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I received yours of Jan. 29th two days after the date. One opportunity for sending to Hills, I have let pass unimproved, since then — though unmentionably, I was rejoiced to hear of the triumphant success of the Gospel of Christ, proclaimed by our dear brother Coan. What a glorious day is this! Yes a glorious day! I have just attended such a monthly Concert as I never did before. Six hundred Church members, children of the light & of the day as we hope, were present. & about an equal number of others! Last Friday being our monthly fast day we had no school. Attended meeting in the morning, under the varrai, as the natives call it, which they had just finished (meeting house too small) when Bro. S. preached. In the afternoon he baptized 100 or more children of the Church members. On Saturday A.M. about two hundred and fifty were admitted into the Church. It was truly a solemn & interesting occasion. I thought I never before witnessed so lovely a sight. All were baptized. My prayer is that their lives hereafter & forever so long as they live ^{may} testify to their faith in Christ, & that

when death comes they may be joined to the Church triumphant in Heaven. Pray for us that we may do all our duty to them & to the multitudes without the fold. Yesterday they were guests with us at the Lord's table. How many eat & drank unworthily is known only to Him who searcheth the heart, & knoweth what is in man. How much more faith we all need. It appears to me that without ^{any} faith, our brethren will not see the work of the Lord ^{revised} greatly, & that the Sandwich Isles, can never be converted.

Why need we be surprised if a few hundreds are converted? The Lord is as able, as willing & as ready to convert thousands as hundreds if his people will do him the honour to believe it, & act accordingly. And wo! unto us if we do not believe it! since we can look into our bibles & read the glorious predictions & promises therein contained. Fools & slow of heart are we to believe all that God has spoken, by his Prophets & by his own Son! Therefore my prayer is that our faith may be as a grain of mustard seed, which springs up & becometh a tree. Well Brother I do believe there is to be a shaking among the dry bones at some of our other Stations ere long. I do confidently expect there will be a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Kohala soon. Bro. L. intends to go there on Thursday of this week & hold a protracted meeting. I trust he

will go in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ & that divine life will be breathed into many souls. This is my expectation. May the Lord fulfil our desires. I hope we shall not limit Him who hath no limits. Why should we stagger so at the promises of God? Why not accept and enjoy the blessings which he is so desirous to bestow? I rejoice much to see this day but if we can believe greater things than these.

May our hearts be much enlarged in prayer and praise & may we always abound in the work of the Lord knowing that we shall not labor in vain.

Yours in Christian bonds

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