

Hilo Nov. 18, 1850.

Dear Bro. Wilcox,

Your letter of Sept. 18, was received 2 days since. We had not heard from you for a long time. Had not previously heard of the advent of master W. L.

Hadley we should be nearer Boston & New York, so far as letters are concerned, if we had a general postoffice, so that the mail from the coast could be opened at this place, then we are to Kaula.

We have heard in various ways that ~~exists~~ the eldest two of your sons were at Punaheou. Henry & Frederic went down the first opportunity. They were 1 month behind the time. They went via Hau, Kona, & Lahaina. Had they waited for a direct opportunity they would have been a week or two later than they were.

We had a pleasant visit of 2 weeks, perhaps, from Mr. Pond the latter part of Sept. I presume you have

heard from him since he left here. He had some articles which he designed to send you from Honolulu. I have heard that he finally sailed from Maui for the States without touching at Oahu.

I think the law in reference to natives leaving the islands may be beneficial to them if properly administered. But I marvelled that any man should put such reasons for the law & expect them to be swallowed by the legislature. And what is still more marvelous is, that the legislature should have swallowed it all. Perhaps they passed it after a hearty meal. Surely it could not have passed had there been one wakeful Hawaiian among them. But I do not intend to trouble myself with those things in the government over which the Mission have no control & even in regard to which, at best, we can have little or no direct influence. If we do our duty in our own appropriate sphere, the Lord will overrule all things for the advancement of his Kingdom.

You speak of going to the U. S. with Alice. We have not heard

whether you have come to a decision in
reference to it. If you go this fall, I
presume you will have ere many
weeks more elapse. What is best in
the case you & those acquainted with
such things can judge better than I.
Whatever course you may adopt in
reference to it, yourself & family will
share in our sympathy & our
most cordial wishes for the suc-
cess of the undertaking.

If you go, please present
my best regards to your parents,
brothers, & sisters, & their families,
as well as to all my friends who
enquire.

Our health is about as
usual, though Mrs. L's has not been
quite as good the last 3 or 4 months as
it some times is. Mrs. Coan has been
pretty much laid aside for a week or
more. He purposes to leave day after
to-morrow on the tour of prairie to
be absent 13 days. Dr. & Mrs. Wetmore,
& H. Coan have been absent 4 weeks
on a professional visit to Kan. They
will probably be absent some 2 or 3
weeks more.

Have you judges who will

do whatever "some foreigner" bids them
to do?

Our love to you all. The
Lord guide, direct, & bless you in all things
He prays

your brother

D. B. Ripman

Mr. A. Wilcox

Haiholi

Hawaii

