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Dear bro & sister Wilcox

It is some  
time since I received a letter from bro  
No. but other duties have prevented my  
answering it till now I wish this  
evening to present in few thoughts on a  
subject which is deeply interesting to  
us and which may be so endearing  
to you It is that of the early remotest  
affection of children. In a letter which  
I wrote yesterday to bro Coan I have expressed  
some of my feelings: feelings which I  
think every parent must have to or  
greater or less extent. See this reaches  
you bro may have communicated to your  
keeping an immortal soul, though  
but whether it should be so or not  
should it be so at a future day your  
feelings permit me to say will be  
peculiar, and strong. We feel that our  
child may be converted in his infancy,  
that he and we have fled and  
seems to see our God to embrace  
and to the unconscionable day give us  
that we will not give as ~~sets~~ <sup>by His grace</sup> our whole  
rest, nor peace, on this subject till  
we see ample evidence that our child  
is a child of grace and a follower of God

Some of our reasons we have given to in  
our letters to his Co. to which I refer  
you I have already written to most  
of our company on the subject and proposed  
the pledge to them which we have found  
I shall send it to all Will you take  
us a letter or not you can collect the  
pledge as you own should you give you  
a child. It appears to us that we are  
not for could tell how out the amount  
of you which must result to the  
world should all the children of our  
reignment be sanctified for this little  
and if they can be so sanctified they will  
be on us we are guilty nor can we tell  
how out that amount of guilt

I believe that if we have children ever  
put, present, most important duty is  
to secure this immediate conversion to  
God I mean no less as the health  
world is concerned and not the children  
only For if what evil will be all our  
selves for the sake of we bring up or  
offer to cause up with a spring of  
impious irreligious or wicked children  
and if our children can be converted that  
first year of our lives this lives and we  
do not receive this salvation what  
hope is there that we shall do it after  
afterwards?

On the subject of giving children  
to natives to be taken care of or which  
I have written to Mr C. I will only  
here look at it long and with  
much earnestness. Are you desirous  
to give your child with in the way  
he should go, and then expect him  
to native, how if in that way there  
relax do not give this children to walk  
in it. I cannot tell my learning  
Father I will give my child for three  
I will A curls its hair and rest its  
its paper; when I know that my child  
is at the same moment in the of  
a native — Tell us  
on the subjects

What are you doing in school now <sup>see p. 3</sup>  
I have it present about 20 schools  
This I have care of 10 or 12  
I have not succeeded in getting the  
deals over committing still but the  
more I try to look than the more  
it is not they seem. Part of our  
encouraged to had us.

Our new school house is now being  
thatched but we shall not get into  
it till Spring perhaps

Write us soon your Oxy much as  
Yours truly  
C. Locke