

Thursd^y Aug. 8th 1837.

Dear Sisters

I am happy to enjoy another opportunity of writing to you. Dr. Peabody and Dr. Pelham are to start tomorrow for the volcano and will take letters for Hilo. You requested me to tell you how I was getting along and I will endeavor to comply with your request. I have not been in school but half of the day yet, not yet being quite settled. Our things did not all come up from shore till last Friday. I am quite interested in the school but cannot say to the scholars all I wish to, I could make them understand some things. We have been endeavoring to have them still in school and have succeeded in some measure at least for the present. This afternoon a class of girls sat perfectly still and learned a lesson in Geography. There is a class of about 30 little girls which it is almost impossible to keep from talking and playing unless we should devote all our time to them. They are improving somewhat I think and the school seem to be more interested in their studies. Last week we had

no school but four schools were exam-
ined on Monday and Tuesday. This af-
ternoon Br. S. and M. K. have been to visit
it one of them about a mile and a half
distant. We expected to go to Hamakua
next week but for some reasons Br. S.
thought best to defer it two or three
weeks. There are several schools there
to examine. Our house has been thronged
with natives for three or four days past.
Sabbath was the communion season
and there have been one or two hundred
from Kohala and some from Hamakua.
On Saturday morning the head
woman of Kohala came with her
train each of them bringing a sweet
potato in his hand deposited it by the
door and retired to the gate. When I came
down from my room as I passed the door
I saw quite a heap of potatoes and turkeys
a dozen fowls in the yard. I should think
there were a hundred people in the
house and yard. Our meeting house did
not contain the people on the Sabbath
one or two hundred would not obtain ad-
mittance. Eleven were admitted to the
church. Our Sabbath schools are rather
increasing in numbers. The children's
school in the morning numbers over
two hundred and the adult school at

to supply her place but Dear Sir let us
do all we can to benefit those crowded
We heard yesterday afternoon that a vessel was
at the shore and B. I. sent a native immediately.
He has returned but says the report is that the
men of war have left the Frenchmen are on
shore and Mr. Charlton has wrote for G. Britain
to come and war with the people. Whether it is true
we do not know. I have since learned that the
native did not go quite to the vessel and there
yet be letters somewhere. With much
yourself and husband I remain yours
Charlotte C. Knapp

Mr. Lucy E. H. Nelson

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