

Hainoa Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1897

Dear sister Wilcox,

I received your note with the pineapples and pumpkin seeds and thank you very much for them but we shall have no benefit from the latter as the worms destroy almost every thing we have planted. The natives say the only season to plant is in the time of general meeting. Br. S. thought there was two and we planted our seeds and they grew very nicely for a short time but the worms soon ate off the tops. I had given a note to Br. S. to send you when that came (as he sometimes has opportunities to send when I am not here) but it did not go till Friday. After it was gone we received yours with Br. A. and the same day we found sister A. And one from sister Eva. I am glad to hear that you are recovering and hope you will enjoy good health. You ask how mine is and I am happy to tell you it is very good indeed. I do not know but it is as good as it was at home. I think if you should see me you would think I was more healthy than when in Honolulu. I have however been much afflicted with the toothache but have

Do you feel more encouraged in your work here than you did in Honolulu? I hope you will be more successful than you were in Honolulu. I hope you will be more successful than you were in Honolulu.

now cured it with a plaster of sheenaki's  
ow. I once had the same kind at home  
(nervous) and could find nothing that  
would permanently relieve it till I  
obtained that. I have great cause for  
thankfulness that I enjoy good health  
for I think I should feel much more  
lonely as well as be deprived of lectur-  
ing with the people. Respecting our  
school there is no division, they all  
come twice a day or at least all  
who wish to but we have not as  
many generally as in the forenoon.  
Br. L says it has always been so. We  
have school from nine to eleven  
and from one to three. We have a  
native assistant and sometimes  
more than one but Mr. F. does not  
go in except two or three forenoons  
in the week as he is occupied in  
visiting the schools. We have two  
classes in Geography and two in ar-  
ithmetic. I generally bear the Ge-  
ography lessons and one in Arith-  
metic. There is a class of between 20  
and 30 just commencing reading.  
The native generally bears them and  
I teach them arithmetic when I  
have time but I can assure you I  
have my hands full when I have  
no one but the native assistant.  
I should be very happy to have a party

into that this may be the same. Good night to connect the youth and  
with them more advanced in the same will be kind to  
I am laboring with a cough  
I have a cough  
I have a cough

alal description of your schools and  
if you have any more questions to ask  
I shall be happy to answer them. Last week we visit-  
ed Hamakua to examine the schools.  
We had a very pleasant ride saw abun-  
dance of strawberry vines and rasp-  
berry bushes by the way about one  
half of the distance was through the  
forest and the music of the birds was  
soe delightfull. We set out before  
eight and arrived before eleven and  
after taking dinner went to the  
meeting house and examined 260  
children. The next day we finished  
the examination. The number of  
schools examined were 24 and the  
number of children 588. besides sev-  
eral adult schools where we heard  
read. Mr. H. and myself attended  
to the reading and spelling and  
B. S. the other lessons. We had some  
rain in returning but were not  
injured as we had umbrellas and  
cloaks. We returned on Wed. morn.  
We have just heard that B. S. Bliss  
Barley Castle and Dinene with  
their wives are at the shore and that  
the two latter are going to Hilo. I  
shall rejoice to see them all it is  
now about two months since I have  
seen a white woman. Give my best  
love to them and tell them I

How do you feel with regard to the school in which you are? Do you  
feel a long way from the shore? Do let us hear from you soon.

We hope to receive letters from them while  
they are with you but should be still more  
so to see them. I had thought of writing to  
Mrs. C. <sup>by the vessel at the shore</sup> but <sup>afterwards</sup> concluded to write  
to Mrs. Johnson who was further from us  
and write to sister C. the next opportunity.  
I would write to her now but have not  
time. Let us be encouraged in our labors  
and pray for one another. Your aff. to sister  
C. wishes with me in love to all. Charles to Sister

Mrs. Lucy L. Wilcox

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Hawaii.