

Mailna Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 37

My dear Sister,

Your long expected note came to hand two days since. I should have answered it & improved the opportunity of the time being, to send, but was too unwell. For three days I have scarcely been able to move from my couch, so much so I attempt a little more than to go my ordinary round, which I can assure you is very limited. I am obliged to refrain in time equal to the excess of office but my health on the whole is a little improved. You speak of our visiting Hilo. That this will take place for several months to come, there is little probability, as Mrs. J. has already suggested. Families from the north & south are <sup>perhaps</sup> you are aware, expected to quarter at Mailna during the latter part of the year & spring until warm weather & other considerations may oblige us to forego the pleasure of either journeying or voyaging. Be assured it would be doubly pleasant to me to spend a little time in H. now that I have formed <sup>particular</sup> acquaintances there, besides their being near dear Be, & sister whom we learned to love during months, in which we had a common home & common interests. What arrangement will be deemed most expedient for the prospective events of a coming Spring, is by me yet to be learned. May He who disposes of all events direct, & then all will be right & for the best. I congratulate you heartily, on having a home of your own, when so much of it is consister in a house will be especially for a more comfortable one. You did not say whether you

householders or how - Hope you will send a more successful  
beginning than we did, however at present we are supplied with  
efficient aid, on the old plan. Br. VanDuzee's plan does not go  
very well at Keiha, Mrs. P. at present performs all her domestic  
labor about the house.

Frequent communications being cheering  
intelligence from the north of this Is. The arrival there really  
seems to bear the marks of an eternal revival, Dr. Wilbur (who  
has been spending several days here, says Revere never saw  
such a time before, He thinks the "excitement wonderful," Mrs.  
Knapp writes as she never did before, since I know her. It  
is refreshing to send her letters, One can scarcely fail for the

Dear Mother  
I acknowledge it  
was a great blessing to me to hear  
to mention the receipt of her kind letter  
my communications to you, but I have been  
thinking all along that I should answer it  
of course I will not do so until I can  
thank her for me, I am in that  
to write, you may not like to  
I wish to change just under obligation to  
for the sake of the people of Keiha, when  
all other things are equal & all right.

Mrs Lucy M. Wilcox

Keiha Hawaii

time to inhale the spirit with which they are with. I trust  
these Islanders in that region come from a distance & want to hear the  
voice from the land, & having heard, apparently obey, & His too, is part  
king of the Kingdom. The Lord continues to increase the shower, & extend  
it all over this Is. & that it might descend plentifully even on Ke. also.

We here with gratitude that little H. is better. I should love  
to be there & assist his afflicted Parents. How much does little D.S.  
weigh, & how does he look? Rip & hug him for me. Poor little fellow he  
is unconscious of what it's about him in common with all, should  
be true, may be prepared by grace to meet them with christian  
fortitude & submission. Write often. With kind regards to all,  
I am sincerely  
yours &c. D. P. A.