

Jan 6th 1851.

Dear sister W.

I will give you the first date this year & date also this evening altho I know there are 2 or 3 dozen things I ought to be doing - I was very sorry to learn by yours of the 30th that you had not received letters which were sent very soon after the sailing of the ~~packet~~ on the 9th of Dec. Mrs. Dole & Mrs. Mott let hope that you have recd. the package. It must be very trying to have so seldom. We had a little experience in the matter when our eldest was at Warren in the spring -

We had a pleasant visit with your husband. We have so little leisure that without one stay some time we have no opportunity of having much visit.

He was cheerful & usually but appeared perplexed somewhat by Mrs. Cattle's plans to have the operations performed here altho appeared happy & full of life.

You have our earnest wishes for the success of all your plans for this year & that both may have a speedy & safe return.

Mr. Wilcox expressed much solicitude for you all especially in case the cholera should reach the Islands. But we have yet the hope that we may be spared.

so dreadful a calamity as it has not yet
reached ~~us~~.

We have thus far enjoyed very good
health in our great family but have a
little influenza among us now. Charles
has had a touch but is well again.
Both Charles & George seem to be very healthy
& appear happy. George's face is like the summer
sun always bright & pleasant - but some-
times carries play when it ought not to be,
but always sends a word of reproof on the
subject. They are industrious usually in
school & when I have had occasion to
reprove them they have always appeared
to make an effort to do as I wished. I hear
her lessons in spelling in reading & a Bible
lesson. Charles is the best speller in his
class - & George does very well - Miss Smith
says they are improving in Music. ~~too~~
~~the~~ ~~she~~ ~~devotes~~ ~~nearly~~ ~~all~~ ~~her~~ ~~evenings~~
Miss Smith gives all her time to the school
scarcely reserving enough to keep her own
classes in order - as to write a note to a
friend &c. that is the reason Mrs. Johnson
note has not received a reply. ^{the Misses} She has
always made Mrs. Dale & myself - do all
the reporting to parents. Sarah & Edward
are well - & doing very well - I believe
pleasant members of the family - indeed
we have a pleasant family but the constant

Burden & care seem at times almost insupportable. My duties & labors hardly allow me time to leave home once a fortnight even for a ride. Our nations have both been out of late but are better now -

Mr. Rice has nearly regained his health but says it will ^{not} be practicable for him to visit Honolulu next vacation with your sons - He would like to go but it is the farmers busy season He has attended to your requests respecting the New Year gift for C. G. I ought to have mentioned before that I rec'd a note from you just after I sent the one you mention in yours last. You speak in that of perplexity in regard to the path of duty. I trust that you more fully satisfied in your course & that the result will confirm you in your decisions.

It is quite a time of health at Honolulu & the French do not alarm us. Indeed we have peace in our borders & an abundance of earthly blessings & those I fear satisfy too many as it is a time of great indifference to religious truth. The word of God seems to fall proverbially especially ~~among~~ the foreign population. Many of us are feeling that it is high time for another church at H. a pastor devoted to the foreigners -

Mr. & Mrs. Rogers are not there

but it is time to stop scribbling with love
To all your affectionate M.S. Rice

Mr. L. E. H. Wilcox

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