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My dear Sister, Your note just came to hand with other communications from N. & W. I tell you that it came about three o'clock P.M. that precisely I had not set up my table, except occasionally to peep into the cook room, & that now I am writing - you will think that it did me good - & that is a just conclusion. Altho' I have not written before, yet be assured my sympathy has been as copious as if I had. I do sympathize with thee in distress, & have it in my power, would' it lay you pain, & administer to you relief - but this is not practicable - I can only commit you to Him who knows what you suffer & what you need. Do not be discouraged but be of good comfort. If you cannot accomplish for the natives by actual effort all you would, pray the more, & you will be blessed. I am satisfied that to press forward, & go beyond the bounds of prudence is not only injudicious, but that in accordance with duty I am well aware that this is contrary to nature. We all of us love ease, yet that there is necessity for caution on the part of the female Missionary in a debilitating climate, until the constitution becomes inclined to the change, I am fully persuaded. It is the voice of reason. Mrs. Van Duzee, when I was on my way home was doing a great deal. I should think every hour of the day was crowded with active labors - Not long since

She and her husband were here. Then she had  
relinquished her daily school. Her health is depressed  
& probably will be for some time to come.  
You ask me how I like housekeeping? Of course  
it is pleasant to have a place that I can call  
home & feel that I am not in any sense  
of the word a wanderer. It is pleasant to  
offer the morning and evening sacrifice upon  
our own altar. We commenced housekeeping  
two weeks ago, but are not yet settled. Patients  
are numerous. Our medicine case is the window  
seat & the floor, altho we have had a carpenter  
ever since we have been here. My domestics are  
freshmen in kitchen affairs, as well as myself.  
We are studying Hawaiian with Thomas Hope  
daily, & twice a week spend our eve, with Mr.  
Thurston for the same purpose. Mr. D. Child  
has taken lessons in driving daily from 4 to 5 P.M.  
at our house. They are about commencing Chem-  
istry with us. The care of their education that  
would otherwise devolve upon their Mother she  
is going to convert to the benefit of the natives  
in School. Will commence next week, tho soon  
as I feel a little confidence in myself relative  
to the language, I intend to take a class of girls  
select them from the different schools.  
We were very much rejoiced to meet  
Mr. B. & his family from Oahu. They staid two  
days. I think you must have been very  
surprised that even we were, when they  
arrived. Mrs. Castle seems quite well.  
I told you that I was not well but  
said no more. Yesterday I was attacked with  
a most distressing headache which turned  
in chills, & quite reduced me. Today I was  
obliged to resort to medicine which together with  
bitters I think is going to restore me.

With regard to pecuniary profuse I feel  
much for Hls. on account of the School  
Mr. Lyman it seems is showing that his  
heart is not diminishing in size, in these  
days, I hope all who can, will follow his  
example. I do not yet know what will  
be done this side of the Tol. In this village  
just as the Gov. letter reached us, one of the  
principal schoolhouses took a freak to Capsize  
& the people are just commencing an effort  
to build a ston one in its place, The Teachers  
have been holding a meeting in reference to their  
own affairs & have come to the conclusion that  
unless remuneration comes from some source they  
shall discontinue their labors at the next  
examination. What the result will be we can't  
tell. The medical Department it seems  
to sustain itself or not be sustained, a  
These are dark times but I guess it will be  
day before long. Light will break in from  
some source. We will not be discouraged  
but take courage & go on, trusting in Him  
under whose banner we are enlisted.

The pumpkins all arrived in safety.  
They look nobly. Have you had any pump-  
kin pie? May be it would do you good.  
& with it I would prescribe a pill of peppermint  
three times a day, & a tablespoonful of good  
spirits <sup>(not whiskey)</sup> ~~or~~ ~~cheerfulness~~ out in two hours.

Hoping to hear from you often, & soliciting  
an affec. remembrance to your husband & all  
at the station

I am yours most truly  
P. P. Andrews