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My dear Sister W

We are very happy at having an opportunity to send directly to you - should have been happier still had the vessel brought us letters directly from you. I feel no ordinary degree of solicitude to hear from you. If you have been prospered, the distresses of the voyage are past and perhaps forgotten in the kind and timely attentions wh. you are doubtless receiving.

The warm reception we received on our first arrival at these Islands, and the kindness we have since experienced from many members of the mission have made a deep impression on my mind and have made me feel more like being in the circle of my own brothers and sisters than I ever expected to feel, when I bade them farewell. I trust you will find it so.

You will have the letters from this state by this opportunity so I need not write you at length. - The school is large - Heads so thick that I have counted them but once since you left. There were ^{over} 250. N. I suppose is not far from the "average number". I have managed so as to be in every day as yet, but

cannot do as well by them as you & B. Ab. "Two are better than one". I dare say you will find the school noisier on your return than when you left. It is noisy enough now, any how, but it is pleasant to be able to say that there is very little contention or apparent evil design among the scholars. The noise is like that of a large Sabbath school, where a great many are reciting at once. When I address the children collectively there is entire stillness. It was, ~~not~~ ^{as} once. Surely the Lord has done a great work among the children here, of wh. their deportment in school is one evidence.

Keeler died the morning after you left. Honolulu is dead, and Mr. Coan is now attending the funeral of that woman whom he brought in and laid on our dining-room floor in a fit. The day you left.

The work of God goes on among us. Last night the people were in as usual to be talked to. Mr. Coan talked to them on the subject of deception at length a KooiKaika was called on to pray. He began by confessing his own sins and the sins of others in trying to deceive their teachers, themselves, and God. He had not proceeded far before he began to tremble. His power of articulation ceased. I stepped to the window and looked into the

room. He stood trembling violently making a deep
groaning noise. At length he fell prostrate, and in
a few minutes was carried out of the house.

We are constantly exclaiming "what hath God wrought"
for we believe that it is God's hand that is at
work and not the devils. Satan will sow his
tares as he always has done and they will grow
with the wheat until the last harvest. Some of
the brethren tell us what we may expect when
days of palaka come on. We know what we
may expect - Dreadful defections - trouble in the ch.
darkness in our own souls - decrease of evidences
that we see ourselves converted. Can we then
ever permit days of palaka to return. Neither
the ~~the~~ Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit, the
angels or the glorified saints wish for any re-
turn of days of palaka. Why then need we cal-
culate upon them. Why ~~they~~ wait for days of
palaka, to test the sincerity of those who appear
well while under the influence of eternal things.

I must close. We are in usual health - Mr C-
sets off for Hills in two or three days, to hold Protes-
ted meetings. You will help him by your prayers & give
them of his tour in season.

Pohano and Hanoken are married and are with
us. This you know was the first proposition. We endeav-
oured to use no influence in the matter, but to leave them act
freely, and I think they have done so. They say so at any rate.

Although it was all settled once for Pohano to go Makai,
You will embrace the first opportunity to write.
In haste I am Yours in Christ. Much love to
B. W. J. Coan

Mrs Lucy H. Wilcox
Hawalee
Cahu

I write the name of the listers at Cahu by this opportunity
For what is not the reason I refer each of them to 2 Cor.
11. 11. Please tell Mrs Bingham the letter she com-
menced to read by the vessel that took you down is
received. I thank her kindly. Long to hear again. How
does the work of God prosper there?