (perhaps lost or destroyed) or I would give you some of his thoughts on the subject. On some accounts I should prefer that if you return here, you come direct from the A. B. & then should you ever feel disposed again to leave this part of the land of your adoption, you could be at liberty to go whenever you ^{like} ~~wishes~~, without that ^{cast} ~~advice~~ which is sometimes ^{cast} upon returned Misses. May come here from the U.S. - and a few

years & then return. This object is of course, to ~~earn money~~, such of the houses as employ a few I am happy to say are so, can exert a good influence if disposed, even if they are not laboring directly for the good of the people. But the Ed. of a Gov. paper has to do against much opposition, & a person who takes that post, requires considerable independence of character, to go forward & stem the current of calumny & abuse, which is often heaped upon him, ~~particularly in this Is.~~ I inquired of Dat. J. the salary of the present editor. He said he could not tell exactly, but he thought not less than 1000. You must board, house rent, & articles of living of all kinds, are very high at that station, & it is not considered considerable to support a family there. Mr. A. pays \$500 a year merely for house rent, tho' his house is much larger than you would mind. The present Ed. is a young man with no family, & boards in one of the families of the Is. but I would not advise you or any of my children to come out single, with the expectation of staying here long.

There has been considerable feeling ~~on the subject~~ in the minds of some, with regard to taking the oath of allegiance, which all foreigners who enter Gov. service are obliged to do. But it would not probably be required of you, as you are a native born subject, of his Hawaiian Majesty. Do you have repeatedly expressed a desire to return to the land of your birth, I have thought best to lay before you these facts, & wish you now to make your duty in regard to them, a subject of prayer. I cannot advise you, as to what is best for you to do, for I know not what the will of the Lord is, respecting it. My practice has long been in such cases, to look constantly to Him who is able to counsel & guide me, & I trust if you do the same, He will direct you wry. I shall not cease to pray that the path of duty may be made plain before you, & you have grace to follow it. I could never advise you to come out here as an agriculturalist, for in the first place, it would require a great amount of capital to commence with, & as yet, but few who have attempted it, have more than made a comfortable living - some not even that.

I have given you these facts just as they appear at present, but we live in a changing world, & perhaps before this reaches you, some revolution may take place here, that will entirely alter the face of society, &c. & change the prospect which I now hold up to you view. I have endeavored not to give too high a coloring to things, but it is possible that were you to come & find them just as they are now, they might appear to you so different, as to cause disappointment. I do hope not however in case you come, for I should much regret being instrumental in raising expectations to be dashed on your arrival. But should it be ever so, you could return when you chose to the land of your fathers, if not connected with the A. B. - I suppose D. J.

will write you (as he did not say so) as he wished me to give you address, which by the way you have now given me definitely, & when I write you, I am always at a loss how to direct my letters, farther than to N.Y. I suppose you get the most that I send, but do not know whether you have all, or not. I wrote you last day. & again a few days since. The latter goes in a box of shells which I send to cousin S. Bidwell's family. In that box I have sent you a case that was your father's - he valued highly - also a little bundle for you & mother for S. of things that were your father's - I hope you will receive them all safely. I forgot to mention when before the receipt of the Daguerreotypes which came by the Matilda. I says his is coming and a very good one, but I thought at first, that you father did not resemble him in the least, I am now however, see that it looks a little as he used to, tho' not near as well as he did in the latter part of his life. He was quite large & fleshy for several years before he did not show his age so much as some men, but improved in his looks rather than otherwise, as he advanced in life. Our paintings were not finished when we left N.Y. & I own know, whether they were count or not. The books that you sent to M. came safe. Had they not been sealed up tight, I think I should have taken the liberty to have looked at them, & perhaps have read some in them while they were here for a page or two to be sent on to her, but as she was away, I thought best not to break seals. A word more, with regard to your return to the Is. It is not the fact that I am here alone, have the weight of a feather with you, in deciding what is your duty, as much as I wish to see you, I would not on any account, influence you to step aside from the path providence may have marked out for you, or to go contrary to you in violation of duty, for my sake. I trust I shall always be taken care of. The Lord has been better to me than my fears, & I doubt not he will continue to be, to the end. With much love to your Uncle W's family, Uncle P. & all the cousins, & a large share for yourself, I am as ever your aff^r mother,
M. P. Whiting.

My Dear Cousin,
(Mrs Clara Bidwell)
I write to you & also to your M. a few days since. These letters, will go with a box of shells, which I send you. In yours which I put in the box, I have enclosed an order of \$35 on Mr H. Hill our treasurer, & in this, I shall send the duplicate. The money is to purchase me a ladies watch. I have given you directions respecting it in the other letter, but lest some accident should happen & that never reach you, I will here say, that I wish a light one that will keep good time, & run at least 30 hours without winding. I do not know the price of watches, but have supposed that one will not cost over \$35, perhaps not so much. I mentioned in the other letter, that

should there be more money than will purchase a watch, I would like a sunshade of steel, bottle green silk, & strong frame, with 2 joints. If you could send me a sheet of perforated card paper also, for my pupils to make into book marks, I should feel much obliged. I mention these things, but in case there is only money enough to purchase a watch, do not trouble yourself about them. I tried to get a little perforated paper of M. which you sent me in my box, but she chose not to part with it. I am sorry to say, that I failed to get off the boat which I prepared to send you, at the time I expected. The Capt. of the little sail boat by which I was intending to forward it to Hove, was taken sick, & is not able yet to go. The time appointed for the sailing of the Deer has now arrived, & I shall consequently fail of sending it by that vessel. A whaler is expected at N. next week on her way to the U. S. & I am intending to make an effort, & if practicable, send it by her, tho' the Capt. may possibly not be able to ship it, for want of room, as he has engaged to take a number of passengers with him.

It is a time of general sickness among the people at present. The sleeping cough & measles have recently been introduced here, & have spread all over the Is. to a considerable extent, particularly prostrating old & young. I have heard of but few deaths as yet, but some both of the natives, & children of the Misses, have these diseases very hard. I do not know that the sleeping cough has got into our neighbourhood yet, but it is at N. & D. & D. & D. children are all sick with it. It will doubtless get here soon. The natives say that whenever any epidemic of this nature spreads among them, as they mean that of providing beforehand for a sick day, & are almost entirely dependant upon me, i.e. the Misses for medicine, & diet, suitable for sickness. I mean father, that I was doing more good, than I did when nursing the sick 3 years ago last spring, during the time when almost every one was prostrate with the influenza. Mr W. & I saved the lives of some, by my exertions. Multitudes died at that time in different parts of the Is. & it was supposed that many perished from actual starvation, there being not enough will to take care of the sick, & furnish them suitable food. It was a most distressing time, but I hope the natives will not now, suffer as much as they did then. For several days past I have been trying to nurse the sick, by preparing warm, nourishing diet, & sending it around here & there among the most distressed and suffering. Several times the natives have come to me for something for their sick friends - say they have tasted nothing for 3 or 4 days, & cannot eat native food. I have not been able to visit so much among them as I could wish, but I rejoice that they should be able to visit with a little effect, even if they get but small measure of relief. In this way one may do much good, & sympathy carried towards them, in sickness, wins their affections, gains their

confidence, & opens the way for greater usefulness among them. May the Lord give me
grace, to improve all the influence which he allows me to enjoy among His people, in such
a way as to glorify His holy name. It is a blessing of which I feel wholly unworthy, &
pray that I may improve it, in doing good to precious souls. — My health is not
very good at present, but much as it has been for some time past. — I have written
time to H. recently. One of the letters, goes in the box I send to you. Much love
to him, & to all the members of your family, — also to my bro. Harvey, when you
see him. Yours with sincere affection,
Mercy P. Whitney.

My Beloved Henry,

Waimea Hawaii Jan 11th 1849

I have been intending for some days past to write you, but my time has been so occupied, have not till now had leisure for my pen. The year 1848 has just closed upon us, & a new one ushered in. Permit me then in the fulness of my heart & the warmth of my affection, to wish you a happy New Year. May you see many happy days during this year now commenced, & may it be to you one of much enjoyment & prosperity. May you so live day by day, as to be prepared for whatever is before you in life, & be ready to go, should the messenger of death be sent to call you hence, before its close. We know not what is before us, or how many changes may take place during this year with regard to ourselves or our friends, but we know that this is a changing, dying world, & I have been made to feel it very forcibly of late. Some 2 or 3 months since, the measles & whooping cough were introduced into the Isles, & the last few weeks, has been a time of great suffering & mortality among the people. I had no idea at the commencement of this sickness, what would be the result, but the habits of the people are such that they know not how to govern their appetites, or deny themselves any thing which they relish & can obtain, no matter how injurious it may be to them, or how often they are warned of the consequences. Some few who regarded our instructions, got over the measles & were about again comfortable in a few days, but with these exceptions almost the whole population, were attacked with a bilious complaint (diarrhea) from indulging in improper food, eating to excess, bathing in cold water, &c. etc. when sick with the measles. I do not know that this disease has proved fatal in any one instance among the children of the Misses or the domestics of the Miss families, but the whooping cough has removed by death 2 infants of the Misses, & many infants among the natives. More than 100 are reported as having died within the last few weeks since the introduction of these epidemics, in this district, & most of these within about 6 miles of here. I do not know that any have been reported from H. & some other places which belong to Bro. A's parish. Probably many have died of whose death we have as yet had no report. They are still frequent. I hear of one or two almost daily. There were between 500 & 600 died in 3 villages on Oahu during the month of Nov. & report says that on some parts of Hawaii, nearly one half of the population have died. The great number of deaths is probably owing in the majority of cases, to imprudence, ^{very few have died of the measles. It is the diarrhea which follows, that has swept us up into eternity.} No doubt the mortality would have been very much greater, had it not been for the unremitting efforts of our Misses & brethren, to check the disease. We have all had our hands & hearts full in doing what we could for their relief, & after all our efforts for their good, some of them have reported that the foreigners are using sorcery - praying them to death, which is the cause of the great sickness & mortality among them. O how will these poor Hawaiians get sufficient light, as to overcome the superstitious

nations in which they were born & trained. One poor man a member of our church, formerly a Priest, & believed by the people to possess the power of incantation, could not withstand the continual accusations of the people that he was causing the death of his neighbors, put an end to his own existence a few days since, by hanging himself; & thus proving that he was unworthy a name among the followers of Christ. — It was the measles in Oregon a year ago, that led the poor superstitious Indians there, to murder their teachers Dr. W. & his wife & their whole family, & many persons in all, besides I think so wounded, as to cause their death.

Jan. 9 - I had written thus far when I was interrupted, & have not since been able to resume my pen. This is your dear sister E. B. birthday. O that I could see the dear child, & clasp her to my bosom. But perhaps I may never again be allowed the privilege. She I trust will be kept in the path of duty, shall be my unwearied prayer.

I wrote you a few weeks since on the subject of your return to these islands, which I think you will probably receive, before this reaches you. I have nothing special to add on that subject so far as you are concerned, except that I wish you to consult Mr. McElroy, & do nothing without their consent or approbation. — Dr. Ladd the Minister of

Finance, has been implicated, & the last we heard, his case was undergoing a trial. I do hope that all which is alleged against him, may not be proved true, tho' I fear he has been injudicious in some things, & given the enemy occasion to reproach the cause of Christ. The Editor of the "I. S. News" is doing all he can to ruin the Drs character, but I hope he may be defeated in his object. I do not know whether this affair even if he should be found guilty & turned out of office, would have any immediate bearing on the City of the So. O. or not.

I believe I have never told you how deeply interested I was in reading Professor Mitchells 2 lectures on Astronomy in the N. O. Daily Tribune which you sent me some ago. Could you forward me the numbers which contain the other 4 lectures, I should feel much obliged. The date of those which you sent, were Dec 4th & 6th /47. And now dear M. I am going to ask another favor, provided you can oblige me without too much trouble & expense, I should esteem it a great favor if you could get me the Memoir of Mrs May Van Lear Dr. Havers daughter, who died at Constantinople. The book has been highly spoken of, & I have no doubt is an interesting work. — I intend to write you more frequently in future, than I have been accustomed to, & hope you will be punctual in answering my letters. This is the 4th I have written you, since I have rec'd any thing from you.

The dates are, Aug. 30, Oct. 30, & Nov. 8. Your last letter, of Dec 9th a year ago, I sent Hawaii to M. for perusal. I am keeping a journal for you since 8:—but but 6 sheets so far since. You are at liberty to read it, should it come in your way & you feel disposed.

Jan. 30 - I had scarcely closed the above, when I had a very severe attack of influenza accompanied with a violent, wrenching cough, which has confined me to my couch most of the time since. My cough is now better, & I am able to sit up some. I do not recollect of ever having so severe a cough before, attended with so much pain, not only in the region of the lungs, but all over my body. For some days I coughed for 3, 4, or 5 hours in succession, with scarce 5 minutes intermission during the whole time. In fact I coughed almost constantly for a time day & night, which was very weary to my weak frame. I was fearful that if I got no relief, it would soon throw me into a consumption, for I was sure it could not continue so violent very long, without producing serious results. The first thing which gave me any relief, was pulverized alum, taken in 2 or 3 grain doses, 3 or 4 times a day. This I found, on taking alum at night, would produce a gentle perspiration, which soon relieved me a little of the violence of my cough, & as I continued it from day to day, soon found sensible benefit from it. My cough is at present slight, compared with what it has been, & I cough considerable in the course of 24 hours. But I am so much better now, than I have been, I hope soon to be about again comfortable. I cannot feel sufficiently grateful for relief from so much suffering. — I have written this in haste, having an affair to attend to today for sending it on to Oahu. My love to all. Do may inquire after me. From your very aff^r Mother, Mary P. Whitney
(Mr. & Mrs John Todd) Hawaii Hawaii I. S. March 13. /49

Who personally unknown to each other, I feel in a measure acquainted with you, living as you do in any native town, — receiving occasionally your kind & liberal donations, & the mention of your name in your letters. You will not therefore I hope be surprised, at the liberty I take in addressing you a few lines. — In preparing a box of curiosities for friends in O. H., I have put up a few articles for yourselves, consisting of a little

tatched cottage, with its furniture. The calabashes or gourd shells, are miniature specimens, of the containers in which the natives keep their food & drink. The *ka'i* or pudding calabashes, are from this size (the one I send) to those which will contain near a half barrel. These water calabashes will sometimes hold near two pails full, tho' that is about three the size they usually use, for carrying water, which is not infrequently brought a considerable distance. The drinking cup is a specimen of native contrivance, & may be something of a curiosity. These gourd shells have been merely cleaned within of the pulp & seeds, but not clarified & made sweet for use. You will probably however, not feel disposed

to put your own food & drink in them. — You Mrs J. will share with the other ladies in the distribution of the shells, &c. which I have put in the boxes. They are in themselves of little value, but I hope you will accept of them as an expression of my love to you, & gratitude for your favors. — I should be glad to write you more lengthily, but wish to pen a few lines to a number of the ladies, & must be brief, for want of time. — Pray for us my dear friends, that we may be faithful in the work in which we are engaged, till called by our Divine Master to lay aside our armor, & enter upon our eternal rest. Yours in the bonds of Christian affection,
Mary P. Whitney

My Dear Cousin,
(Mrs Parthenia Fenn) Waimea Kauai I. I. Mar. 15-1849

I was intending to send a box of curiosities last fall to the ladies of the Soc. who sent me the last box & barrel from O. I. but was obliged to go to Kaloa in Aug. last, to assist the families of the Miss. there who were sick, & in circumstances greatly to need aid. I was absent from O. near 6 weeks, — rode home on horseback, & the journey proved too much for my strength, — was consequently very feeble for some time afterwards. Having been gone so long from home, I had much to do after my return, & with all my other cares & labors found it quite impracticable to get the box ready, so as to send by the ships which were leaving last fall. I have at last got such things as I could obtain collected, & have just been packing them. There is not as great a variety as I should have been glad to have sent, but I have exerted myself to the utmost of my ability to make it acceptable, & hope it will give satisfaction. My health is so feeble that it has been quite a labor for me to prepare it, having no one to assist me, which must be my apology for putting up some of the shells without being properly cleaned. I did clean a part of them, & intended to have done the whole, but I found it was taking my strength beyond what I could endure, if I attempted to get the box ready to go to Honolulu after the Sabbath, as I am now hoping to, as we expect a vessel here at that time, & they seldom touch at this place of later. I thought too it would be but little labor for each one to wash & clean the few which might fall to his share, & as I had neither time nor strength to spare for it, I put them in as they were. — You will find a few different kinds in the little pasteboard boxes with the sea shells for individuals, & such as I have put into the large box of the same kind, are for the ladies who do not share in the contents of the pasteboard boxes. All other kinds and as are not found in the small boxes, are to be distributed among all the ladies. I have put up a few tamarinds & dried grapes, or as we call them here, &c.

Dear Mrs Root, Waimea Kauai I. I. Mar. 15-1849

The contents of this little box I have prepared for you & daughter, which I ~~will~~ ^{hope} you will accept with my love. The dried tamarinds on the top in the pod, are to be put with the others which I send, & to be distributed among all the ladies who wish a share. I put them into the boxes as there was no room in them, to preserve the pods from getting broken out of. They are merely for a specimen, to show how they grow, or not. These are all small, but they sometimes contain 4 or 5 seeds known as pieces of timber however not over 2 or 3. I put up all I have, & hope that this will be enough for at least one pod each. I should be glad to write you more lengthily by this opportunity, but have not time at present to write many letters as the box must be ready soon, & I wish to pen a few lines to several individuals. You will therefore I trust excuse me for the present. With kind regards to you & family, I am yours truly,
Mary P. Whitney

My Dear Mrs Comery, Waimea Kauai I. I. Mar. 15-1849

I have been preparing a box of shells & other curiosities to send to the ladies of the Free Will Society who have so often & so generously contributed to my wants, & have put up a quantity of sea shells & a few other things in a little box for yourself which I hope may be acceptable to you; at least as an expression of my gratitude for your kindness. They are not of themselves of much value, except as coming from such a distance & from an old friend & acquaintance, I will who has always respected, & loved you as a sister in Christ. & altho' I can never more expect to see you on earth, I hope to meet you in heaven, where separations are no more known.

The dried tamarinds in the pod on the top, in this & all the other boxes, are to be put together, & each lady who wishes, have a share. My kind regards to your husband & family & believe me yours truly & sincerely,
Mary P. Whitney

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My Dear Mrs Childs,
Waimoa S.I. March 13/49
I have often thought of you since I left my native land, & the kind tokens of remembrance you have occasionally sent me, has filled my heart with gratitude, not only to yourself, but to the giver of all our mercies. It was He who inclined you to manifest your interest in his cause, & also for the poor heathen, by contributing of the good things of this life, for the comfort of those laboring away there, for their spiritual benefit.

As an expression of my gratitude for your favors, I herewith send you a small trifle which I beg you will accept, with much love, from your affectionate tho' far distant friend,
Mary P. Whiting

My Dear Mrs Gold,
Waimoa S.I. March 13/49
Not personally unknown to each other, I have been made acquainted with you, through your kind & generous donation recd more than a year ago, in the bar-
rel from Pittsfield.

As I have been preparing a box of shells & other curiosities to send to the ladies who contributed as largely for my comfort, I have put up a few articles for yourself which you will please to accept as a token of my gratitude for your favors.

That the blessing of heaven may rest upon you, & you receive a hundred fold even in this present life for all you do for the cause of Christ, is the sincere prayer of your obliged friend,
Mary P. Whiting

I have put up a few tamarinds & dried grapes, or as we call them here, raisins.

raisins. In these too, the ladies are all to have an equal share, tho' there will be but a handful apiece. They may perhaps however be gratified, to taste of the delicate fruits. I separated most of the large stems, that I might pack them more closely than I otherwise could. It will not injure the taste of them, but they do not look quite as nice, as before the clusters were broken to pieces.

I carefully preserved all the names I could find in the last box & have, but if there were any who contributed to them whose names are not found in the box, you will please give them a share of its contents. I have put up for each individual some trifle, with their name on it, but perhaps I may not have selected the articles for each, that they would have chosen. As I know not their tastes or what they would fancy most, I have been guided somewhat by the value of their donations, attaching the names of those who contributed most, to the most valuable articles, so far as I know what each one gave.

When speaking one day with M. while here, of my intention to prepare a box for the Son she said she did not wish me to put up any thing for those who sent articles to her particularly, & I supposed she was intending to prepare something herself to send them, but as she did not I have put in a trifle for each, thinking they might feel disappointed should I remember all the others, & omit them. You will find in the box a quantity of cotton wool in the pod, designed to give all the ladies a specimen. I have put up a sample of all stages, from the closed bud, to those fully expanded, & ripe for gathering.

As I said above, this box has cost me some labor, but it has afforded me no little satisfaction to have been able to prepare it, as it is the only way aside from words, in which I can express my gratitude for your favors.

You have sometimes requested me to let you know my wants, & I will here mention a few things which may be some guide, should the Son ever feel disposed to make another contribution. In sending cloth for dresses, a full pattern, is worth much more than one which will barely make a scant dress, as we can seldom get any thing here like patterns sent from home, & those of you who know me, will remember that I am very tall, & a large frame, tho' it presents I am not very fleshy. I have not taken off mourning entirely, nor do I expect to at present. I did not at first put on a black bonnet, but simply trimmed mine with black. I did not feel able at the time to purchase many articles of mourning, but wore such as I had that was most suitable. All of the black & white calicoes fade badly in washing, & dark purple of durable color, is

worn here considerable for mourning, which on some accounts is preferable to black & white, as it washes so much better. — A pair or 2 of shoes occasionally will not come amiss. I wear No. 7. There was one pair in the barrel (the largest leather or kid ones) which fit me every way excepting they are a size too short. I wear them to walking occasionally, this cool weather when I ride, but cannot walk any great distance in them, without hurting my feet. My feet swell so much in the hot season that I cannot wear them at all comfortably. They are very broad soles & full at the toe, both of which I like much. The cloth or gambroon shoes which came in the barrel were No. 7, but so low in the vamp & such narrow soles I could not wear them at all.

Should any one feel disposed to send me a bonnet, of straw or some light material it would be very acceptable. I have not had a new one for 6, 6, or perhaps 8 years, I cannot tell how long. My hair is braided by the natives of the stalk of the sugar cane flower, & has now become very old & yellow, but I shall make it answer a while longer.

In mentioning these things, I would not have you think that I wish to dictate. They are merely suggestions. I wish every one to act their own pleasure as to their contributions, should they feel disposed to send me any thing. Nothing comes amiss with us here, tho' some things are more acceptable for our own use while others assist us in paying our domestics or defraying our necessary station expenses.

I have been obliged to write in so much haste, I presume I shall think of a great many things I wish to have said after this is closed. — Hope if the box ever reaches you, you will let me know in what state you find the things.

My paper is full, & I must close with love & kind regards to you & yours.

Your affectionate cousin
Mary C. Whitney

My Dear Cousin,
(Mrs James Warren) Waimea Hawaii I. S. Mar. 15-1849
This morning I finished packing a box of shells & other things which I have been preparing for the ladies who contributed towards the last box & box sent from P. O. — have just written to Mrs. Fenn, & must now write to you. I have penned a few lines to several of the ladies, & should be glad to write to more of them, were I not so pressed for time. I hoped when I recd the barrel to be sent the box last fall, but found I could not prepare it in season, & perhaps it may be just as acceptable now should you ever receive it, as tho' it had gone a little sooner. I expected M. would have sent something to your daughter & others, who so kindly remembered her particularly, but as she has not prepared any thing

to go with mine, I have put up a trifle for each. Perhaps she intends to send a box to them herself, tho' I have not heard her say so. You have doubtless seen this, heard of her marriage with Mr. P. one of our Miss P's sisters, which took place last May. She was a member of the same reinforcement with herself. We are now separated several 100 miles from each other, as she is located on Hawaii the most easterly Isl. & Waimea where I reside, is one of the most westerly stations in the group. I hear from her occasionally, tho' communications between the Islds, are sometimes not very frequent. I shall probably not see her again for years, unless she should visit this Isl. which is not very probable.

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My Dear Cousin, I have add a few lines. I inclose a pattern of the sole of a shoe that fits me very well, so that in case any one wishes to get a pair made, they can have something for a guide. I suppose there are shoemakers in P. O. or thereabouts. I wear a shoe considerably larger than I used to before I left the U. S. — have not always been able to get those that fit me, consequently my feet have been injured & large corns grown upon them, & to wear a shoe that is a little too small, sometimes causes me much pain. I have been troubled too with my feet swelling particularly in hot weather ever since I had the dropsy, a good many years ago. — Perhaps you will think me very particular about my shoes giving so many directions, but I do not intend to be. I suppose it is just as easy to make those which will fit, if a person knows the size, as to make them otherwise. I like broad soles, for the roads here are sometimes quite rough, & if the soles are very narrow, the upper leather

own here considerable for mourning, which on some accounts is preferable to
black & white, as it washes so much better. — A pair or 2 of these occasion-
ally will not come amiss. I wear No. 7. There was one pair in the barrel (the largest
leather or kid ones) which fit me very well excepting they are a size too short.
I wear them to riding occasionally, this cool weather when I ride, but
cannot walk any great distance in them, without hurting my feet. My feet
swell so much in the hot season that I cannot wear them at all comfortably.

They are very broad soles & full at the toe, both of which I like much.
The cloth or gambroon shoes which came in the barrel were No. 7, but so
low in the vamp & such narrow soles I could not wear them at all.
Should any one feel disposed to send me a bonnet, of straw or
some light material it would be very acceptable. I have not had a
new one for 6, 6, or perhaps 8 years, I cannot tell how long. My last one
braided by the natives of the stalk of the sugar cane flower, & has now be-
come very old & yellow, but I shall make it answer a while longer.

In mentioning these things, I would not have you think that I wish to dictate
they are merely suggestions. I wish every one to act their own pleasure as to
their contributions, should they feel disposed to send me any thing. Nothing
comes amiss with us here, tho' some things are more acceptable for our own use
while others assist us in paying our domestics or repairing our necessary station apparatus.

I have been obliged to write in so much haste, I presume I shall think
of a great many things I wish to have said after this is closed, — hope if it
has ever reached you, you will let me know in what state you find the things.
My paper is full, & I must close with love & kind regards to you & to
your affectionate cousin, Mary C. Whitney.

(Mrs James Warren) Waimea Hawaii I. O. Nov. 15 - 1849
My Dear Cousin,
This morning I finished packing a box of shells & other things which
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at least at the right hand of the Judge, having their robes washed & made white in the blood of

threads upon the ground & soon wears through, while the shoe is
otherwise perfectly good.
Perhaps it would be well for you to keep the pattern which I
send, & in case one is needed to use, cut one by it.
One thing I forgot to mention when on the subject in my other letter which would be very use-
ful, viz. some small round tin plates, an inch or perhaps an inch & 1/2 deep, 3/4 or 5 inches across the
top, from side to side. I shall be glad of a box if I could obtain them. I wish them for soap stands. We
are surrounded with the black ants, & are obliged to keep our things on some kind of frame with
shelves, the feet of the posts in dishes of oil. Even our tubs of tallow, lard, & pig fat, sugar me-
lasses, flour, butter, salt meat, milk, & indeed every thing, gets filled with them, — injure & destroy,
unless put out of their way. If there is no tin maker or merchant house in P. & you cannot easily
procure them, do not put yourselves to much trouble, to get any. There were 9 in the last box from P.
which come in the shape of the kind I should like. — I do hope you will write me often, and
your letters to care of the Miss. the Pastor, & they would seldom fail to reach me, unless you are
quite long the Is. & without giving public notice, by which letters might be copied, were they at the post office for delivery.

the land. For the last few weeks, there have been comparatively few deaths among us, tho' two
have occurred today in our neighborhood, & I hope the season of sickness is nearly past.
But the grain messenger has made sad havoc among us. From a number of families,
he has taken most of the members. In some, both of the heads have been cut off,
& in 2 instances, so near together, as to be buried in one grave. Quite a number
of the members of our church have fallen with the rest, & among them, some of our most
pious, devoted christians. In consequence of the sickness, my meetings with the
sisters of the church have been suspended, & those who still survive, have not
as yet sufficiently recovered, as to be able to get out much. Things here at
the 31st look dark & portentous, & probably will, so long as the judgments of
God are abroad in the land. May this rod of correction with which he is now visit-
ing us, be a means of bringing us nearer to himself. We need much faith, to en-
able us to rise above our forboding fears. We know however that our H. F. stands at
the helm guiding all the events of His providence, & will eventually cause all things
to work for good to those who love Him. Why then should we distrust His goodness?
There has been so much sickness here the winter past, that our meetings on the sabbath
& week days also, have been very thin indeed. I was unable myself to go for a full
month, & felt it quite a self-denial, to be debarred the privilege of writing upon
God in his earthly courts. A general stupidity reigns among us at present, as to
spiritual things. Do pray for us that we may be revived, - that the dew of Divine grace
may descend upon us as a rain upon the mown grass, & cause the grass of God's Spirit
to grow & thrive in our midst, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness & true holi-
ness in the hearts & lives of His people. - With my kind regards to you & love to
your Mother & all inquiring friends, I am as ever your aff^l cousin, *Aug. P. Whitney*
Aunt 16 letters rec^d today from Home, bring the intelligence that the ship L. had
arrived there the 11th inst. bringing us a Miss^l Physician by the name of Watson, with his
wife, - the latter from P. d, but did not tell who she was. I hope you & others have written
them, & wish very much to see her, & to learn all about you. They will probably be located
on H. as that is the largest Is. in the group, & has more no. of H. & unless we have an inter-
view before she goes to her station, I fear we may not soon meet, certainly not for at least
2 years. I think I shall write to her to come & see me if she can, before she gets so far away.
If I could have home very well at present, I should feel much inclined to take a voyage to
Home, rather than not see her. - The letter which you wrote with this, I have directed to you. If
I am wrong in so doing, please let me know, & also pardon the mistake, - hope it will
reach you safely, & be acceptable. - Mrs. Paine's letter will go in the box.
Again I cannot say adieu. *M. P. W.*

Waimea Mar. 24 - 1849

My Dear Mrs Root, your kind & very welcome evening. You will please accept my
letter of Oct. 11th /48 arrived this evening with a packet of P. n. letters, several of which were from
P. the time was more among the families & you
will please accept my thanks, letter for your
letter & the valuable little journal which you
compared it. I expect to have an opportunity
before many days, to forward to the
the token of remembrance sent to her from
your little daughter.
I have been preparing a box of misanthropy, ready to enter with our land into
for yourself & other friends in O. & have just
a hasty note to you, & to several other
ladies for whom the articles are designed,
& have put them in the box, but I cannot
refrain from adding a few lines in an
acknowledgment of your favor. As I cannot
write much at present, I must refer you to
letters which I have written to others, (particularly
little work, which might be accomplished in much less time, than that in which
they do it. They will work only when they choose, but the case be ever so urgent.
And tho' they are said by some to be slaves & are in some respects very depend-
ent, yet in others, they are the most independent, of any people I ever knew. They will
love their own way, go & come when they please, & do as they please, & you cannot
prevent it or help yourself, if you would. Many of them are also great adepts
in thieving & lying. My patience has often been tried with them in this respect,
as well as by their obstinacy, self-will & unfaithfulness. But if every thing went
on smoothly & I had nothing to disturb me - no crochets or trials, I should not be
likely to see so much of the evil of my wicked heart, or mourn so frequently
over its corruptions, & therefore bless God, not only for prosperity, but trials also.
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anticipated. ---
Kauai I. I. March 19 - 1849
your birth day, but yesterday was the
as I have leisure. And are you
so swiftly time flies, & how soon it
comes us to work while the day lasts,
May it find us prepared, with our
ready to enter with our land into
do not realize the flight of time
more & more rapidly, as you advance
since you was a little boy running
& searching for hens nests among the
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to land. For the last few weeks, there have occurred today in our neighborhood. The island which brought Dr. & Mrs. Westmore, But the grain supplies has made arrival at Honolulu the 11th inst. I have not yet seen he has taken most of the members, & from I may not very soon, unless they are in 2 instances, so near together, visit this station, - have written to the young of the members of our church here, & he has a pressing invitation to come & see me, pious, devoted christians. I am sure, & shall much regret it in case they are not able sisters of the church have been to - I hope you will continue to write me often as get sufficiently recovered, you certainly would, if you knew what a comfort your letters are to me. They revive pleasant associations of scenes & events long since past, & the 3rd look dark & portentous, said to strengthen the bond of christian love & fellowship, which I trust exists between us. You God are abroad in the land. May they be a means of bringing down men from being too particular in mentioning what is transpiring around you, for able us to rise above our forebodings, & love, which I trust exists between us. Every little incident is interesting to me. the helm guiding all the winds to work for good to those who love every little incident is interesting to me. There has been so much sickness & much days also, have been very With love to yourself & family, I am yours truly, M. P. W.

Ed in his earthly courts. & your spiritual things. Do pray for us that may descend upon us as rain upon to you & thine in our midst, bring help in the hearts & lives of this people. - With my kind regards to you & love to you & all inquiring friends, I am as ever your aff^r cousin, May P. W. Loring. March 16 letters all today from Honolulu bring the intelligence that the ship Island arrived there the 11th inst. bringing us a Miss^{rs} Physician by the name of Westmore, with his wife, - the latter from Oahu, but did not tell who she was. I hope you & others have written them, & wish very much to see her, & to learn all about you. They will probably be located on Oahu, as that is the largest Isl. in the group, & has more rocks, & unless we have an interview before she goes to her station, I fear we may not soon meet, certainly not for at least 2 years. I think I shall write to her to come & see me if she can, before she gets so far away. If I could have come very well at present, I should feel much inclined to take a voyage to Honolulu, rather than not see her. The sea which you write with this, I have directed to you. If I am wrong in so doing, please let me know, & also pardon the mistake, - hope it will reach you safely, & be acceptable. Mrs. James's letter will go in the box. Again I earnestly advise M. P. W.

Postscript to Mrs. Westmore's letter
Sat. eve. March 24 - I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Oct. 9/48 by Mrs. Westmore, which arrived this evening. You will please accept my thanks for the same - glad to get it before this letter had gone. When I penned it, I was expecting to have sent it with the box some days since, but the vessel has been detained a week longer than was at first anticipated.

My Dear Friend,
Kauai, I. I. March 19 - 1849
I was intending to write you on your birth day, but yesterday was the sabbath, & I will now commence a letter, & fill it as I have leisure. And are you indeed 27 years old? I cannot realize it. How swiftly time flies, & how soon its wheels will bring us to our journey's end. It becomes us to work while the day lasts, for the night of death will soon overtake us. May it find us prepared, with our loins girt about, our lamps trimmed & burning, ready to enter with our Lord into the marriage supper of the Lamb. You probably do not realize the flight of time as I do, but it will doubtless appear to pass more & more rapidly, as you advance in life. It seems but a short time to me since you was a little boy running about by my side, reciting to me your lessons, & searching for hens' nests among the prickly pears. But that thick fence has all been removed, & one of adobe or unbaked brick made in its place. That too has been thrown down in part, by the heavy rains which we have had the last 2 or 3 years. A part of the fence around my own dwelling has also been laid prostrate from the same cause. The winter past, & I am now having it repaired. But the natives make a long job of a little work, which might be accomplished in much less time, than that in which they do it. They will work only when they choose, but the case be ever so urgent. And tho' they are said by some to be slaves, & are in some respects very dependent, yet in others, they are the most independent of any people I ever knew. They will have their own way, go & come when they choose, & do as they please, & you cannot prevent it or help yourself, if you would. Many of them are also great adepts in thieving & lying. My patience has often been tried with them in this respect, as well as by their obstinacy, self-will & unfaithfulness. But if every thing went on smoothly, & I had nothing to disturb me - no crosses or trials, I should not be likely to see so much of the evil of my wicked heart, or mourn so frequently over its corruptions, & therefore bless God, not only for prosperity, but trials also. I had a garden the winter past coming on finely, until the walls around it became so injured that the boys found their way into it, & they have destroyed every

King, caught a little corn & one squash vine, around which I had a stick fence made.

March 29 - I was interrupted at the close of the last sentence, but now resume my pen again for a few moments. The corn of which I was speaking, looks as thick as any I ever saw. It is between 9 & 10 feet high, & some of the stalks which I measured a few days since, were nearly as large round as my wrist. Some of the ears are set, but the corn is not large enough to eat. It reminds me of the rank & good ears of corn which Pharaoh saw in his dream. A few stalks of broom corn in my little inclosure, have grown to a still greater height than the others. Every thing here adapted to the climate, grows very soon luxuriantly, where there is sufficient rain to moisten the earth. The 3 last years we have had a great amount of rain in the wet season, i.e. during the winter months, & we are now almost buried in weeds & shrubbery. The mustard grows here to a great height, 10 or 12 feet. It overspreads the land where it is not kept out, & the stalk is so large & woody, it is frequently used for fuel, in cooking.

Perhaps you do not recollect how dry & barren it used to be, & in what clouds of dust we were frequently enveloped. The ground is now so covered with vegetation, that the dust seldom rises, except a little occasionally, in the road. You can scarcely conceive what a change there has been in the appearance of things in my yard within the last 3 years or little more. When I returned from Maui after your death, 3 years ago last Feb. there was not a spike of green grass to be seen in it. I had some planted & watered till it got well growing, & the rains have since kept it alive. ^{Some} It is now a thick bed a foot high or more, tho' I have frequently put my horse in, to eat it down, as I usually have him brought on Saturday & kept here over the Sabbath, to ride to meeting, being ~~unable~~ ^{unable} to walk to church twice in the hot sun, as far as we now go, about half a mile. I do not recollect to have mentioned to you, that our meeting house (the walls of which being built of stone & mud) had fallen, in consequence of the heavy rains we had a year ago last winter. We have since had no good place for worship, but met in a house formerly occupied by a chief, who is now dead. It is not very large, but with a lanai or shed built out one side, it accommodates as many as have attended meeting usually, of late.

The winter past has been a season of great sickness & suffering, among the people. The measles & whooping cough were introduced into the Islds last fall, & from Oct. to Feb. there were a great many deaths, not so much from these diseases themselves, as from their after consequences. Those who lived to advise & were

careful to follow it, got over the measles & were well again in a short time, but the majority of the population, indulged their appetites & drained by taking improper food, bathing in cold water, &c. when suffering from the disease. This brought on a disorder, from which few escaped. There have been not far from 2,500 deaths in this district within the last 6 months, among a population of ^{them} 3,000, & during that time only a very few births. And such has been the case generally I believe, throughout the Islds. The Hawaiians are fast melting away, & I fear will become extinct as a nation, before many generations shall have passed off the stage of action. I was forcibly struck with a remark a few days since, it was so current, respecting epidemics. It was this. That when such diseases swept over the U.S. the people were prostrated like grain before a hurricane, but when they were ^{or had spent their force} ~~among~~ ^{among} the inhabitants arose & stood upright again. Not so here. But when they entered the Islds, the population was like snow before a summer sun, it melted & disappeared.

May 5th On looking over what I have written, I fear you will think it hard on the postage, but as I shall not be able to write you again immediately, & have an oppor. to send to Oahu, I must now close & forward it, for as it is I have a large packet of A. letters by me, 20 or upwards nearly sealed, which will occupy all my leisure time for the present, to answer. — My health is comfortable, I may say pretty good for me. I am not strong, nor do I ever expect to be, particularly if I remain in this climate, but my general health has been better of late than usual. By husbanding my strength & being systematic in my labors, I can accomplish considerable. I sometimes think of nothing but the cold winter winters of the U.S. prevent me from a return to my native shore. — I have had nothing from M. J. for several months, but have recently heard thro' others, that she & her H. were at Home. Her health is not very good. She continues to be troubled with her spinal affection, & probably always will. — The last letter recd. from you, was dated July 8/47 - hope you have written me several times since then. — I must now say adieu, & with my best wishes & prayers for your prosperity & success, subscribe myself as ever your most affectionate Mother, M. P. Whiting.

My Dear Henry, You will perceive from my date that this is your birth day. I have for some time past been wanting to write you, & acknowledge the receipt of your long letter of April 8/48 which was recd. last Feb. & a half sheet dated July 16/48.

Waima June 5 - 1849

and since then which came in one to M. But I have had a long scize of inflammation
in the eyes, & they are so weak yet, I have not dared to use them much either in
reading or writing. — Your letters My dear H. are a great comfort to me in
my solitude, & I prize them highly. I was much pleased also to receive a few
lines from H. & shall endeavor to answer his note, as soon as my eyes & other
inconveniences will allow. Your frankness on the subject of your anticipated union,
is extremely gratifying to my feelings, & just as it should be — for to show
our children open their hearts in confidence with propriety on such a subject
if not to a Mother? Had M. taken the same view of this relation that you & H. of
fear to, & been as frank & confiding in her only surviving parent, she might
now have been ~~the~~ a great comfort. — I rejoice much dear H. that you have
found a companion so worthy of your love. May you find in her all that you
anticipate, & even more, if possible. But I must here give you a word of caution,
not that I would lessen your happiness, but increase it. You have I should judge
from your letters thought much on the subject, & perhaps have weighed it well in
some important bearings, as to responsibility, &c. But you must not expect
too much from a fellow mortal. There is danger from this quarter should
you ever experience the consummation of your hopes & wishes, do not forget
that human nature is full of imperfection & sin, & that it will require con-
stant watchfulness in you both to preserve unbroken the harmony of the mar-
ried state, & keep alive that flame of love which now burns in your hearts.
It is an old adage but none the less true, that the possession of an object, and
down affords as much enjoyment, as was experienced in anticipation. This is
frequently the case, is not always true, & may you find in your own experience
an exception to the rule. Much however of your future happiness may depend
upon attention to little things — things which to many might appear too trivial to
be named or even thought of, but which are in reality of great importance,
such as waving occasionally your own claims or rights to gratify your wife,
— studying always to please her, & observing as punctiliously the rules of po-
liteness after as before marriage, &c. &c. But perhaps you will think my advice
unnecessary in this respect, & I shall rejoice should it prove so, but you will I
trust take it all kindly, & remember that I am older than yourself & have had
much experience in these things, & a good oppor. to observe & study human
nature. — I will now however leave this subject for the present, interesting
as it is to us both, & touch upon ^{one} equally as to me, & perhaps not less so to you, I mean

your return to the Seals. I wrote you last fall desiring it, & mentioned that should you feel
disposed to come, you could probably have employment at the Govt. press at O. The
young man who was then Editor, left soon after I wrote you for the U. S. In Jan. last,
a long letter was recd from Dr. Anderson our Con. Sec. advising that a Gen. Court of the
Miss. be called as soon as convenient after the receipt of his letter. A Court was
accordingly appointed, to commence the 1st Wednesday in April. I was not able to
attend, but Bro. R. & family went. Dr. A's letter was written in answer to the Gen. letter of
the Miss. which was sent home last summer. Quite a number of the brethren asked
have a year ago to return to the U. S. on account of their families which frightened
the Board, & in this long letter of 34 large printed pages, they make various proposals,
one is to divide the Miss. into 4 distinct & separate Miss. another that we withdraw
from their service, take the oath of allegiance, & become identified with the U. S. as
subjects of His Majesty's Govt. & seek our support here at the Seals. They propose
that the preacher derive their living from the people of their charge, but make no pro-
vision for superannuated full Miss. or widows of Miss. Perhaps they thought
the Lord would take care of such, & I trust he will not leave them to suffer, if they
are faithful in his service. ~~ready to this effect.~~ The Court which was an unusual
one, occupied about 4 weeks. But few of the brethren however felt disposed to leave
the Board, & depend upon getting their support here, till they had made a trial. Brethren
however I am told withdrew at once from the Board & the Miss. & is now engaged
as Editor of the Govt. press, with a salary of \$2000 a year. I remarked to one who was
speaking on the subject a few days since, that that was the place I had held up to you
should you feel disposed to return to the Seals, & that I must now write to you
not to come. The reply given me was, "Do not write to him so at present, at least
till you hear from him, for the time he could get here, Mr. H. would be needed for
Judge, or some other office of Govt." But I have thought best to mention the fact
now that you may be apprized of it, as it may have some influence with you in
your future course. I hope you seek direction constantly from on high in all you
do, & if so, I trust the Lord will direct your steps. — In your letter of Aug. 10 you
say, "I have felt the want of means to commence business very much, & my funds have
been all in very straitened circumstances, so that I don't know but I shall have
to work my way on inch by inch." I wrote you last year that should you could
to set up for yourself & had not the means, I could let you have at least \$1000, & I
will now add that should you decide to remain in M. & still wish to commence
business & would be glad of the money, I will pledge myself to loan you ~~it~~

\$200 more making 300 in the whole, which with the 200 you say you hoped to have last spring, will perhaps make a competency for you to commence with. My money has been at interest for a number of years. For a time I had 12 per cent, the usual percentage at the Islands, but for the last 3 or 4 years it has been in other & safer hands, & I get now only 10 per cent. I have never felt quite easy to dispose of it all & put it entirely out of my hands during my life time, as I might not but I might go to the U. S. or be in circumstances where I might need it, or some part of it. I have now made my will & given that little property I may possess, should I have any at my decease, to the A. B. & should I send you a draft of \$200 or 300 & never need the same again for my comfort, & you should be in circumstances of affluence & feel disposed so to do, you could pay the amount over to the A. B. which would be the same as refunding it to me. I shall not forward to you the above mentioned money, till I get an answer to my letter written last fall respecting your return to the Islands, as you may possibly decide to come out here & hope you will write immediately on its receipt. But should you decide otherwise & need the money for immediate use, perhaps you can borrow it of cousin Mr. S. Bidwell, or your uncle Harry P. & I will refund it as soon as possible, after I learn your decision.

In speaking of your dear & you say, "I do wish you were acquainted with her, but you probably will never see her, unless you should return to this country." Can you not send me her Daguerrestype? It would be a great comfort to me & could I see even that, & have it to place beside yours. Mr. has recently written Dag. of all of Mr. H.'s family, including Hannah's intended husband. I wish I could have mine taken to send to you but there is no one at the Islands that I know of, who understands the business. There was one here some years ago who attempted to take a few, but did not succeed very well.

In one of your last letters, you speak of Mr. Bingham's book, & I think criticize it rather too hard. Since receiving your letter, I have been reading some in it, & tho' it is not free from tautology, mistakes & errors, both grammatical & typographical, yet I think so far as I am able to judge, that taken it as a whole it is on some accounts, the best book which has yet been written on the Islands. His statements generally are very correct, tho' as you say it is deficient in grammar & beauty of style, & his ideas are often wanting in perspicuity. I have been informed that it was stereotyped before it went to press, & if so, I think it a great mistake. He had gross errors in it with regard to your Father. One is on page 61 in

which he speaks of his having just entered on his legal studies in Feb. instead of his being at the other on page 616 in speaking of his death, says it took place March 20-1846, when he died Dec. 15-1845. I know not how these errors could have crept into his work, unless it was thro' sheer carelessness. He was certainly long enough in preparing it, to have thoroughly revised it many times over. It is altogether a different work from any which has preceded it on the Islands, being as much a history of the Missions as the nation. I regret very much that there are so many mistakes in it, & hope that whenever another edition is printed, they may be corrected, & much struck out which is mere repetition.

July 14 - My letter you see is not yet closed. Tho' this is my 2^d date, I have written it by piecemeal, a few lines at a time, as my eyes would bear, & other duties allow. My general health is much as usual, & my eyes very weak yet. My sight has failed me considerably, & should I lose it entirely as I have sometimes feared I might, I feel that in my present lonely circumstances, it would be one of the greatest temporal calamities I could meet with. I do not use spectacles at present, as I can see better without, than with them. Tho' my eyes are comfortable & I can use them considerable thro' the day, I have not had a lighted lamp in the house evening for more than 2 months past, except when I have had company 2 or 3 times, & then I was obliged to sit in another room, the light was so painful to them. I retire at present with the chickens, & when well, sit with the Lark. My feeble frame is often excessively fatigued with the labors of the day, & I find these short nights none too long to recruit its wasted energies, & fit me for the duties which another rising sun involves upon me.

Please remember me very affly to Mr. & Mrs. Ely. Tell Mrs. E. that I can sympathize most truly in the loss of eye sight. I should be glad to write her were it practicable, & do justice to those from whom I have received letters. I have a large packet now before me of between 20 & 30 from my A. M. friends unanswered, besides all my late domestic or Isl. correspondence, & with my weak eyes, I fear I shall not soon, cancel all my debts. You must give her the personal of those I write to you.

July 17 - Just at dusk last evening as I was about retiring for the night, Mr. came to the door with a handful of letters & papers for me. The mail had just arrived from Oahu with various letters from friends in A. & yours of April 18th / 49 was among the number. The one you mentioned as having written a few weeks previous has not yet come to hand. I shall not be able to answer yours immediately, but will endeavor to do it as soon as I can conveniently. I must previously answer

some which I have long had on hand. It is so pleasant to me to hold converse with you that when I take my pen, I scarcely know when to lay it aside, but am now compelled to stop or take another sheet, as I have come to the end of my paper. - With ardent desires both for your spiritual & temporal interests, I am Dear Sir, as ever your affec^t friend,
M. P. Whitney

(To Miss C. O. March)
Waima Kauai July 17 - 1849
My Dear Friend, It was with no ordinary pleasure that I rec^d your kind epistle dated May 1st/48, which came to hand several months since, with one from H. Tho' I had heard of you thro' him, your favor was altogether unexpected, but let me assure you, the help welcome. I must now beg you will accept my warmest thanks for your kindness in commencing a correspondence, tho' I know full well that you must have felt a "delicacy" in addressing me. I rejoice however that you are enabled to overcome every obstacle in the way of your duty, if you consider it a duty to please H. The only way in which a Christian can hope safely & comfortably thro' this world of sin & temptation, is, to take up the cross which H. has in his path, in imitation of our blessed Lord. We should ever look to him as our example, & follow the path which he has marked out & made plain before us, trusting in him for strength, & for wisdom & grace to guide us, in all our ways. Should God in his providence unite you earthly destiny with that of my dear H. it shall be my earnest prayer that you may be help mates indeed to each other, in your pilgrimage heaven ward - a means of strengthening each others faith, & of quickening each other in the path of duty. - The marriage relation involves great responsibility in many respects, & should never be entered into without much reflection, & earnest prayer to God for aid & direction, & this I trust you have both sought. - But the union of kindred minds, if that union is cemented by love, & the parties actuated by the spirit of God & desirous above all things to promote his glory, affords more real enjoyment than any other situation on earth, notwithstanding the many trials frequently attendant upon it. It is a connection so close, & with ^{reference} mate, as sometimes to be affected by a mere trifle. Every thing therefore which has the least tendency to alienate the affections from each other, should be carefully avoided, & sedulously guarded against. - I have just been writing H. giving him some advice on this subject, & perhaps I cannot better fill my sheet than by copying an extract which I took from the memoir of Mr Joseph Williams, a book which I read more than 20 years ago. It is from a letter of advice which he wrote to his wife on her marriage. - By all means, always keep on good terms with your husband, submit yourself to him, as unto the Lord. It is the duty of every wife, Never dispute any

point with him, nor go beyond a mild & gentle persuasion. It is no less your interest than duty, to please him. It is the only way to secure his love, & the surest way to have your own will. Whilst he sees you make it your study to please him, he never will think he can do too much to please you. Please him therefore in season, & out of season. - Every man has his foibles & I have mine. We are apt to run into some other little indulgences, or gratifications, customs, modes, & fashions, which are not always so pleasing to our wives, as to ourselves. No doubt you will find Mr - (or H.) possessed of some of these, & tenacious of them. In such a case be sure never to thwart him. If any thing should appear improper in his conduct, you will think of some gentle method to give him a view of it. But in whatever is perfectly innocent, never give him the least uneasiness, nor so much as wish he would refrain from it. - I wish I could persuade you to pray with him sometimes, in your turn, as well as he with you. I know nothing you can do, which hath a more direct tendency to cherish & maintain conjugal love. - When I read this advice I thought it worth remembering, which indeed I preserve it. It is founded in truth, & has been of great use to me in my journey thus far thro' life - often reminding me of my duty, particularly that part which relates to the wife pleasing her husband. Perhaps you will need me such stimulus to enable you to pursue a right course, but for myself, I was always glad of any advice which would throw light upon my future path, & make my duty clear & plain. - I hope you will continue to write me, & I shall be happy to reciprocate the favor. I must now close, with assuring you of my tenderest regard both for your spiritual & temporal welfare, & subscribe myself your affec^t friend,
M. P. Whitney

Dear Sister Dow, I rec^d letters from you at several different times last winter & spring, so that now I have 4 to acknowledge, dated July 21, Aug. 16, Sept 14 & 24/48. Thank you much for them all. Since they arrived I have had a long siege of sore eyes. They are now better, but I am at present suffering from influenza, which is quite prevalent throughout the Island was so ill yesterday, & I kept my couch most of the day - feel a little better this morning, but am very weak, with headache, &c. I did not go in pain all over, but hope soon to feel better. I had a very severe attack of the same complaint last winter which confined me for several weeks. At that time a most violent distemper of took hold of me which I shuddered by taking pulverized alum, one or 2 grains, in a dose, 3 or 4 times a day. ^{I found no relief from any thing else.} My cough now is not so bad, but my head is considerably affected. - I read all your letters with much interest, but

last containing the painful intelligence of the death of your daughter S. & her little son, excited in my bosom deep sympathy for you & yours. The ways of providence are often mysterious, & many of its designs are unfathomable, but we are assured that what we know not now, we shall know hereafter. And then if not before, we shall feel that all things are ordered in infinite wisdom. May the Lord sanctify to you all, this breach in your little circle. O how it becomes us to stand ready for our departure hence, for we know not at what time our Lord may call for us. Happy they who are continually on their watchtower, waiting & expecting the summons. — You say Bro. O. & his wife, have got to be ad folks. We are all fast advancing ^{to that period when "the grasshopper shall be a burden," & "those that look out of the windows be darkened."} I find it more & more at every return of this our mortal day, & pray that each people of God on high, but for the discharge of my daily duties, while I remain in this tabernacle of flesh. I often feel sad & desolate here alone, particularly when my health is very feeble. But I have good neighbors in my affliction. Bro. & sister R. are very kind, & when I was sick last winter, they had me carried over to their house, & nursed me with all the tenderness I could have expected, had they been my own children. Their 2 oldest little ones too M. & W. one of whom is now 4 & the other 3 years of age, seemed to esteem it a pleasure to wait upon me, & sometimes almost courted, which should have the privilege of sitting by, & brushing the flies off, &c. &c. There come 2 younger sisters, & in all, I love these little ones very much. They are pretty children, & well behaved because well governed something not apparent in every family group at the S.D. even among Phil. & therefore it appears the more lovely whenever discernable. I have much cause to be grateful to Bro. & sister R. for their attentions, but could I have had the same in my home, where it is very quiet & I could have had a room below, I should have felt more comfortable. They however did the best for me they could, & I desire ever to be thankful for their kindness.

What you say about your health, leads me to think that your disease has some connection with your liver. I have always supposed that sister P.'s complaint was of that nature. You spoke of being obliged to be careful of your diet, but did not say what kinds of food you could take. Did you ever make use of Elixir Vitriol for your diarrhoea? That checks mine generally the quickest of any thing I take, laudanum or opium excepted, & these are my last resort. I keep the

Elixir constantly by me, & when attacked, usually prepare 12 or 15 drops in a tumbler of water & keep it for my drink thro' the day, sipping a spoonful or two occasionally. Sometimes, I am obliged to continue it for 2 or 3 days if my diarrhoea is violent, before it checks it off entirely. At such times I take but very little food of any kind thro' the day, frequently nothing more than a large tea cup of arrow root, or milk porridge, thickened with flour. I have been pretty free from my complaint for the last few months, & some of the time last spring my health was unusually good for me, so that I painted the doors, windows & blinds to my house, all myself, both below & up stairs. The wood part of the house has long been suffering, for want of being hushed over. I could get no one to do it for me, & at last, got some paint, & undertook it myself. The floors & inside work is yet to be done, when I get leisure & strength for it. My cookroom & pantry also need rebuilding. The wells are so cracked to pieces they are ready to tumble down, & perhaps would not have stood till this time, had I not braced them up with heavy timber more than a year ago. I have been trying a good part of the last year to procure lime stone for mortar, but do not yet succeed. I engaged a man last winter who had the oversight of a company of masons who were at work collecting the articles, who promised to get me a pathom. I was depending upon him, but now find that he has none for me. He told me a few days since that they had taken all the men collected to repair the Jail prison, so that I am left destitute. I was much afraid that I shall not get the materials in readiness to build before the rainy season commences. My health is so very feeble much of the time, that I cannot drive about as Mr. & sister R. used to, when any thing of the kind was to be done. These are some of the trials of widowhood. You are a widow, & may have palpated thro' it all before me, & I hope you may not wish me to fill my letter with such trash. But I have mentioned these things as they are just such items as I would like to have you inform me about, when you write to me. You cannot be too minute & particular in stating what you write to me. I believe you have never mentioned (at least I do not recollect it) of what material the houses, farms, &c. in the prairie countries are built. I should like to know. Also what you use for fuel.

My 2^d I find my shut is almost full, & yet I have hardly begun to say what I intended to. But I believe you must, for once, take the will for the deed. What I have here written, has been penned a few lines at a time, as I have felt able to write. I am yet very weak, my health is slowly improving, & my cough is not as bad as it was. How is your eye sight? Does it continue good yet, or are you obliged to use spectacles? Mine has failed me considerably, & yet I can see tolerably well.

to write or read common print. I find that fine writing, being particularly, is very trying to my eyes, & being here alone where I can have no assistance in this respect, makes it at times very difficult to get along comfortably. When M. was with me, I used to get her to assist me a little occasionally about such work, but she has left me, & I have no further expectations from that quarter.

You have doubtless heard something about the gold mines of Cal. The gold fever was raging here at the Idals a few months ago & it seems to have spread to all parts of the north. Thousands & tens of thousands are flocking thither from all sides, many of them, only to meet disappointment. There is no doubt that gold there is abundant, & could it be obtained with as much ease as some imagine, multitudes would soon acquire a fortune. But one must have a large sum to commence with, to live long in Cal. comfortably. From a letter written three weeks, a lodging room \$100 per month, & washing \$8 to \$10 per doz. The prospects are not so good for mining as I anticipated. Many who went to the mine have returned within 2 or 3 weeks, some disgusted with the place, business & profits, & all agreeing that the water is too high (10 or 12 feet deep) to work the mines to any profit. Drunkenness & gambling is common, & murders frequent if reports are true, both by the whites & the Indians. From all I can learn Cal. or the gold regions is not at all, a place so greatly to be desired as many seem to imagine. But my paper is full, & I must close or take another sheet. With love & sympathy for you & yours, I am as ever your affectionate sister,
Mary P. Whiting

Sept 1st No offer. has yet offered for forwarding this. I have now nearly recovered from the influenza, & my cough has about left me. While my cold was at the worst, I omitted for a few days taking my usual shower bath in the morning, but as soon as I began to be a little better, I commenced it again, & my health improved rapidly upon it. I have great faith in the free use of cold water, particularly in a climate like this. I often bathe my head by dipping it into a bowl of cold water so as to take in the eyes & extend to the crown. This cools the head & prevents a rush of blood there, & saves much suffering from headache. When I practice this frequently, I suffer comparatively little head pain in my head. Bathing my eyes in a tumbler of cold water is almost the only remedy I use for them, when they are weak & sore.

My Dear Mrs Park, When you left the Idals for the U. S. I did not think that six months would have passed away without my once writing you, but perhaps you have

learned how difficult it is at times to accomplish all one has in their heart to do, particularly when sick or feeble health. I have been quite ill several times since you left, & am now but just recovering from an attack of influenza from which I have been suffering for the last 2 weeks - have had a hard cough, but am getting a little better of it. The natives are almost all sick with the same complaint - some of them very bad.

A few weeks since, I was agreeably surprised by the receipt of your very kind letter of Jan 14-149, which you will please accept many thanks. It seemed to revive some old aspirations, & carried me at once into your little family circle. Poor little Frank! What you say of him brought forcibly to mind my dear N. who was a little babe about the age of your son. He was the most amiable little creature I ever saw, & for months, I thought he could not live. But the Lord saw fit to spare him, & may he spare your son also.

I am glad to find you do not forget us here for off in these sales of the year, & I feel very much obliged to you for writing, without waiting for a letter from me. I hope you will continue the correspondence I shall be happy to reciprocate, & answer all your letters, as I am able.

You wish to hear something about our neighbors here at Holoa & Hanalei. There are now but five foreigners residing at H. D. & W. Wood with their families, & one or 2 single gent. Mrs S. & her children have recently made us a visit of 2 or 3 weeks. Miss Moore Mrs D. Woods sister, also came over while they were here, & spent a few days. This week was the time which Dr. W. appointed to ride over with his wife, but it has been stormy & they have not come.

A few weeks since, we had a visit of some 10 days from Mrs D. & family & Mrs Corney, Mrs Dudoit's mother, Mr. Wilcox & family called here in May, but on their way home after Sun. Morn. but their stay was short. They were all a most of them, well, when here, & continued as the last we heard, with the exception of Mrs C. Her health was feeble & she took the journey round the Idal with the hope of benefiting it. She said when here, it was very much improved since she returned home, she has been deeply afflicted in the death of ~~her~~ ^{her} eldest grand daughter, by drowning. Mrs D. & several of her children were at Waialea, visiting at a Mr Brown's, an Eng. family residing there. She & her 2 oldest daughters went to the river just above the falls, for a bath, & the current ^{being} ~~being~~ rapid, took them down stream into water 8 or 10 feet deep. Mrs D. succeeded in getting ashore, & her cries for help brought a native who saved one of the children, before life was extinct, but all efforts to resuscitate

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the other, proved unavailing. — Dr. J. buried his 3^d daughter last winter, a little girl 2 years old, & Mr. & Mrs. S. were called to part with one of their infant twin sons, not long after. Both of these dear children were supposed to have had the measles & sleeping cough at the same time, & little S. & some other diseases also. Mrs. Smith was called to part with her youngest, with the same complaint probably. She has been very unfortunate in her children, only one now living. — Mr. Chamberlain died the 29th of last month. He was spared beyond the expectation of almost every one. His feeble & unable for so long a time to do much, it was a comfort to us all to have him among us, & especially as to his family, to have his presence there. But he has gone. O how they do, & will, long miss him. A vacancy is now felt in their houses, & in their hearts, but the Lord, he alone can repair the breach. — Mr. J. suppose you will have heard, was called at W. this season, tho' I hear there are a great number now at the windward side, and a year ago last May to Mr. P. & they have gone to H. to reside — a long distance, but not so far as to prevent interchange of letters occasionally, so she will have the privilege of reading yours. I have not seen her since we parted at Hono. a year ago last June. I remain as you suppose at the old dwelling. It seems more like home to me than any other place on earth, so many interesting associations cluster around it. I have not yet removed the remains of my dear H. here, tho' I am intending to. — Should you ever feel disposed to return here to the field, I for one shall be very glad to see you, & I think you need not fear finding a footing. You must not believe all the S. D. his says, about Gov. H. H. By the way, that paper has long been dead, for want (as the Editor said) of the root of all evil to keep it alive.

You see my paper is nearly full. Had I leisure & good eyesight, I could scribble another sheet like this, but I have a large pile of letters on hand, more I fear than I shall be able to answer this season, with my poor, weak eyes. They have been inflamed much of the time for the last 4 or 5 months, & are now so sore I am obliged to be very careful of them — cannot bear the light of a lamp in the evening, so I retire frequently with the shades, as I live entirely alone, no one in the house with me. A solitary life I do you will say, & as I often think. But I am happy to welcome my dear son H. out here before many years if my life is spared, & should he come, I shall probably enjoy his society, at least a part of the time. — I must now close, with wishing you the enjoyment of every blessing spiritual & temporal, & desiring a kind remembrance to your husband & the dear children.

Yours with sincere affection,
 Mary R. Whitney.

To Dr. & Mrs. Winslow,
 My much beloved child,
 Waimanalo, Hawaii, I. S. Oct. 18 - 1849.

Your long & very interesting letter my dear Sir, of Oct 11th / 48, & Jan 11 / 49 - was recd. some weeks since. I feel under very great obligations for your kindness in giving me so many particulars of your voyage, your arrival here, etc. etc. with I could make this letter as interesting to you as yours was to me, but I shall not be able to. I was glad to learn that you reached home in safety, & that yourself & family were well. Capt. Wilson was here last spring & called upon me some at times - said he left the U. S. rather suddenly. He thought you would have written me by him, had you known he was coming. He gave me some account of your voyage here, but no particulars. I have not seen him this fall, - very few ships have touched at W. this season, tho' I hear there are a great number now at the windward side. Dr. Lathrop, whom you mentioned as coming out to settle at Lahaina & take you place in the Hospital, resides I am told at Hono. to fill Dr. Woods place. Perhaps you know that Dr. H. had purchased the sugar establishment at H. on this side, which formerly belonged to Ladd & Co. & he now spends some considerable part of his time there. His family came down last May & spent the summer - have recently returned to Hono. for a season. He has talked some of building a house near the sugar mill, a short distance from Dr. S. & making it a permanent home. Mrs. W. has one of her sisters with her, & a hor. of hers, superintends the plantation at Hono. She has adopted a rather peculiar mode of superintending the care of Mr. H.'s 2 children. Their mother died some months since. You had been apprised it seems of the marriage with Mr. P. It took place at Hono a year ago last May. We parted soon after that event. I returned to this my pleasant home, a place endeared to me by many a fond recollection, as the scene of my beloved husband's labors, care & trials, & she & her H. went to Hawaii to reside. I have not seen them since, but hear from them occasionally. They were enjoying comfortable health, the last I heard from them. — I did not attend the Sem. part of the Misses. last spring, & therefore missed the offer of seeing many of my friends. Most of the Misses were there. Mr. Chamberlain was at the time very low with consumption, & died in July following. — Some changes have taken place since you left. The nation & Misses have experienced some trials from sources quite unexpected. Before you receive this, you will probably have heard of the recent doings of the S. D. here at the field. Their conduct at Hono. was outrageous. They acted more like Pirates & robbers, than civilized beings. They took the King's Gunboat, the Hono. house & Custom house, the doors of which they forced open, - also the Fort at that place, carried

They destroyed all the guns & ammunition, pulled down the houses, books & demolished the furniture, & indeed destroyed every thing within its walls, so that one in speaking of it, presents a scene of desolation. They got but little sympathy this time from the foreign residents. The feeling of opposition was very strong, & most of the consuls protested in the name of their respective Govts. Govt. Sudd was appointed special Commissioner & Plenipotentiary extraordinary to the Govt. of S. I. & U. S. He sailed a few weeks since, & was accompanied by Prince Alex. Likiliki the heir apparent, & his ho. but the French have left, taking with them the King's boat, the most valuable vessel owned by the natives.

I was gratified to have you express your views & feelings as freely & fully, on the subject of religion, & tho' we differ in some respects, I shall continue to hope & pray, that we may yet one day see eye to eye on all these points, necessary to our salvation. Did you ever read Scott's Force of Truth? It is a book I would recommend to you, as worthy of a careful perusal. I have read it several times with much interest. If your mind is as open to conviction as Dr. Scott's was, & you as willing as he to be led in the path of duty, there is much reason to hope that you too will be brought at length like that great & good Divine, to embrace the truth as it is in Jesus. I wish my dear friends that I could persuade you to renounce all self-dependence on your own good works, merit or righteousness, for salvation. If the Bible is true, a hope built upon such a foundation, will be of no avail in the great day of final account. Did my salvation depend in the least degree upon my own good works, I should at once despair of ever seeing the Kingdom of Heaven. I feel that I never did & more than that man can do one meritorious act in the sight of God, but that if ever I am saved, it must be all of grace - free, rich, sovereign, unmerited grace; & to God be all the glory. I daily feel, that I have unending cause for gratitude that I am allowed to enjoy a hope of everlasting life, so scriptural & well grounded as I trust mine is, for the more I study the word of God & compare my feelings & convictions with the experiences of eminent saints of old, the stronger is my faith, & the brighter my hope, that I am interested in the blessings of the covenant of Grace. The comfort which I derive from this source, makes me anxious that others may be made partakers of the same blessing. And if this hope of assurance is granted to us, a weak, sinful worm, who need ever despair of attaining it? if they seek it in the way of God's appointment. May you both thus seek & obtain it, for it is the pearl of great price, - invaluable. My health is at present very comfortable. I suffered much last spring & summer, with sore & inflamed eyes. They are now better, but not

very strong. They do not hope to see you again, when you revisit this? Should you be so fortunate as to visit with any of my friends, please remember me to them, & accept of this with my kind regards & best wishes for you & yours. Your sincere & affectionate friend, M. P. H. P.S. You wish to know what I expended for the articles which I procured for you on the voyage home. Do not trouble yourself about that. The expense was trifling, compared with the disappointment which I felt in not seeing you. But should you still feel disposed to send me any thing, I will here say, that I am in want of a large black shawl, - something thin & light, perhaps one of lace or mohair would be as acceptable as any. But this is a mere suggestion. Please act upon your own pleasure & inclination, with regard to this, mine. M. P. H.

My very Dear Cousin, (Mrs. Parthenia Linn) Waimea Hawaii Oct 25/49 I wrote you at considerable length last spring, to go with a box which I had prepared for the ladies of the Free Will Socy, who had so kindly remembered me & mine in their donations. And tho' I have now a large package of Am letters unanswered which have been on hand for months, yet I feel like writing a few lines in acknowledgment of a little note which I recd from you yesterday in a little box containing a beautiful black shawl. Had you known my particular wants, you could not have sent me a more acceptable present. It sometimes seems as tho' the Lord instead of inclined my friends, to send me the very things which I most need. How can I sufficiently express my gratitude for your many favors. He who thus directs your heart to liberality, alone can reward you. That his blessing may ever rest upon you & yours, is my sincere prayer. The box mentioned above, was sent on to Hono. last March, to be forwarded to A. by the first good oppor. but whether such oppor. has yet occurred or not, I have not been informed. I hope however it will be received by those for whom it was designed, long before this reaches you. I have not yet seen Mrs. Westmore, nor recd. a line from her, tho' I wrote her a full sheet soon after she arrived at the I. I. I gave her an invitation to visit me, & for a time hoped to have had the pleasure of welcoming her to my own pleasant home. But she did not have an oppor. to come before she removed to her station on Hawaii, & now we are separated several hundred miles from each other. We shall probably not meet before the next general meeting of the Misses, a year from next spring, & possibly may not then. It is at present a time of great sickness among the natives. The influenza prevails.

I was myself but just recovering from an attack of it, from which I have been suffering the last few days. Am still very weak, & my letter carries on the face of it, evidence that it has been poured with a trembling hand. But I trust you will excuse it, as it is written, if you can decipher it.

There are some encouraging tokens among the people. Some of the members of the church appear to be waking up to more engagedness in duty, than I have before seen them for a long time, especially some of the sisters in the church with whom I meet weekly, for prayer & religious conversation. We have been making an effort for the last few months, endeavoring to raise a little sum, to assist in the erection of our meetinghouse. For near 2 years we have had no suitable place in which to hold our meetings, & I fear years more will pass before we shall get funds enough to erect a new one. The people devote every 4th week to getting timber, i.e. cutting & having it in the mountains, & when thus prepared, it is all to be drawn down, which will be no small labor, then the stone to be cut & brought a mile or more, the coral for lime to be cut from the bottom of the ocean, procured by diving, & brought for miles to this place the wood for burning it to be cut & brought from the mountains, & when this is all done we shall need funds to purchase boards, nails, glass, hire carpenter &c. to carry forward the work. I have got 10 or 12 dollars collected among the people, much of it in 6 & 12 cent pieces. They are exceedingly poor & can get but little money having no market short of 15 miles, but they contribute with a cheerfulness & liberality (according to their ability) which might well put older christian nations to the blush. Some of them remind me of the poor widow in the Gospel which our Lord commended, as having given more than all the rich, after having cast her 2 mites into the treasury, because it was "all her living." I have no doubt that some who have contributed towards the church, have given their only 6 or 10 or 12 cent piece which they possessed, & apparently with much cheerfulness. I am hoping to raise eventually, a dollar apiece from the people, but it will probably be many months, before they will all be able to contribute that sum.

If it would not be asking too much, I would suggest that you propose the subject to the friends of Miss. in P. & vicinity, & perhaps you will find some willing to aid us in the building of our church. Solomon says "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; & that which he hath given, will he pay him again. Yes, these who lend to the Lord will be no losers. And he

Paul says, "He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; & he which soweth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver."

These & such like passages I usually read & explain to the people, when I attempt to stir up among them at least, are not slow to comprehend, & to profit by the instructions which they receive. Some of the meetings I have had with the members of the church on this subject, have been not only interesting, but I trust profitable to us all. It has been interesting to me, to witness the fixed attention & steady gaze, as if desirous to catch at every new idea, presented before the mind. You will remember they are but children in knowledge, & have to be taught the first principles of the Gospel. May they have grace to walk in the path of duty, when that is clearly marked out before them.

I have spun out this letter to a great length, when I only took my pen to write a few lines. But as my paper is full, I must close. Please remember me off & on to my friends whom you may meet in P. & elsewhere, & accept of this as an expression of gratitude, from your affectionate cousin,
Mary P. White

Dear Sir,
Your little note of Aug. 14/48, together with the books you sent with it were recd. some time last spring, & would have been acknowledged were they had it been practicable for me to have done it, with my feeble health & many pressing duties. I was very much afflicted with sore eyes for 3 or 4 months from the forepart of last May, which deprived me in a measure of the privilege of reading or writing, as much as I should otherwise have done. You will please accept my thanks for your kindness. The childrens books are very acceptable for the little folks. The pens, &c. I sent to my daughter, as you requested. I was much interested in the parcel of Kiravan's letters to Bishop Hays, & think them calculated to do good. Your oft repeated kindness has laid me under great obligations to you, & I have felt that they deserve something more than a mere expression of thanks. I have therefore just been preparing a little box for you, which I intend to forward with this. It contains a small mat, a few shells, a specimen of lava & brimstone from the volcano on Hawaii, a candle nut, a few eastern oil beans, & for want of any thing better to fill the box, I have put up a few clusters of raisins of my own curing, as a specimen of the fruits of this good land, - not exactly a "land flowing with milk & honey," tho' it flows

(To Mr. A. H. Mattley) Waimea, S. Isles Nov. 8-1849

with milk & might with honey, were the Bee imported & cultivated here. I have been obliged to put up the things in great haste, as I am preparing to leave home for another part of the Is. - as fast to be about for a month or 6 weeks, & felt very desirous to send the box, before the ships had all left this season. - You will find one sea Urchin in the box, & I regret that I could not have obtained another for a mate to it, as pairs are usually considered more valuable than single shells; but good specimens of the Urchin, are of late, very scarce. I am sorry that I had not time to label the shells, but perhaps the names are all familiar to you, if not, you can easily learn them, by consulting books on Conchology. The *Santolina Fragilis* or Violet snail I have put into a little box with a few other frail shells, to preserve them from being broken. I do not know as you will value these things, but if you have a wife or child, perhaps they may be acceptable to them, as coming from a distant country, particularly one as noted as is the S. I. although they may in themselves be considered of little value. It is however the only way aside from writing, that I can express my obligations for your many favors, & I hope you will accept of them as a small testimony of my gratitude in this respect.

I regret that I am so pressed for time, & must beg that you will accept of this hasty written sheet, with my kind regards to yourself & family.

Yours in the bonds of Christian affection,
Mary P. Whitney

My Dear Cousin,
Your short but very welcome letter of June 29-1849 was recd. the 12 inst. by the hand of my dear H. He took me quite by surprise. I was not expecting him, not having heard of his arrival at the Is. & did not suspect who he was till I found myself in his embassy when the truth that it was my dear H. flashed across my mind. We were at the time expecting Bro. J. from Kanalei or Waialeale on the opposite side of this Is. & several notices came to the door & told me some one was coming & repeated the name Kanalei & I supposed that Bro. J. had arrived. (The notices pronounced Kway's name, just as they do the district or region of Kanalei) Indeed when he entered the door I did not perceive any mistake, & called him Bro. J. But H. was so deaf, I learned afterwards, that he did not hear me - He had been at Honolulu only one day when he found a vessel coming direct to this Is. & immediately engaged a passage & reached the station occupied by Dr. S. the day following Sabbath, & on

Monday ~~morning~~ left H. and bore back with a guide, for Waimea, where he will arrive some time in the afternoon. - I have had a short but very pleasant visit with him. He took leave of me this morning, & in company with the brethren Allen & Clark who have spent a day or 2 with us, returned to H. where they expect soon to embark for Honolulu. I regret that he could not have brought his wife with him, but it would have subjected her to much hardship, had she attempted to come the route he did. He thinks she will be pleased with the Is. & I hope they will both be contented & happy, so long as providence makes it their duty to remain. He says, that he wishes you & your family were here. Pious, experienced lawyers, are in great demand at the Is. & should you come, cousin M. would no doubt find abundant employment. The climate too is delightful - almost perpetual summer - so favored with the trade winds & land & sea breezes, as rarely to be oppressively hot even in the warm days, & the Sun seldom falls below 50 in the coolest weather, on the sea shore.

He mentioned that he had written you a sheet & a half since he arrived, & has probably told you more about his voyage, travels, visit, &c. than I can. My eyes are very weak. I have suffered much with them the last 6 or 7 years & using them a little either in reading or writing, frequently makes them worse, so that my letters must be short. - I recd. the things in good order which I sent for. H. said that you purchased a part of them - thank you for your trouble. I was glad to learn that the box which I sent you, arrived safely. Thanks to cousin M. for his kindness, in forwarding the box which I sent to my sister. The 2 specimens of shells which you sent by H. are found abundant on some parts of the Is. & the rest not about H. If you would like more of the same kinds, I will try to procure them for you. Your letter about them has got misplaced & I cannot find it, neither can I recollect what you said about them. - I hear from M. occasionally.

She was well as usual, when she last wrote. My own health is not very firm, but am able to be about house & attend to my domestic concerns. I continue to meet weekly with the sisters of the church here, for social prayer, religious conversation, & our own spiritual improvement, but at present have no regular school. Hope I shall some time have strength to engage in one, as it is to me a delightful employment. Preparations for building a new meeting-house are in progress at this place, but they advance slowly. Want of funds is one great obstacle in the way of carrying

going forward the work. For the last 6 or 6 months I have been making a very great effort to raise contributions from the natives on this Is. They are all very poor, scarcely able to feed & clothe themselves - have but little market for their produce, & very few of them get much money. I have however got ^{over} \$14 collected, a great proportion of it in 5, 6, 10, & 12 cent pieces, & more promised. I intend to continue my efforts & hope eventually to raise \$50 at least, from the people. But I sometimes fear the building will not be completed in my day. We have so few means for doing ^{any thing} that it takes a long time to accomplish a little, while every thing is done to great disadvantage.

I have come to the end of my paper & must stop. Hope to write cousin Sarah before long, if my eyes will allow me to use my pen much. Love to her & to all the members of your family. Adieu to Bro. Harvey. As ever your affectionate cousin,
Mary R. Whitney.

Dear Sister M. No. 15 Waimea Hawaii Dec. 1st 1849

As this is the anniversary of your birth, I must commence a letter to you, but my eyes are too weak & sore, to allow me to write much this evening. Will fill my sheet as I am able. — I have 2 unacknowledged letters from you, one of June 27, the other of Sept. 12-18. Thank you for all the interesting intelligence you have given me respecting old friends, yourself, &c. &c. With so many new & strange events frequently passing before my mind here at the Is., I sometimes almost forget what relations I have in the States, particularly those who never write to me. My mind is very weak, & much of the time confused, from a constant pain in my head, I can & do, most truly sympathize with you in your afflictions, in that respect, I have many times found during the last year or two, that I should ere long be deprived of the use of my reason. My trials have worn upon, & almost crushed me, but I still live a monument of the Lord's faithful care & goodness. I look & feel very much older, than I did 2 years ago. — The 12th ult. I was permitted to welcome & once more embrace my beloved son H. A few weeks since, I heard that he was on his return to the Is., but knew not that he had arrived, till he entered the door of my dwelling, & clasped me in his arms. He stopped at O. only one day before he embarked again for this Is. I have had a very pleasant visit with him, of 2 weeks & 2 days. He took leave of me again 3 days ago, & acted to O. on his way to Hono. I can scarcely realize that he is the same little boy whom we sent to O. almost 18 years ago. So rapidly time flies & such changes it produces, it seems almost like a dream when I look back upon the past. I anticipate much comfort in having this dear child near me. I shall not be disappointed. Still I intend to be on my guard, & not be over sanguine,

knowing that every rose has its thorn, & every sweet its bitter. His location will be at Hono where the Govt. prep is. He is to be connected with that, & I hope he may be qualified (if he is not now) for his post, & be instrumental of much good here at the Is. His deafness is an affliction, but he thinks he shall be able probably to cure it here in this warm & delightful climate. I could converse with him better than I do, by sitting very near him, but he did not appear to hear my voice at all, when I spoke to him across the room. He says I look very much like Bro. Harvey.

I am glad you mentioned the names of some of my former acquaintances, otherwise I should not have known who Mrs. Col. Claff, or Mrs. Deborah Park were. I have often wished to know who the latter was, as I have occasionally recd. mementos of friendship from her, & wondered who could be, ^{she} who were Mrs. Col. James & Mrs. Otis Park? Will you inform me? I find by almost every letter I receive from you, that those whom I formerly knew, are fast passing off the stage of action, & soon our turn will come. O to accomplish life's great end, to glorify God, & to be prepared to enjoy the ^{same} ~~same~~. That is the great thing - the object for which we were created. Let us labor for that end, & strive so to live, that others may be benefited by our example, & profited by our influence & efforts for their good.

Dr. & Mrs. Wetmore arrived at the Is. last spring, but I have not yet seen them. I recd. quite a packet of letters which were committed to her care. I have recently recd. a few lines from cousin P. Gunn. Her note was dated last March. It came in a box which Mrs. Montague sent to Mr. Cook's family. — I have recd. letters from Geo. S. & H. & also from his wife - hoped to have answered some of them ere this, but have suffered very much with my eye since last spring, which has prevented my writing as much as I otherwise should. ^{They are now quite weak & sore, & reading or writing, is very trying to them.} I shall endeavor to answer my letters as fast as I get leisure from other duties, without injury to my eyes. My general health (head & eyes excepted) is much as usual, but suffering so intensely in my head, as to unfit me for labor, which I would otherwise gladly perform. — I continue my weekly meetings with the female members of the church, which I commenced several years ago. ~~For~~ ^{we have} for the last few months, been endeavoring to raise a little money to assist in the erection of a new meeting-house. I have got over \$14 - collected from the poverty of the people - mostly in very small pieces, 5, 6, & 10 cents. Some I have no doubt, have given the only piece of money, which they possessed. Perhaps I have never told you that our house of worship was laid prostrate about 2 years ago, by the heavy rains, & since then we have had no suitable place to meet in. ~~It was~~

straw dwelling house with a shed built out one side, affords a partial shelter for the congregation, but it is a miserable looking hovel, more fit for a pig sty than for the worship of Jehovah. It is the best however that we have. This is Sunday Dec 4th the day for our meeting, as I must lay aside my pen, & be ready to join them. — Our met. is now closed, & I will finish this sheet & have it ready to send. I have before told you that M. was married, & had gone to H. to reside. We parted soon after that event, & I have not seen her since. I hear from her occasionally. She was as well as usual, when she wrote last. — You mentioned in your letter of Sept. 148 that you had written to us both the spring previous on one sheet, but I have never seen that letter, nor has M. even mentioned she writing to me of having recd. it. Perhaps however it may have come to hand, tho she has not mentioned it. — My respects to you H. & love to all dear friends.

My Dear Bro. Harvey,
Your long letter of Aug. 28-148 was recd. last Feb. & would have been acknowledged long ere this, had my eyes allowed me to write as much as my inclination prompted. But I was almost laid up with them some part of last year & summer, & they have been ever since, & much of the time, writing has been painful to them. — I am always glad to get a letter from your pen, & now let me thank you for all the information you have given me, in regard to the different members of our family. It does me good to hear particulars occasionally respecting them. I was glad also to have you mention about our neighbors. I had supposed that Mr. & Mrs. H. Merrill had long been in their graves, as it is many years since I have before seen the mention of their names in any of my letters. They must I think be quite aged now, as they seemed to me when I was young. What has become of Sarah, & when the two youngest daughters? Justice also? I have not heard of her for many years. It is pleasant to have my memory refreshed occasionally in this way, & I should be likely to forget all about my former acquaintances. About my last letter I receive from sister M. I hear of the death of more or less of those I fondly hardly take a glance to. It seems sometimes as tho they would soon all have passed off the stage of action. Few live to the age which Uncle O. P. did, & perhaps it is not desirable to outlive our usefulness, if we are prepared for another & a better state of existence. The Lord only knows, when our work here on earth will be finished. But we know that He often comes as a thief in the night to call his creatures out of this

into eternity, & it becomes us to stand prepared, our loins girt about with truth, & our lamps trimmed & burning, ready to depart hence whenever He shall call for us. Have you my dear Bro. that evidence which is desirable, that your soul has been washed in the precious blood of Jesus? That you have been made a partaker of His redeeming & sanctifying grace? I long to hear from you own pen that this is the case, that you have begun the christian race, & are daily seeking for conformity to the image & likeness of your Blessed Redeemer. Trust not to any thing short of His merit & righteousness for salvation, for that is the only ground of acceptance for sinners. I often plead for you before the mercy seat, till my heart is melted into compassion, & my eyes suffused with tears. My prayers however will avail nothing to save you, unless you repent & exercise faith in Christ, our great atoning sacrifice. But how can I refrain from interceding for you, while I have no evidence that you are in the ark of safety? Dear Bro. do, I beseech you, attend to the one thing needful, while life & health are spared you. Delay not repentance till a more convenient season, for that may never arrive. My heart yearns over you, & how can I endure the thought of being forever separated from one I so much love? May we, our Parents, & all our Bro. & Sisters, meet at last, an unbroken family in Heaven. Will you not in your next give me your views & hopes on this subject? — You wrote some time ago today I was permitted to welcome my beloved Henry, once more to the home of his birth. He has now taken leave of me again & retired to Hono. Here he expects to reside, as the Govt. prefers, with which he is to be connected. I hardly need tell you that it gave me much joy, to see his face again. He says I resemble you very much, both in my features & voice. But you have probably lost your teeth as I have. Mine are almost all gone. I had to have the imposture of taking care of teeth & having them filled, & as I do not think I at the present time might have had a comfortable set. Several of my front ones, became loose & dropped out, or rather one of them did, & others were so loose I could deal with them, & took them out without instruments. I have now only 2 under teeth remaining, & 5 above, with the root of the 6th. Wish I could have a new set put in, but I would advise you to have good teeth, to take care of them in season. The loss of my teeth affects my speech, & alters my looks very much, particularly about the mouth, & reminds me of Mother. All her upper teeth were gone. I remember perfectly well how she used to look down on F. & eldest brother, but your countenance & that of S. & C. are not so distinct in my recollection. Were we to meet now however, I probably should not recognize any of you, or you me. — H. says that you have got a genealogical table

containing the names of our ancestors, from the time of their settlement in N. H. If it would not be asking too much, I should esteem it a great favor if you could send me a copy - should prize it highly. I have often wished that I knew something more about our ancestors.

Thank you for the information you gave me respecting the schools in N. H. I read one number of the "Teacher's Advocate" a year or 2 since, which I suppose you sent me. Was much interested in reading the piece from you, on studying the natural sciences in schools.

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Love to all our friends whom you may meet, and please accept a large share for yourself, from your affectionate Dr. Whitney

My Dear Son S.

Unions Hawaii S. H. Dec 12-1844

Your last letter dated the 21st of last May, was really the best of you Bro. H. a month ago today, & has afforded me more satisfaction than any one letter from you I've read before, for many years. What you wrote in a previous letter, led me to suppose that you had relinquished the study of Divinity. I was then surprised to learn that you was licensed, & had commenced preaching. I hope however that you will have no cause to regret your choice of the ministry as a profession. If entered into from a sincere love for souls, & a desire to glorify God in the salvation of your fellow men, I hope you may find it a pleasant, yes a delightful employment. I am glad to find it such, & was never more in his element, than when in the pulpit. It was a source of much joy to me, that so long as he lived, & was able to preach, he was never tired of his work. I do not mean that his physical frame was not fatigued, for his labors on the sabbath were frequently so hard, that he was completely exhausted by the close of the day, which often deprived him of rest the following night. He used often to say, that the sabbath ^{high to those who are of rest} was to him the most laborious, fatiguing day of the week. He generally preached 3 sermons besides at S. H. vicinity, & had he not enjoyed health, & been blessed with a place called "Happy Valley". He was found dead after having eaten the flesh from a good constitution, he could not for so long a period, have sustained such an amount

of labor. May you find the duty of preaching Christ & him crucified, as pleasant as he did. He never regretted his choice. His only regret was, that he had not been more faithful to the trust committed to him. A great responsibility rests upon those who watch for souls, & I trust you feel it, in some measure. Endeavor to be faithful in dispensing the word of life, giving to each one a portion in due season. Trust not to your own wisdom for direction, or to your talents & mental capability for usefulness in the ministry. Remember that those who would be most successful in winning souls to Christ, must keep near the throne of grace, & look constantly to God for a blessing to accompany their efforts. Let all your sermons be prepared in dependence on the aid, & strength will in prayer before they are delivered, if you wish them to be digested, & made spiritual nourishment to your hearers. May you in all your ways be guided by heavenly wisdom, see at all times the path of duty clear & plain before you, & have grace sin to follow it.

On the 12th ult. I was permitted once more to welcome you dear Bro. H. to my home & my heart. I had not heard of his arrival at the Islands, & did not expect who he was, till I found myself in his arms, with a kiss imprinted on my cheek. O. S. you can scarcely conceive how happy I felt to have him again by my side - to see him too a man grown, with a mind ^{more} cultivated, & prepared for usefulness in the world. It seemed more like the reappearance of you dear Bro. H. among them I could have anticipated. The natives were almost overjoyed to see him, & many of them brought some tokens of their affection, in fowls, sweet potatoes, bananas, coconuts, &c. He spent between 2 & 3 weeks with me, & then felt it his duty to return to Hono. where he expects to reside. He had a number of sketches with him which he had taken at different places, one of San Francisco which I was very glad to see. I was much interested also in the sketches which he had kept on the way from the U. S. San F. is fast becoming a large place. He said he understood the population there now, was not far from 40,000, & multitudes ^{are} constantly flocking thither. Great numbers also are dying off in that vicinity, many doubtless from the sufferings which they endure, from cold & hunger. Board at S. H. was there, was from 4 to 6 per day, a night's lodging ^{at 1}, & every thing in proper proportion. Those who go there without employment, or money sufficient to defray their expenses, must of necessity suffer much. ^{It is reported} that many persons in the vicinity have committed suicide, & that one man had actually stowed to death his own arms, in the desperate strife with the King of Savors. The above sentences are

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My Dear Son S.

Waimea Hawaii S. I. Dec 12. 1844

Your last letter dated the 29th of last May, was recd. by the hand of your Bro. S. a month ago today, & has afforded me more satisfaction than any one letter from your pen recd. before, for many years. What you wrote in a previous letter, led me to suppose that you had relinquished the study of Divinity, I was thus surprised to learn that you was licensed, & had commenced preaching. I hope however that you will have no cause to regret your choice of the ministry as a profession. If entered into from a sincere love for souls, & a desire to glorify God in the salvation of your fellow men, I hope you may find it a pleasant, yes a delightful employment. Your Bro. found it such, & was never more in his element than when in the pulpit. It was a source of much joy to me, that so long as he lived, & was able to preach, he was never tired of his work. I do not mean that his physical frame was not fatigued, for his labors on the sabbath were frequently so hard, that he was completely exhausted by the close of the day, which often deprived him of rest the following night. He used often to say, that the sabbath ^{with toiling one, a day of rest,} was to him the most laborious, fatiguing day of the week. He generally preached 3 sermons, besides S. S. & vicinity have committed suicide, & that one man had actually stoned to death ^{at the} sabbath school & Bible class, & had he not enjoyed health, & been held within a place called "Happy Valley"! He was found dead after having eaten the flesh for a good constitution, he could not for so long a period, have sustained such an amount

of labor. May you find the duty of preaching Christ & him crucified, as pleasant as he did. He never regretted his choice. His only regret was, that he had not been more faithful to the trust committed to him. A great responsibility rests upon those who watch for souls, & I trust you feel it, in some measure. Endeavor to be faithful in discharging the word of life, giving to each one a portion in due season. Trust not to your own wisdom for direction, or to your talents & mental capability for usefulness in the ministry. Remember that those who would be most successful in winning souls to Christ, must keep near the throne of grace, & look constantly to God for aid, & strength will in prayer before they are deluded, if you wish them to be directed, & made spiritual nourishment to your hearers. May you in all you say be guided by heavenly wisdom, see at all times the path of duty clear & plain before you, & have grace sin to follow it.

On the 12th ult. I was permitted once more to welcome you dear Bro. S. to my home & my heart. I had not heard of his arrival at the Islands, & did not expect who he was, till I found myself in his arms, with a kiss imprinted on my cheek. O. S. you can scarcely conceive how happy I felt to have him again by my side - to see him too a man grown, with a mind ^{more} cultivated, ~~improved~~, & prepared for usefulness in the world. It seemed more like the reappearance of you dear Bro. among us, than I could have anticipated. The natives were almost overjoyed to see him, & many of them brought some tokens of their affection, in fowls, sweet potatoes, bananas, coconuts, &c. He spent between 2 & 3 weeks with me, & then felt it his duty to return to Hono. where he expects to reside. He had a number of sketches with him which he had taken at different places, one of San Francisco which I was very glad to see. I was much interested also in the sketches which he had kept on the way from the U. S. San F. is fast becoming a large place. He said he understood the population there now, was not far from 40,000, & multitudes ^{are} constantly flocking thither. Great numbers also are dying off in that vicinity, many doubtless from the sufferings which they endure, from cold & hunger. Brown at S. F. when he was there, was found to be per day, a night's lodging \$1, & every thing in proportion. Those who go there without employment or money sufficient to defray their expenses, must of necessity suffer much. ^{we have} ~~it is reported~~ that many persons in the vicinity have committed suicide, & that one man had actually stoned to death a good constitution, he could not for so long a period, have sustained such an amount his own arms, in the desperate strife with the King of Savors." The above sentence was

taken from the Polynesian a 3000 paper printed at Hono. There is no doubt that gold is to be found in great abundance in California, but who that knows the difficulty of procuring it, would wish to sacrifice health & even life itself, for a little shining dust, which cannot profit the possessor when obtained. It is ignorance on the subject which leads such multitudes thither, & many (if accounts are correct) are wholly disappointed after reaching the mines, & leave them again in disgust, as soon as they get enough gold dust to buy their expenses to some other place. ^{in the Polynesian, in which Providence has blessed them} O that men were ^{anxious} contented ^{with what they have} & not ever ^{anxious} to get rich! You said nothing about your health & I therefore infer that it was good. Mine is much as usual. M. also was well, the last I heard from her. I must now say a few words, in answer to what you wrote on your last page. Do not think dear S. that I am or ever have been, "ashamed" of you, for that act of yours which you style "A piece of most egregious folly & thoughtlessness." It was not shame, but grief & sorrow that filled my soul. You & I both mourned over your conduct, & for a time could not account for it, but when we learned your aversion to enter the sacred Ministry, & your unwillingness to say any thing to Mr & Mrs E. on the subject, that they should not approve of your decision, we suspected, that must have been the reason why you left as you did. Had you been warned of the evil consequences of such a course, & then gone in direct opposition to advice on that subject, the case would have been greatly aggravated. But I have always regarded it as a thoughtless, inconsiderate act of yours, which would carry with it its punishment, i.e. the disappointment & suffering to yourself in consequence, would be a sufficient punishment, for your taking such a course. I did feel, that as you were a professor of religion, that act might bring reproach upon the cause of Christ, & alas upon your own Christian character. But I rejoice to find that you "have most sincerely & bitterly repented of it," & I hope your future life may be such, as to efface any stain which has hitherto rested upon your cause of our blessed Redeemer, on that account.

Knowing that you may be entirely consecrated to the work of the Lord, & wishing you much success in your labors, I am dear son, as ever your aff^r Mother, May P. Whitney.
Dec 14 - There was a dreadful storm here last night, of wind & rain & lightning. It did for a time blow almost a hurricane, & among other damage done, I find this morning by a beautiful Alouatta tree in the front yard, of which I have before given you a description, laid prostrate. It was too firmly set in the ground to be uprooted, but the trunk was snapped in two, just above the roots.

So fades & dies all our earthly hopes & enjoyments. Disappointment is written upon all terrestrial objects. Let us then set our hearts upon nothing short of that inheritance, which is "incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away." Amen yours, M. P. W.

My Dear Bro. (Mr John Partridge) Keama A. D. - Nov. 8. 1857
I received your good long letter bearing date March 27, 1857, & I felt it was read nearly a year since. The perusal of it afforded me much satisfaction, as it contained many things which I was gratified to learn, & which I had never seen from any other source. It has not lain thus long unacknowledged, for want of a disposition on my part to write you. During a part of last spring & summer, I suffered with inflammation in my eyes. For months I was unable to see, & much of reading or writing was particularly trying to them. They have been weak ever since, but I should probably have written you ere this, had it not been for a season of illness from which I am now but just recovering. The influenza has been very prevalent here of late, laying prostrate old & young. I had an attack of it some 4 or 5 weeks since, & during that time have suffered much. My cough was very violent & distressing, & for a week or 2, I thought it doubtful whether I should ever recover. I am able now to sit up some, but am still very weak. My cough is much less violent than it was, tho' it has not entirely left me. I have an almost constant pain in my chest & lungs, & sometimes for the latter are affected. I live here entirely alone, & it is particularly trying, ^{to be} laid aside by sickness. But the Lord has been very good to me, often better than my fears, & infinitely better than my deserts. Blessed be His holy name for all His past mercies. May I have grace to trust Him for the future.

My heart has been cheered & comforted, by the return of my dear son H. to these Isles his native home. He arrived here last Nov. & spent 2 or 3 weeks with me, & then returned to Hono. the seat of his labors. I suppose you know that he came out here by invitation from this Gov. & is connected with the Gov. printing press on the Isl. of Oahu. His wife did not come with him, but left the States last Sept. & came around the Cape. She had a very quick & pleasant passage - arrived at H. the latter part of Jan. I have not seen her yet, except her Daguerrotype, but hope to, before many weeks shall have passed. And now I think of it, can you not have your own, & those of your friends taken, & send me. It would be very gratifying indeed to my feelings, to see you all. H. says that I look very much like Bro. Henry - that he should have known

me from the resemblance. By the way, I did not know him, or suspect who he was when he first arrived. I had not heard that he was on the 2d - & was not expecting him so soon. I could scarcely realize that he was my own dear H. the little boy who left me at the age of 7, now returned a man in stature, with a mind cultivated & matured. O how fast our years roll away, & how soon our children if they live, will fill the places we now occupy. It leaves us to act well our part, to secure the great end of our existence, which is a heart to glorify God, & be prepared to enjoy him forever.

If you take the Herald (as I hope you do) you will doubtless have seen ere this reached you, some account of the late disturbances here at the 2d's by the French. They did what they could to frighten the Gov. by threats &c. but when they found that did not move them, they committed some gross outrages, - acts more worthy of pirates & robbers, than of those who would fain be thought civilized gentlemen. The Lord has often interposed & offered in mercy for this nation, when apparently ready to be swallowed up by its enemies. On His Almighty arm we rest, for aid & succour. May He never leave or forsake us.

Give much love from me to your dear wife, or sister, & as you will allow me to call her, & also to all the cousins. I suppose 2-3 children, have nearly grown to man & womanhood. - - - Remember me affectionately also to all my old friends. Now you my mother, I should be very happy to receive a letter from sister H. & hope you will continue to write me. - - - - -

From off - sister, Mary S. Whiting
(to Mr. John Partridge)
Waiana Hawaii March 9 / 50
My dear Bro. & Sister,
Some letter sister S. dated May 22 / 49, was rec'd a great age, & could I have had my own wish in the matter, would long since have been acknowledged. But various providences over which I have had no control, has prevented my writing you before. I am now but just recovering from a few weeks prostration from the influenza, the 1st attack I have had during the last 14 months. This last has been very severe & for a week or two, I thought it doubtful how it would terminate. But the Lord has been very gracious, & I am convalescent, or I should not now be at my desk writing you. How much we have to be thankful for every day of our lives, & yet how little we value our mercies, until we are deprived of them. I often think of you & all my brethren & sisters, but most frequently when before the mercy seat of our heavenly Father, pleading for blessings on myself & friends. I hope you make the one thing needful, the end & aim of your lives, for without securing an interest in the great salvation, you cannot glorify God

or be happy with Him to eternity. How I should love to visit your family circle - to bid you farewell - to see some of the dear children whom God has graciously given you. But if we are all the true followers of the blessed Jesus, we shall one day meet around his throne, to unite in our general song of praise to God & the Lamb. O what a happy meeting that will be, to those thus happily favored. May we, & ours be of that happy number, to whom the Savior will at last say, Come ye blessed, &c.

Do you take the "Herald" & "Bay Spring"? If you do, you will be able from these, to gather more items of interest with regard to our labors & prospects, than I can give you on this sheet. You will learn also from the same, some of our trials, & the troubles which have come upon this nation, by the invasion of foreign powers, particularly that of the French, within the last few months. May the Lord overrule all these trying dispensations of His Providence, to the furtherance of His cause in these Islands.

It is now the rainy season with us, & every thing wears a verdant robe. I have neither time or strength for cultivating flowers, but I have a little garden in which I have a few vegetables growing, most of which I planted with my own hands. Corn, beans, cucumbers, squashes, cowslip, sweet potatoes, & various kinds of melons. The cucumbers, beans & squashes, are now yielding a crop, corn in blossom, melons set but not grown. I have several tenanted trees in the same little inclosure, tho' they do not yield much fruit.

Kaloua March 16 - My health improving but slowly at Waiana, I was advised to try a change of climate, in hope of regaining it more speedily. It is somewhat cooler here than at W. - have been here 3 or 4 days, but do not as yet perceive any special benefit from the change. This is the station occupied by Dr. Lion Physician - 15 miles from W. Mr. Jones & his family are now here on a visit. He too is an invalid, very feeble, & his wife does not enjoy good health. - - - A very sudden death occurred in this neighborhood 2 days since. A foreigner by the name of Hall from Cal. has been on this Isl. for 2 or 3 months in ill health. He was stopping here for its benefit, & apparently gaining - called here at the Dr.'s in the course of the day - rode down to the beach about a mile & a half, & on his return in company with another man, fell from his horse without any apparent cause. His companion came immediately for Dr. S. who went to his aid, & found him in a dying state. Every thing was done to revive him which could be, but to no purpose. In a few moments, the vital spark was extinct, & he had gone to appear before the Judge of all the earth. How solemn the reflection! Surely "in the midst of life, we are in death!"

I hope you will continue to write me, & so far as I am able, shall be happy to reciprocate the favor. My love to you both, & to all the members of your family. I was much gratified to receive a lock of hair from each of you heads. When you write, please give me all the particulars respecting yourselves, for such intelligence I cannot get from public

ditions. Remember me affectionately also, to any of my friends whom you may meet.
And now I must close this hasty written sheet, penned in much weakness, & submit
myself your affectionate sister,
Mary P. Whitings.

My Dear Cousin,
Your kind letter of Sept. 14-49 was recd. some weeks since, but these
companying packages did not arrive till a week ago today. On opening it, I could
scarcely restrain the tear of grateful emotion, for your unexpected kindness. Surely
you have laid me under new & lasting obligations, not only to yourself, but to
write all the powers of body & mind which I possess, more unreservedly to the cause
of my blessed Redeemer. Your letter found me on a couch of pain &
weakness. I was suffering from a severe attack of influenza, which had laid
prostrate many around me. My cough was exceedingly distressing for some days
& for a time, I had fears how the disease might terminate. But the Lord has
led it, & I am now convalescent, slowly regaining my health. As this place is
warmer than Waimoa, I was advised to come here with the hope that I might be benefited
by the change. I arrived a few days since, expecting to stay a week or 2. This
station is not as quiet & retired as W. & on that account, less favorable for an
invalid like myself, who cannot bear noise & excitement. However I hope to
be benefited by the change, notwithstanding. My health since Mr. W.'s death
has generally been better than for some years previous, & I have during the time
been enabled to do more direct missionary work than usual. But of late, my domestic
care are much increased. Providence has very unexpectedly to myself, thrown 2
foreign ladies into my family, to spend a few months. One of them has a little
boy 4 or 5 years of age, who has always been a feeble, sickly child. He is very
unlike other children, can now walk, but will probably never have the use
of speech, & requires as much care as a small infant; - his mother says sometimes
she thinks he does more. She had a fright, which is supposed to have been the cause
of her affliction, in this dear child. - Since I have been prostrate by illness, my
company has boarded in Bro. P.'s family, but I expect them again as soon as my health
will allow of it. - His wife had a very short & pleasant passage, - arrived at
Hono. the 29th of Jan. I have not seen her yet, but hope to soon, as she is intending in a
few weeks to come & make me a long visit.

A very solemn providence occurred in this neighborhood 2 days since. A young
man by the name of Henry Hall who had been at Cal. & had taken the opportunity - the
prevailing disease they had come to these islands with the hope of regaining his health, &

cut down in the midst of his days. He has been on this Isl. 2 or 3 months - appeared to be
recovering - called here in the course of the day, said his health was improving - rode
to the seaside about a mile & a half on horseback, & on his return, suddenly fell
from his horse without any apparent cause. He was in company with another
man. His companion came immediately for Dr. Smith, who went to his aid, &
found him but just alive. He was able to speak but once or twice, after the Dr.
got to him. Every possible effort was made to revive him, but death had thrown
his fatal dart, from which there is no escape, & in a few moments the spirit which
had actuated the body, left its clayey tabernacle, to appear before its Maker & its
Judge. Poor man! neither he nor any of us, thought that his end was so near.

On an examination of the body, it was found that the spleen was greatly
enlarged, (something like a bladder when full of wind) & filled with coagulated blood.
There was a rupture in it which Dr. S. thought was probably the cause of his death.
I am told that he was a R. Catholic in sentiment, - was an Irishman by birth,
but for some years past had resided in the City of N. Y. previous to going to California.
He has a ho. somewhere in the State by the name of Ben Hall & my people have often seen it.

Bro. Lins & family arrived here 2 days since, from Hono. They report H. & his
wife as well, tho' neither of them wrote me. I had a little note from M. not long since.
She said her health was pretty good, but Mr. P. had been suffering with inflammation
in the eyes. They were better however when she wrote.

You speak of the shells which I sent you. I was glad to learn that they were
all acceptable, & that a few of the sea Urchins reached you in a perfect state - re-
gret that so many of them had ^{dropped} their quills. Unless they are very thoroughly
dried, it is difficult to carry them so long a voyage & preserve them perfect, owing
to the damp sea air which injures them. In unpacking the box did you notice in what
position those were which were perfect? whether laid flat, or standing by the sides of
the box? I have sometimes thought it might be owing to the manner of packing them,
that the quills were loosened. I shall continue to secure shells as they come in my
way, & should my life be spared, my at some future time send you another box, should you wish.

I intended to have written cousin Sarah ere this, & probably should have
done, had not sickness, & an increase of family cares prevented.

My warmest love to you & yours, also to Bro. P. & other friends whom you may meet.
Write often, your letters are always acceptable to your aff'ct' cousin,
Mary P. Whitings.
My Dear Sister, (Mrs Rebecca Forbes) Waimoa Hawaii April 8-1850
Your letter which you commenced on your voyage home & finished the

July following, came to hand a year ago or more, & I assure you, I was glad to receive this testimonial of your remembrance. Soon after its arrival, I had an attack of inflammation in my eyes which continued for several months & I was unable to write much during last summer & fall. As the cool weather advanced, my eyes became stronger, & I hoped to have answered all my A. A. letters ere this, but Providence has (very unexpectedly to myself) has planned 2 foreign ladies in my family to spend a few months, one a Mrs Jefferys the wife of a Whaling Capt. Moore, a lady recently from the States, who accompanied her H. to the Islds, expecting to go on with him to Cal. but when they heard the state of things there, she concluded to stop at the Islds & let her H. go on alone. They arrived here at W. about the middle of Jan. last, & before they had been here one month, I was worn down with cares & labors, & laid prostrate upon my couch. They then went to Bro. R's & were there 7 weeks, before I recovered my health, so as to be able to take them again. They have been with me now about a week since their return. My domestic help is poor which makes it hard for me, & I find very little leisure thro' the day for writing, editing, or indeed any thing except my domestic labors. Mrs J. has a little boy 4 or 5 years of age, who has always been a full sickly child, - cannot talk, & appears like an idiot. It requires a great part of her time to take care of him as he needs as much attention as a small infant, & he adds not a little to my cares. I visited Holoa a few weeks since, with the hope of regaining my strength faster than I could at home, & spent a week or 2. Dot, & family were well. Two days after I arrived there, I had the happiness of meeting Bro. J's & family from Oahu, & had a pleasant visit with them. Bro J. is poor. They think some of coming to H. to reside. They were advised to return to the U. S. last fall, but concluded not to go. I do not know what they will decide upon. - The families at Waioli bro? J. & W. were as well as usual the last we heard. You have no doubt learned that M. & Mr P. have united interests. It is almost 2 years since they were married. They are now at Kealahou your old station, & I believe live in the house which you formerly occupied. The walls of which since they have been there, have fallen down in part, & been rebuilt. - Mr & Mrs J. have been permitted to welcome the beloved Paris (now Mrs Taylor) back to the Islds. Mr J. is seaman's preacher now at L. Asa J. too, a poor wanderer, has recently found his way back to the shores. Sister Jane told me that Mrs J. was preparing, & expecting to go to the

west fall with Mary. I could scarcely believe it, though it may be correct. My dear son H. has returned to these Islds with his wife. He came by invitation from this Coast, & is connected with the Govt. pref at Hono. He made me a visit of several weeks when he first arrived last Nov. & it was to me a joyful season indeed. He came across the continent by way of San Francisco, but his wife came round the Cape several months later. I have not seen her yet, but they are both expected here in a few weeks, & she will then spend some time with me. She would have been here ere this, had her circumstances permitted. She was confined with a son a few days since, & was comfortable the last I heard. And now how is your health & that of your family? You mentioned that your own health had improved very much since you left the Islds. Does it continue comfortable? You spoke of having had all your teeth extracted, & were hoping to have a new set soon. Can you use your artificial ones as you did those which were natural for masticating your food? I ask for information as mine are so poor I think some of having a new set put in, but do not wish to part with those I have, unless I am likely to be benefited by the change? I believe I must now close as the clock has just struck 10 - past my usual hour for seeking repose. My family had all retired to their rooms for the night before I took up my pen, so I must beg you will excuse this hasty written letter, & believe me to be as ever your sincere & aff^r friend. Kind regards to bro. J. & the dear children. Write often & you will much oblige one who truly loves you. P. S. I know not in what part of the States you may be, when this reaches you. I will therefore direct it to N. Jersey, & hope your friends there will be kind enough to forward it to you. In your next please give me your address. M. P. W.

(Mrs G. A. Bly)

My very Dear Cousin, Waimua Hawaii May 8 - 1833

I rec'd a few lines from your pen by H. when he arrived last Nov. & have been trying ever since to find leisure to write you in answer, but for the last few months I have been prepped with cares & labors above measure, so much so, that my health has once sunk under it, & I was laid prostrate on my couch for weeks. My health is at present comfortable tho' not very good, - my strength small, & my domestic help poor. You may perhaps wonder why my cares are at present so much increased. Last fall when the ships came in, Hono. was so crowded with people coming from San F. to spend the winter, that some of the lady passengers found it very difficult to obtain places to board, & application was made to Henry to know if I could not take one or

two into my family for a few months. He thought as I was alone & had house room sufficient, it would be pleasant to me to have them, & engaged 2 ladies to board with me, without my knowing any thing about it. When they came I told them that my health was so feeble, that had the application been made to me direct, I should have said at once, that I could not think of taking boarders, but as providence had seemed to throw them into my hands, I felt willing to do the best I could towards making them comfortable. ----- I expect they will stay here till next fall or winter, if my health enables me to provide for them. -----

You will doubtless have heard ere this reaches you, that H's wife arrived at the Ids in Jan. last, after a pleasant passage of a little more than 4 months. I have been anxious ever since to see her, but situated as I am, I could not leave home very well, & her circumstances were such that she could not well visit me, till after her confinement. But I am happy now to tell you, that I have had the pleasure of her company for the last few days, & also that of H. & her little one. She has a fine fat, healthy son, named for you H., who was 6 weeks old yesterday, & weighs 13 lbs. He will return home by the first vessel, but H. will remain with me for a month or two. She has not fully recovered her strength yet, but I hope will get accustom'd while here. I believe they are both about writing you, & it will be unnecessary for me to add more. I anticipate much happiness in having them so near me, & hope I shall not be disappointed, but I have seen so much depravity in my own bosom, & have had so much experience of the unfaithfulness of others even from those of whom I had hoped better things, that my joy in them is tempered with moderation, & my anticipations with fear & trembling. His return to us, has seemed almost like the rising again of his soul from the dead. May he prove a comfort indeed to my widowed heart.

I had a good letter from S. last fall, when he arrived, dated I think a year ago. It was written soon after he was licensed to preach, but I did not know until today that he was settled. That letter was written in a very good spirit, & has been a very great comfort to me. He appeared to feel the responsibility of the office upon which he was about to enter, & to be deeply humbled for his folly & waywardness. I hope he may yet be a useful man, & a means of turning many unto righteousness.

I hear from M. occasionally, - she was well the last intelligence.

I have written this in great haste, amid pressing cares & the compulsion of company & must close as my paper is full, begging you will accept of it as a token of love & affectionate remembrance, from your fond distant cousin A. C. Whitney

Beloved Cousin (Miss Sarah J. Bidwell) Winona Minn. May 20/50

Learning this morning that there would be an offer soon for sailing to San F. I have taken my pen to acknowledge you of repeated favors. I believe I have rec'd 3 letters from you since I have written you, but let me assure you it is not for want of gratitude for your kindness in writing me, that they have lain thus long unanswered. I shall now be obliged to write in haste, as my time is, & has been for the last few months so fully occupied with my domestic duties, as to leave me very little leisure, either for reading or writing. I trust however you will excuse me. You certainly would if you knew all the circumstances. But I will not fill my letter with apologies.

You will have heard ere this reaches you, of the safe arrival of H. & also of his wife. H. has visited me twice, & his wife is now with me & her little son. She has a plump fat babe born the 26 of March, who now weighs 14 1/2 pounds. He is a quiet little fellow, & I think looks something as my children used to when they were small. They have named him Ken or Ely for H's foster F. C. has been here several weeks, & I expect she will spend 2 or 3 months on the Ids. before she returns to Hono. I feel happy in having such a daughter, & also in having her with me, & from the slight acquaintance I have already had with her, I trust she will be a comfort to me. She is a very dear son, & I rejoice that he is now placed in a situation where he can be useful. The post he now occupies is one of honor, as well as of trust & responsibility. May he have grace to fill it in such a way as to do goodly - promote the cause of Christ in these Ids, & glorify God. His salary too \$1200 a year, will I think enable them with economy to live comfortably, the every thing at H. where he is located, is very dear. He pays \$10 per week for board for himself & wife when they are both there. He boards in one of the families of the Ids. The price of board elsewhere in the City of H. is 10, 12, & even as high as \$14 a week for one person exclusive of washing. The Cal. market brings the Ids of much of their produce, which makes every thing very dear.

I wish I could give you heartily cheering intelligence with regard to our work. I cannot as in some former years, speak of revivals in our midst, - of souls born into the kingdom of God, tho' of late there seems to be more interest manifested in

Waimoa, Kauai May 28th 1850

the subject of religion than for some time past, if we may judge from appearance. Meetings are more fully attended than they were a few months since, & good attention seems to be paid to the preached word. But the influence of the Spirit are needed, to make the truth quick & powerful. May the Lord pour us out & blessing from on high, - revive our own souls & bring sinners to repentance. I feel with you that the spiritual interests of this people, is what we ought to labor for as the great object for which we came to the Isles, & until this is secured, all things else appears in the comparison as unworthy of a thought. I trust I feel for the souls of these Hawaiians, & while I labor for them, I do not forget my own dear kindred according to the flesh. I often weep & agonize for them before the mercy seat of our covenant God, & perhaps for more of them oftener, or more earnestly, than for Bro. H. I can assure you I think I feel no less for his spiritual interests, than I should were I with him, for I learned enough of his views & sentiments years ago, to create a special anxiety in my own bosom for him. I know that when a person once settles down upon false grounds, it is no easy thing to convince him that he is in an error. But nothing is too hard for the Lord, & let us pray earnestly & fervently that he would teach him by his Holy Spirit, & manifest himself unto him, as he does not unto the world. We have the promise that if I shall agree as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of our Father which is in heaven. Let us lay hold upon the promise, & will not you & your sister unite with me in pleading for his soul? Let us pray on Friday evening is a season which would be pleasant to me & agreeable to you & others, to remember him specially at the throne of grace. If you prefer any other time, please name it. Let us plead not only for him, but for all our dear kindred who are out of Christ, that God would bring them speedily into the Ark of safety, & number them among his chosen ones. — I wrote to your sister a few weeks since. The letter I believe went across the continent. — My health is at present comfortable. I had a season of illness last winter which confined me for weeks to my couch, but the Lord was gracious & raised me again from that bed of languishing. How much we have constantly to be grateful for, & how often we are specially called upon to praise the Lord for his goodness. May we never forget his mercies.

My love to yourself, your bro. & his family. — And now dear cousin, adieu. May the best of heaven's blessing rest upon you all, is the prayer of your sister in the bonds of christian love & fellowship.

May P. Whitney.

Dear Sister Dow,

Your kind letter of June 28/49 written at P. d just before you returned to Ill. reached me the 15th inst. & as I expect an opportunity tomorrow to send direct to Dan F. I will write a few lines this evening in answer. — I was very much gratified to learn so many particulars respecting the last sickness, & the peaceful & happy death of your beloved Sarah. What a consolation when friends are taken from us, to have the evidence that they sleep in Jesus, & that we may one day hope to meet them in glory. You doubtless feel the loss of her society, but remember that your Heavenly Father is only gathering your own precious family to himself, & will ere long permit you to join the happy throng around his throne. Can you not rejoice in such a prospect? How sweet is the anticipation of that rest which remains for the people of God. And if the anticipation affords us so much joy, what will the reality be but perfect fruition? Let us live in daily preparation for it.

I wrote you a long letter on our last birth day. Since then I have passed through chequered scenes, or rather have experienced some changes, with regard to health and numbers. Last Jan. three were added to my little family, - thrown unexpectedly upon my hands as boarders. Two A-m ladies, - one of them has a son 4 or 5 years old, a feeble sickly child. They add very much to my domestic cares & labors, & ever since they have been here, my health has sunk beneath the burden, & for several weeks, I was confined to my couch in consequence. Had I leisure & strength at this time, I would give you the reasons of this addition to my family, but it would take up too much room on this sheet, & my time is limited. Suffice it to say that I had no agency in bringing it about, and it seemed such a special providence, that I thought the Lord must have some special design in it, & therefore felt in a measure reconciled. They have been society for me, which would have been pleasant, could I have enjoyed it without additional care. I expect they will remain here till next Oct. or Nov. Very likely I shall feel lonely when they leave, but for the sake of my health, I shall much rejoice when our number is again diminished.

Since I last wrote you, I have been permitted to welcome my dear son
H. again, to my arms & my heart. His wife too is at present with me, &
her precious little son also, now eight weeks old, - the first grand child
my eyes ever beheld. He is a plump, healthy babe, & weighs 14½ pounds.

He arrived at the Islands the forepart of last Nov. across the
continent, & his wife the 29th of Jan. following, around Cape Horn.
She has been with me between 2 & 3 weeks, & I intend to keep her
here as long as I can. She seems like a daughter indeed.
May she prove a comfort to me in my declining years.

My health is at present comfortable, though I suffer
much from general debility, particularly in the hot season.
The warm weather is now coming on, & I feel its effects, in
languor, weariness & headache. May the Lord give me
strength, equal to my days.

I regret that I must write in so much haste, but my
time is almost constantly occupied through the day with
my domestic duties, and when I attempt to write much I am
obliged to encroach upon the hours, which ought to be
devoted to rest. My eyes too are weak, & writing by lamp
light, is very trying to them.

I hope you will continue to write often, & I shall be
happy to reciprocate the favor, when able.

I have just learned from a letter written by cousin
E. D. Ely, that her sister Sergeant & husband, were about to
embark on a voyage to Syria, for their health. It must be
very pleasant I think, for Mrs De Forest to see her parents at their
own home in Beyroot, & have a visit from them on Missionary
ground. It is a privilege but few Miss^{es} are allowed to enjoy.

With love to you and all our friends, I must
now say adieu.

From your affectionate sister, Mary P. Whitney.

My Dear Mrs Walker,

Honolulu June 10 - 1851

It is a long, long time since I have either written you or read any thing from your pen. Your last kind letter of July 4-48 was duly recd, & excited both my sympathy & gratitude. Sympathy for you in your trials, & gratitude that the Lord had preserved your lives when in the midst of danger & carried you to a place of safety, where you & your family could enjoy some privileges which were previously denied you, particularly the benefit of a school for your children. I know the trials of a Miss^s Mother, with a family of little ones surrounded by heathen influences, & I trust that the charges thro' which you have passed in the course of the last few years, altho' trying at the time, will eventually prove for good. We know there is an overruling hand in all the events of providence, & that all things are ordered for the glory of God, & the best good of his people, however our own plans & desires may be frustrated. — I am at this place making a short visit with my son H. & wife. They were married 2 years ago this month, & have been here about a year & a half. — have one son a bright little boy now more than a year old. They add greatly to my comfort & happiness being so near. My dear Henry reminded me so forcibly of his sainted Father, that I could scarcely realize for a time, that my dear departed friend had not risen from the dead. May you enjoy like comfort, in your beloved sons. Their letters when we are separated afford me much pleasure & enjoyment. — My daughter with her husband has recently been at this place, — left last week to return to their station. She has 2 little ones, a son & a daughter. Her own health is very comfortable of late. My eldest son S. is now a settled pastor in Accomac V.a, was not married the last I heard, but was engaged to a very pious lady residing in Washington City. My youngest daughter E. E. is also engaged to a young man of promising talents, who is now about finishing his collegiate course. He is looking forward to the ministry, & hopes to engage in a Miss^s. & it would be his choice & that of E. E. also, if the Lord will, to labor here at the Islds. They will probably not be married, till he finishes his Theological course.

I am expecting to return to my station in a day or two, & have much to do before I leave, but I felt that I could not neglect the present opportunity to write a few lines. — I have collected a few shells for your children, which I hope to forward with this. Some of them are rare specimens, & others are more common. Regret that I could not have obtained a larger quantity and greater variety, but such as they are, you will please to accept. — My

kindest regards to your dear companion, & all the beloved fellows laborers in your immediate vicinity, particularly Mr & Mrs Atkinson whom I saw at these Islands when on their way to Oregon. In great haste & in much love, I remain as ever your sister in the best of bonds.

Do excuse this hasty letter, I have written it before breakfast.

My Dear Sister Richards,
Honolulu June 14-1851.
Your kind little note dated Jan. 27 was recd in April somewhat less than 3 months after the date. I was truly glad to hear from you, & to learn so much respecting your dear family - hope you will continue to write me as often as your health & strength permit. You speak of your dear W. I have recently heard that his health had failed, & that he was about to return to the States. Hope he may yet be spared many years to labor for Christ & his cause. I rejoice that your dear children are all doing so well. May they prove a comfort & support to you, as you descend the vale of years. How is your health? You did not tell me. Does the cold weather affect it materially? When you write again, I hope you will be more particular. Do you know that I am thinking some of visiting the States 2 or 3 years hence, should my life be spared & my health no better than it has been lately. But you will say that is looking forward a long distance ahead. I know it is, & know also that providence may in various ways, see fit to frustrate my plan. I am not as yet fully decided, what I shall do. I am now at my son's on a visit, arrived here the 19th of last month, & expect to return to my station in a day or two. The brethren of the Miss. have been together for a few weeks, & most of them have now returned to their fields of labor. Mr. Castle is about visiting the U. S. leaves today via San F. & I have taken up my pen at this late hour, half past 12 P.M. to write a few hasty lines. Very likely you may see him; if you should, you could gather more information from him in a few minutes conversation, than I can put on this sheet. My health is not very good, tho' I keep about most of the time, & have attended some of the sessions of the brethren during the meeting; but you know what a season of excitement it is at such times, & I feel almost worn out & long for a little rest & quiet. H. & family are pleasantly situated in Mr. D.'s house. Your news I suppose that Mr. D. has gone to the States with his wife & eldest child, & H. occupies his house during his absence. Mrs. D.'s sister M. Mill, now Mrs. Fuller, occupies her old room & boards with H. Her husband who has been surveying on Maui, is now here for a few weeks. They have the care of Mrs. D.'s youngest child, during this absence. - The Miss. families continue much as usual, except that several of them have asked & obtained a dispensation from the service of the Board. They now get their

support either from the people, or their own efforts, or both combined. Among those who are at Miss. Bishop, Bailey, Alexander, Clark, Gulick, Dr. J. W. Smith & Miss. Ogden there seems to be a change coming over the Miss. & the nation, in some respects disagreeing, - a state of things such as I have here never before witnessed, & there are some things peculiarly trying. But we hope these changes will eventually be overruled for the good of the people & the prosperity of Zion in these Islands. I should like to go into detail & give you particulars had I time, but Bro. C. will soon be off, & I must close. I was intending to have taken my pen this morning, & filled a sheet for you, but my time was fully occupied till toward noon, so that I have been obliged to write in more haste than I intended. Do you ever see my cousins in N. Y. M. S. B. & family? He is a lawyer, lives I think in 27 Clinton place. My youngest Bro. also lives in N. Y. I have forgotten the St. in which he resides, but you could easily find him on inquiring of my cousins. Love to yourself & family with all inquiring friends.

Dear Sister,
(Mrs. Sophia Putridge) Waimea Aug. 29-1851.
Your letter dated a year ago this month arrived some time in the spring. I recd a few lines from your son E. at the same time. Both of which were acceptable. Thank you for all the intelligence you have given me, particularly what you wrote about your own family. That is such news, as I get from no other quarter. I was much interested also in what you say about the state of religion in the place you reside, & that some of your dear family are any the hopeful subjects of renewing grace. May they prove in reality what they profess to have become, the true & humble followers of the meek & lowly Jesus. You did not tell me which of your children had made a profession of their faith in Christ. May you all so live, that at last, you may assemble an unbroken family, around the throne of God. There I hope to meet you all, washed, & sanctified & purified, in the blood of the Lamb. - You say you have the daguerreotypes of your children, that you wish you could send them to me, & would send them, if you lived in Miss. Why can you not now? Send them to the care of Bro. J. H. P. in N. Y. & he can forward them to me. Oh how delighted I should be, to see all your dear family in this way, you & I, among the number. - You speak of the exalted & honorable station in which a Miss. is placed, & say "I sometimes almost envy him the crown that awaits him" You do not I hope for a moment forget, that the higher the station one is called to fill, the greater the responsibility which rests upon him, & the Miss. in view of all this, often feels like exclaiming, "Who is sufficient for these things?" The weight unaided by Omnipotence, would sink an Angel in the dust. - The Lord does not call all to go & labor among the heathen, but He requires all to serve him, & if we have a heart for it, we

to do his will as acceptably in the lowest & humblest station, as in that of the most
Last May I visited home. There I met my children. He I suppose you know well
time with his family. Mr. & Mrs. family were there also, at the time, as may of the Misses
concerned at that place for some time. I had not seen her before for near 3 years, & she
seldom critic me. She finds her hands full, taking care of her family. She has now two
children, a son & a daughter. He has one son a year old & more. I spent a few weeks
there, & then returned to my post again, to resume my cares & labors. While at home
I rec'd a letter or rather journal, from E. She was in Elmira in the state of N.Y. and
assistant teacher in a S. Sem. in that place. It is still longer, since I have rec'd
thy from Leo Jun, not since last winter I think. He was then in Acorn O. a sut-
thud pastor, but laboring under some discouragement. He thought it doubtful whether
he should continue there long, tho' when he wrote, he said the way did not seem open for him
to leave at present. I must now beg the favor of occupying the other page in writing
to you son E. as I have a number of letters on hand to answer, & many other things to do.
With love to Bro. S. & all your family, I remain as ever your sister, Mary O. Whitely

walk in his steps continually. Fear not the reproach of men, but take up your cross daily,
& follow your Divine Master's slow footsteps, cast down or discouraged, look up on high for
strength, to enable you to go on your way rejoicing. There are great & precious promises
for those who strive to do the will of God, & walk in the way of his commandments. May
you be enabled to lay hold of them, & derive comfort & consolation from them. History
affords me pleasure to hear that any have forsaken the ways of sin, & commenced a life
of holy obedience, especially the young. We cannot too early dedicate ourselves to the ser-
vice of God, nor strive too ardently, to promote his glory.
Wishing you the best of Heavens blessings, & praying that you may grow in grace daily, &
in the knowledge of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, I subscribe myself your affec-
My Dear Bro. (Edw. George W. Partridge) Virginia Kanai Sept. 22. 1851

My Dear Sister,
(George W. Partridge) Virginia Kanai Sept. 29. 1851
I was gratified to receive a few lines from you for some months
since, & will you believe me when I tell you, that yours is the first letter that I
ever rec'd from any of my dear nephews or nieces. I have sometimes asked myself, why
do they not write me? Is it because they have never seen me? The only way then in which
we can become acquainted, is by the use of the pen. I thank you for complying with your
Mother's wishes, & now that a commencement is made, I hope you will continue to
write, as epistolary correspondence improves the mind, & benefits those who practice
it. I was much rejoiced to learn that you enjoyed the privilege of attending
so good a school - hope you will profit by your advantages. An education is
the best legacy a parent can bestow upon a child, for when once secured, it will
remain, while riches, after time to themselves wings & fly away. When you reflect upon
the goodness of God in permitting you to enjoy such great advantages, do you not feel
thankful, & labor to the utmost of your ability, to profit by them? You & most young
people of late years, are highly favored in this respect, above what their Parents were.
Your Mother in her letter to me, mentioned that several of her children had become
hopefully pious, & made a profession of religion, but did not tell me which. Perhaps
you are among the number. If so, remember that you owe a debt of gratitude, that you
can never pay. Strive therefore to adorn your profession by a holy life, & endeavor to be
daily, so as to recommend the religion of Jesus. Take our blessed Saviour for your example

Your letter written at P. O. 2 years ago the 15th inst. was rec'd the spring following,
tho' I was not aware that so long a time had passed since its reception, till I took it
up a few moments since. Tho' till now unacknowledged, I met & assure you with a
welcome reception, as do all the epistles of my dear friends, from my native land.
I was glad to get so connected a history of your life, as the one you have given me,
but had entirely forgotten the fact, that you were in Broadway when I left home. Indeed
the events of that fall, have often seemed to me more like a dream than a reality. Re-
flecting thro' so many new & untried scenes in such quick succession, with the prospect
constantly before me of soon leaving my home & native country, all had a tendency
to keep my mind in a state of excitement, so far as I allowed myself to be at all con-
cerned, by the changes in prospect. But I was able then as I have been ever since, to see
an overruling hand marking out the path before me, & guiding me into it. Had
it not been for that, I could never have consented to come here to these islands, at the
time I did. But in all my residence here, I have never had a doubt that I followed the
path of duty in coming, & have never for a moment regretted the undertaking.
Your life & pecuniary by your letter, is marked by changes as well as my own. I
learned that our friends in N.Y. that you married again before you left the States for the
& I hope that your better half will have influence enough over you, to draw you
back to your native land & a civilized community. You did not tell me whether
there were any Protestant institutions established in your Isl. home, but I have al-
ways supposed that while there, you could not enjoy the means of grace & those religious
privileges that you might in the States, especially the benefit of Christian Society, & the
Society preached in all its purity & simplicity. I doubt whether it would be right voluntarily
to deprive ourselves of these, for the sake of a little worldly gain, & probably it would

you do, or your intention at first, to do it for any length of time, still I think we should be cautious how we run such a risk, for it is much easier to fall into temptation, than to escape the snare when once entangled in the net. The chief end for which we have a being, is to glorify God & enjoy him forever, but how few qualify themselves for the great object of their existence, in circumstances as unfavorable as those, in which I suppose you are placed in Cuba. The Lord I know is not limited in power, & He sometimes secures it in a way unlooked for, but He most frequently blesses the ordinary means which he has provided for our spiritual benefit. If we wilfully or designly neglect them, we have little reason to expect that He will bless us, by enrolling our names in the Lamb's book of life. As you value your immortal interests, I beseech you dear Bro. not to remain long where you will be cut off from the enjoyment of these blessings, which if rightly improved, will save your soul from endless woe.

In speaking of aunt Bidwell, you remark, "I would give the world if I thought I was as prepared to die as I think she is." The same grace which she so richly enjoyed is proffered dear Bro. to you, & that too without money & without price. All that is required of you, is to accept of it freely. You have no merit, no righteousness of your own to recommend you to the favor of God, & He requires none of you. The righteousness of Christ is all sufficient. So just as you are sinful & polluted to the footstool of sovereign grace, with a heart penitent & broken for sin, cast yourself down there & plead for mercy, & you will not be sent empty away. My heart yearns over you & all the other members of our family, who have no interest in the merit & atoning sacrifice of a crucified Redeemer. It is trying to be separated from you all here on earth, but were we prepared to meet an unbroken family in heaven, it would greatly mitigate the pain of an earthly separation. But O how agonizing the thought, that we must be separated forever. Dear Bro. do not allow the world to engross all your thoughts, but remember that you have a soul, a precious, immortal soul, that will exist forever, either in happiness inconceivably, or in woe & misery unutterable. Reflect I beseech you upon the pains of hell, & the gnawing of that worm that will never die, & then ask yourself, will this be my portion if I can endure it even for one day? how much less for months, years, ages, years, & to all eternity? Did you realize on what a slippery place you feet do stand all out of Christ, & that fiery billows roll beneath, you could not for a moment rest until your peace was made with God. My dear Bro. do such above all things else the fear of great price, & if you are enabled to find it (as you certainly will if you seek aright) you will be happy here, & happy forever. — — — — — Had I strength & room

on this sheet I could write more, but my paper is full. My health is very feeble at present & am suffering from chronic diarrhoea with which I have long been afflicted. It is probably caused by a diseased liver — Love to your companion & fellow helper. I should be happy to have her write me. The Lord bless you both, & give you hearts to love & serve him.

As ever your aff^l sister,
Mary P. Whitney

Dear Sister Maria,
Waimea Hawaii I. I. Oct. 14 1851.

I wrote to Bro. S. a few days ago, & intended to have written you immediately after, but have been very unwell for the last 2 or 3 weeks, suffering again with my old complaint when reduced in strength so as to be scarcely able to sit up or get about the house, & no remedies have the desired effect as is sometimes the case, the fever often comes over me at such times, that perhaps my earthly pilgrimage is near its close. Such has been my feeling recently, & tho' my complaint is now in a measure checked, I am still extremely weak & debilitated, & it requires a very great effort to get about the house & attend to such things as seem necessary to be done. Living alone as I do, I have no one on whom to depend in sickness except my neighbors Bro. R. & family, & would I am very ill I do not like to add to their cares & labors, for they usually have enough to do to bear their own burdens. Still they would never see me suffer for want of aid, if it was in their power to help me. I hope now with care, soon to be comfortable again about the house. But I did not take my pen to give you such a long string of complaints. Truly a little better this P. M. I thought I would commence a letter in answer to yours of Aug 9th 1850, which was rec^d last April. I intended to have acknowledged it long ago, but public health & prep of labor, ^{has} prevented. — — — — — The letter written as you say to M. & myself on the same sheet in the spring of 1848, has never been seen or heard from by me. But yours is not the only letter that has failed to reach its destination. My daughter E. speaks of sending several sheets of her journal about a year ago, which have never come to hand, & possibly never will. In sending letters in future, perhaps it would be well to direct them to my son H. He is now Postmaster for these Islands, & when you write me inclose your letters in an envelope, & direct them to — — — — — Mr Henry M. Whitney Post Master Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands. — — — — — Letters thus directed would be likely to come direct, & he would open the wrapper, & forward the inclosed to me.

I was glad to gather so many particulars about sister — as you have given me. No one has before mentioned much about her in their letters to me, & she has never written me herself. Sorry also to hear that her health was so poor. — I perceive

It is at least highly probable, that they were not baptized by immersion: especially since the baptism of the Holy Ghost, represented by it, is constantly, & in several places of the Chap. spoken of, as pointed out upon them. Acts 2, 41. The case of Cornelius, is another Doddridge in a note in the Comprehensives Come on the 47th verse of the 10th Chap. of Acts. Can any man forbid water &c. says, "It seems most natural to understand his order. Whittly says, who can forbid that water should be brought? in which view of the clause one would naturally conclude they were baptized by pouring water upon them, rather than by plunging them into it." The editor says, "Not only is Whittly's understanding of the passage most natural, but there is no propriety in supposing it can be consistently understood in any other sense; & sprinkling may as naturally be supposed as pouring: in no sense is plunging men to be thought of as having been the method; the application of the element to the subject, & not the subject to the element, is necessarily & plainly implied."

In the case also of the jailor Acts 16th 33, we have another instance of the improbability that he was baptized by immersion. Dr. A. Clarke on the passage "baptized straightway," says, "Immediately, instantly, at the very time, while the thing was doing; & if so, it is by no means likely there was any immersion in the case; indeed all the circumstances of the case, the dead of the night, the general agitation, the necessity of dispatch, & the words of the text disprove it. The Apostles, therefore, had another method of administering baptism, besides immersion. Moreover as the Jews were accustomed to receive whole families of brethren, young & old, as proselytes, by baptism; so here the Apostles receive whole families, those of Lydia & the Jailor, by the same rite. It is therefore, pretty evident, that we have in this Chap. very presumptive proofs, that that baptism was administered without immersion, as in the case of the Jailor & his family, & that children were also received into the church in this way; for we can scarcely suppose that the whole families of Lydia & the Jailor, had no children in them: & if they had, it is not likely that they should be omitted; for the Jewish method was invariably to receive the brethren ~~by~~ ^{with their} parents." — I have always considered baptism under the new dispensation, in the same light as circumcision under the old, & all who are familiar with scripture know, that Abraham was expressly commanded by God to circumcise his household, & that was the practice of the Jewish nation, from the days of Abraham to the time of Christ. If then baptism under the new dispensation, takes the place of circumcision under the old, why not administer the rite to infants now, as well as then, in obedience to the command of God?

How much sooner we may now differ on these points, I trust the time is fast approaching, when all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, will be united in their common Lord in ~~useful~~ ^{useful} forms, ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the spirit & temper of their minds. But I must leave this subject for the present.

My health is much as usual, comfortably, but not very good. My children here at the Islands, were well, the last I heard from them.

You did not give me your address, which I would thank you to do in your next. — I must now close, & subscribe myself as ever
Your aff^{te} Mother,
Mary P. Whitney

(Mrs James Warren) Waimea Kauai April 6 - 1852

My Dear Cousin,
I commenced a letter to you in Jan. last, but was much pressed at the time with labors, & unable to finish it then, — intended to have done so long ere this, but it has lain ^{thus long} neglected for want of leisure, tho' not forgotten, & is now quite out of date. I have therefore concluded to commence anew, & hope to be more successful in getting this off, in season to go by the first mail.

The barrel from P.O. which was forwarded to Boston last June for me, containing valuable donations from kind friends in my native town, was rec'd. on the 24th of Jan. Things all came in excellent order, & were very acceptable. Please present my sincere thanks to all the donors. I had an oppor. soon after the reception of the barrel, to forward the packages for Maria & Mrs Wetmore. Suppose they rec'd. them safely, tho' I have not heard since, from either of them. — I hardly need tell you that your previous letters were very gratefully rec'd. & read by me with much interest. It does my heart good to receive communications from old & tried friends. It is like cold water to a thirsty soul, or the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land. It brings to mind by good bye, — revives old associations, & is to me in this land of my pilgrimage, like an Oasis in the desert. Most of the contents of your letters, was news to me. So long as my sister M. remained in P.O. she used to keep me informed with regard to deaths among my acquaintances, changes, &c. but my bro. who resides there, seldom writes me, & I never rec'd. a line from his first wife, or as yet from his second. Was sorry to hear that she was in such poor health.

What a loss the burning of your Meeting houses must have been. I had had no intimation of the fact, till I learned it from your letters. But tho' the loss must have been great in a pecuniary point of view, the labor of erecting new ones where you have every thing at command, is but a trifle, compared with what we find it in this land, being obliged as we are to labor under every disadvantage. Here the erection of such a building, is a Herculean task, & ours, progresses but slowly, I often fear I shall not live, to see it completed.

From your description of P.O. at the present time, I presume I should hardly

recognize it as my native town, or the inhabitants, as those whose faces were once
to me familiar to me. But this is a world of vicissitudes. We are all constantly
changing, & soon the last great change will come over us, which will fix us
in an unchangeable state. In view of these things, my heart sometimes
almost sinks within me, when I see how much needs to be done around me,
& how little I can accomplish. Precious, never dying souls passing out of time
into eternity, with all their sins upon their heads, unprepared to meet their God in
heaven. O, I long to pull them as it were, out of the fire. But how impatient
is all human instrumentality, without aid from on high. I sometimes
ask myself, can these dry bones live? & the answer is invariably the same,
O Lord thou knowest. One breath only, from the Almighty, would revive them, but
nothing short of that, would ever awake them from their death-like slumbers. O
for the reviving, sanctifying & quickening influence of the Spirit of God, to
descend into our midst. I have kept up a weekly female
meeting for several years past, which has often been well attended. Some
of the members of the church appear engaged in religion, & a few are a
comfort to me as valuable assistants, in going about from house to house to
instruct & pray with the people. A few have gone off to the Romanists,
none however to my knowledge about here, who have been particularly favorable
to religion. Those who have forsaken their instructions & united
with the papists, are generally, among the most ignorant & degraded. The
masses got a foothold in this district during Mr W's life time, & their number
here has been small, indeed, till within the last year or two. The people still feel
the loss of their old teacher, & even now often refer to his instructions with much
feeling. His place will never be filled in the hearts of some of the old people
among us, for he was to them a father indeed, ever ready to spend & be spent for
them, if in so doing, he could promote their spiritual interests, & advance the
cause of Christ in their midst.

I intend to write to Anne & Jane in answer to their kind letters, as I
have opportunity. My time just at present is so fully occupied, as to
prevent me from using my pen much, but I hope for more leisure
before long, if nothing prevents. — My kind regards to your hus-
band & children, & all who may inquire after me.

As ever your affectionate cousin,

Mary P. Whitney

(To the members of the Miss to Micronesia) Waimea June 25-1852
My dear brother & sisters in the Lord,

A small sloop anchored here last night which will
soon leave again for Oahu, & by her I will write a few lines. I did hope at
I went to Honolulu last spring, to have an opportunity of becoming more acquainted
with you, or those of you who previously arrived there, but I rejoiced & gloried
in God, that I have been allowed the privilege of seeing your faces in the flesh.
I think much of you as the time approaches for your departure, & wish it were in
my power to do something for your comfort. I send you a few more towards
which I hope may be acceptable. — May the blessed Saviour go with you,
as you leave these shores for the land of your destination. You will find these
Islanders heathens, & you will think of your visit here, as among a people at least
partially civilized, notwithstanding all our enemies have said, to the contrary.
But be not discouraged nor cast down should you witness abominations shock-
ing to your senses, & too vile to be spoken of. Such things you must expect.
There is I suppose a similarity in all heathen nations. I have seen what heathen
ism was at these islands, & can appreciate the change which has been wrought there.
May your lines be spared, to witness like success among the people whither
you are going. But you will need much faith to keep you from despairing
when trials gather thick around you & you are ready to sink under the weight
of them, then remember, that in God alone is your help. Make Him your
constant, — your ever present friend, stay your souls upon him, & He will man-
ifest himself to you as he doth not to the world. — Ever keep in mind the
instruction which you recd from P. Thurston at the communion table of our
dear Lord, which was comprised in one short word, Love. Love my dear brother
& sisters, is the fulfilling of the Law. You cannot too alaciously
cherish this most lovely of all graces, for while that predominates in
your hearts, Satan will not be likely to get the advantage over you. He
will be ever on the watch to destroy if possible, your own peace of
mind, & your comfort in each other. You may perhaps think these ex-
hortations altogether unnecessary, as did some of the Misses to Oregon who
crossed the R. Mountains, the advice of a friend on their way from the States
to the field of their labors. I had an account of it from one of the ladies
of this number, & it may be relied upon as truth. In speaking of their
having little or no success in their work, she says, "The want of harmony &
confidence among the members of our Miss. is truly an ill omen, & source of

real discouragement. Said a mother in Israel who had for years been acquainted with the work & herself a Milp. "If your Milp. proves a failure, it will be for want of love one to another. Her parting exhortation to us was, 'Love one another.' We scarcely heeded what she said at the time, so little did we feel the need of such an exhortation. But scarcely had we left her hospitable roof, the last under which we found shelter before entering the vast wilderness, than it might be said of us, 'Hatred & hating one another.' It is here that I have seen trouble that I looked not for." I have mentioned these things to show you how liable you will be if not on your guard to fall out by the way, even tho' you may not now suspect any danger from this source. Human nature is the same the world over, & has been from the days of Cain till the present time; & there is as you doubtless know, much remaining corruption in the heart that is partially sanctified, against which, we need to maintain a constant warfare. The professed followers of Christ, & especially those who go forth as heralds of salvation to the benighted heathen, cannot be too deeply impressed with the importance of adorning their Christian profession, & letting their light shine around them. Even letters are not slow to detect any inconsistency of conduct, between a persons preaching & practice. I would therefore say "Live the Gospel." Make that the rule of your duty. Set your standard high, & endeavor to act up to it.

So my dear brethren & sisters plant the standard of the cross on those heathen shores, & may the Lord go with & prepare the way before you, as he did before us when we came to these Islands. You have my prayers & best wishes, & tho' we may never more meet this side the grave, we meet at last at the right hand of our Judge, with our robes washed & made white in his precious blood. — I hope my dear sisters you will all write me. I cannot ask you to do it before you leave, as your time will be so short, but will you not favor me with letters after you reach your destined home. — And now dear brethren as well as sisters, I must beg you will pardon the liberty I have taken in thus addressing you. Perhaps you will think it is I instead of you who needs counsel & exhortation, if so I hope thankfully to receive it when it is given. — The Lord be with & prosper you in your labors, — give you many precious souls as seals of your ministry, & bring you at last to his heavenly home, is the prayer of your sister in the bonds of Christian love & unity.

Mary P. Whitney.

Dear Sister Maria, (Mrs. Maria Brown) Waimea July 2 - 1852.
I heard last evening that there would be an oppor. in a day or 2 to send to Col. Dicut, & I will try to improve it, in writing a few lines to you. Your letter of Aug. last, was recd. thro' of appeal by the hand of my dear Henry just as I was about to leave home for the Is. of Oahu to make him & his wife a visit. He had been talking for some time of taking a trip to Hawaii, partly for the benefit of his health, as he had got quite run down with incessant labor, & needed a little relaxation. But he had then recently written me that he could not well leave his work, & I had given up all expectation of seeing him, till we should meet in Hono. He came in upon me then for my unexpected, but I was glad of his company on the voyage to Hono. as I was expecting to go alone. I spent about 8 weeks at O. & enjoyed my visit with H. & wife. She was confined the 1st of May with a daughter, & as I was there to relieve her of all care, she had a speedy getting up, & has now recovered her strength. She has a very quiet babe which they have named Helen Brown for one of her sisters. I had the care of it nights while I remained at O. That Kate might not be broken of her rest. Tho' my time passed very pleasantly while at Oahu, I was glad to return to my home again, which always seems pleasant, particularly so, after a short absence.

Mrs. R. my associate was not well when I left home, had been confined a few weeks previous, & had not recovered her health, but was able to be up some, & had been out in a wagon to ride a little way, once or twice. She however became more ill, & was very sick some of the time while I was absent from home. I found her very feeble on my return, & she is still confined principally to her bed, or to a recumbent position. Her H. lifts her about in his arms from the bed to a manule, a kind of cot rigged with ropes & a long pole, for carrying the sick on. She has just passed my door on this frame carried by 2 men, one hold of each end of the pole front & back of the manule, to take her morning ride & breathe the fresh air. She has had several abscesses gather & break near her left hip, & there is now the appearance of another coming. If you have ever suffered with piles, you know what tedious things they are. From Mrs. R.'s account, I should think her swellings were something of the same nature. They discharge a large quantity of very fetid matter. I was here broken entirely & one internally. The Doct. thinks it doubtful what the issue will be, tho' he says her case is not at present hopeless. My time has been much occupied since my return doing what I could for her, taking care of the children, &c. There is a lady now with her a Mrs. Hall wife of a Whaling Capt. who arrived here last spring before I went to O. She is spending the season here while her H. is absent cruising for Whales. She is from