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From one of the Sandwich Islands Nov 6 1820

Dear Sisters

Believing it will be interesting
for you to hear from one whose heart
still clings to you by a thousand ties,
I cannot let this opportunity pass without
writing. God in his holy providence has dealt
kindly with you & me. Since our separation
my hands have been strengthened & my heart
encouraged. In my former letters I stated
the cause of our separation & removal to
this Island. Since our residence here, we
have been permitted to pursue our work
in quietness; with the hope of soon becoming
extensively useful to this heathen people. I
suppose you have our place of residence, and
ment & are fixed in imagination, however this
may be, I shall give you the particulars.
We live on the southwestern part of the Island, a village
called Nymak. our house stands about 2 rods
from the sea on a cool and pleasant spot. It is
made of sticks tied together, and thatched with
straw, some what resembling a large haystack. It
is 50 feet in length & 22 in breadth, having a space
of 8 feet in the center ~~and~~ with mat partitions,
making two very convenient rooms. Another P.
occupies the west & the east end. There is
a portico in front extending the whole length
of the house, which we use for our school room
and meeting-house. We have three windows in
each of our rooms, one of glass, six panes, the other
two of boards. Our furniture consists of 6 chests,
three trunks, two chairs, a bedstead, looking glass
and a small table. One side of the room I have
tied up three boards, on which I place my

library upwards of two hundred volumes, a pledge
of collegiate affection. We have another house
near by, where we do our cooking and keep the
kitchen furniture, one pot, two small kettles,
a tea kettle and frying pan. Back of our dwelling
house we have a garden in which are growing
cucumbers, water-mellons, Corn, ^{potatoes} beans, pumpkins,
Squashes, grapes, fennel, Orange, Samarin,
Cotton, Barronias, Castor-oil & Coconut trees.
Some of these vegetables will soon be fit
for use, but at present our food is principally
fish, ^{and} potatoes. We have a little pork and
shall soon have some beef, as I was at the
eastern part of Island last week and shot
a large wild Bullock. We have one native
for a Cook, another for a Steward, and a little boy
whom we call Eli Smith, living in our family.
But this is not all. God in his good providence
has ^{given} us a little daughter, born on the 17th of Oct.
a lovely babe, we call her name Maria.
We had the medical assistance of Dr. Nelson
during ^{her} illness. She has now so far recover-
ed as to be able, in a great measure, to attend
to the concerns of the family. She is presently situ-
ated and attended by the blessings of God, you
may think my state enviable; indeed I
would not exchange it for any on this side
Heaven. But oh sisters were I to look no
farther than earthly comforts, I could never
recognize this dark region as my home.
Every thing without our own doors, carries the
impress of Heathenism. Here are no Ministers
of Jesus, no social circles for prayer,
none of the companions of our youth, & alas

none to whom we can yet communicate
the news of Salvation. I want very much to
hear from my dear friends in America.
Surely it would be like cold water to a
thirsty soul. often does my imagination
hover over them. I seem to see them, &
again to unite and mingle my prayers &
tears with theirs. But sisters we shall never
meet ~~our~~ prayers and tears are joined
some of the number of my friends have already
gone before me to the regions of blessedness.
Here I hope to meet you all. The conflict
of life will soon be over and it will be
us to mourn at a separation which continues
but for a day. But while we live let us
be active to promote the Redeemers Kingdom
this alone can give us happiness more than
all our friends. - I trust you will
pardon me for writing to your collector
as I have written to all your families
in three previous communications. I have
likewise written to our Father and Brother
J. - I wish if practicable you would read
this to them and Sister B. but it is
a family letter and I trust it will
go no farther. I have sent my journal
during the voyage, & shall now send the
remainder provided I have time to
take a copy. By the ship which conveys
this I send one of the Gods of Atou to
Brother Sarg. perhaps you may see it. It
was given me by the King to send to my friends

Every communication you wish to make, if forwarded to Esq. Courts of Boston will be sent me. There are several ships, sailing directly to these Ilands every season. You will please to direct them ^{to the care of} the Missionary at Nooshao, as that is the principle port

Williams of
Esq. Courts
Boston



Mr. E. Smith

Northampton

Bar.
W. S. C.

I know not when or how to drop my pen, as I have told you but little of what I could wish. I believe however you will get much information respecting us from other sources, for the present I must close.

Your Brother Sam Whitney

Wm. S. C. (written upside down)

Dear Sir -

As it is late in the eve. and I have a letter to write to the Treasurer of the Board before I sleep, you will excuse my haste. Last week I received your kind letter, dated Njala Is., June 27, - 1821. - I cannot be sufficiently thankful for such a friend and correspondent, nor grateful enough to God that he has given you such a heart. In connection with this you will doubtless expect the continuation of my journal. I am sorry to tell you I have none. But since I see by the late annual you have spared me the chagrin which some of our number feel, at seeing their journals in the papers, I have come to the resolution hereafter to continue it. I thank you for your fidelity. Your letter I wish to know something more about our little ^{the} *cliff* which will sail in about three weeks, when I intended to write particulars respecting him. I have just asked him to write you, he replied *hida-hida* (I am ashamed) owing to a very limited knowledge of writing. He added *oia*

tolelo, oe kema kema (I will speak and you write) what
will you say? Obucha (my love to him) and then
modestly asked, whether it would be right to speak
to you about Clotby. I told him he would want a
book. yes says he, ere to learn me about Jehovah.
If you can send him a hieroglyphic bible it will
be an excellent thing. He continues "I love my
book, and by and by when I become akumai (ex-
-pent) I shall want to go to America &
see you, if ~~you~~ Whitney can spare me.
My father and mother are dead. Mr Whitney
my father now. I love him very much he
takes good care of me. I dont want to live
again, as I did ^{before} missionaries came here. I want
you should come here very much I will be your
boy then, and live with you". Oh I can say
at present of your namesake he is a lovely spot
you shall soon have his history.

In your late letter you wish for information
relative to a missionary life. First of all qualities
and not personal piety is requisite, without these (in
the language of the first missionary) he is of
all men most miserable. He must be possessed
of a thorough knowledge of men - a spirit which

can look in the face of danger & death, when duty calls
him to it - diligence and perseverance amid all
the discouragements which depravity can impose,
meekness and humility when attended with success,
& honored by ~~the presence~~ of the great and the
good. In short, one who can become all things
to all men, to save their souls, forget the
things which are behind press forward to them which
are before - continually look to God as the author
& Director of his faith, with a ~~heart~~^{heart} full of love
to God and the souls of the scattered is in a
measure prepared for a missionary. Still you
have at least some of these qualities, I now
again entreat you never to take one step in
this mighty work - If you say that nothing
at N. York have sent you ten or twelve letters
by every known opportunity. I have received
one such packet. I have written to the Secy
of Inquiry - some months since. If you will send
me all the books pamphlets &c. published by that
Society you will oblige me much. Our little
Anna is a fine girl. My M^r is well and writes
in love to you and the family. Pray for us yours &c.
Saml. Whittier

Mr. is Benjamin & hope it is a good
family. Write some from him
to the Society -

Mr Eli Smith

New Haven
Conn
11 S. St.

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Waimea Sandal San. Isl. June 28-1826

My Dear Captain

I thank you for yours
of March 20-1825 which I received about
three weeks since. I have written a
journal of 64 sheets and sent it to Mr
Cassidy with the request that he should
submit it to Mr Goodley. I should have
directed it to you but before it reaches
America you will have left Ando-
ver and you I know not where. I fear
from one or two sentences in your letter that
you think I have written rather in the
style of a school. Probably I wrote the
letter you refer to on one of those long-
faced days which now and then come along
in this execrable climate. Pray excuse
it and believe me I do not and never did
~~think~~ believe that my friends intended to neglect

me to indulge for a moment in such a thought
would betray rather the sensibilities of a
northern iceberg than those of your ever grate-
ful friend. - I do not however mean to excuse
wholly the tactlessness of our good North-
folks. It is now about four years since
I have had a word from them - the same
I could say of Pranzas. But I suppose
they have much to do, write but little
and think they shall make out a good
letter. Some such excuses are not to be
admitted. If ever the canal is cut through
South A. and I go home to see them I will
preach them a long lecture on the subject
probably in the language of Polynesia
as I hope never to preach in any other.
You have now read almost two pages of
my letter and begin to think where is
the news. Be patient friend the journal
will be along in a few days get
your glasses ready for I am sure you will

need to see been right? to find it all out
My Mr. looking over my shoulder says. If
you friends will think you are joking. I
^{can only say to her}
I know what I am and they know what that
is. This but none as then I feel in so good
spirits as I have this man. My health is
not good this summer last week there was
scarcely an hour when I was free from the head
ach. I am considerably affected with nerve
ous weakness. My aunt's constitution
is perhaps mine I fear is falling.

We talk of sending a little expedition to
America. So any of our friends want
a daughter I have expressed my views
to Mr. Hoadley on the subject. Mr.
letter is called for and I can say no
more here to all
So, &c

Mr. E. Smith

J. Whitney

Mr. ()
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Coli Smith
Northford
Conn.
N. S. Ct.

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Kauai I. L. Nov 16 - 1826

My Dear Alice,
Your kind letter, came to hand
last week. I can assure you that it would have
given me much pleasure, to have answered it, by a
ship which sailed a day or two afterwards, conveying
your little cousin Maria to New London. By that
vessel I wrote to your mother Benjamin, and should
have written to more of my friends, but circum-
stances, would not permit. I thank you, and B, and
wife, for giving me so much news about home. It
was just such news, as I have long been wanting
to get. I would a thousand times, rather you would
tell me about the old Shoh - its customs - its lan-
guage - the manners, manners, death of neighbours -
the state of religion in and about your family &c &c
than to compliment me on Missions sacrifices,
sincerity, and reward. But I must not enlarge. You on
your part, will wish to know a little about home.
Come then, I will lead you first into my study. It
is a little room in the north corner of the house,
eight feet by ten, has two windows, opening through
walls built of mud and stones, such as may be found
in the street about your house - at one end of
the room, stands a bed reserved for company, which

Linen is seldom swept - at the foot of the bed, there
are shelves, put up, on which stand Materia Medica
as you have probably learned, that I am something
of a Quack - at the other end of the room, each side
of the window, you might see some coarse slabs,
put up, which has a little the appearance of book
cases. There stand my books, which the student, you
see, may much eat by cockroaches, alas, too, the
weevils have made havoc among them! In the mid-
dle of the room backwise, stands a table three feet
by two, covered with a blue cotton cloth; here is
my writing desk, occupied but little, except for
translating & writing, native language, &c. Nothing more
have at present. Now go with me to the front room
which is the largest in the house ~~three~~ feet by fifteen.
as you enter the door, you will see a small china
table, a toilet covered with native cloth, on
which (for the want of a better place) stand a
few tumblers, decanters, &c. at the end of this, stands a
china dressing case, a valuable little thing to keep
shaving apparatus, &c. &c. on one side stands
a sofa, where I lounge when I have the head
ache, and low spirits; on one corner is my clock,
sent by some kind unknown hand; each side
is a large chest, which aunt M. brought

few chambers, well filled with things which women
know best, how to use and describe. But perhaps
you are now tired, so I will leave the bedroom,
kitchen, cook-house, &c. and if you please, take you
across the river to the church. It is a large house,
capable of holding about as many people as the meeting
house at Abington, without the galleries. There
are no seats, but the people crowd in as thick as they
can sit. A pulpit is appointed to secure a passage
for the preacher, from the door to the pulpit, but
it frequently happens, that he is obliged to wait some
minutes, and then to step over many shoulders, and
heads, before he arrives at his seat. During service
all is attention, every ear and eye is open, and
not infrequently do we see, the marks, of ⁴ the
one believe to be, the operation, of the Spirit
of Truth. I might enlarge and tell you much
about our success, opposition &c. but you will
doubtless get that, from other sources. The reasons
for sending our little st. to Abington, are the
prospect that she will ere long be left mother-
less here, as Mr. W's health has been declining for some
years, and I fear will not hold out much longer. The
opportunity of sending her free of expense, and that too un-
der the care of a kind motherly woman, might not

accuse again in many years. But above all the
influence of society here upon children. It is moral
death. Of this our Society are now to be made
acquainted, with a petition from all the members
of this mission, that their children may be edu-
cated in America. As we know not the minds of
our friends on the committee we shall be anxious to

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An account of this
Church - Providence
Mass

see to my in spirit 11 5 26

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Hannah Smith

Northford

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been what reception our daughter meets with,
and the opinion of Christian patrons on the subject.
Do not fail to send a letter every month to the Miss
Records, Boston, for me. I will answer every one. I
shall write soon to aunt Z. - or some of the family
per affectional friend and uncle J. Whitcomb

no copy?

Hawaii San. Isl. Aug. 1 - 1826

Dear Mother & Sister B.

The painful moment of separation from our little daughter has come, and taught us what we had reason to expect, that it is one of the most heart-rending periods of our life. The fact however, that we commit her to the hands of those, whose kindness is a pledge that they will be her parents while under their direction, is a source of much consolation. We wish you to receive and govern her, as your own. Should any thing occur to stop the intended voyage, you will please to send her back, by the first suitable conveyance. We have written to the Rev. Lami L. Hoadley of Worcester Mass. with whom we wish her to be left, this letter you will find in her trunk which together with one from your hands, announcing your arrival, you will please to forward to him, as soon as may be convenient, after arrival. It would be desirable to us, if you could see her con

directed to Mr. H's house. His haven will depend
on circumstances, and you must act as you
think best. We send sixteen dollars, to bear
her expenses from the place where you may
land, to Worcester. Should you land at any
port in New York or Connecticut however,
you will please to send the child to
Mr. Eli Smith, of Northford. Every thing necessary
erow for the voyage that we could, we have
put up. A barrel of molasses aboard of
capt. Abek, you will please to dispose
of as you see fit. Should there be anything
wanting Mr. Chamberlain will get it if
he can. Wishing you much health and a
prosperous voyage, we remain dear
friends, very affectionately

Sarah Whitney
Mercy L. Whitney

P.S. you told us I sent to William, the
day after my arrival, but have no returns
as yet. We send you a few shells. Curiousities
are very scarce. S.W.

D. M. Fry

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Abra^m Blatchley
Oahu
S. L.

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Hawaii S. I. Dec 12 - 1826

My Dear E.

Among a packet of letters late
from at L receive your kind on the back of one
which was written at O during your vacation visit
I was much pleased with its contents, for while having
I must thank you lists. An expression or two, in one
of your lists leads me to think, that you were some
of my communications, as rather censorious. On the subject
of letter writing, perhaps I have some times felt so. The
peculiar situation in which I am placed, is my only
apology. This however shall never be a refuge, from
which to throw arrows at my friends. If I have
grieved you, pardon me, and continue your correspond-
ence. - Before this reaches you, I suppose you will
have seen my little daughter M. About a
month since she left us, committed to the care
of Mr H. of Worcester. As I had not formed
his mind on the subject previous to her departure,
it is not without some apprehension, that he will
think I have imposed on him an unwelcome task.
But such are the views of our mission, with re-
spect to the necessity of removing our children
from this country, and the probability that he
good an opportunity would not occur again for

many years, that to have ventured to seek her reception
among my friends, did however without the advice
of all my Brethren, whom I have been able to
consult. You will at once see the necessity
that a female child should have motherly
attention during a sojourn of six months. Mr
Blatchley very kindly offered that attention
this circumstance, together with the kind offer of
a gratuitous passage from Capt Chester of the
Ship Conneticut, induced us to believe that
the present was an opportunity which we ought
to improve. With many tears and heartfelt anxiety
for her future welfare, we have sent her.
Should there be unwillingness, ~~on the part of others~~
H. to act the part I have requested, I must
look to you and my friends at old to find them
at home, at least for a season, till I can
hear from her. At a late meeting of this
Mission, a request was drawn up and forwarded
to the Committee, that provision may be made
for our children in N. I know not how the
subject will appear to good people at home,
but with us and all enlightened people
who visit us, there is but one mind. The
example of our Brethren at the Society Isl;

is appalling. Some of whose children are now public
prostitutes in the streets of London. But enough
my friend. I shall tire you on a subject, which
none can feel like a parent. Our prospect
of success in the objects of our mission, continues
flattering, though the opposition from paganism
was never so great as at present. At this
Island however, all is quiet. The authority is
vested in a man, who takes a very lively
interest in our cause. For eighteen months
past, I have heard of but one instance of
intoxication, among the natives. This was on a remote
part of the Island. He was immediately reprimanded
and banished. Adultery the crime and scourge
of the land, is punished with a heavy fine; but
few instances are known. But one ship has
been able to get a vile female aboard, for
two years past!! Infanticide is now unknown!
Our meetings are well attended, many are
serious and inquiring. There have been added to
our communion. We have fifty schools, and
upwards of sixteen hundred scholars. I cannot more
but look on our spell, in words of two syllables.
As my time is much occupied, I have kept no
journal of late. I do know where some will

be when this reaches it. I shall direct it and all
my future communications to you the old till
I hear from you. Love to all, especially
to Mary & sister, Father and Mother. Do not fail
to write, and believe that I am dear to
you in the highest

S. Whitner

North Carolina
Wash Post 2d

Ed Smith

North Carolina

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Caher San. Isl. Sept 13th - 1827

My Dear Mother & Sister, I have just closed a letter to E. at Malta, which I forward to Mr Evans, together with this. I regret that we have heard so little respecting E's departure, probably however letters are on the way and we shall get them in good time. Have you seen our little M.? we have had many anxious thoughts on her account, and feel almost impatient at times to hear from her. A joint letter of this nature, was sent to the Board some months since, requesting them to take the guardian care of all our children, and from the reasons stated, I have no doubt but they will be of the same mind with us viz. that our children must be sent to America. We are still plodding along in the same good way, preaching the word - contending with foreign opposition - translating the scriptures and guiding immortal beings in the way to Heaven. Most of the Chiefs and people of influence, are in our favor; quite a number we believe are the true friends of the Redeemer, and have united with our church. About twenty are now preparing for admission

My health is better this season than formerly, but
my M. still continues feeble. On her account
we left Kona about five months ago, judging
it not proper in such circumstances, to be
so far from any of our brethren. Her complaint
at present is the inflammation of the liver. We
leave here in a few days for Oahu or Hawaii,
where the climate is much cooler, and more
favorable to her disease. Should her health
recover, we hope to return to Kona in a
few months. Since I last wrote you, we
have born a little daughter we call
her Emily Elisabeth, hope you will one day
see her. O my friends, I long to see you
exceedingly, after due my imaginatively
across this wide Pacific and the intervening
wilderness to the spot I shall never cease
to call home. You are not particular
enough in your letters, do not think that
we have a press here to ease them, perhaps
to see that I am grown so great and

never, that little things will be uninteresting;
Though I am called a missionary and a preacher
of the Gospel, still I am s. w. the slave maker
sometimes. I get on my apron and pull the bucket
and that brings me into the old shop, with
many a well known face about me, but
I can only see them as they used to be. do they
have the same now? How is our Father? or when
does he leave in his old age? many tears have I
shed for him. Church duty still appears clear
in the course I have taken, yet I often wish
it were in my power to assist my Father
and that I might be the child who should
conduct his guests to the grave in peace
There is Brother L. not a word from him
this four years. I know not where to direct
my letters or I should have written him long
since. I hope to write to Mr. Hoady by this
opportunity and to Brother & Sister H. Smith, but it is
somewhat uncertain. I have much to do and you
know I always had an unconquerable dislike

to letter writing; I mean however not to neglect
my friends, and will agree to write twice to
them ever, except to such as are more in the
habit of using the pen than myself. —



Mr



Col
C. C. Smith

Northford

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N. S. S. T.

1842

May the great head of the Church keep you
and us to that day when on the hills of
Zion I hope to meet you and all our friends to
part no more. With all-unity in love to all
Ch. C. Smith Your affectionate sister S. Whitmer

Honolulu Oahu Sam. Is. Feb 10 - 1880.

Dear Sir, At a late meeting of this mission, I was appointed to write you as Secy of the Seamen's Friend Society, and invite your attention to the subject of sending hither a missionary, to labor among that interesting class of men, whose wants have excited your sympathies, and called forth your truly benevolent exertions. In all the countries to which our seamen resort, perhaps there is not a place to be found where a missionary from your Society is more needed, than at this port. There are about two hundred English and Americans, who reside on the Is. and from one hundred to one hundred and fifty ships, touch here, most of them semiannually. Their crews are usually from twenty to thirty each, so that it is not uncommon, that we have more than a thousand sailors here at a time. Owing to the length of their voyages, it is often necessary, that several weeks should be spent in port, during which time they have frequent liberty on shore, and thus an opportunity is given for religious instruction. We have ever felt a lively

interest in our countrymen who live among us, and occasion-
ally touch here. Our houses are ever open to their calls,
and our hearts tenderly alive to their wants. And for
causes which we cannot control, our usefulness among
them is very limited. Though designated as missionaries
to the heathen, we are bound by the instructions of
our patrons, as well as required by the gospel, to do
good unto all men, as we have opportunity. On this
broad principle we aim to act, and when our coun-
trymen call at the Khan without receiving our
undivided attention and labours, it is not for the
want of interest we feel in them, but on account
of more pressing duties. At this station, there are two
clergymen who are called to preach three and four
sermons a week, to some thousands of natives; this
together with translating the Bible, superintending the
press - an almost incessant call from those who are
furnishing for the want of life and a thousand wretched
miscellanies, prevent them from devoting so much
time to seamen, as we ardently wish. It emanates from
your society, whose object is the glory of God, possessing

the happy talent of teaching sailors, would be claimed as
theirs. From him, they would expect instruction and
reproof - to him, many would resort for advice and
consolation. In not a few instances, his his house,
reading room, and library, would be substituted
for those haunts of vice and pollution, which are
without a parallel, and into which multitudes of
men enter who return not again to sober life.

To promote the happiness and success of your
missionary, we shall all feel is a delightful
privilege. In his distress we will sympathize,
and rejoice in his prosperity. Like the brethren of
of the house of Israel, the language of our hearts
shall be, "thine are we David, and on thy hill
peace, peace be unto thee, and peace to thine
helpers, for thy God helpeth thee. -

In behalf of the Board Miss. I am

Dear Brother,

Yours affectionately

Rev Charles P. M. Sturges.

Saml Whitney

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(Copy)
Rev

Charles P. McQuaine
Com Sec of the Seamen's Friend Soc

Brooklyn
Long Island
N. Y.

Copy of a letter to
the Secy of the Seamen's
Friend Socy dated
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Hawaii Sam. Ill. - Oct 10th 1830

My dear Bro. & Sister S.

As the homeward bound ships
are about to leave the Islands, and I have a few moments
before this eve - I will again indulge myself in the
pleasure of writing you a short letter. But I have so
much to say, that I know not where to begin or what to
~~write~~ ^{write} as that however which is nearest home is usually the
most interesting, I will tell you a little about one
who has abundant evidence that you still hold him by the
dearest ties. Eleven years have this eve elapsed, since I gave
you the parting hand. You knew a part of what I then felt,
the rest must remain untold till the secrets of all hearts are
revealed. Pen and ink can never tell the emotions, that pass
within. Since then, I have had various scenes to encounter, some
of the darkest, and some of the happiest days of my life, have in-
tervened. Few have ^{seen} so much to disgust and sicken life, and
fewer still have witnessed so great a moral revolution in
a nation, as that which is now passing in my view. My
faith in the Redeemer has been unshaken, though not
without evidence of a heart prone to evil as the sparks to
fly upward!! My health has suffered but little through attending

it has been far from good; the effect of which together with constitutional weakness of nerves and debilitating climate, has sometimes produced a depression of spirits, which has been among my greatest afflictions. as a minister of Christ, my labors have been blessed far beyond my expectations. To him be the glory. At present, I find myself in circumstances for promoting the good of my fellow beings, which, considering my talents, education, habits and disposition, could not be attained for the better. Between the members of the mission and myself, there exists mutual good understanding and brotherly affection. From the chiefs and people, we have unlimited confidence, and kind feelings. With regard to my family, it is sufficient to say, the candle of the Lord shines upon us. we have all things necessary for our comfort. Our thanks in this respect, (if such it may be called) is in anticipation. we have three lovely children fast growing to age, whom parental restraints, if they do not cease, must relax - expose to the temptations of idleness and dissipation for the want of manual employment; and what is more, to heathen habits and customs, whose target is death. To the Board we have

written repeatedly on the subject of receiving the children
to America. In return they say we expect the children
will come, but recommend that we send them to fam-
ily friends. The language of letters is, have faith in God, and
have the subject next, and probably will, till a list
of broken hearted parents and ruined children follows
in the rear of missionary enterprise. I do not say this
to reproach you, or any of my friends. you have done
more for my child than I ever expected, or could ever ask.
But I do say, that in the christian community who
claim the missionaries as theirs, and who have pledged their
elves to supply all their reasonable wants, there is in
my opinion a neglect with regard to their children,
which will at no very distant day meet with
tremendous weight, on their benevolent exertions. So
those who have never been on the ground and our eyes will
never see the dangers to which children are exposed, the subject
cannot appear in its true light. missionaries may write, but
they are interested, & like other men they may be warped
by ambitious motives, and so their rearers fall to the ground.
Have faith in God however in good matters, it has been

mine in days of trial and I trust will continue to be so.
The last we heard from her she was with you - much love to
her. I miss her not long since. Her mother has just written.
We fear our friends think we are expecting too much from
them, by way of her education. Though our circumstances have
allowed much for the better since she left, yet nature is

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thousand times would we have her with you in the liter-
ature which must grace her, or her Father, than
expected to the temptations of this land with all the privileges
we could give her. With much love to all in which she
and the children unite. I am dear Mother & sister,
Your affectionate Mother, S. Smith