

Punahou Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

My dear Sister,

Your letter of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> has lain some time unanswered with others, but I hope in a few days to pay off all my debts in the line of correspondence, which I have not done for a year.

The clothes came safe, though the shirts were slightly mildewed, but if they had been in the next barrel though they might have reached us, they would have been ruined. The oranges were all rotten but one. The rest have been in as good order as we could expect and we have enjoyed them much.

To my great surprise last week I found that Charles had holes in the elbows of one of his coats. He wore it some time before the other, but I presume the cloth is not as durable as the denim, and he will need one if not two new coats. The pants are denim I think. We are having a warm and rather dry winter thus far, so that I have hardly felt the need of woisted dresses. But it may be very different weather soon.

I purchased the dinnity for you, but it was marked by mistake for Mrs. G. I wrote to her, and trust you have it ere this. The merchant charged 10 dolls. for the piece, said there 46 yds in it, and as his price was 25 cts. per yd. he threw in six yds. so he said, I did not measure it.

I cannot write more now. The letters arrived day before yesterday  
100 days from Boston. No mails yet

C. C. Dole,

I am glad to hear so favorable accounts of Albert. You have not heard any thing more of course. We are waiting now with much interest for letters. Three mails due. The Forbes arrived today 100 days from Boston 101 perhaps, but not letters. More inhabitants for Hawaii.

You speak of Arthur Brown and say you hope he and your boys are separated as far as possible. They are as your boys are at the farther corner of our court, and he is in Mr. Rice's chamber at the opposite corner of that court, with Charles Parsons. But if he was not, I presume he would have very little communication. He is one of the "large boys" and probably a great many days pass without a word between them. He appears very well thus far and whatever he may know, it is not certain that he may communicate any more or as much that is undesirable as others who do not know as much. We have found it so heretofore. I should feel differently about his younger brother. You ask why he was taken here to board. Because his parents wished it, and no one opposed it. I was told by a lady who has been to H., that his mother felt so desirous to have him in school that before she heard our school was open, she thought of moving to Hcn. that she might have her children under her own eye.

I was greatly surprised at the impression you have in regard to the intercourse of our children with natives.

That is one of the least of my troubles. There is no place on the Islands where they are so little exposed, and if they ever talk with them, it is contrary to our expectation

gives not love to study yet and in Geography goes very slow. keeps his class  
mate back, but we do not know what to do with him at present.

and they must take some pains to go where they are.  
I tried to think if I had ever sent any of the scholars  
with messages to the natives, and I could not except  
in two or three instances with clothes to the spring, and  
those not by any of the smaller boys. - My children now  
or will learn the language at Puncakou, and I should  
say so of all. Mr. Rice says he thinks he has never  
sent a child on an errand to a native except in English  
occasionally. I noticed a few of the boys when they  
first came disposed to speak to natives when they  
passed them, but it was discouraged and I have  
not noticed it this year.

<sup>tho</sup> I have felt miserably for two days and my pen has been  
laid aside. I had a little talk with Charles the eve. I wrote  
this in regard to the native language, asked him whether  
any one sent him to talk with natives in any way. He said  
Miss S. had sometimes sent him to tell a native some-  
thing in the cook room but not often, not any more than  
his mother did. I then asked if he was in the habit of speak-  
ing to the natives about ~~it~~, and he gave about the same  
answer. I told him it was not our wish or expectation  
that the children should communicate with the natives  
and asked him if it was not his mother's. He said "she  
does not like us to but has never told us we mustn't."  
I was more satisfied that you had somewhere obtained  
an incorrect impression, and will say as I did before,  
I do not think they could be less exposed in that par-  
ticular any where. The natives about the establishment  
are of the better sort, especially in the cook room.

You recollect perhaps writing that you did not expect them to make any fine purchases without speaking about it. They did so, as far as I know till last week. \* When they bought their New Years presents they said they wished to get some thing to send home - But on New Years day, George and three other boys went to Mrs Whitneys, and bought marbles which they knew we did not allow to be played in the family - came home and shut themselves up in the room, though they said that was not the reason, but as I went in the marbles were put out of sight, and I did not know they had them till eve, I went into a room rather unexpectedly. They said they did not intend to play any games. I asked G. why he had bought them without saying any thing about it, and he said his mother told him last vacation, he might buy what he pleased, with his own money, I told him I would take care of them till I could write you, and if you said so, would return them to him, but he knew what was our expectation in regard to play. I afterwards proposed to them all to send them home for their little brothers to which they assented. I told him I would add some sugar plums to the bundle. - The next day he sent by one of the boys and bought a bottle of lemon and sugar for which he paid a real and <sup>they</sup> used it all up that day. When I asked him about that, he gave me the same answer. I told him I feared he would not feel as happy as he would if he had saved some of his money to give out the monthly biscuit. - He did not seem to think you expected him to ask any advice in regard to the use of his own money.

\* I think they have bought sugar and very probable other things, things of the room