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Hills Dec. 3

My Dear Sister,

I cannot tell which of us wrote last. It is a long time since either of us spoke, tho' I have often desired to break the silence. But my numerous cares have prevented. - My family has been large all the year, but just now we are reduced to 8 in number & the ships & company are all gone so I am having quite a breathing time. But I am so used up with work, that I do not feel very well. Mr L. is better than usual. The children all have good health. Our little daughter has run alone, since she was a year old & is a great driver. She weighs 24 lbs - has 12 teeth, & 4 others crowding hard. She is the best child ever had, never cries unless there is good cause for it.

Mrs Coan has just had an abortion & is rather feeble. It occurred when our doctor & wife were in Kew. We expect them back in a week or two.

Mr Pond made us a very pleasant visit, & we fettered him off with as many curiosities as possible. He thought he had made about \$4,000 by coming to California. Said if he knew that the Wilcox wd go home this fall, he wd try to make arrangements for going with him. He went from here to Lahaina on a whale ship & thence to the States. - And so your husband has really gone to father land & left you & the little ones at home, all save me. I hope you will all be amply rewarded

for the sacrifices you are called to make. I wish you
could spend a part of your time with us. The Lord keep
you all in perfect peace. Do write me as often as possible.
Tell me how you feel & how you get along in your husband's
absence.

Mrs L. E. H. Wilcox
Maui
Hawaii

Mr L. wrote to Mr W. before he heard of his going home
but probably the letter did not get down in season for him.
Our united love to yourself, family & associates.
Your affec. sister

S. F. Lyman