

be enabled to relieve the wants of the distressed around them, but in this way they would more easily secure the confidence of the natives, & gain their affections. Should any of your dear sons ever become Missionaries, please tell them from me, that whatever other preparations they may make for the work, a knowledge of medicine will be found a very great acquisition.

I congratulate you & your good husband, in having a son qualified by Divine grace, to enter the sacred office of the ministry. O may all your sons be prepared to fill important stations in the church, & your daughters be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. How it would rejoice our hearts to have good evidence that any of our dear children were born of the spirit, & growing up as willows by the water courses. Our only hope respecting them is in God, without whose blessing no human means will avail to bring them to repentance.

With regard to the state of the people around us, I can add but little that is interesting, to what you will get from other sources. Last summer there was considerable religious excitement, & some few cases of hopeful conversion. At present, there is no unusual attention to the subject, but much brotherly love & kind feeling exists among the members of the church. Twelve were admitted to the ordinances of baptism & the Lord's supper last Sept. 6. 15 now stand propounded for admission the 1st of May.

Our schools continue to flourish. Although the population decreases, the number of readers in our schools are on the increase. A new edition of the New Testament has recently been printed, & the natives are very anxious to obtain each a copy. Many appear to value the word of life, more than any thing else which they possess; & O that God would bless the pursuit of it, to the good of their precious & immortal souls.

My health has been such the year past, that I have been able to do but little in the way of instruction. Mr. W. has had the care of my children's school. I am unable at present to go out to the school-house, but a

class of little girls come daily to my room to learn to read & sew, with whom I generally spend about 2 hours. I feel almost impatient to regain my strength, so as to be able to engage again in the delightful work of instruction. But the Lord knows in what way I can best serve him, either by active labour or patient suffering in his cause. I desire to feel resigned to his holy will, whatever it may be.

Mr. H. mentioned that you were ill when he wrote, & had been so all summer. I most heartily sympathize with you in the loss of health. I have so long been taught in the school of affliction, that I know how to feel for others in a like situation. May all our trials my dear Mrs. H. be sanctified & work for our good, that when our earthly course is finished, we may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. — Mr. W. unites with me in kind regards to your family & all inquiring friends.

Your affectionate friend & sister in Christ, M. P. Whitney

To Henry M. Whitney.

Hawaii April 26-1836

My Dear Son, Though there have been several arrivals at the Islands this spring from the U. S. we have not rec'd a line from your pen since last June. A letter from Mrs. Ely written last evening & one from Saml. dated April a year ago, arrived a few weeks since. I hope you are not going to be dilatory in writing to us. We wish you & d. to write, not only for the pleasure which your communications afford us, but for your own improvement, as letter writing is one way in which you can both improve your mind, & gratify your Parents. We wish you also when you write, to attend particularly to your chirography, & endeavour in every letter, to improve your hand writing. In some of your communications, I perceive occasionally, a word spelt incorrectly. Pay particular attention both of you, to the orthography of the language, & endeavour now while young, to form a habit of correct spelling. This may easily be done if you ^{daily} commit to memory a spelling lesson. When I was young, it used to be my endeavour to get every lesson so perfectly as not to spell one word

wrong, & I have often had occasion since, to be grateful for having thus early formed a habit of correct orthography. I would urge it upon you & S. to attend particularly to your spelling lessons, knowing as I do that you may be liable to neglect this important branch of your studies, without being at all aware of the consequences. In your reading & studies, when you meet with a word you do not understand, go to your dictionary for an explanation, & endeavour to fix it in your minds, that it may be familiar should you meet with it again. Labour to store your minds with useful knowledge during the time you are favoured with the privilege of attending school, for in this way you may be qualifying yourselves for future usefulness should your lives be spared. Be very grateful to your benefactors, for all their kindness to you. Think of the expense & trouble which you are constantly making them, & by a careful use of your books, clothes, &c. endeavour to prevent any unnecessary waste of property. You are now old enough to realise in some measure your obligations to them for their kindness, & to God who put such thoughts of benevolence into their hearts. Had it not been for their kind offer in tendering to you the hand of charity, your Parents would probably have been obliged to leave the heathen in ignorance & wretchedness, & return to B. as Mr Ruggles did, & Mr Goodrich has since done to save their families from ruin. Though Mr R. had not enjoyed good health for many years, yet Mrs R. told me just before they sailed, they should never have left the Sand Islands, had it not been for their children. They could not think of seeing their left orphans in such a land as this. We have recently heard that Mr R. is dead, but his children are now kindly provided for, as your brother & sisters are. We can never feel sufficiently grateful to God, for inclining the hearts of kind Christian friends to find good homes for you in A. & supplying your wants. May they be rewarded a hundred fold for all their labours of love.

In one of your last letters, you wish to hear something about the natives.

Perhaps you still recollect Weewau & Naliale, our cook & his wife, & Kinsipah who used to milk the cows, & Puko. They have all lived with us a good many years; & Nainoa & Mahaha, Eli & Rose perhaps you may also remember. The hope N. & E. have become good men & love God, & a great many other natives we hope love God. Some who have died we hope loved him & have gone to heaven, & do you think they will cease to praise him for sending them the Bible, & Missionaries to tell them of a Saviour who died that we sinners, they would have perished & gone down to hell, but now, how much happier they are in heaven. They are happy, because they are free from sin & made holy. It is sin which makes people unhappy. Perhaps you may not have known it, or if you knew it, you may not have thought when you felt bad, that it was sin that made you feel so. When you are sick or in pain or when any thing makes you feel sorry, remember that sin is the cause of it. Holy Angels & good people who have gone to heaven, do not suffer pain, sickness or sorrow now, because they are free from sin. If you ever wish to be happy, you must pray to God to wash away your sins in the blood of Christ. This is the only way you can ever expect to be free from sin, which often makes people feel very unhappy. I wish you to think of this my son, & may God by his grace help you to see & feel your lost & ruined condition by nature - give you repentance & a heart renewed & sanctified by his Holy Spirit, that you may be qualified for his service here on earth, & be fitted at last for to enjoy his presence in glory, forever & ever.

Mr G's family about which you inquire, do not now live at Wain. They have moved 14 or 15 miles east of here, & have commenced a new station. They now have 6 little boys. Luther Halsey, Crimel, Stinkley, John Thomas, Charles Finny, & the baby. I have never seen the youngest, but think his name is William Hooker. Halsey is a smart little boy.

for one of his age & is going to A. by & by to live with Mr. Halsey, proprie-
tor of a Theo. Sem. in Alleghanytown near Pittsburg, Penn. They have written
to his Parents to send him to them, as soon as he is old enough. Mr. & Mrs.
Bishop expect to send Jane Elizabeth & Jerome Dwight their 2 children
to A. soon, if they have a good opportunity. Mrs. B. told me they would go
to Rochester, & probably you & I will have an opportunity to see them. They
visited this Is. last summer with their Parents, & will probably be able
to tell you something about your native home. I wrote to I a few days
since, & intend writing to Mrs. Ely soon. Your Father is well, & writes
me in much love to you, & all dear friends. Your aff^l Mother, M. P. W.

To Mrs. Ely.

Hawaii April 30-1836.

My Dear Cousin, Our hearts were made glad a few weeks since, by the arrival
of your truly welcome letter of Aug. 28-1835. We were rejoiced to hear so much
about the boys, & to know that they enjoyed good health etc. You mentioned
that the prospect now was, they would be more settled for the time to come,
both for summer & winter. We think perhaps on their account it will be well
to have as few changes as possible. I say this, not because we do not per-
fectly confide in your judgment on this point, as well as in other things, respecting
your management of them, but it appears desirable so far as it can well
be, that children should be permanently settled, to prevent cherishing a
roving disposition. We are pleased with Mr. Ely's plan of having them
a part of their time on a farm. It will serve as a relaxation from study
& by exercising in this way during the summer, they will be likely to enjoy
better health, & thus be fitted to pursue their studies with more advantage
during the winter. There is one thing I have never before thought to mention
to you when writing, though I have often thought of it at other times, i.e. with
regard to their ~~using~~ using narcotics, particularly tea, coffee, & tobacco.
While they were with us, we never allowed them to drink tea or coffee. Cold
water or milk was their only drink at meals, & I used generally to prefer

the former. We wish you also by all means, to have them join a temperance
society now while young. I often fear that your anxiety & care for them,
the trouble of making & keeping their clothes in order etc. will wear upon your
health, & wish it were in my power to relieve you of at least a part of the
labour. The children are almost constantly on our minds, & are daily
remembered by us, both in our family & private devotions. Besides, we
have set apart Saturday evening as a season of special prayer for them
together with our other friends. Will not you & Mr. B. unite with us in
interceding for our dear beloved relatives who are yet out of the ark
of safety, that they may speedily be brought to embrace the Saviour as
their portion, & consecrate their lives to his service? And let us also pray
for those who we hope are born of the Spirit & have taken upon them the yoke
of the covenant, that they may adorn their profession & shine as lights in
the world. I was rejoiced to learn that you had directed the
attention of the boys, particularly to the character & offices of Christ.
How very important that the tender minds of the young be deeply im-
pressed with a correct knowledge of this great subject. O may all our
dear children be led not only to give a verbal assent to the truths & doc-
trines contained in the Bible, but to embrace them with their hearts,
& make them the rule of their faith & practice.
You speak of our want of confidence, in the Prudential committee of the
A. Board respecting our children. Though they might have felt & expres-
sed to others the importance of removing the children, all their commu-
nications to us on that subject until within a year or two past, were of such
a discouraging nature, that we had almost despaired of any aid from
that source, & had well nigh come to the conclusion that it was our duty
to leave the Miss. & return to A. to save our family from ruin. This was
the feeling of our hearts when your kind & consoling letter arrived, with
the proposal that we should send our sons to your care & guardianship.

You can scarcely conceive the emotions of gratitude with which our hearts
swelled as we perused the contents of that letter, & so great was my sur-
prise, that I could hardly believe you were serious in your offer,
till I had read it over & over repeatedly. We viewed it as the hand of God
for we had felt exceedingly tried, at the prospect of being obliged to
leave the Mission on their account. We rejoice that the Board now speak
more favourably, with regard to the children. Your letter explains why
their communications formerly, were no more encouraging. You say
"many insist upon it that the children ought to remain, & show to be
even what a Christian family ought to be." This is exactly the sentiment
expressed by one of the pioneers of this Miss. during some of the first
years of our residence at the Islands; who not only thought they ought
to remain for the above reason, but that should they live to arrive to
years of maturity, there would be no harm in their mingling with the
natives, & even contracting marriages with them. This same brother since
becoming more acquainted with the habits & character of the people, has
been led to see, & I trust feel deeply too, the error of opinion into which
he had fallen respecting them. He is now as anxious as any one, to pre-
serve his children from the moral contagion which is felt in every part
of the Islands, & which diffuses a baneful influence around all who come
in contact with it, unless guarded by a principle of Divine grace to shield
them from its approach. He has now 2 children in B. & will probably send
his remaining ones, so soon as providence shall open the way, & they are
old enough to go. With regard to our exercising faith in behalf of our
offspring, perhaps we are deficient. It is true we are encouraged to pray
with the hope that our prayers will be answered if they are offered in faith,
but should not our faith be accompanied with works? must we not use
such means, as will be most likely to secure the end at which we aim?
Perhaps I am wrong, but I frankly confess I do not believe we are au-

thorized to expect an answer to our prayers, while we neglect the use of such
means as God has favoured us with, for the accomplishment of an object.
It will might the farmer look for a crop if he only exercised faith,
without preparing his ground or sowing the seed, as a parent expect that
his children will be converted, while he neglects to do that which will be
most likely to secure a blessing to their souls. I firmly believe that our
duty requires us to be as diligent in the use of means as though the sal-
vation of our children depended wholly on our own efforts, & yet to rely
confidently on God for his blessing, as though we could do nothing ourselves.
I have always felt that parental influence & authority if properly ex-
ercised, was a powerful means of leading the young in the way they should
go, but situated as we are where the children could not be kept wholly
from native influence, we feared the evil times arising, would more than
counterbalance the good we could do them.
Should any one tell me as you say a lady in Albany told a friend
of yours in Burmah, that it was necessary only to exercise faith to ac-
quire a new language, I would reply that faith without works (at least
in such a case) as dead ^{being alone} what will not the human mind be left to guess
at! It seems as though common sense were sufficient to prevent a per-
son from embracing such a sentiment as the above, much less from en-
gaging in such violent agitation in the U.S. & that Popery is making such rapid
strides all over the land. What will become of our beloved country if
greater exertions are not made to stop the progress of evil! O that God
would appear in mercy & shut the floodgates of iniquity, which seem to
threaten a moral deluge to that hitherto highly favoured region.
I must beg you not to trouble yourself about sending us things, tho'
your donations have always been highly valued. You must I think
have your hands full, & besides, the expenses of the boys, their clothing

schooling etc. are so great, I feel that you cannot afford to do much in the way of private donations. Would that we could do any thing to lighten the burden. — I have now got collected a pretty good assortment of such shells as are to be found on the Islands, & if my health continues as comfortable as it is at present, I intend they shall be forwarded to you by an early opportunity after we return from the General meeting of the Miss. at Honolulu, which is held here yearly. We are now preparing to leave home — expect to sail in a few days — shall probably be absent till about the 1st of July. I am so busy at present, cannot prepare the box before we go. Thank you for the description of the manner of making shell flowers, — should really like to see a specimen tho' I cannot tell when I shall have strength or leisure to try my skill in the business. I would thank you to tell me in your next, what shells are considered most rare & valuable among those we sent you 2 years ago.

The state of the nation at present & prospects of the Miss. are much as usual. Schools flourish — the cause of truth is making a steady advance, though its progress is less apparent than formerly. My health has been so feeble all winter, I have not been able to do much in school. It is improving, & I now indulge the hope that after a season I shall again be favoured with my usual health.

Mr. W. is well & writes with me in much love to Mr. E. & the children. Please accept a large share for yourself. Your aff^l cousin, M. O. Whitney

P.S. I have recently written to both the boys.

My Dear Mrs. Homer,

I wrote you last spring & acknowledged the receipt of the box sent by your good husband, & now I take my pen to say that we have filled it with shells & return it, hoping they may be a means of gratification to the children.

Soon after I wrote you last, I had a sudden & severe attack of illness, from

which I have not yet regained my strength. This attack was something similar to the one I had a year ago, which laid me prostrate for several months.

We did not know until this evening, that we could send the box to Oahu. It must be ready to go early in the morning. I should be glad to write you a long letter by this opportunity, but cannot for want of strength. I felt however unwilling, not to say a word. I have often thought of you since we rec^d your husband's kind letter, informing us of your illness. How is your health now, & that of your dear family? Mine has been too feeble since the first of last May, to engage in school, or do much Miss. work of any kind. I long to do something more directly, for the poor heathen around me. They are fast going the way of all the earth, & most of them unprepared for an exchange of worlds. That the living would take warning, & flee from the wrath to come. Most of the Islands are depopulating very fast. Generally there are two deaths or more to one birth, on an average, of the native inhabitants. Their loose & immoral habits of life have brought upon themselves disease, & entailed it upon their offspring; & it seems like a scourge, destined to sweep away the whole nation. It is painful to see them sinking into eternity, carelessly & thoughtlessly, as to what will become of their precious souls. I pray for us my dear Mrs. H. that we may at last be found faithful, & pray for this poor people, that God would pour out his Spirit & bring them to repentance, & enable them to seek him while the day of life lasts. I long to save some, pulling them as it were out of the fire. But I forget myself. It is past 9 o'clock my usual hour for retirement, & I must close. — Husband writes with me in love & kind regards to your family, & all inquiring friends. Yours affectionately, M. O. Whitney

(Red Jewish Brewer)

Hawaii I. I. Oct. 10 - 1836.

Very Dear Cousin,

Little did I think when I bade you adieu before leaving my native land, that 17 long years would have rolled away, before I took my pen to address you. And when I think of the many happy hours

spent in childhood & youth, during your visits from time to time at my
Sisters, & the satisfaction & comfort I often derived from your correspondence, she had been born of the Spirit. She has been highly favoured by being
I almost wonder how I can have remained silent so long. I must say several of her children ^{early} walking in the path of piety & virtue. Bro. S.
however that I have often thought of you, & have often wished to write also I hear, has become hopefully pious & joined the church. O that all
you, but have as often failed of accomplishing the desire of my heart. my dear friends would like Mary, choose the part which can never
And now I will not fill my sheet by going into a long detail of ^{to} be taken from them.
reasons why I have neglected so pleasant & delightful an employment. I suppose you see the Herald, which contains most of the interesting in-
as that of writing to a dear absent friend, but will leave the disclosure of intelligence with regard to this Miss. The work of evangelizing the nation
of them to a future day, & endeavour to devote my paper to something has made steady & sometimes apparently rapid progress, ever since
which may be more interesting to you. the standard of the cross was first erected on these heathen shores.

And now to begin with my own family. My Husband still lives, ^{but} I great & visible change has taken place in the nation within the
you seldom hear from him. He as you probably know is not fond of last 17 years, but too much I think has been said, about the improve-
letter writing, & (as doubtless all Miss^{es} have) has many things to demer- ments of the natives. Many have conceived an idea from what has been
his attention & occupy his time. I believe however he answers all your published, that this nation has already become not only civilized but
letters. We have 4 children as you have probably been informed, but christianized. They do not know what Heathenism is, & therefore can form
are now childless, with respect to any of them being with us. E. & our ^{own} just idea of the depths of moral pollution into which they were sunk
youngest sailed for A. two years ago last Jan. She is now in N. Ham. & from which they must be raised. Although as I before said, a great
in the family of Mr B. Smith. M. is with Mr H. in Charleston. I. change has taken place here, this nation as a nation may literally be
& H. M. are under the guardian care of my cousin Mrs H. Ely of Rock- called heathen. Many have some faint glimmerings of light, which
ter N. H. They attend school at the Academy at Canandaigua. They were in time if rightly improved, may scatter the dark clouds of ignorance &
all well the last we heard from them, & most of our other friends enjoy superstition which still brood over their minds, & some few at every sta-
ed comfortable health. My Mother however was rather feeble, & both Mr tion we hope are the children of God, but the understanding of the most
W's parents, were dangerously ill at the last dates, more than a year ago. enlightened are dark, very dark, ^{when} compared with those who have enjoy-
Some of our friends & many of our acquaintances have gone the way of ed a birth & education in a christian land. A great proportion of the
all the earth, & will no more be numbered among the living. Sister Dow whole population are able to read the N. Testament, but this is the most
buried her sweet little Harriet a year ago last spring. Her death was so they have learned with the exception of the schools under the immediate
sudden & unexpected, it was a heavy stroke for her widowed Mother to be care of the Miss. families. For several years I had a school of females
but she enjoyed the supports & consolations of religion, & appeared very who made considerable progress in Geography Arithmetic &c. but for
much resigned. She told me she did not mourn as those who have more than a year past, I have been unable to do much in the way of teaching

Hawaii Oct. 19 - 1836.

Dear Daughter Maria,

A year ago last July I was laid upon a bed of sickness, & in Aug. I was brought so low, that for several days scarce any hope of life remained. But thro' the goodness of God I still live, a monument of his mercy. I was confined to my bed for near six months, & for most of that time since, have been unable to sit up all day. In May last, I had another attack but less severe, which laid me prostrate for several weeks, & from which I have not entirely recovered; but I hope as the cool weather advances my strength will increase, & enable me to engage again in school. I feel that I am at present a cumber of the ground, but it is my earnest desire that I may do something more for the precious souls around me - something which may be a means of raising them from their present degraded state, & leading them to the Saviour of sinners. Although my views with regard to the testimony of Missions, & employments upon the mind of the Missions themselves, are something altered from what they once were, yet I have never for a moment regretted that I engaged in a Missions, & should now feel it a trial, were I in the providence of God, obliged to leave the work & return to A.

I commenced a letter to you one evening in April last, & the next day was taken very suddenly & seriously ill, & for several weeks was confined to my bed. It was a long time before I was able to resume my pen again, - indeed I have written but little since, & it therefore lies unfinished just as I then left it. It has now become quite obsolete, & I have thrown it aside & commenced anew.

My paper as you see is nearly full, but the time I have been scribbling has passed almost imperceptibly away, for it seems only a few moments since I took my pen. When you have read & read this, perhaps you will feel disposed to devote an hour to conversation on paper, with your far distant cousin. Your letters have always afforded us much pleasure, tho' at times they have not been answered with sufficient promptness. Can you not make us acquainted with your beloved partner? We should be glad to be introduced to her were that practicable, but as a personal interview is out of the question, perhaps she will be able to make up the deficiency, at least in part, by writing to us. - When you write, be particular, & tell us all about your family, your schools etc. - Husband writes with much love to yourself, cousin A. & the children. Your affectionate

We rec'd a letter from you last spring dated Sept previous. In that you mention having a little box which you intended sending in the course of the fall, but we conclude you did not forward it as it never came to hand. We are thinking of sending you, a small box. Mr Richards & family are going to A. this fall, & he said when he was here on a visit last summer, that he would take charge of it with pleasure. He was then not expected to leave till about the 1st of Dec. but we heard a few days since, he is now hoping to engage a passage in a Whale ship which is at L. & perhaps leave before we can get the box to him, it will probably not go this fall.

You request us to mention from time to time such things as we most need. We have ever felt a delicacy in making known our wants, lest others should be vexed with what they consider necessary for our comfort, & indeed we have a competency; but it is not always in just such articles as we should prefer, were we to choose for ourselves. As to clothing, we usually have a supply of articles, ^{necessary} suitable for common use. Now & then a nice light dress suitable for summer, a cap, or perhaps some dark garment for your Partner would also a willow work basket which I have often needed, but have never purchased, but have many things which I have long been desirous to improve the mind & promote personal piety. I have long been desirous

Your affectionate cousin, M. L. Whitney

of obtaining "Easton's Concordance," & likewise "Barr on growth in grace." The rec^d the box Mr Homer sent. There was a foot stone among other things which he said you mentioned you thought I should like. I suppose you had forgotten that we have no cold weather here, such as you have in N. E. I have had 2 articles of the kind given me since I have been at the Islands, but never made any use of either.

This is your birth day, & it reminds me of the flight of time. ^{But} let others do what they may, you will now give your heart to Christ, & ten years have glided rapidly away, since you was first laid into my arms a helpless infant. now, you are nearly a woman grown. But from you is almost insupportable, but you are every moment exposed to be cut off & cast into the lake which burns with fire & brimstone, the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus? You are old enough to be cut off & cast into the lake which burns with fire & brimstone, as long as you continue an enemy to God.

It is to think seriously of the importance of consecrating yourself to the service of God. Your Parents dedicated you to him in infancy, but you must now do it yourself by your own act, or you can never become personally interested in his gracious covenant. Very many younger than you yourself have given away themselves to the Lord & publicly professed that they were his, & among the number are some of the children of Miss. Peris & Lucy Thurston united with the Church last June, & swears up the younger children in the way they should go. Be careful not to manifest a domineering spirit towards those around you, but others it is said, give some evidence of piety. They both gave their reasons, ^{in writing} why they wished to unite with the church, in common, & I will be kind, gentle & affectionate to all. Study to mortify pride the way try & send ^{a copy of} one of the papers - they are both substantially the same of your soul, & let the lovely grace of humility, be conspicuous in You will perhaps recollect, that they are both considerably younger than yourself. You are the oldest child belonging to this Miss. & your example will have a salutary influence on those around you.

be removed from the influence of Heathenism, they have often sought him to have mercy on your soul. We have wept & prayed for every man, which I always like to see; but some of your letters are made you, but our prayers alone will not save you, you must weep & pray for every man, which I always like to see; but some of your letters are made yourself - you must mourn over your sins & humble yourself before as any thing. You must not look to me for a sample of good writing;

As I can't write with
for I am often so weak I can scarcely hold my pen, & besides, am frequently compelled to write in very great haste, if I write at all. I wish you to write with much care now while young, & endeavour to acquire a habit of making every letter correctly, for it is just as easy to form letters right as wrong, when the habit of making them so, is once established. — Your Father unites with me in
love to ^{yourself} Mr H's family & all inquiring friends. Your aff^{ate} Mother
M.P.W.

Dear Daughter Maria,
We have had a writing desk made for you of sandal wood which we forward to Oahu to go with Mr Richards in case he has not left the Islands. We hope it will be in season, but are somewhat fearful that he will have gone before this reaches there. We do not like to send the desk empty, & I really do not know what to fill it, as you appear to care so little about any thing we get here. I took considerable pains when we sent 2 years ago to put up a parcel for you, hoping that if no one else was gratified with your curiosities, you would be, particularly as they came from the land of your birth & were a token of affection from your Mother. But I was quite disappointed, that you manifested so little interest in them. I thought the shells might perhaps excite in you a love of nature which is so desirable, & I again express a hope that you will cultivate a taste for that important study in all its varieties, however little you may now care for it. — I have picked up some of E's books & a few other things which were forgotten when I left, which I shall put up, one little volume is the book of nature which I hope you will read before you forward it to her. You can also have the perusal of any of her books before you send them if you choose. The 2 volumes of Nat. History, I design for you both. You can keep them a season first if you wish & then send them

to her. I shall put up the gilt chain which was given you, when you was a very small child - have never thought of it before, when I have had an opportunity to send it. The one with E's name on it, was given to me at the same time for Samuel, when he was a little babe. I suppose he does not care for it now, & perhaps they can be disposed of for something which you & E. may need. As you do not care for shells I shall put up a few for E. I think she will be gratified with them, as she used to spend much of her leisure time when here in amusing herself with them, & admiring their beautiful forms in almost an endless variety. Mrs R. told me last summer, that they had made conchology a branch of study with their children, & I found when they were here, that W. was quite a conchologist. I have been packing the desk & have put up some native kapa - It is a specimen of what the natives wear on their bonnets, & will also show you, with what I have occasionally trimmed mine. I wrote you a day or two since, & have not time now to add more, except that we send much love to all. As ever, your aff^{ate} Mother
M.P.W.

Kauai Oct. 21-1836.

Dear Daughter Emily,
As we are sending a small box to Mr H. I have put up a few things for you - some of your books which were forgotten when you left - some braid which the natives plaited for you a bonnet - likewise some sea shells & kapa. I hope they will all reach you safe, & remind you of your native land & Parents home. We live where we did when you left; your little bedstead stands in the middle chamber, where you used to talk of sleeping when you became a little. Many little children of the Mission have at various times occupied it, since you left. Little J. Linker was here a few days ago with her Parents & slept on it, but it now stands empty. Your little table

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has been used for a wash stand, in our spare chamber. The house sometimes appears lonely, when no one but your Father & myself are here. He often spends much of his time in his study up stairs, & I have for a long time been too ill to go out much among the natives, or teach school - I hope by & by however ^{to} have one, & then though I have no little Emily to converse with, I shall be happy in talking with the native children, in teaching them to love God & be good.

I cannot write much now, but intend to send you a longer letter soon. You must be a good girl - love your friends & try to please them - seek the Saviour now in the days of your childhood - choose him for your portion, & you will be happy here & happy forever. - Much love both from Father & Mother to yourself, Mr & Mrs S. & all our friends. Your affectionate Mother M. P. Whit.

(to Mrs Caroline Ely) Kauai Oct. 25. 1836.

Very Dear Cousin, I wrote you last April, & acknowledged the receipt of yours of the 17th previous, & although at the time my health was not what it appeared to be improving, & I did hope ere this to have regained my usual strength, but how shortsighted is man. The day after I wrote you I was taken very suddenly & seriously ill, which laid me prostrate for several weeks, & all summer my health has been very feeble, & continues so still. I am not able yet to do any thing in school or much of any other work, but hope the cool weather will invigorate my feeble frame, & enable me by & by to do something.

A few weeks since I prepared a box of shells for you & sent it to the care of Mr C. our secular agent, to be forwarded when there should be a good opportunity. Perhaps it may have gone ere this. I hoped to have written you sooner, but feeble health & pressing cares have prevented. I intended to have sent the box last fall had I been able to have prepared it, but do not now much regret it, as I have had many

of the most valuable shells (or rather those which are considered so here) added to my collection since then, among which are the lamp, herb, mantle, ribbed turn, & some others, with the names of which I am unacquainted. The herb shells were sent me by Mrs D. wife of the seaman's preacher at O. but I do not know whether they were imported or not. They are occasionally found at H. but not abundant. I intended to have put up a little parcel separate for each of the children, & also a few for Mrs Samson & Mrs Ford the two ladies who contributed towards the books you sent us, but found that the box would not hold all I wished to put in, & therefore concluded to pack them as close as possible, without reference to any particular one. If you feel disposed and it would be acceptable to them, I should be gratified if you would give them some little memento out of the box from me, as a token of gratitude for their kindness. I had some nice braid made of the sugar cane for you a bonnet, & some superfine printed kapa which I wished to send you, but finding that my box was too small to contain all the things & knowing your partiality for shells concluded to send only the latter. I hope they will reach you safe. We sent them to O. with a request to Bro. C. that if he was acquainted with any one in N. Y. to whom care he could safely direct the box, he would do so, otherwise to direct it to the care of Mr E. J. Flower, house of Flower & Flower Boston. We have just heard that a vessel was expected to leave Boston last July, & that we might hope to hear from home soon. Our expectations of receiving letters are always raised, when an arrival is anticipated; but we are sometimes disappointed. Your communications oblige me with a welcome reception, not only as pledges of affection from a dear absent friend, but what you say of the boys from time to time is very gratifying to our feelings. We wish you to be frank (the more so the better) in telling us of their faults & foibles, as well as of their good qualities.

ities. The more we are made acquainted with their true character, the better shall we know their wants & how to present their case before our Heavenly Father. We shall also know better in what manner to address them, for we do not wish to write merely for their amusement to remind them of their Parents without any reference to their improvement, but it is our desire that every letter they receive from us, may be made in some way profitable to them, if not blessed to the good of their souls.

My husband has recently written you; he wrote to the boys a few weeks since. I hope to write them before long if my health will allow.

I intended to have sent you a much longer letter by this opportunity, but have been obliged to write in very great haste, & my head is so severely exercised with pain, I can scarcely collect my thoughts to write at all. With our united love to yourself & Husband, the boys & all our friends, I am as ever your affectionate cousin,
M. P. Whitney

Kauai Oct. 29 - 1836.

Dear Sister Ruggles, I have rec^{ed} ^{only} 2 letters only from you written since your arrival in A. one of those was dated Oct. 12-1834, & the other Sept. 5-1835. The latter was addressed to sister B. & myself. I do not now recollect how many times I have written you, nor when I wrote you last. I should have written more the year past, but for 2 reasons; one was, that from what we had heard it was supposed likely we should see you again ere this at the Isl. & in that case you would miss of our letters. The other & much the most powerful one, was, ill health. For a year & half past, my health has been very feeble. From July to Dec last year, I was confined to my bed most of the time, & indeed much of the time since you have been permitted to listen to his affectionate counsel & advice, & receive I have scarcely been able to be about the house. My complaint was hemorrhage, & his parting blessing. But I trust you are comforted, with the consolations which was reduced so low, that for more than a week, scarce any hope of life remained. So's comforts his people. O how precious they are to his children, in the hour of trial! What but his grace could support them, when sinking in deep waters. But the thought of death did not alarm me, I could stand on Jordan's bank & look with composure down the dark valley, & cast a wishful eye to Canaan's happy shore. When my complaint was checked, & it was thought the greatest danger

past, I was told there was still hope that my life would be prolonged, but the intelligence instead of producing feelings of joy, seemed rather to cast a gloom over my mind like a disappointment. In May last, I was again laid prostrate with the same complaint, tho' not reduced so low as before. I have not yet recovered from my last attack, but am still ^{very} weak. I sometimes feel as tho' this poor frame would not endure many more such shocks, but the Lord knows how much I can endure, & in what way I can most glorify his name.

If it be by patiently suffering his will, then surely I ought to welcome affliction. I trust I have of late felt truly thankful, that our children were provided for. It would in some respects be pleasant to have them with me, but the anxiety I should feel on their account when too ill to keep a watchful eye over them, would be a much greater trial than the comfort of their presence. The intelligence which your letters contained respecting them, was truly gratifying. Thank you for giving us so many particulars.

Last spring while we were anxiously expecting to hear that you & Bro. H. had arrived at A. we were surprised with the news of his death. All we have yet heard respecting it was in a postscript of one of Mrs Whitney's letters to Mrs B. saying that by our expecting him to dinner as he returned from Baltimore, & Mr W. went to the Steamboat to meet him, but found him a corpse. O how you must have felt when instead of meeting him alive & well as you had doubtless anticipated, to have him brought home must have been to your feelings, to be denied the privilege of watching by his sick bed & doing all in your power to soothe his dying pillow; & what a comfort, and what a relief to his parting blessing. But I trust you are comforted, with the consolations which God's comforts his people. O how precious they are to his children, in the hour of trial! What but his grace could support them, when sinking in deep waters.

Our Miss. company have also been afflicted. A letter from Mr Clark in Maine a few days since, says, "Mrs Andrews is quite feeble, & we fear she will not long be able

Mr & Mrs Spaulding are also sick, Mrs Little & Baldwin & also Mrs Richards, so you see
a fearful band. Mrs D. had a shock of the palsy last spring, from which she has now
recovered. Mrs Bishop's health is quite poor of late - troubled with dyspepsia.
They have moved from H. to S. on O. & Mr L. to Honolulu, to superintend schools.
Mr Richards & family will sail for A. this fall, if they can get a passage. Mr Cha-
brlain is also expecting to send his 2 oldest sons home in the care of a Mr Parker, who
from the N. W. Coast, who is now at O. seeking a passage. Bro. Bingham & family are
at Waialeale on a visit to Bro. A. They arrived there 4 weeks ago today, but the
last we heard from them, the object of their visit was not accomplished. Dr. S.
was obliged to go to H. to attend Mrs C. Dr. B.'s health is not good. She is expecting
a season of trial 3 or 4 months hence. By the way, I was much surprised to hear
that you had a little Naiki in your arms. Mrs J. has a son about 6 months old.
P. & L. united with the church last June. P. thinks she became a Christian while
at S. Mo a year ago. She appeared very different this last summer from what I have
seen her before. I cannot but think she is a child of God. L.'s case is not so dear to
me, but perhaps it is to others. Several other children of the Misses it is thought give
evidence of piety, particularly L. & S. B. — There have been a number of deaths
among the children of the Misses within a year or 2 past. A year ago last spring, Brothers B. &
A. & F. all buried their second child. They were infants. Mary Clark also died about
the same time. Her mother told me, that for several months previous to her death, she
thought she gave evidence of piety. Bro. S. buried this prospect last summer, & soon after Bro. B. &
L. were called to consign the mortal remains of their eldest, to the tomb. Thus God is taking
of the lambs of the flock - removing them from the evils of this world & I trust also from
that which is to come. — My paper is full, & I must refer you to Bro. & Ch. A. should you see
them, for many things which I have not time or strength to write. Husband is from home
left 2 days since for O. to visit Bro. B. ma. Were he here, he would unite with me in
love to yourself & other friends who may inquire after us. Write often, & I will endeavor
to be more punctual in answering your letters. Please give our love to the children should you
see any of them, & believe me to be as ever your aff^o sister,
M. L. Whitney

Kauai Nov. 1. 1836

Dear sister Maria,

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I wrote you last Feb. & acknowledged what letters I had then rec'd. In April your letter arrived which contained one from David, a catalogue of the members of the church in P. H. Thank you for all your communications. As to E's letter I hardly know what to say. It is filled with such a spirit of fanaticism, error, & zeal which is not according to knowledge, that I should not blame any one were they to pronounce it without infatuation. He would fain have us believe that he possesses the spirit & temper of the blessed Redeemer, but how little does his letter savour of that spirit, as delineated in the Gospel. Since reading it, I have been more than ever convinced, that he has cause to fear that he is of that number, who he says "live in the expectation of going immediately to glory when they die, but will be sadly mistaken." Let us pray dear sister, that he may be brought to see himself a vile sinner before God, & flee to Jesus for refuge before it be forever too late. Though I was glad to receive the letter after having heard some things which it contained, I really consider it such a mass of folly, as to be hardly worth spending ones precious time, to read it, ~~over~~ ~~more than once~~. He seems surprised that his own dear relatives do not put more confidence in what he says, but how can he expect they will believe him, while he talks of new revelations, & perverts scripture to answer his own end & purpose. I cannot account for the strange ideas contained in that letter, unless it be that he is given up to a delusion to believe a lie. He appears to have no clear view (or rather has surprised none) of the character of God, or of the plan of salvation through a crucified Redeemer. His religion seems to consist principally, of a belief in the book of Mormon, & of new revelations. O what infatuation! May God of his infinite goodness have mercy on his soul, give him repentance for his sins, wash them away in the precious blood of Christ, & open the eyes of his understanding, to see the beauty & excellency of the charity of Him who gave his life a ransom for

our souls. Then, & not till then, can he ever hope to be admitted to Heaven.

When your letter arrived, we were preparing for a voyage to O. expected to leave home about the middle of May, but I was taken suddenly ill the 11th of the month, & for several weeks was confined to my bed. My health has been feeble ever since, or perhaps I should have sooner answered your letter. — I have been looking over some of the names on the catalogue of church members, & find that many of my old acquaintances are dead, of whose death I have never before known. Some few now belonging to the church I distinctly recollect, but the greater part of those whose names are familiar, have either removed from the place or passed off the stage of action, while others have come forward & taken their places. It sometimes casts a momentary gloom over my mind, when I think what a changing, & how would we live in. Were I again to visit my native town, I fear there would be very few if any, who would either know me, or I them. Mrs. R. writes that her ^{own} mother said she might have been in the house a week, without her suspecting its being her daughter R. she was so much altered. Time has quickly makes great changes in a persons looks. One reinforcement after another come on to the ground with blooming countenances, the very picture of health. For a little while they retain their freshness, then the colour begins to fade from their cheeks. As time passes on, the rosy hue that first appeared has vanished, & a pale sickly countenance or a sunburnt one, is all that remains of once blooming health. Grey hairs & wrinkles follow in the train, & death will soon close the scene. I would never advise a person particularly a female, to engage in a Miss. in a tropical climate, who did not possess a sound & vigorous constitution. By this I mean, one that could bear heat & fatigue & endure hardships, without at once sinking under it. Several ladies of this Miss. whose constitutions were slender, have been confined to their beds, a great part of the time since they came to the Islands. Instead of being

able to do much missionary work, they have needed aid from others, to take care of themselves & families. Quite a number of this Miss. are now in full health. Bro. R. & family are going to O. this fall, partly to dispose of his children of whom he has 8, partly for the benefit of S. R.'s health, & partly to stir up christians at home to their duty. When they have accomplished the object of their visit, we expect they will return to the Islands again. Bro. R. said he should call at Fatters. I have committed to his care a keg of tamarind jelly which I requested him to take to the family. Should it arrive safe, I hope you will let me know.

I suppose you take the Herald & get from that something of a history of this Miss. - its labours, trials & success. When I write you therefore, I usually fill my paper with something which does not immediately relate to our work, & I sometimes feel when I have closed a letter, that there may be nothing in it which will particularly interest you, or be worth sending so far. But I must write occasionally when able, though I am often obliged to do it in great haste, & not unfrequently forget many things I wished to say. — Husband is from home on a visit to Bro. R. at Waialea, the opposite side of the Is. He has been gone nearly a week.

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Dear Sister M. I have handed Bro. Richards a small roll of printed kapa for yourself, Emily & Pamela, containing each of you a scarf, a half-handkerchief & a ribbon. These will serve as a specimen of native manufacture.

The keg of tamarinds will go with Bro. R.'s things as far as Northampton - perhaps you will be obliged to get it on from there. Should you see him or S. R. you will be able to learn a great many things about us & the Islands, with regard

our souls. Then, & not till then, can he ever hope to be admitted to Heaven.

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I should be glad to go on & fill another sheet had I time, but our letters must be closed in a few minutes, so I must stop. Again adieu.

M. P. Whitney.

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The Mr Barlow you mentioned in some of your letters, is now there at work. I am told he has nearly ruined his constitution, ^{as well as his character,} by strong drink & licentiousness. It is a bad place at these Islands for young men of any morals, or respectability. Unless they have a principle of grace in the heart, they cannot withstand the temptations which are continually thrown in their way, & are thus drawn down the vortex of iniquity, from which very few return to a sober, moral life.

With kind regards to Fatters family & all inquiring friends, I am as ever your affectionate sister,

Mary Q. Whitney

Dear Cousin, (Catharine S. Sergeant) Honolulu Nov. 2-1836.
I rec^d your kind letter which was sent by Mr Coan - looked at the
superscription, but could not recognise the hand writing. I broke the seal &
read the signature Catharine S. Sergeant, but was sure I never was ac-
quainted with any person by that name. I then began to read the letter, &
soon found that you called Mrs Ely your aunt, & I at once concluded that
you were a daughter of cousins Seth C. Sergeant, but which of their children
I could not tell. I never to my recollection saw but one of them, & cannot now
tell what her name was. She was with her Parents once, when they were on
visit to my Father - was then their only child, a little plump cheek girl a
year or two old, just beginning to talk. I well recollect her sitting on her
Mother's lap & lisping in accents inarticulate, a verse or two of a hymn which
she had been taught. This little girl is the only child of your family
I recollect ever to have seen, & whether it was you or your sister, I am un-
able to say - hope in your next you will tell me. I should be gratified
also to have your Mother write me, & give me particulars respecting her
old friends & acquaintances. I have often thought I would write her,
but my correspondents are so numerous, I seldom find more leisure for
writing than to answer their letters. My health has not been good for a num-
ber of years past, & for the last year, I was confined to my bed a great part of
the time, with sickness. Ever since I rec^d your letter, my health has been very
feeble, or it would not have lain so long unanswered. - For the last year
I have been able to do but little more than take care of my family -
hope I shall not always continue in such a weak, debilitated frame, as I
am at present. My complaint is partly in my head, & is of such a nature,
that any employment which requires close application of mind, like read-
ing or writing, increases it.

Bros. Richards & family are expecting to sail for A. this fall, if they can
obtain a passage. He has several objects in view, one is the hope of benefiting

Dr. A.'s health, which is feeble, another, the disposal of his children of whom
he has eight, & a third, to stir up christians at home, to a discharge of their duty
to the heathen. They are expected to return to the Islands, after the object of
their visit is accomplished. I have requested him to call at your Father's, &
if he should go that way, I trust he will. Perhaps he may be the bearer of
this. With Dr. A. your Mother may very likely be acquainted, as I rec^d
but hearing ^{not long since} her say, that she once went to school either with her or your
aunt Ely, she could not tell certainly which. She was Clarissa Ly-
man of Northampton, & is a most excellent woman.

It would afford me pleasure to tell you something of what God has
wrought in these Islands since we came here, but I suppose you are
already acquainted with a general history of this Mip. & at present, I
have neither time nor strength to write much.

Remember me with much affection to your dear Parents. Tell them
that letters from either or both of them, would meet with a welcome re-
ception. If uncle O. P. & aunt W. are still living, please give them my
best respects, & accept of these few lines as a token of love from your
for distant cousin,
M. P. Whitney

My Dear Mrs Whitney,

Honolulu Nov. 21-1836.

Though personally unknown to you, I have ever felt an in-
terest in your family from the fact that our dear Mothers were cousins, & (as I have
often heard mine remark) they were while young, as intimate as two sisters. This in-
terest of feeling was increased by the slight acquaintance I had with your dear
sister B. while she resided in A. some years, previous to her marriage, & not a little
increased by the very intimate relation in which we now stand to each other, as fellow
labourers in the same Mip. field. There is often a union of feeling existing among
those who have sacrificed the comforts of home & country & are placed together
on heathen ground, which is unknown to the majority of mankind. This feeling

usually arises from the fact that they have one & the same great ^{aim & end} ~~aim~~ ^{aim} in view - the glory of God in the salvation of souls. So closely connected as we are, we have an opportunity to enter into each others joys & sorrows - to sympathize with the afflicted, & to comfort those who mourn. Your sister has ^{repeatedly} been called to drink of the bitter cup of affliction since I became acquainted with her, but she has doubtless given you a more particular account of her trials than I could, were I to attempt a relation of them. She with her family have recently visited Kauai - spent a week at our station at W. & have just returned. We accompanied them to this place to make a short visit, & moreover see our dear Bro. Richards & family before they embark for the U. S. It is trying to us to part with any of our number to return to A. so long as there is such a want of labourers here, but when the voice of providence seems to call any one from the field for a season as in the present case, it is our duty cheerfully to acquiesce. We hope their visit to the U. S. will be a means of advancing the cause of Christ, not only in these Islands but in other parts of the world.

We feel interested in what we hear about S. & L. thro' their dear Parents, & hope they will occasionally have an opportunity of seeing our own dear children, no doubt is near you in A. H. in the family of Mr B. Smith. M. mentioned a pleasant interview which she had with L. in Charleston several years ago, which she appeared to enjoy very much. S. & L. were together so long on their passage to A. I should think they would feel quite attached to each other. Sister Puggles manifested a deep interest in both the dear children when here, & appears to still. From all we can learn, they had the best of ~~care~~ while on the passage home, for which we feel greatly indebted to her. May she be abundantly rewarded for her kindness. ~~Her~~ ~~kindness~~.

I have often thought since I came to the Islands that I would write you, but as we were personally unacquainted I have never before made the attempt, & should not now have taken the liberty, but for a request from your sister B. who assured me that you would be gratified with a few lines from my pen.

Mr W. writes with me in kind regards to yourself & husband. He says "tell Mrs W. that a part of the only night I ever was in Hartford, was spent in assisting those who were ^{engaged} trying to extinguish the flames which consumed her dwelling."

From your very affectionate cousin, Mary P. Whitney
P.S. A short time ^{since} I handed a few pieces of printed paper to ^{your} sister B. & requested her to forward them to you as a specimen of native manufacture.

My Dear Mrs Hudson, Honolulu Nov. 21 1836.

Some time since I received a package containing 5 pairs of ladies hose, directed to me, with the compliments of Mrs Hudson Fairfield Conn. presented I suppose by the lady of that name, who ^{at Dr Humphreys} I saw in Pittsfield, the day I took my final leave of my native home, previously to my embarkation for the S. I. You will please accept my thanks for this renewed favour, which I assure you was very gratefully received. It would have been acknowledged at an earlier period, had not ill health prevented. I have often been reminded of you since I left the scenes of my childhood and youth, by the token of remembrance which you put into my hands at parting. A sight of your name on paper seemed to revive in my mind recollections of former years when I enjoyed my home & native country, & carried me in imagination back to the spot where we first met, & where our acquaintance commenced - an acquaintance which though it may not be renewed in this world, will I trust be revived & continued through a never ending eternity.

We are far separated from each other here on earth, but does not the same guardian angel watch over us continually? Have we not the same Saviour to intercede for us, & the same Spirit to guide us? Yes certainly, if we are the children of God. May we so live as to be found faithful to Him under whose banner we have enlisted; & when our earthly pilgrimage shall cease - when our labours, & toils, & trials shall end, may we meet before the Throne of God, to unite in celebrating the praises of Him who sitteth

upon the horns, & of the Lamb forever & ever.

You doubtless hear from time to time, what the Lord is doing for this nation. He has been pleased to bless our labours for the good of souls here, far beyond what we even dared to hope. Had I leisure, it would be gratifying to my feelings to write you a long letter, & tell you some of the wonders which God has wrought among these benighted Islanders of the sea, but at present my time is limited, & I must therefore with sentiments of esteem, subscribe myself your off^r friend, *Mary P. Weston*

My Dear Mrs. Headly,

Honolulu Nov. 24. 1836.

There is at present so good an opportunity of sailing directly to Boston, I cannot forbear writing you a few lines. Bro. Ridd is now expecting to embark with his family & a daughter of Bro. Bick in a few days for the U. S. by whom we can send letters. Mr Samuel Parker an Agent of the Board from the N. W. coast of A. is also here, & will shortly sail on his passage home. He is expecting to take with him the 2 oldest sons of Bro. Cham. one of whom is 7 & the other 6 years of age.

We are on a visit here to see our friends once more before they leave & exchange with them the parting salutation. My health has been very feeble all summer, but seems to be improving some of late, owing probably in some measure to the weather, which is now quite cool.

I have written M. 2 letters this fall, one of which we inclosed in a small box for her, which Bro. R. will take. He will visit you if practicable, & from him & dr. R. you will be able to learn many things relating to ourselves & the Misses generally, which we cannot well commit to paper.

The Lord still prospers our labours, & we feel that it becomes us to do with our might what our hands find to do, for this nation is rapidly decreasing, going down to the grave in multitudes. What an awful thought that most of them are plunging into the gulf of endless despair, without one

ray of hope to cheer the darkness of the tomb. It is painful to witness the apathy & indifference manifested by the majority of the natives on the subject of death, judgment & eternity. If in any instance we are enabled to make any impression upon their minds by portraying in lively colours the awful realities of the scenes beyond the grave, it appears like the morning cloud & early dew which soon passes away. They are like children who need line upon line & precept upon precept & unless the truth is presented continually before their minds, they are liable to forget what they have been taught. During the year past, I have some times felt almost impatient to regain my strength so as to be able to engage again in school, have been too ill through the summer to do much in the way of teaching, but think I shall make an attempt when we return to our station if my health continues as comfortable as it is at present.

We have recently heard that a Brig was expected to sail from Boston last July, & we are now hoping ere long to hear from home, at least to receive letters & perhaps to welcome a reinforcement to these Islands, to strengthen our hands & to share with us in the toils & trials of the Missionary work. May the Lord in his providence send forth a goodly number sufficient to fill our broken ranks & also to occupy new posts, that the work of converting the nation to christianity may not be retarded for want of labourers. — A Jesuit Priest an Irishman, has recently arrived here & has got permission to stay, tho' not to propagate his religion. It was not the desire of the chiefs that he should stop, & indeed it is said he was ordered to leave in the same ship by which he came, but through the influence of Mr C. the Eng. Consul or Lord Bampfey, a British man of war, the chiefs were compelled to give him permission to stop, & to grant the same privilege to all foreigners who wish to come here & reside. The door is now open for as many Jesuits as wish to come to these Islands, & it is very probable they will take advantage of the present crisis, & that before many years will have elapsed, we shall have to contend with the followers of the beast.

The Lord grant that this mystery of iniquity, may never get a footing here. The Roman Catholic religion is so congenial to the minds of the natives who would give almost any thing they possibly to gain admission to the church & receive the ordinance of baptism, that should it be propagated here, many would doubtless embrace it in preference to any other religion. May a knowledge of the fact that the enemy who will not sleep is in our midst, have a tendency to keep us awake & on our guard, & excite us to greater faithfulness in the discharge of our duty.

We hope to hear from you & other friends, by the expected arrival. We know your hands must be full, & we feel that we can never sufficiently express our obligations to you for your kindness to our dear M. but let me assure you that we are always happy to hear from you, either from your own pen or your husband's. Mr W. unites with me in much love to yourself & family. From your affectionate cousin, M. L. Whitney

My Dear Mrs Smith.

Although strangers so far as it respects a personal interview, permit me to address you as an intimate friend & sister in Christ. I have seen your husband though my acquaintance with him was short, but I love you both as relatives of my husband & as followers of the Lord Jesus. The circumstance that our dear E. is with you seems to draw the cord of union still closer, & make the connection more dear. We suppose she is now with you, though we have heard nothing directly either from yourselves or her, since she first went to New Haven. We can hardly believe that you have not written us since then, but no letters have yet come to hand. I was not able to write much myself the last year, my health being very poor. You have doubtless heard of my long & dangerous illness, which confined me for months to my bed, & from which I have not fully regained my strength, tho' am now comfortable about the house. We have often thought of E. & of your kindness in giving her a home with you. We

feel that it is no small trouble or expense, to have the care of such a child & provide for her wants, but may the Lord reward you an hundred fold for all you do for her. I hope she will not be insensible of the great obligation under which she is continually laid, by the many favours which she is receiving from your hand. I hope you & your husband will write often & let us know all about her - tell us how she behaves, &c. &c. We should consider it a favour, if you would enjoin it upon her to keep a journal. Any little circumstances which transpire in which she may feel interested, we should be glad to have her commit to paper, & forward them there is an opportunity. You need not fear that any thing which she may write however trivial, will be uninteresting to her Parents. Besides, it will be a means of improving her own mind, to habituate herself early to commit her thoughts to paper. She will doubtless need considerable encouraging at first, but it would be a great gratification to us, should she write frequently. Bro. Richards & family as you will hear, are about to embark for the U. S. He has several objects in view in going to A. one is, the disposal of his children of whom he has 8, another is the hope of benefiting sister A's health which is feeble. He goes also as an agent from this Miss. to stir up the churches & particularly ministers at home, to a sense of their duty to the heathen. He is expected to return again to the Islands & resume his labours, when the objects of his visit shall have been accomplished. — I have written one letter to E. this fall which we inclosed in a small box to M. — intend to write her again by the present opportunity. Her Father wrote her some 2 or 3 months since. He also wrote your husband about the same time. He enjoys good health, & unites with me in love & kind regards to your family, & all inquiring friends. Yours affectionately, Mery L. Whitney

My Dear Daughter Emily,

It seems a long, long time since we have heard from you

by your own pen. The last letter we rec^d from you was written more than two years ago, while you was in Charlestown. We are very anxious to hear from you again, & have been for many months past. We should feel grieved to learn that you had not written us since you went to New Haven. We hear that a brig is soon expected to arrive from Boston, & hope we may receive intelligence from you by it. We wish to know all about you - how you look, whether you attend school, what books you study, how much you have improved in your hand writing & also in composition. I hope you will be studious to improve the advantages which you enjoy. Think of the kindness of the dear friends with whom you reside, in giving you a home & providing for your wants. Think also how many poor children there are who do not enjoy the comforts with which you are surrounded, & remember who it is that makes you to differ from them. They may perhaps be much more deserving than yourself, & this thought may well lead you to inquire why you are not like them left destitute & friendless. O. E. I hope you will be a good child, be obedient, dutiful & respectful to your superiors, & kind & obliging to all. Study your Bible, & endeavour to learn your duty as therein taught. Seek Christ as your portion & give him your hearts, now in the days of your youth. You will never find it more easy to yield yourself up to him & love him, than at present. The longer you continue in sin the harder your heart will become, & the more difficult you will find it to obey his commands. Many children younger than yourself have loved the saviour, & died rejoicing in the assurance that they should be happy with him in Heaven. In a little box which we sent last I put up the memoir of Charles Winslow for you. He was born in Ceylon. His father was one of the Miss^{ns} there, but was in A. the last we heard from him. His son Charles went to A. when he was about your age, & died soon after he arrived there. I wish you to read his memoirs & see what a

good child he was - how careful he was to obey & please his Parents. He had a kind friend when he went to A. to take care of him on board the vessel as you had, but he used to write often in his journal to his dear Parents, because he knew it would please them to have him do so, & he knew too, they would be gratified to hear from him by his own pen. Dear E. I think you know that we desire you to write to us, & to write often. Can you not keep a journal? Try & make an effort as Charles Winslow did, to overcome your reluctance to writing. He succeeded, because he was influenced by a desire to please his Parents, & will not your love to us, be a sufficient inducement to you, to overcome every obstacle which may present itself to your mind? I hope & trust it will.

In the box which we sent to M. I inclosed a letter to you, & put you up a few curiosities - a bit of kapa & some sea shells. Some of your old books & sabbath school tickets which were forgotten when you left, I also put up. They will perhaps serve to remind you of your native home, & bring afresh to your recollection, years that are past & gone.

Mr. A. is soon to sail for A. with his family. Jane E. Bishop goes with them. Mr. C. has been debating to send Warren Fay & S. Grant his 2 oldest sons to A. this fall. Perhaps they will go now, but it is somewhat uncertain. I think you will recollect something about them, & perhaps some of the other children. They have all grown very much since you left, & probably you would not now recognize them were you to see them. — Your Father writes with me in much love to yourself & all inquiring friends. — From your aff^l Mother M. P. White

My Dear Son Samuel,

Honolulu Nov. 30. 1836.

I wrote you last spring & acknowledged a short letter from you written about a year before. We have heard nothing from you since but hope to before long, as a vessel was expected to leave Boston

last July for the 3rdrd which will probably arrive in a few weeks. Mr. B. & family are now here from Lahaina, & will soon embark for the U. S. They are preparing to leave this week, or the beginning of next. Jane E. Bishop the only daughter goes with them. She will very probably visit her mother's friends in Rochester, which will give you an opportunity of seeing her. Mr. B. also intends to go there, & hopes to have an interview with you all. From him you will be able to learn a great many things about us & the 3rdrd more than I can now write you. You have not forgotten William Richards. His Father wrote us a short time since, that they hope he has recently become a Christian. There is considerable attention to religion at present, at Lahaina where the High School is established. Your Father rec'd a letter about a week ago from Mr. Andrew the principal of the school, saying that many of the pupils were anxiously seeking the salvation of their souls; & at Wailuku another station on Maui, there has of late been an unusual attention to religion, & some few cases of hopeful conversion. How is it my dear son with you? Are you seeking a new heart, or are you still careless & unconcerned about your souls salvation. I am anxious to learn what your prospects are for eternity. It would afford me unspeakable satisfaction, to know that you had chosen Christ for your portion, & had begun in earnest to serve him with your whole heart. The next time you write us, I wish you to state fully your views & feelings on the subject of religion, & if you have not accepted of the offers of mercy through a crucified Redeemer, will you give your reasons for continuing in a state of rebellion against God? I wish you to remember that should you die unreconciled to your Maker, you will be sunk in the great day of final account. No excuse which you can then make, will be accepted for your continuing here in sin. O Samuel, think of the awful doom of the finally impenitent! They would give worlds did they

purchase them, to have a space for repentance, but no, their day of grace is past, they must forever bewail their unhappy choice, & lie down in endless sorrow. Will you not listen to the call of wisdom which saith, "today if ye will hear my voice, harden not your heart." Youth is the best time to prepare for death. If you neglect it now, you may perhaps be suddenly cut down in sin, then where will your precious soul be forever, ye know. There will be no escape when the awful summons shall arrive, you must go, prepared or unprepared. The thought that you are continually exposed to an eternity of misery almost makes me shudder, & I would again beseech you if you have any love for your Parents or your own soul, to think of these things, & begin in earnest to prepare for the solemn realities of death, judgment & eternity. I long to hear that you love the Saviour, & that you have consecrated yourself - your time, your talents, & your all to his service. Were you to do this, you would find that his yoke is easy & his burden is light. The way of transgression is hard, & the wages of sin is death, but Christ's service is perfect freedom. Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, & all her paths are peace. What more shall I say to you my dear son, on this subject? You know in some measure at least your duty, & will you not do it? It shall be my ^{earnest} continual prayer, that God would grant you his Holy Spirit to sanctify your soul & assist you in the discharge of every duty. And I hope you will pray for yourself, that he would renew your heart & transform you into his image, & make you holy as he is holy. — I must now close. I have written this in very great haste - have been several times interrupted by company calling, since I commenced it, & my mind much confused, but must beg you will accept of it as a token of love from your aff. Mother. M. R. Whitney
Your Father unites with me in much love to you all. He has written to Mr. Mrs. E. by this fall & also to yourself & Henry.

My Dear Son Henry,

Honolulu Dec. 1st 1836

It is now more than 2 years, since the date of the last letter which we have rec^d from you. We have been hoping for more than a year to get something from your pen, but nothing yet arrives. Have you not written us for so long a time? I should be very sorry to learn that you had not, for your own sake as well as ours, as it would be rather a disconsol to you, to care so little about your Parents, as not to write to them occasionally. — We left home the 15 of last month, & after a voyage of 4 nights arrived in safety at this place. We came here to make a short visit, & once more see Mr Richards & family, who are soon to leave the Is^{lands} & go to A. Mr & Mrs Richards are expecting to come back again. They take with them their 6 oldest children, & leave the 2 youngest, one a babe, & the other Helen a little girl 2 or 3 years old. Miss Byden has the charge of the youngest, & Mr & Mrs Green of the other. Mr G's little daughter ^{Emily} about the same age, died last summer, in consequence of turning a basin of scalding milk into herself. She lived only about 24 hours after. When little Helen R. found that her Parents were going to A. & intended to leave her behind, she ran to her Mother & laid her head on her lap, & with much affection said to her, "Ma I think I had better go to Heaven." They came away & left her asleep. She will doubtless have good care taken of her, & is now such a very little girl, she will soon become attached to Ma Green, & love her just as though she were her own Mother. You were so large when you left that you remember your Parents, & I hope in future you will write us more frequently. We often receive letters from M. & it is a great comfort to us, to hear so often from you. It would be a very great source of gratification to ^{your Parents} if you would keep a journal. Will you not both of you, try & write one. It will require a little effort at first, but after accustoming yourselves for a season

to commit your thoughts frequently to paper, you will find it a pleasant employment. You may perhaps think it difficult to find subject for writing daily. But reflect a little, does not something very often happen in which you feel interested, & you perhaps relate the circumstances to your schoolfellows, playmates, or some one else. Now when you have told your story to those around you, then think of your Parents, & go & take your pen & tell them, just what you have been relating to others. In this way I think you would find it no difficult task to get materials to fill your paper, & by constant practice in this kind of composition, you would soon learn to express yourself with ease. ^{Samuel} You ^{or} would derive much benefit yourselves from such a practice, & you can hardly conceive of the gratification which it would afford us.

I wrote a hasty letter to A. yesterday, & should be glad to write again to Mrs Ely by this opportunity, but my time is very much occupied, & has been ever since I came here. I have been trying to assist Mrs Richards some, in preparing her baggage for their long voyage, & also Mrs Cham who is fitting out her 2 oldest sons Warren Jay & L. Coats, for a voyage to the U. S. They ^{are} expected to sail in about a week — will go with a Mr Sam^l Parker, who is in the service of the Board. He came to this place from Columbia River, on the N. W. coast. He explored the continent of A. explored the region in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains, & also west of them. He has been detained here 4 or 5 months, seeking a passage home. He thinks he shall call & see you, if he should go near Astoria. — I have put up & forwarded a box of shells to Mrs Ely this fall. It was sent from here, on board a Brig bound to N. York — hope it will reach her safe. I also forwarded a letter to her by the same opportunity. — Much love from your

Father & myself, to yourself & Samuel, & all inquiring friends.

Your affectionate Mother, Mary D. Whitney

Very Dear Daughter,

(To Maria F. Whiting)

Kauai Jan. 9 - 1837.

The 6th inst. we rec^d. 3 letters from yourself, & 4 from Mr. H. Our hearts were indeed made glad by the intelligence which they contained, tho' we had heard a few days previous to the receipt of yours, by one from Mr. Ruggles that you were indulging a hope of pardoning mercy through a crucified Redeemer. He gave us no particulars only mentioned the fact, & we felt exceedingly anxious till we got hold of your packet. Your Father & I, both feel that we can praise God through eternity, for what he has done for your soul; & if you are indeed born of his Spirit, you will not cease to praise him also for his goodness. But my dear M., you are still in a world where you will be surrounded with snares & temptations, & if you are a Christian, you will have need of continual watchfulness & prayer, or you will be liable to fall into sin. Christians are sanctified only in part so long as they remain here on earth, & some of the best of them have through neglect of duty, been left of God to yield to temptation, & thereby led to commit sins so atrocious, that the very thought of them at any ordinary time, would have filled their souls with deep anguish.

Be not over confident of your own strength, but ever remember that without God's grace assisting you, you cannot do the least thing aright. Think of Peter when he so shamefully denied his Lord, after he had positively ^{declared} that he would die with him rather than deny him, & behold him that very night, thrice deny that he knew him. Had he been less confident of his own strength, & earnestly besought the Lord to preserve him from committing such an awful sin, perhaps he might have escaped his shameful fall. I hope his example may be a salutary warning to you, not to trust too much in your own strength. Be particularly careful not to neglect known duty; for Satan will ever be ready to lay some temptation in your way, if he finds you off your guard. Be diligent in studying the scriptures, in prayer, in self-examination, & watchfulness. The duty of self-examination you

may perhaps find difficult at first, but if you are faithful in watching over your own heart & searching it often, you will after a while find it more easy. For your assistance in this duty, I will recommend to you a small treatise entitled "a closet companion or a help to self-examination." This little book of 4 leaves only, was lent me by a neighbour soon after I obtained a hope in Christ, & was so blessed to my soul that next to the Bible, I valued it as the most precious treasure I ever possessed. I afterwards purchased it, & often thought I would not part with it for its weight in gold. I have now 2 copies, & if I thought you could not obtain one elsewhere, I would send you one of them.

On reading what you say about becoming a Missionary, your Father remarked he was sorry to hear you talk so at such a time - not because he had any objection to your going on a Mission, but he fears that if you indulge yourself in such feelings, you will be liable to neglect an employment which he considers of infinitely greater importance for you to attend to at present, viz. self-examination, watchfulness & prayer. In some of our apparently brightest converts among the natives, we have observed that almost the first thing after they had obtained a hope in Christ, was a desire to become teachers. And in some cases this desire has been so strong as to absorb their whole souls, & led them to neglect the plain positive duties enjoined on them in the word of God, till they have sunk into a state of apathy & indifference, or what is worse, into known violations of the laws of God. Advise then my dear child, in the first place to acquire a knowledge of your own heart, & seek to grow in grace. The heart as the Bible & experience both testify, "is deceitful above all things & desperately wicked." It is a sink of sin; & although grace may have in part subdued its natural corruptions, the seeds still remain, & it will need constant watchfulness to prevent their growth. Think not that you can do no good where you are.

Can you not in some way assist Mother H. so as to relieve her in some way from the care & burden of her great family? She has for many years been very kind to you, & you ought now in gratitude to be desirous of assisting her as much as possible in every way you can, tho' at best you will never be able to reward her for all she has done for you. And besides, now is the best time you will ever have, to complete your education. If you contemplate ever going on a Mission, it is of the highest importance that you now acquire a good education. Without it your usefulness will be greatly retarded as a Missionary. It is important that you possess not only a knowledge of all the various branches of learning taught in the common schools & academies, but a thorough knowledge of the human heart is also necessary, as well as a general knowledge of matters & things. You my dear child, are young & inexperienced, & have yet many things to learn before you will be prepared to go on a Mission. Let this thought (your unfitness at present for the work) keep you humble, & stimulate you to greater exertions to qualify yourself for whatever station in life providence may hereafter place you. Let not a desire to go on a Mission engross too much of your time & thoughts, but attend faithfully to present duties, & leave the direction of your future course to God. He will order all the dispensations of his providence in such a manner, as to promote his own glory & the best good of souls.

On the subject of your making a public profession of your faith in Christ of which you ask my opinion, perhaps you did well not to be in haste. If however you have satisfactory evidence that your soul is renewed by the Spirit of God, it would I think be well after a suitable season of trial, to unite with the church, that you may enjoy the privilege of commemorating our Saviour's dying love. You would then

be more out of the way of temptation, & also obeying a positive command of his "Do this in remembrance of me."

The box you speak of has not yet been recd. If you sent it, it is probably at B. & will arrive the first opportunity.

I am glad ^{to hear} that Lydia is going to write me, I shall be very happy to receive a letter from her.

You wish me to tell you what the house we used to live in when you left, was made of. The walls were of small rough stones laid up in mud, as stone fences are sometimes made. These were the best material we could then obtain. The roof was thatched with grass & plastered with mud, as a security from fire. But the weight of the roof pressing upon the walls during the wet seasons, soon caused them to spread by cracking away at the corners, & for the last year or 2 that we occupied it, we were obliged to brace them up with timbers to keep them from falling, & make it safe to live in.

The house we occupy at present, is built of beam stone cut the thickness of the wall, from a large bed on the plain west of where we now live, which is from 4 or 5 to 8 or 10 inches in thickness, & underneath this bed is sand.

These were laid up in lime mortar, & will be durable. It has been ascertained within a few years past that large mud brick made the thickness of the wall & well dried in the sun, answers a very good purpose for one story houses, & by plastering with lime both within & without, they are quite comfortable & not very expensive. Many of the natives as well as the Mission families, have of late erected such habitations. Our good house is a very great comfort, particularly to my poor aching head, it is so cool.

You ask whether all the straw sent by Mrs Ruggles, was intended for you or not. I do not now recollect ^{certainly} about it. If however there was none with E.'s name on it you did well to give her enough for a bonnet. I put up a role in your writing desk which we sent by Mr Richards a few weeks since which I designed for her, but cannot now tell whether I put her name on

it or not. When I send you stress or any thing of the kind, & there is more than you need, I suppose Mother H. will of course make use of it for the other girls, if she chooses.

We were glad to hear that the tamarinds reached you safe, & that Mr. Hoadly had given both Mr. Runnewell & Mr. Flower some. I had intended to have prepared them differently by making them into a jelly, but my illness prevented me from doing any thing about it, & your Father with the assistance of the natives, was obliged to prepare them as well as he could.

Mr. Runnewell has indeed been very kind to you, & laid you under great obligations by his liberality. God my dear child, is certainly very good to you, in giving you so many kind friends to supply your wants, & I hope you will ever cherish a grateful sense of his goodness. You must not forget to pray for all your benefactors, that God would reward them abundantly both with temporal & spiritual blessings.

You ask if your brothers & sisters have had the measles. Not unless they have taken them since they left us. We have known of no such diseases here, as the measles or small pox. Were they to be introduced, they would sweep off the natives in multitudes. Some of the oldest inhabitants however who were living when we first arrived, mentioned an epidemic which raged here many years ago something like the cholera, which well nigh depopulated the Islands.

The Princess Harieta Nahianaena the King's sister, died a few days since. She has been ill for many months past. Eight or 10 years ago or perhaps still longer, she became hopefully pious & united with the church at L. on Maui. For several years she appeared well, & was thought to be one of the brightest & most hopeful of the Sand. Isl. converts; but at length yielding to temptation, she drank of the intoxicating cup. She was suspended from the church for some time, & as she continued to go on in her

sinful course, was at last excommunicated. She has never since manifested any signs of repentance, so far as I can learn. I called upon her one day while ^{at O.} a few weeks since. She was sitting on the mats clad in a white loose dress, & said she was in little or no pain ^{but her countenance was very death like.} at the time I was with her only a few moments. Your Father saw her often & conversed with her frequently. She told him that so long as she walked in the right way she was free from sickness, pain & trouble, but as soon as she forsook it, the Lord was angry & sent judgments upon her for her sins. This has indeed been a fact so far as we can see, & the change has been so striking, that it appears to be the general impression of the natives, that her illness was a judgment from the Lord. Herd is an awful case of apostasy, & may it lead us all to look well to our ways, lest we also fall & deny the faith we now profess.

My health continues much as it was when I wrote to Mrs. H. a few weeks since - comfortable, tho' not very good. I have this week commenced again, & hope I shall be able to continue it.

I find that exercising on horseback, is very beneficial to my health. When I first commenced, I was unable to ride more than about half a mile without very great fatigue. By exercising daily, I soon found that I could increase the distance, & can now ride several miles with much less fatigue, than I could only half a mile at first.

I usually rise in the morning with the dawn of day, & by the time it is sufficiently light to see the road (which by the way is only a foot path ^{with unenclosed}) I mount my horse, which is by this time ready. He trots off upon a full gallop, & in this way I ride 3 or 4 miles, & usually reach home before the sun gives us his morning salutation. Our breakfast is then soon ready, after which & family worship, I engage in the various labours & employments of the day with much less weariness.

of body, than when I first rose from my bed. I have found more relief by this exercise together with dieting, from the excruciating pain in my head with which I have for many years been troubled, than from almost any thing else. I can ride, when I am too weak to exercise much about the house. If I neglect it for a few days only, the pain in my head almost invariably increases, & sometimes to such a degree as to make me almost distracted. The sun is so oppressive here, that I can ride only early in the morning & about sunset, with any comfort. Could I have had a good horse to ride many years ago, my health might perhaps have been in a measure preserved. The one we now have is a Spanish horse brought from the coast of N. H. is very gentle & goes easy on a gallop. My morning exercise is much more violent than I could take in any other way, in my present weak state. It gives such a circulation to the blood as not unfrequently to throw me into a perspiration, when the weather is not very cool.

We have a native man who has lived with us more than 10 years, who assists about the cooking - boils the tea kettle, cooks the potatoes, kals & meat, heats the oven &c. &c. His wife makes bread, skins the milk, churns the butter, sometimes spreads the table for our meals & washes dishes &c. I of course oversee it all when I am able, & sometimes do considerable myself - but I have endeavoured to learn them so that they can take some care of things when I am unable to be about the house. We live in a very simple style. My diet is principally bread & milk, as little else agrees with me. We have one barrel of flour which carries us comfortably through the year. We raise our own vegetables, hops & poultry.

Besides preparing our food, washing dishes, clearing house, washing & ironing clothes &c. there are a multitude of little things often to be attended to, which sometimes occupies considerable time, & all the strength I can command. If you

have read the Memoir of Mrs Winslow where she enumerates the variety of little things with which her time was daily occupied, you will have some idea how it is true the large ants which she speaks of, tho' we have an abundance of small ones which are very troublesome ^{but} we are overrun with rats (of the largest size I ever saw) mice & cockroaches, which are exceedingly annoying. They are so numerous & so mischievous, that we find it necessary to keep every thing which they would be likely to touch, shut tight as far as we have things to put them in, & for want of jars we are obliged to use calabashes, (gourdshells) through which they occasionally eat holes sufficiently large to enter, & help themselves to the contents. I have known ^{them} in this way consume or carry off a large calabash of arrow root 30 or 40 weight, before I had noticed it. Stone jars with tight lids would be a very great convenience, & I have sometimes thought I would write to my friends & request them to send me a supply.

I believe you will begin to think, that it is time to bring my long letter to a close. Perhaps I have wearied your patience to read it, but when I get hold of my pen I hardly know when to lay it aside, unless other duties press upon me & compel me to it. I have written in great haste & without any order just as my thoughts have run, & if I do not stop soon, fear I shall lose the present opportunity of forwarding it. I must however mention to you before I close, that several years ago your Father & I set apart saturday evening as a special season to pray for yourself, your brothers & sister, & our other relatives. Will you not now unite with us in imploring blessing on those who are dear to us by the ties of nature? We should be happy to have you, & also Mr & Mrs G. if convenient. With much love to all, I am your aff- Mother.

Mary P. Whiting

Very Dear Cousin

To Mrs C. C. Ely

Hawaii March 27- 1837.

Your letter of Dec. 23^d 1835 written at N. I just before you left for St. Croix, was rec^d a few weeks since. The one written in Aug. previous was rec^d about a year ago, & my answer to it has probably not reached you. Thank you for all your communications - they are like cold water to the thirsty soul, or cordials to the faint. — The jar of cheese which you mention as having sent, has not come to hand. After receiving your letter I wrote to Dr. B. respecting it, but have rec^d no answer from her. Bro. B. however in a letter to Mr. W. written a few days since, says, "the box has never been rec^d or heard from. We suppose it was either lost in the fire of N. I. or was put on board of a whale ship which has not touched here." Should it ever come to hand, we will let you know. — I am grieved the more for such a reluctance to write us. The date of Dr. B.'s last letter, was Sept. 1834 & that of Dr. April 1835. If they were as fond of writing us as M. it would be a very great comfort. We rec^d 3 sheets & a half from her a few weeks ago. I need not tell you that we were greatly rejoiced to learn from the evidence of these letters, as well as from other sources, that there has been a great & I trust a saving change, wrought in her soul. The language of our hearts on that joyful occasion was, "bless the Lord O my soul, & all that is within me bless his holy name." I have of late had stronger faith with regard to our children's conversion, than ever before. Indeed for a few weeks past, I have had such a presentiment that S. too has chosen the good part & given himself to the banishment, that I feel anxious to hear whether it is not even so. For some time past I have been enabled to lay hold of the promise of God to Abraham & to plead it with some degree of confidence, "I will be a God to thee & to thy seed after thee." It is indeed a precious promise to the believer, & one that is full of consolation. My only fear is, that I shall come short of my duty, for I believe that God is ready & willing to grant the desired blessing

only he requires that we seek them of him in faith, before he will bestow them. O may he grant us that faith which shall prevail.

I wrote you last fall, & likewise forwarded a box of shells - hope they will reach you safe. I also wrote to L. & H. & sent by Bro. Richards, who you will probably have seen ere this reaches you, as he was intending to go to Port Antonio. May his visit to the U. S. be blessed to the advancement of the cause of Christ. I hope he will be successful in securing good places for his children. We have just rec^d intelligence from Hilo on Hawaii. Bro. Coan & family were well, & enjoying a season of refreshing from the Lord. They have a little son about 6 months old. I had an opportunity last June during Gen. Meet. to get a little acquainted with S. C. as we both lodged in the same yard tho' in separate houses. She appears to be a lovely woman, & I should think well qualified for her station. Dr. Bishop also fills his station very well, as a wife for Br. B. & a mother to his children. She is also an active Miq. Her health however has not been good for a year or 2 past. It was a long time after she arrived at the Islands before I had an opportunity to see her, & a still longer time before we were permitted to form much of an acquaintance. Tho' we were allowed to labour in the same great Miq. field, a distance of more than 300 miles separated us, one from the other. Our station being on the leeward side of ~~one~~ of the most ^{westerly} Isl. that is occupied by Miq. is at a great distance from most of our brethren, particularly from those on Hawaii. Hilo, Bro. Coan's station, is about 400 miles from here. There are 2 brethren besides ourselves located on this Isl. one at the distance of 15 miles, the other between 30 & 40. Our next nearest Miq. neighbour is 100 miles from us. You will readily perceive from our location, that personal interviews with our brethren cannot be very frequent. We have a yearly meeting of the Miq. of a month or more at Honolulu, when all who can well leave home, assemble, to transact business for the Miq. devise plans of usefulness to promote

the great object of our labors, & by mutual intercourse, effort & prayer, endeavor
to warm our own hearts, & stimulate & quicken each other in the path of duty.
These meetings are ^{pleasant &} beneficial to ourselves & I trust a means of good to
nation, tho' they are held at the expense & sacrifice of some feeling, for
when we leave home, we are obliged to leave our people as sheep without a
shepherd.

About 3 months ago, a Miss. family, just
from the Oregon Territory, arrived at O. They were sent out under the patronage
of the Methodist E. Miss. Soc. The family consists of 2 married men with
their wives, one single man, 3 single ladies, & 5 children. Dr. & Mrs. White
were from Havana, Tioga Co. N. Y. They have lately made us a visit
They appear like good substantial Christians. I found that Mrs. W.
was well acquainted in R. having lived there several years ago, before her
marriage. She said she knew you & Mr. E. very well, tho' she had never been
introduced to you. She has been married about 3 years. I don't know her ^{name}.

There are now 2 Catholic Priests at O. One of them has been there for some
months, the other has recently arrived. It is reported there are others on the
coast, waiting for a passage hither. We hear they have recently applied to the
King for permission to erect a large church & school house at H. but without
success. They will doubtless do all in their power to oppose the progress of pure
religion at these Islands. May the Lord rebuke them, & never suffer two who
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Postscript to Mrs. Ely's letter. Oahu May 26-

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your letter of Nov. 1. & Samuel's of Oct. 14.
1836 - also the jar of cheese which you
sent some time ago. Thank you for it.

It has kept good. Sister Coon thinks
it as good as it ever was - says she had
some from the same lot when she came
out.

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the Land. Sch. We had it in our power to contribute in various ways
for the comfort of their passage, for which they appeared very grateful.
They parted with us with kind christian feelings, & I trust their visit
to the Is^l will be a means of better fitting them for the work in
which they are about to engage.

(to Eliza A. Goodrich) Kauai April 20 1837.

My Dear Miss Goodrich,
Your kind letter of June 12-1836. was rec^d last Jan. for
which you will please accept my thanks. As you gave me only the initials
of your christian name, I was quite at a loss to know who the letter was from
- whether a gentleman or lady & also what family, as I had never to my re-
collection heard to what part of the U. S. you moved when you left Lond. Tho
you only mentioned the christian names of your brothers & sisters or of your
father, I should at once have known from what family the letter was. I was
desirous of answering the letter, but knew not to whom to direct it, & as I
had no expectation of seeing our ^{Methodist} friends, I immediately wrote to Mrs White
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together with the information which they have obtained &c. &c. will I trust be a means of preparing them in some measure for the work before them. Those who have never visited a heathen land, know very little comparatively, what heathenism is; hence the disappointment & disgust manifested by some when they arrive on the ~~island~~ ground, which induces them at length to forsake the work & return to the bosom of their friends. Missions who go among the heathens seldom portray in as lively colours as they might the dark side of the picture, & indeed a true relation of facts such as might often be given would be sickening to the hearts of our friends & shocking to feelings of delicacy to persevere. We have read the "Six months in a convent" of which you speak - the lady Superior's answer - the "supplement" & another work on the same subject, the title of which I do not now recollect, besides extracts from the disclosures of Mr. Monk &c. There is certainly much wickedness carried on in those nurseries of vice (the convents) falsely called schools of piety, but as revolting as is the pursuit of such facts to the feelings of Christians, there is nothing more shocking in them than heathens practice in our day without fear or shame. It is only for want of a knowledge of the true condition of heathens, that any one can think them innocent compared with R. Catholics. The only difference is, heathens sin thro' ignorance, R. C. against light, & therefore conceal their crimes from observation.

There is scarcely any subject respecting my dear native country in which I have felt more solicitude, than the effect which the increase & spread of popery will have there. I long to hear that the church is awake on this subject, & not only so, but that measures have been taken by government to check effectually the progress of so great an evil.

There are now several R. Catholics at these Islands. They have recently applied to the King, for permission to erect a large church & school house at St. Michael's. The King I am told has not yet consented to their proposals, & I pray God he never may.

You probably hear occasionally something of what the Lord is doing among

us. Since our arrival in 1820, there has been a very great change in the condition & prospects of this nation. At that time there were no books & no written language, & our facilities for obtaining the vernacular tongue were very limited. Now, most of the Bible besides various school books etc. are translated & printed, & in the hands of the people. A great proportion of the population are able to read the word of life, & not a few we hope have by it been brought into salvation. At a late examination of the schools in the district where we reside, there were upwards of 15000 readers. Mission stations are now occupied by Missions on the different Islands at each of which houses for the worship of God have been erected & churches organized, embracing not far from 10000 hopeful subjects of renewing grace. You will I trust with us, glorify & magnify the name of our God, in giving us so much reason to believe that our labour has not been in vain. O may he continue to prosper our feeble efforts to glorify him among the heathens. Though we are greatly encouraged to persevere in our labors from the success which has hitherto attended us, much, very much yet remains to be done, before this people will be placed on a level with civilized & Christian nations. We have had many & great trials, but thro' them all the Lord has mercifully brought us. What is yet before us we know not. Pray for us my dear friends, that our faith fail not, & may God of his infinite grace, give strength equal to our day.

I have long been wishing to write to some one of the family, but knew not where to direct it. The correspondence which has now commenced, will I hope be continued. I shall ever be happy to receive letters from any of you, & when health will allow, it will afford me pleasure to answer them. I have suffered much with illness since I came to the Islands. My health at present is comfortable, tho' still Mr. W. enjoys good health, & unites with me in much love to your Parents, Brothers

to sisters, & all the good people among whom you reside. - We have 4 children all
of whom are in O. two of them ^{our sons} near you in Rochester, under the guardianship of Mr
& Mrs H. Ely. Our oldest daughter ^{whom I saw in O.} became hopelessly pious about a year ago.
Yours in the bonds of Christian affection, Mary L. Whitney

(To Rev Charles Smith & wife) Kauai May 1-1837.
My Dear Christian Friends, I again take my pen to address you, tho' I have not
rec'd a line from either of you since I left my native land. But I do not at
tribute your silence wholly to want of affection on your part, for an ac-
quaintance founded as ours was on Christian principles & cemented by
love of Jesus, will not I trust, so soon be forgotten. And here let me
assure you, that whenever you can redeem an hour from other employments
& devote it in writing to your far distant friend, it will be peculiarly gratify-
ing to my feelings. I wrote to your daughter E. a few days since, in answer to a
letter rec'd from her by Dr. & Mrs White. I have had an unusual share of
labours devolving upon me of late, with but little strength to accomplish it,
& when I closed E's letter, I did not expect to be able so soon to write again to
any of the family. I must now of necessity be brief, as we are making
preparations for a voyage to O. to attend the Gen. Meet. of the M. P. which is held
here annually, & must be ready in a day or two to embark.

Mrs White assured me that a few S. I. curiosities would be acceptable
to your family, & we have concluded to prepare & forward a small box
by this opportunity, the contents of which you will please to accept as a token
of my continued affection & regard for you all. I have with other things put
up a native hymn book, knowing your love of music. Some of the Hymns are
original, others are translated from the Eng. a few of which you will know by
the tune that is set to them. We shall be glad to hear if the box ever reaches
you safe. - My health is not good, ^{nor} has it been much of the time
for many years past. A year ago last summer, I was laid prostrate by a
severe & dangerous illness, which confined me to my bed most of the time for

near 6 months. I had only partially recovered ~~from this~~ so as again to be able to
walk about the house, when just a year ago today I had another attack of
the same complaint, which tho' less severe than the former, completely
prostrated me for a season. For a few months past my health has been
pretty comfortable, during which time I have instructed a small school
of between 20 & 30 scholars. A few years ago when my health would allow
I had a large school of children consisting of more than 150 pupils
under my care, to which I daily devoted several hours. I find the work
of instructing the heathen pleasant, & can say that I have never for a
moment regretted engaging in a M. P. tho' the loss of health occasioned by
the various privations & hardships which I have been called to endure,
together with a residence in a tropical climate, has been the consequence.
My only regret is, that I have not been more faithful to that dear ser-
vant who has not only called me with others to labour in his service,
but has seen fit to give us such abundant evidence, that our labours has
not been ^{blissed to the good} of ~~no~~ ^{any} avail. I must refer you to E's letter ~~which I shall send~~
to the M. P. Herald, for an account of our labors & success in our
work, as I have not time to give you particulars at present.

The Methodist M. P. destined for the Oregon Territory, made us a visit
of a few days 2 or 3 weeks ago, on their way from Oahu to Columbia River.
The brig in which they sailed, touched here for supplies. We were much
gratified to see them. Dr. & Mrs W. seemed almost like old acquaintan-
ces. They gave us considerable information respecting your family, of
which we had heard nothing since you left O. I do not even know to what part of the
country you had removed.
Should you in your travels ever visit Rochester, we should be pleased
to have you call on Mr & Mrs H. Ely who are the guardians of our 2 sons,
J. W. & H. M. Our oldest daughter M. is in Charlestown Mass. & our youngest
E. E. in N. H. Conn. They are all well provided for, & although we found it

trying to part with them at so tender an age as they were when they left us, the trial of keeping them here exposed as they were to heathen influences which is literally moral poison, would have been much greater. Our daughter M. became hopefully pious about a year ago, & I have struggled to believe that all our dear children will yet be brought into the kingdom. Let me by an interest in your prayers my dear friends, for her, & for us also, & as often as this precious day the season for the duty of concert returns, may our united supplications ascend before the throne of God, that he would hasten the coming of his kingdom here on earth.

We shall be happy to hear from you as often as you find leisure & opportunity to write. Mr W. unites with me in love & kind regards to your family. Yours in the bonds of christian affection. M. P. W. Writing

Evening. Since writing the above, letters have arrived from Oahu bringing the intelligence that another reinforcement to this Miss. consisting of 32 members, arrived there the 9th ult. The same vessel brought intelligence of my Father's death. He died very suddenly on the 28 of Oct. last, in the 55th year of his age.

Mother had been for some time rather feeble, & failing. Only 2 of the children now remain with her at home - the rest are scattered over nearly half the globe. M. is in Smyrna, E. in Cuba in the West Indies. S. in Mifpouri, O. near Buffalo, & the remainder except myself, in different parts of the U. S. Some 3 or 4 years ago sister D. was left a widow with 5 daughters, one of whom she has since buried. Three of the surviving ones are hopefully pious. The oldest is married and lives near Boston.

I have as you see unexpectedly filled my paper, tho' I have been obliged to write in very great haste, while the natives were constantly calling to bid us adieu as we are soon to leave them for a few weeks. again adieu. M. P. W.

(Mrs White of the Oregon Miss) Honolulu Oahu Aug 29-1837

My Dear Mrs White, The 4th inst. we left our quiet home & embarked on board one of the Government Schooners for this place, where we arrived after a voyage of 4 nights. We found all the families of the old Miss^{es} assembled here except one, & a reinforcement of 32 new members, who have come to strengthen our hands & encourage our hearts. They anchored here on the sabbath, the day after you left.

Since our arrival here we have been called to drink of the cup of affliction. Two weeks ago today the mortal remains of our dear sister Lyons were consigned to the silent tomb. She died on the 14th inst. after an illness of only one week. She had the happiness of meeting an own sister in Mrs Polip, one of the last reinforcement, whose society she was permitted to enjoy just 2 weeks, & then called to take her upward flight. Her sudden exit speaks loudly to us all, "be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

She was only 24 years of age, the youngest member of the Miss. till the arrival of the last company, & a short time since a picture of health.

Most of the Miss. families are as well as usual. We have all thought much of you since you left us - hope ere this you have arrived at your station. Do write whenever you have an opportunity, & give us particulars.

The Hamilton sails for S. by way of Manilla in a day or two. I have written to our friends Mr & Mrs Goodrich, & to Eliza - have also put up a little box of curiosities for the family. Please tell Miss Johnson, that her letter will probably go by this opp. - My health continues much as it was when I last saw

you - cough at times rather troublesome - am obliged to be very careful about exposing myself to the cold. We are expecting to return to K. in a few days. - The box of sage which I gave you was forgotten when you left, & also the nurse lamp for Mrs. Bours. I have committed them to the care of Mr. C. to be forwarded to you the first good opportunity. I intended to have written to sister B. but my health has been poor, & my time very much occupied. Husband unites with me in love & kind regards to her, her husband, the Deak & all your associates. - With my best wishes for your health, peace & prosperity, both spiritual & temporal, I am your sincere & affectionate friend & sister in Christ,

Mary R. Whitney

Waimea Hawaii June 30 1837.

Dear Sister Ruggles,

A few weeks since your welcome letter was recd. & I take an early opportunity to acknowledge it. We were rejoiced to hear from you again, & to learn that you had not been called to mourn the loss of your beloved companion as we had previously been informed. If you have recd my last letter to you, you were doubtless as much surprised at what I said about his death, as we were to receive a letter a few months since, from his own hand. We could scarcely believe our eyes when we read his signature; he seemed like one risen from the dead. We cannot conceive how such a mistake could have been made by Mrs. B. Bro. B. was so confident it was correct, that he published the news in the K. Hawaiian which was sent to all parts of the Islands.

We recently returned from O. where we have been to attend the Gen. Mtg. of the Miss. We saw all the brethren & sisters except Mr & Mrs Lyman. While there I recd the little box from Littlefield sent me by Mrs W. & Mr. May Deming - a very valuable parcel for which I feel truly grateful. I have not yet written to them & acknowledged the receipt of the box, but intend to soon. We also recd the things from Springfield which were sent to Debra & forwarded

them to her at Waialua (together with the cap which you sent) where she has resided most of the time for 2 years past. She is now here - arrived this week with Nahimu's wife, for the purpose of medical aid. The latter being from Koloa to Waialua 5 or 6 months ago, fell from her horse, fractured her hip bone & dislocated her hip. The fracture is nearly healed but the hip is still out of joint, & she is unable to use her limb at all. Dr. Preblian an English Physician now here, thinks he can reduce the bone to its proper place so that she will be able to walk a little, tho' he says she will always be a cripple.

You will be surprised & grieved too, to learn that D's conduct since her husband's death, has been such as to dishonor her profession as a Christian, & that for about 6 months past, she has been suspended from church fellowship. She was guilty of falsehood, & of carrying on an intrigue for several months before the facts came to light, with a young man who had a wife, together with very indecent & improper behaviour in connection with him. The crime of adultery was not proved against her, yet she went so far as to promise the man she would live single till his wife died.

About a year & a half ago, she asked for a letter of dismission from the church at this place, & joined that at Koloa. She has since been desirous of returning here - appears very unstable & unsettled in her mind, since her husband's death; & during the 17 years of my acquaintance with her, I have never known her to ^{exhibit} such unkind, unfriendly feelings towards the Miss. as within the last 2 years. During some of this time, she has manifested no desire to see any of the Miss. family, & when any one has, in taking the tour of the Is. called to see her, she has treated them very coldly, & appeared glad when they left. Almost every one who has seen her of late, says she is ~~one~~ ^{an} ~~hour~~ ^{hour}, & appears very different from what she used to be. I cannot but hope she is a Christian, although ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~fallen~~ ^{fallen} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~brought~~ ^{brought} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~repentance~~ ^{repentance}.

Since ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~husband's~~ ^{husband's} ~~death~~ ^{death}, ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~a~~ ^a ~~long~~ ^{long} ~~conversation~~ ^{conversation} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~several~~ ^{several} ~~hours~~ ^{hours}. ~~She~~ ^{She} ~~offered~~ ^{offered}

sensible that she was out of the path of duty, but did not manifest that
for her sins which we wished to see. We endeavoured to deal plainly &
faithfully with her as friends, & those who had formerly been her teach-
ers, & before the conversation closed she was melted into tears. She
said she did not intend to forsake the home, but seemed to feel that
she could do nothing while she was suspended from the church. We
entreated her to repent immediately of her sins & return to the path of
duty, & she promised so to do. — We were fearful what effect
the present from L-d would have upon her, in her present state of
feeling; but as we did not expect when we returned from O. to see her
very soon, we ventured to send it on to her. She asked us the other
day if the ladies who sent it had heard of her health, & whether they
be able to have her take it so long as she continued in her unwellness.
We told her we did not know that they would be ~~informed~~ for the
reason, but we thought they would be grieved to hear of her conduct,
& probably would not have sent the thing had they heard of her fall.
She said she had not written to them yet, but would do it, & if she writes
husband will translate it for her. I have said thus much about D.
^{hoping that you take a lively interest in every thing that relates to her, &}
^{thinking you would feel desirous to know something of her case; & had}
I time, I could tell you much more, tho' the recital would only give
you pain. I could not once have believed that she would ever have
conducted thus, but since Rai's death, she has been like a ship in the
midst of the ocean, without rudder or helm, tossed to & fro on the billow
of passion, not knowing whether to steer.

While at O. I saw Kapiolani & delivered the present you sent
her, with which she seemed pleased. She & Anna Waiakoa came
home with us when we returned, to visit the Gov. & also to see D.

Perhaps you will not be surprised to hear, that death has again
entered our ranks, & laid low in the silent grave 2 of our number.

Sister Dibble died last Feb. with a hope full of immortality. A year
ago last March she had an attack of the palsy, which almost wholly
deprived her of the use of her right side. She was afterwards seized
with a disease of the heart, which proved fatal. Her sufferings were
protracted & severe, but she bore them with much patience & resigna-
tion, longing to depart & be with Christ, but willing to wait the Lord's
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of one week. She was spared to greet an own sister in the last rein-
forcement, Mrs Polip, in whose society she was permitted to spend just
2 weeks, one in her usual health & the other on her sick couch, & then
called to bid adieu to earth & earthly scenes to go & meet her Saviour
in the skies. But I trust she was prepared. She seemed to have no
will of her own, but was ready to leave herself in the hands of God to
live or die, as should be most for his glory. Her Husband felt the stroke
severely, but was mercifully sustained under it. Curtis their only sur-
viving child, is too young to know his loss. One day when asked where his
mother was, he replied, "She is in heaven." O how lonely Bro. L. must feel
to return home without his ~~loved~~ partner, the ^{loved} companion of his joys &
sorrows, his trials & trials. Her essay, "on the connection which the influ-
ence of native mothers has on our work," was read in a meeting of the
Mut. Association after her death, & seemed to speak to us as from the
grave. By the way, our Maternal meetings are very interesting, tho' I am
not able usually to attend them all. Subjects are given out yearly to each
of the sister to write upon, & the essays are expected to be brought in & read
at the next annual meeting. My subject last year was, "What are some of the
peculiar qualifications important for a ^{good} wife," & the one for the year before
"How much time can a Mother of several children, consistently devote to the
"household duties?" One of the primary objects we have in view in writing essays, is, to ^{light} throw

helpfully, on the path of duty before us. It will also have a tendency to improve our minds, & assist in qualifying us for the better discharge of the duties of our station. — Husband at present enjoys good health. Mine tho' feeble, has been comfortable during the year past — no serious attacks of disease. For about 3 months in the cool season, I was able to teach a small school, but the remainder of the year, was too feeble to attempt it. Noses our young chief however, comes pretty regularly to me for instruction, even when I am too ill to have any other pupil. He is a wilful, stubborn child, & very difficult to manage — often tries my patience by his obstinacy. He has been ruined I fear, by excessive indulgence. Although not yet 8 years of age, he feels his chief blood as much as tho' he were a man grown. For several years past, he has had his ~~own~~ food, clothing, servants, &c. &c. separate, & goes where & when he pleases, just as tho' he were old enough to take care of himself. It pains me to think that a child thus brought up or rather thus left to have his own way, is to be our future Gov. But this you know is the way all the Chiefs have been trained — no wonder that they make no better rulers.

I had almost forgotten to mention the death of Nahienaena the Princess, which took place I believe after I wrote you last fall. She died in a state of despair, feeling that her sickness was a judgment of God upon her for her sins — an awful warning to Apostates.

You see what a long letter I have written you, tho' I have not said one half that I wish — ^{hope you will give me one as long in return.} My paper is full & I must close with our united love to you all. Yours affly

P.S. We have recently rec^d letters from the children — they were well when they wrote. Husband intends visiting Bro. R. soon.

To Mrs William Deming,
& Miss Mary Deming, My Dear friends,

Hawaii July 6 - 1837.

A few days since, I rec^d the little box sent to me, containing your very valuable & truly acceptable donation. I cannot sufficiently

express my gratitude to you for this token of unreserved liberality towards me, with whom you are personally unacquainted. May he who has said, "a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward," abundantly recompense you for your kindness. — The articles are such as I much needed, & had you been made particularly acquainted with my wants, you could not have sent me a more acceptable selection. Common clothing is much more easily obtained here, than nice. The dress fits me very well — the separate belt is too short. — I wish I had something to send you, in return for your favours. If you would value S. I. curiosities, please let me know & I shall be happy to make a collection for you.

You have seen our dear ch. Buggles as I learn from her own pen, & doubtless have obtained from her, much information respecting the Isl. & the Miss. established here. We were located together at this Isl. for several years after the commencement of the Miss. with no other family with us. And as it was natural, we participated in each others joy, & sympathized together in our various trials, privations, & suffering. She is to me a very dear sister — those who are entitled to that endearing appellation by the ties of nature, can hardly be more so. — The Lord still prospers our work, & gives us much occasion to rejoice in his goodness. At several of the stations, there has been considerable attention to religion the year past. Thirty eight were admitted to the church at Honolulu a few weeks since, while we were there on a visit.

We feel greatly strengthened in our labors by the recent arrival of a large reinforcement to our assistance. Two of our number sisters Dibble & Lyons, have within the last 6 months been called from their work, & I trust entered into their rest. Only 5 adult members of this Miss. have died on the ground since its commencement in 1820, tho' many of us are now in feeble health, having suffered very materially from the debilitating effects of the climate, & other causes. We of course are unable to perform as much active labour as former, still I think I can say for me, that I never took a deeper interest in the work

of raising this nation from the state of darkness & ignorance in which they have for ages been shrouded, than I do at present. I devote as much time to the instruction of the natives, as my health will allow, & find it a pleasant employment. Schools are in operation in all the principal villages on the Is. taught by natives. Little however is learned in these schools except the art of reading, spelling & the elements of arithmetic. But this we consider much better than to be entirely ignorant of letters, inasmuch as it enables the pupils to read the word of God, a considerable portion of which is now printed in the vernacular tongue, & in the hands of the people. — A very great change has taken place in this nation within the last 17 years, tho' to one wholly unacquainted with the manners, habits, & degrading customs of heathenism, less the might appear to have been accomplished. It will still require many years of faithful, persevering effort, to place this people on a level with the civilized nations of the earth. But such a time I trust will come, & we who are now on the ground, may not be permitted to witness it.

Should you see our dear friends Mr & Mrs Ruggles, please give them our christian salutation, & tender the same to the friends of Missions in your vicinity. We spent one night in Litchfield between 17 & 18 years ago, at the house of the Rev. Dr. Beecher, who was then pastor of the church in that place.

That the blessing of God may rest upon you & yours, & that you may constantly enjoy his smiles, is the prayer of your unknown tho' obliged friend, M. P. Whitney.

My Dear Mrs Glover,

You will please accept my thanks for your kind & welcome letter of Dec. 4th 1836 which was rec^d a short time since. The articles accompanying it came safe to hand, & call forth our most lively gratitude. You say you do not know what will be most useful to us, & indeed most of our friends tell us the same. We have always felt a reluctance in making known our wants, lest our friends should think us too particular, or that we might appear to make too great a demand

upon them; & we are thankful always for the least favor bestowed, tho' it be not of the kind we most need. Your donations have always been very acceptable & highly valued, & we have often felt ourselves under very great obligations to you & your good Husband, without having it in our power to make any return. When you send us things, perhaps you may be glad to know what articles would be most acceptable & useful, provided they are not more expensive than others. I will therefore mention now with regard to clothing, that common kinds are much more easily obtained here than nice, & that I have occasionally needed a light thin dress suitable for summer, (gingham or muslin) more than any other. I would not have you think however from what I have written, that I shall expect you to supply my wants, far from it; I only mention them that you may know what will be most useful should you ever send again. — I wrote you last fall & forwarded the letter to Oahu together with a box of shells to the care of Mr C. our secular agent to be sent on to Boston when there should be an opportunity, & did not know till recently, but that it had gone. We were at Honolulu a short time since to attend the yearly meeting of the Miss. & learned that the box was still there, Bro. C. not having had any good oppor. to send it, except by the vessel in which Bro. Richards & family took passage, & that was too full to take it. I hope he will be able soon to obtain for it a safe conveyance. I did not learn whether the letter had been forwarded or not; if it is still here, perhaps this may reach you first.

I was rejoiced to learn that your health when you wrote, was better than formerly — hope you will long enjoy this inestimable blessing. My own health is at present comfortable, tho' not very good. I have not strength to increase much about the house, & am therefore obliged to do it in the open air, by riding on horseback 3 or 4 miles every morning.

between daylight & sunrise. I find this ^{daily use of the} cold bath, daily, very beneficial to my health - feel extremely languid, when I neglect it only for a day or two. — We were much rejoiced to welcome such a goodly number to our assistance this spring, in their last reinforcement, & feel greatly strengthened in our work. They had a very quick passage to the Islands, only 16 days from Boston. Those with whom I have had an oppor. to get acquainted, appear to be of the right stamp - truly devoted christians, & I hope will make able, efficient teachers. I was too unwell while at O. to go out much, & therefore did not have an opportunity to get much acquainted with any except those who put up at the house with us. Had we as many more helpers, we could find abundant employment for them all. We were not so fortunate as to get an associate at this station, as it is thought we already have on the Isl. more than our proportion of the present labourers.

I have nothing specially new or particularly interesting to communicate, with regard to our work. We are still prospering, & are permitted to see some fruit of our labors in the conversion of souls. Some are forsaking the ways of sin & folly, & seeking the paths of piety & peace. Our schools continue much as formerly, & what is encouraging, the decrease of population (in this district especially) has been much less for a few months past, than for the same length of time for many years previous. We do hope that as the Gospel takes effect, it will operate as a redeeming principle, & stay in a measure the progress of devastation, misery & death, throughout the Islands.

I am unable at present, to do much in school. Our young Chief however, a boy of about 8 years of age son of Kinan, who will probably be the future Gov. of this Isl. comes daily to me for instruction. My health was so much better last winter, that for about 3 months I instructed

a small school, but as soon as the warm weather came on, it failed to gain. The heat here is ^{occasionally} very oppressive & debilitating to my system - the cool weather agrees with me much better. Husband generally enjoys good health, which is a great blessing. He unites with me in christian salutations to yourself & family, & all inquiring friends.

Yours as ever in the best of bonds, M. P. Weston
(Mrs. C. B. Ely) Rarai July 14. 1837.

My Dear Cousin,
Your kind letter of Nov. 4. 1836 was handed me a few weeks since, while we were at O. at the Gen. Meet. of the Miss. Thank you for it, & also for the box of seeds which came with it. The Grenadilla we have here growing about our house for shade, the other kinds I do not know that we have at the Isl. The soap plant was imported several years ago - we had one planted in our yard, but it soon died.

We were glad to hear that S. & H. were good boys, & rejoiced to learn that you, ^{were} trying to cure them, of some of their bad habits. I particularly was always a very careless, huddled child, more so I think than any other of our children, tho' none of them were lacking in this fault. It is very important that such evils be resisted & if possible overcome in youth, to prevent the bad effects of them in after life. I have felt some anxiety lest our children ^{indulge in this one thing till} ^{was formed} if not early checked, might ^{grow} ^{into} a habit, which would be likely to grow with their growth, & strengthen them, though you should be obliged to resort to rigid measures to effect it. — I wish very much they would both habituate themselves more to writing composition, particularly letters & journals. It is almost 3 years since the date of H.'s last letter to us. For his own sake, I tho' he writes oftener, has very short letters. But we are glad to get them, short as they are. When we hear from

them by their own pens, we have an opportunity to see something how they improve, both in mind & chirography. I know from experience that it costs them an effort to commit their thoughts to paper before they get accustomed to it, but if the habit of writing is not formed while they are young, it is not unlikely they will always feel a reluctance to it, in after life. I was pleased with what you say about your new house, particularly the provision made for the amusement & benefit of the children. All children more particularly boys, need something of the kind to keep them employed, when not otherwise engaged.

You speak of Mr. Ruggles' 2 daughters being at school at R. Is this tuition & gratuitous, or are they expected to pay the amount of their expenses hereafter? We have till recently always supposed the former, & I should judge from Mrs. R.'s letters that she thought the same. In one of her late communications, speaking of the advantages which her children there enjoyed, they are mostly gratuitous; but Mrs. Dr. Andrews says, Miss Edward expects them to refund their expenses, after they have completed their education. Mrs. Thurston when she heard the latter, seemed to feel thankful that she did not send her children there. She is now expecting to go home in 2 or 3 years herself, & take husband, children & all. She thinks there is no other way to get her family to board a vessel, from under the eye of a mother, or some one, who would have that care over them. They have acquired considerable book knowledge, but are far from appearing easy & graceful in their manners. They seem to think however, they are better off here at the Islands with their parents, than they should be to leave them & go to the U.S. As they are both of them hopelessly pious, & now old enough to assist their parents in teaching school & other Miss's labors, it is almost to be regretted that they now think of leaving the Islands, particularly as their parents must go with them without the prospect of returning. Single ladies seem to be in demand as school instructresses, & they have

considerable knowledge of the native language, which would enable them to go forward at once in the work. Indeed one or both of them have spent considerable time in school the year past, either as assistants to their Mother, or instructing a school of themselves.

We are still alone at our station, without an associate. Though our hearts have been made glad by the addition of 32 to our number this last spring, there were only 9 teachers, not enough for one to each of the stations occupied by individual families, & several are now destitute. We were so fortunate however as to obtain 2 new helpers for the Isl. one teacher, & Dr. Lafon who is both a Physician & clergyman. I said we were alone at this station, & for a few days just now, I am all alone, Mr. W. having left home the 10th inst. for Waialeale station on the north side of the Isl. to assist him in holding a protracted meeting. I was expecting to accompany him - got all ready & our things sent down to the canoe before light in the morning, when we found the trade wind was blowing fresh, which makes the sail rather dangerous some part of the way, & I concluded to stop & let him go alone. The distance is between 30 & 40 miles, & for 12 or 15 miles, there is an almost perpendicular bluff, & no good landing place. We have been here so long & are now so well acquainted with the natives, that I have little or no fear in staying alone, usually feel as safe as when Mr. W. is here. You would be amused to see how I am guarded. When husband goes away to spend the night, he frequently takes one or more of the men to accompany him. The wives of these men depend upon sleeping in the house with me in an adjoining room, & almost always as many as 3 or 4 families encamp without the doors in front & rear of the house as a guard of protection, tho' Mr. W. used to say one might take some of them up & throw them into the sea before they would wake, they ~~would~~ sleep so sound. I shall expect him home next week - rec'd a letter from him today - all well, but he said I did right in not going, as they had a most horrid time some part of the way. The fear of this & exposure to

The cold, was the reason why I staid behind. During the last winter & spring I had a hard cough which at one time rather alarmed us, it was so troubling to my health & strength. It troubles me but little at present when I am particularly careful of myself, but exposure to the cold damp, or evening air, has a tendency to increase it.

Our work continues much as formerly - no particular attention to religion so far as I know, tho at some of the stations the year past, things have been in an interesting state, & some hopeful conversions.

Meetings are well attended, & good attention is paid to the preached word. The aid of the Holy spirit alone is needed to open the heart, & the truth will then enter & take effect. O may he by his blessed influences, come down as rain upon the mown grass & as showers that water the earth, & renew & fructify these lifeless, barren souls, & impart new vigour & spiritual strength, to those asleep in Zion.

Remember me affectionately to Mr E. & the children. Husband would write with me were he here. I wrote you last March & forwarded the letter in May - intend to write the children before long. Yours as ever in the bonds of love. M. P. Whitney.

Dear Brother,

(To Mr. Saml. Partridge)

Ravine July 18th 1841

I was much gratified to receive a few lines from you in the reinforcement which arrived this spring. Your letter was dated in May, just as we were on the eve of embarking for the West. Letters also from E. & G. were read by me on the 10th.

I have for several years been wanting to write you, but my correspondence is numerous, & every year increasing. I usually find that I must first answer my letters, & this is sometimes more than I am able to write.

I was much rejoiced to learn that you had been brought to give yourself up to the Lord, & choose him for your portion. I trust you will be grieved such a step. Do you not find wisdom & pleasure in his path?

O how much those who are engaged in the daily toiling & laboring to amass wealth, or pursuing the vain pursuit of science, & neglect the all important concerns of their souls. Many are constantly in pursuit of happiness, but how few attain it.

If we my dear Bro. have been made to taste the true source of joy, let us ascribe the glory to him to whom alone it is due. "Not unto us, not unto us O Lord, but to thy name be the glory."

If we had been left to ourselves, we should never have chosen the way of wisdom, or sought after that happiness which cometh from God alone. If we have been made to differ in this respect from any of our dear relatives, let us be faithful in pleading for them before the mercy seat of our Heavenly Father, & trust he would bring them also to the enjoyment of himself. He has made us under great obligations to serve him, & we may be give us grace to be faithful to the trust committed to us.

God's death of which you speak gave me something of a shock, though it was not altogether unexpected. He was not a young man, but his

more part, I have been fearful the next mail might bring the
such an event. Our dear Mother too is becoming quite aged, &
probability will not survive many years. Indeed we are all growing
old, & those which now know us, will know us no more forever.
But if we have an inheritance beyond the grave, it matters but little when
the great messenger death come sooner or later, to put us in possession of it.
Our exit from this world of sin will to us be no loss, but unspeakable
gain. Let us then work while the day lasts, for we have much to do - much
for ourselves, much for those around us. We have need to watch & pray
continually, lest we be drawn aside through the deceitfulness of sin, or led
into temptation through the strength of our own sinful passions. Much we may
do, by our example. We are as a city set upon a hill, at which
the world will gaze, & watch for our halting. Let us so live as not to prove
stumbling blocks over which they will fall into perdition.

My health about which you inquire is better than it was a few weeks
ago, the most as good as I enjoyed the last winter. I am able to be about
the house & attend to the concerns of my family, but cannot engage much
in any work. The cool weather ^{here} almost invariably agrees with me, better
than the warm. My constitution is so impaired, that the heat which is occasioned
by the sun, is very debilitating to my system. For about 3 months last
winter I taught a small school, & hope I shall soon be able to resume it.
I have a sabbath school which I attend regularly, besides daily in-
structing our young chief boys, who will probably be our future Gov. Our chil-
dren you doubtless know are all in the most happily pious. We hear from
them often, they were all well last fall.

The work of civilization & christianity, steadily advancing here. The
Gospel is preached every sabbath & often on week days to large & attentive
audiences - schools are in operation in different parts of the Islands, &

far as the outward observance of the sabbath is concerned, it is kept and well
strict. I speak ^{more} particularly with regard to the people, in the vicinity of the
Islands. — You will I trust permit me to devote the other page to sister
S. Mr W. is from home - left 5 days since for W. Bro. B's station on the N. side
of the Isl. to assist him in holding a protracted meeting, - will probably
return next week. Were he here, he would unite with me in much love
to you & yours. Write often, & I will endeavour to answer your letters.

Your aff^r sister M. P. Whitney

Dear Sister, I had learned thro' my friends that I had such a relative, but I
hardly need tell you that it afforded me much pleasure to be assured of it from
your own pen. Tho' we are strangers so far as regards a personal interview,
yet if we love the Redeemer, we shall love each other as members of his body,
& shall anticipate with pleasure the time when we shall meet before his
throne, with our robes washed & made white in his precious blood. Till then
let us hold communion with him in meditation & prayer, & with each other,
by a mutual interchange of thought & feeling on paper.

I was happy to learn something of your early history, & if you realized
your loss, I think you must have felt deeply afflicted at the death of your
dear Parents, at such a tender age. I have often thought that a pious, judi-
cious Mother, was one of the greatest of earthly blessings, particularly during
childhood & youth. But the Lord can & sometimes does, make up even this
loss, in the enjoyment of himself. You have much cause for gratitude that
you was early brought to embrace Jesus as your Saviour. Few comparatively
are thus distinguished. Let me also congratulate you, that your Husband
is now of one heart & mind with you. It gave me much joy to learn that
he had with Mary, chosen the good part, for that alone can confer lasting happiness,
either here or hereafter. You say you have 3 children. Precious gifts! Let

rest you to bring them up for Christ. Be united ^{with your husband} in all your efforts for them. This is of the first importance in education. Let your example be such as to shed a salutary influence around them, & let it always coincide with your instructions. Children are shrewd observers of what is passing around them, & will quickly discern any inconsistency between the precepts & example of a parent. Labor principally for their spiritual & everlasting well-being, & let all your instructions be directed to this end. — You say you expect to leave home this summer & shall probably go to the west — that it is chiefly on account of your children that you remove, as they are there deprived the privilege of attending school. I hope you will settle in some part of the country, not under the influence of R. Catholics. I am told by those who have had an opportunity to know, that most of the schools in the southern & western states, are under their influence. I should not wish myself to be among those who had embraced such doctrines, unless my object were to do them good, & should be still more reluctant to have my children taught by them. May you have wisdom to direct you in all your ways, & grace to guide, govern, & instruct your household in the fear of the Lord.

I hope you or your husband will write often — let me know to what place you move, what society you find there, what religious privileges you enjoy, &c. &c. & do not fail to give particulars respecting your own family & our relatives, so far as you know about them. — Remember us in your addresses at the throne of grace — pray that the Lord would bless this nation among whom we are labouring, & give us many souls as crowns of our rejoicing in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Yours truly, M. P. Whitney

Pouasi July 31 - 1837

Dear Sister Maria,

In Jan last, I rec'd a short letter from you dated N. Y. March 24 - 1836 - written just before your embarkation for Smyrna. I was indeed much surprised to hear the news, that you were going on a Mission. Although I know

the subject had for years been on your mind, I had never felt that I could urge you to come here, knowing as I did that your health was not good, & also the debilitating effects of this climate, which I had reason to believe would be unfavourable to your constitution. — The reception of your letter made me feel sad, very sad, & that I was sorry a wider field of usefulness was opened before you, for in that I rejoiced; but I frankly confess that it was selfishness which generated such feelings. You well know that you are about the only one of Father's family who has regularly written me since I left home, & I felt that I should never hear again from there, & this for a season, cast a gloom over my mind. But I am happy to tell you I have been agreeably disappointed, thus far, for instead of one letter from you, I recently rec'd 4 from the family: E. P. S. & his wife, all wrote me. E. says were she at P. she would offer to supply your place, but now she knows no more what takes place there than at the S. I do. I trust P. will write oftener than formerly.

The last letters from home, brought the mournful intelligence of Father's death. From his advanced age, I had long been expecting to hear that he was no more among the living, but I little anticipated that he would so suddenly be called to give up his account. Our dear Mother too, in all probability, will not survive many years. But it distresses me to think of her, apparently on the borders of the grave, unprepared for her great & last change. I know it is God alone who can bring her to repentance, but dear sister, have we been as faithful as we ought in pleading for her precious soul? We have been taught the way to a throne of grace, & we believe that ours is a God who hears & answers prayer. Let us then intercede more earnestly & fervently for her than we ever yet have, & continue to do so, as long as life & hope remain. peradventure the Lord will condescend to listen to our feeble cries, & grant us an answer of peace. I hope our dear Father's death may be sanctified to us, & to us all, for it certainly speaks to us in loud & thrilling accents, "Be ye

is ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh. I hope you will still continue to write me. I shall always be glad to hear from you, & shall wish to know all about your situation & prospects - how you like the place & your employment - how you are supported - how much you are allowed for a years salary - what is the condition of the people around you - how far ^{the} ^{missionary} efforts have been blessed, &c. &c. I wrote cousin J. B. last fall - perhaps ere this, he may have received my letter.

Our work still continues to prosper, tho' there is now & then a cloud which darkens our horizon. You will doubtless recollect that there were several ^{of} ^{the} ^{Catholics} Priests & a number of mechanics, who arrived here about 10 years ago, & were left at O. contrary to the wishes of ~~Government~~ ^{Government}, not however without a promise from the Priests that they would leave by the first good opportunity. The Chiefs after waiting several years, & being convinced that they were resolved not to go without compulsion, (they always making an excuse that there was no vessel in which they could leave) fitted out one of their own Brigs, & carried them to the coast of California. They have recently returned, & the Chiefs are as divided as ever, against their staying here & propagating their religion. The King was at Maui when they arrived, & as soon as he heard the fact he sent a written order to them to leave immediately, in the same vessel in which they came. They however refused to go on board, tho' repeated orders came to that effect. The vessel all this time was undergoing repairs, & when she was nearly ready for sea, Kekuanooa the Gov. general at O. commander of the military forces, sent a guard & took them by force & put them on board. The owner of the Brig immediately struck his colours & left the vessel, declaring that she was taken by government. The colours which were by, were carried on shore & there burnt by the Eng. Consul, who afterwards said that the British flag had been insulted, by the act of Government. Whether the rulers will be justified by other nations in the measures which they have taken

is not for me to say; but there is scarcely any point on which the King appears to be so decided, as that of preventing the propagation of Popery here.

What I have related above, happened while we were at O. a few weeks since, at the Gen. Meet. of the Miss. Since our return, there has been one French ² ^{of} ^{the} ^{Islands} of War at that Isd. which together with the affair of the Catholics, has made a small stir in that region. The Eng. Consul a most base & wicked man & a violent opponent of every thing that is good, is doubtless at the foundation of all this disturbance.

I would not say this of him (for the honor of his country) were it not that every one who becomes acquainted with him, gives him this character.

The ^{at} ^{the} ^{Islands} Miss. are of course the great objects of hatred & virulence by most of the foreigners who reside or touch here, & some of our Brethren at that Isd. have been shamefully insulted & abused by those from whom they had a right to expect very different treatment. But such is human nature when not restrained by the grace of God, that man can go to great lengths of wickedness without shame or remorse. The Chiefs, fearful that the rage against their teachers might expose them to serious depredations from foreigners, repeatedly sent an armed guard to protect their houses & persons from any injury during the night. But the Lord has been very gracious & not suffered a hair of their heads to be injured. And tho' they have often been plunged in deep waters he has kept them from sinking, & by his supporting grace has sustained & comforted them.

Those at the other Islands are rather more out of the way, & less exposed to the ridicule & malice of the licentious & profligate - still we are not exempt from a pretty good share of hatred & contempt, & have abundant evidence of the truth recorded by the inspired penman, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." All the evils which are experienced at the Islands are attributed by foreigners to the influence of Miss. upon the nation - & indeed most of what they call evils, such as attending school & public worship, meeting for prayer, building churches etc. we consider as a step towards civilization & christianity.

I do not however mean to include all foreigners either visitors or residents in this remark, for I am happy to say there are a few honorable exceptions - both - one occasionally to be found who will not listen to every floating rumour without candidly looking around & judging for himself, as to the good or evil effects which the influence of the Misses are exerting here. There is probably not another Miss. on the Globe, which experiences so much opposition from foreigners, as the one at these Islands.

Last April, we were happy to welcome a reinforcement of 32 members to our Miss. They are all scattered about on the different Islands, & we are still alone about Station, without an associate. We need a teacher very much to superintend school, & to go forward in the work of instruction. There were nine in the company which came out last spring, but not enough for one to each family, who were lost alone. Were my health as good as it was a few years ago, when I had the charge of our district school consisting of between 150 & 200 pupils, I could get along very well, for I am far from being ^{lovely or} unhappy if deprived of all society except my husband, so long as I enjoy health, & have sufficient employment both for mind & body. It is now more than 2 years since I have been able to sustain so great a charge, & sometimes fear I shall never have strength to do it again. During the last year it has been taught by natives from the ~~Station~~ ^{Mission} Seminary, but they are greatly deficient both in energy & government. For want of proper management on their part, many of the scholars have got discouraged & forsaken the school. My health was better for a few months during the winter past, in which time I taught a small select school of between 20 & 30 pupils, but as soon as the warm weather came on, it failed again, & I was obliged to relinquish it. I however continue to have the care of instructing our young Chief, & attend pretty regularly to my select school - hope that as the cool weather advances, I shall be able to do something more.

Several years since, the sisters of this Miss. formed themselves into

a Mutual Association, for the special benefit of the children. I trust our good has resulted from our efforts, & certainly our meetings during the few weeks we are together yearly at the general convention of the Miss. are very interesting & profitable to ourselves. Subjects are given out to each of the members to write upon, & the essays are expected to be brought in the next year & read. The principal object in writing essays, is to throw light if possible upon the path of duty before us, & I think it well calculated to answer this end, as the subjects are mostly such as have a bearing upon ourselves, our children, or our work. I will give you mine for the 2 last & the present year, that you may have a specimen of what they are.

1st "How much time can a mother of several children, consistently devote to the natives?"

2^d "What are some of the peculiar qualifications important for a Missionary's wife?"

3^d "The danger of training children so as to produce in their minds contempt for the natives, rather than love & pity."

You will readily perceive that to investigate such subjects sufficiently to write upon them, would at least have a tendency to benefit the one who writes, & when the essay is read, if any ^{one} differs from her on any particular point, there is always liberty for those to criticize, who feel disposed; & by this means, still further light is sometimes thrown upon the subject.

My health is at present comfortable, tho' I am obliged to be very careful, & exercise daily in the open air (generally on horseback) to keep it so. We usually rise with the dawn, mount our horses as soon as ready & take a ride of 3 or 4 miles, most of the way upon a full but steady gallop, & reach home before sun rise. I am so weak that this frequently throws me into a profuse perspiration, the beneficial effects of which I feel thro' the day, & am thereby better fitted for the duties devolving upon me. The cool morning air too, is very invigorating & refreshing. I have derived special benefit from this exercise, & tho'

daily use of the cold bath. — My diet is very simple - consisting principally of milk, vegetables & fruit. I drink neither tea or coffee, believing them both to be injurious to the constitution, & have substituted milk & cold water in their stead. — eat very little butter (tho we make a good supply) or meat of any kind; but Mr W. uses both - ^{usually only} the latter once a day. His health is almost uniformly good. He takes a bowl of arrow root for his breakfast (which by the way grows abundant here) & sups on bread & butter with some ^{He sometimes takes a cup of tea or coffee after journeying or when we have company who use it, but seldom at other times.} a bread-fruit or a piece of plain pie, & a glass of pure cold water. I have now made you pretty well acquainted, with our manner of living. Our daily employments are much as usual. Husband is more especially devoted to labors - preaching, translating, making & distributing books in the native language, superintending schools, visiting the sick & administering ^{visits} medicine to his ^{patients}, together with a multitude of other things too numerous to mention. My time so far as I have strength, is busily employed, tho in less laborious & active labors. My domestic concerns claim my first attention from day to day - next comes my school, when I am able to do any thing in the way of teaching, after this, the remainder of the day is devoted to such duties as seem most to demand my attention, such as sewing, writing, &c. & almost every night finds me weary & glad to seek repose. Indeed it is seldom that I have been able to sit up all day during the summer months for more than 2 years past. — I have now given you a formal introduction to my family - our table - our employments &c. & if you please you may follow my example in this respect when you write me - at least it would be very gratifying to my feelings if you would. — I must now close my long letter with wishing you much health & prosperity, in your labors. Husband writes me in much love, ^{to yourself} cousin D.B. & wife, & all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in that region. He intends writing him soon if he can find leisure. Pray for us.

its ever your aff- sister, M. P. Whitney.

P.S. We were much affected with the news of the death of Mrs. E. Smith.

of Bayroot. — Do you pay any thing for letters? The Britons in India are obliged to pay very high postage, both for letters & pamphlets. We pay nothing.

(To Samuel Whitney)

Hawaii Aug. 17 - 1837.

My Dear Son,
Your letter of Oct. 14-1836 was rec^d in May last. We are always happy to hear from you, & should be glad to have you write us much oftener than you do, & write longer letters. Fill out every sheet, as full as you can. If you do not have leisure to do it at once, write at intervals from day to day as you can get time, until your paper is full. It is rather bad policy to send a sheet of paper 18,000 miles with only one half written over. However, I hope you will do better in future. — Be very diligent in improving your time. It will be well to spend every spare moment in some useful employment - either in reading, writing, or in some other way which will be profitable to you, should you live many years. — Be careful of your health. Exercise daily in some way, in the open air. This is of great importance to its preservation, particularly when most of your time is spent in study. Shrink not from any employment however laborious it may be or repugnant to your feelings to accomplish, provided by doing it you can gain the necessary exercise, & be useful to others. There are a great many ways in which you can do good to those around you, while at the same time you may be benefitting yourself. Receive kindly & gratefully any suggestions of this nature from the dear friends with whom you are connected, since you are so situated that your Parents cannot direct you in this matter. You are but a child yet either in years or experience, therefore be not over confident in your own opinions, but remember that your guardians & teachers are much your superiors in this respect, & able to advise you. — Your privileges my dear son, are great, try to improve them to the utmost of your ability. Endeavour to overcome every bad habit & to form those which are good, now while young. Be obedient & respectful to your superiors, mild & unassuming to your equals, & kind & obliging to all. Treat everyone

as you would wish to be treated, were you placed in their situation. Perhaps you will have entered College, ere this reaches you. In such a place you will very likely be surrounded by temptations, & you will need great care to keep you from falling into them. Make it your first & great object to attain a knowledge of your own heart, & of the way of salvation thro' a crucified Redeemer. Secure the friendship & love of God, & give your heart to him now, in the days of your youth. Seek above all things the pearl of great price, which is of unspeakable value to those who possess it. All knowledge is valuable as a means of doing good, but a knowledge of God & ourselves is necessary to our own happiness, & a means of increasing our usefulness to those around us. Whichever other studies you may pursue, neglect not to study the Bible daily, & treasure up its precious truths in your heart. These if rightly improved, will make you wise unto salvation. — You have doubtless heard that your dear sister M. hopes she has become a Christian. Will you not like her submit yourself to the Saviour, to be guided, directed, & ruled by him? She with thousands of others bears testimony to the truth of inspiration that wisdom's way are pleasant & desirable; — says, "one hour in the service of the Saviour, is sweeter than a whole life-time spent in the service of satan." And you my dear son, would say the same, ^{if you} had ever felt the power of divine grace — the love of God shed abroad in your heart. Seek then this love, without which you can never be happy either here or hereafter.

Your Father wrote you a few weeks ago. My health was then very comfortable, but I have been quite ill since — am now convalescent. I ride almost every morning on horseback when my health & the weather will admit, sundays excepted, & experience great benefit from the exercise. The daily use of the cold bath, is also very beneficial. I have for several years confined myself principally to a diet of milk, vegetables and fruit, & am thoroughly convinced, that such food is far better for health than that which is more

solid & stimulating, particularly for students & people of sedentary habits. I would recommend to you a vegetable diet during your College course, with the absence of all stimulating drinks, such as tea, coffee, &c. if you have ever used any, but I should be sorry to hear you had ever accustomed yourself to their use. Cold water is nature's best beverage, this with milk, is what we usually take with our breakfast, dinner & supper, & I think it preferable to any other drink. Your Father eats but little meat of late & that for dinner; morning & night his food consists principally of vegetables & fruit, with butter, & sometimes cheese. He says his head is much more clear for writing or study after a light breakfast, than when he has taken solid food; & this is one reason why I wish you to confine yourself to a vegetable diet during your literary course, tho' this is not the only one, so far as to take only those kinds of food & drink which are the least stimulating, powerful one, for I believe ^{with attention} to your diet, your general health will be better, or rather that it will longer be preserved good. I am myself, obliged to be very particular both with regard to diet & exercise to keep my health at all comfortable, & by strict attention to both these particularly the former, I have found relief from pain, when all other means proved ineffectual.

I must now close. Your Father writes with me in much love to yourself & Mr & Mrs Ely, your kind teacher & all inquiring friends. Your aff. Mother, P.S. I wrote to Mrs E. a short time since — hope to write to you soon. M. P. Whitney

Dear Mr. Pamela, Hawaii Sept. 11. 1837.
Many thanks for your long & very interesting letter of Nov. 29. 1836. which was recd. last May. It arrived just as we were on the eve of embarking for a short voyage to attend the annual meeting of the Miss. at Honolulu Oahu. — I feel much obliged to you for the particulars you have given me of Father's last illness & death. His exit from this world was indeed sudden, ^{from his age & infirmities} tho' not unexpected. It would be a great satisfaction to me, could I know the exercises of his mind, during a few of the last

years of his life. But his future state is now sealed, unalterably so, & whether in happiness or otherwise, is not for us to say. One thing however becomes us, & that is, to see that we make a right improvement of this oftentimes dispensation of providence, & prepare to follow him into the eternal world. By this event, God is loudly calling upon us, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Are we dear sister, prepared to follow him? Have we a hope of immortality founded on the rock of ages, one that will support our sinking souls when they pass thro' the Jordan of death? If we have a scriptural well grounded hope of eternal life thro' Jesus Christ, surely we have great cause for gratitude; but if we are yet destitute of the grace of God & have neither part nor lot with his people, let us not rest till we have found the Saviour precious to our souls. O eternity! eternity! what a word—how vast its duration, how solemn its import to those who make not God their friend. My soul at times almost shudders at the thought & shrinks back, lest when I come to give up my account, & to be weighed in the balance by him who scrutines every thought & motive of my soul, I shall be found wanting. Let me entreat you dear sister, seriously to think of your soul, & to work out your salvation with fear & trembling. Labour earnestly for this one object while it is called today, remembering that the night of death may soon come, in which there is no work, neither repentance or forgiveness. As the tree falls so it lies, & as the soul of man leaves its clayey tenement, so it must forever remain, either in a state of exalted happiness or of exquisite misery. Do you not when contemplating this great, this awful subject, fear, lest when called out of time into eternity the doom of the unprofitable servant will be yours? O P. will you not now choose Christ for your portion, & give him your heart? He is the chiefest among ten thousand, the one altogether lovely. How can you but love, the most lovely of beings, his

his precious history as recorded in the Gospels, & see if any other personage ever exhibited in his life so much purity, holiness, & loveliness of character, ever exhibited by the blessed Redeemer. Surely that heart must be harder than adamant which is not moved to love him in whom centers all excellence.

It would afford me much joy to hear that you had become reconciled to your Maker, & had yielded up your heart to be the abode of his blessed Spirit—desirous that he would rule in & reign over you, guide, govern & direct you, in all your ways. You must dear sister, be brought to experience such a state of feeling, or you cannot be happy either here or hereafter; for naught but the love & favour of God, can confer lasting happiness upon his creatures. When you stood by the side bed of our dear Father & saw him expire, did you not then ask yourself, where would my precious soul now be, had I this hour been called out of time into eternity? And what answer could you give to such a question? Whether you realize it or not, the time is coming & fast approaching, when you like him must be laid upon the bed of death, & O what agony of soul will you then feel if you feel at all, should such a season find you unprepared to meet the King of terrors! — Dear sister, the time is short that we shall continue in this vale of tears, & perhaps this may be the last letter I shall be spared to write you. Should it indeed prove so, remember that you have had at least one warning from me, to repent & seek the pardon of your sins, before it is forever too late. Observe to the call of wisdom which saith, Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart. Perhaps you will say,

"I would but can't repent. This strong heart can never relent, though I endeavor oft; Till Jesus make it soft."

'Tis true he alone can soften it, but you must go to him & rely on his almighty power, to new create your soul. You must go with the simplicity

of a little child - humbly lie at his footstool, & there resolve that if you perish, you will perish pleading for mercy. None who ever thus went, were sent empty away. Make the trial dear sister, & see if you do not find the promise of God sure, "He that seeketh shall find."

I intend sending a small box of curiosities to sister Dow this fall, shall put your name on to a few things, but if you consider them of no value, please give them to her.

I have of late been subject to frequent ill turns, but my health is comfortable at present, so that I am able to be about the house & oversee my work & do some of the light part myself, but all the heavy work such as drawing water, washing clothes, scrubbing floors &c. is done by the natives. I feel that I have special cause of gratitude, for the measure of health which I enjoy. But it is only by taking great care of myself that it is at all comfortable.

I make daily use of the cold bath, & find it beneficial. My diet consists wholly of milk, vegetables, & fruit. I cannot eat meat of any kind without suffering from it - find it quite too stimulating to my system. I am too weak to exercise as much about the house as my health needs, & am therefore obliged to ride daily on horseback, to make up the deficiency. I usually rise very early, & ride 3, & sometimes 4 miles before sunrise; & as I go upon a gallop when I have strength for it, the exercise throws me into a profuse perspiration, the beneficial effects of which I feel the day. Exercise & simple diet in a warm climate, are of the highest importance to health. I was by no means so sensible of it during a few of the first years of our residence here, as I have been of late. Experience has taught me many things, which had I known 20 years ago, would have been of almost incalculable benefit, both to myself & others. So true it is that we must "live & learn," & not unprofitably by sad experience.

My journal I shall send to our dear mother soon. How is her health now?

O how I long to hear that she is a follower of the much & lovely Jesus. Mr. W. writes with me in filial regards to her, & much ^{love} to yourself & all your friends. He enjoys almost uninterrupted health of late.

Can you give me the Christian name of Mr. Fenn, the husband of your cousin Parthenia Fenn, & oblige your affectionate sister, M. P. Whitney. P.S. Mr. S. has probably ere this removed with his family from P. I. I would thank you to finish superscribing the letter to him & his wife, & forward it.

My dear son Henry, Kauai Oct. 20 - 1837.

Again I take my pen to address you, & would that I could say we had rec'd a line from you of more recent date than 3 years past, but no, you grieve us by your silence. Mrs. Ely says she has repeatedly enjoined it upon you to write us, & I should think you would constantly feel such a sense of obligation & gratitude to her for her kindness, that it would continually prompt you to a desire to please her in all things. But I hope you have again written, & that ere long we may receive some further testimony of your affection for your parents. I wish to know where you now are & what you are doing, & what ^{you make} your ~~making~~ advances, in the improvement of your mind. I fear you do not love very well to read, write, or study, if you do I think we should occasionally have some evidence of it from your own pen.

I wish you ever to remember that if you intend to acquire an education, & store your mind with useful knowledge, that now is the best time for you to make an effort, as knowledge acquired while the mind is tender, usually makes a deeper & more abiding impression, than that acquired after a person arrives to years of maturity. I am glad to hear that S. loves his book, & bids fair to make a good scholar. Try to imitate him in whatever is praiseworthy. I should like to hear that you were both good scholars, but there is one thing which I wish you to seek after, the attainment of which would give me more joy than you can well conceive, & that is a new heart. This my dear son

is of infinite importance to the well being of your precious soul. Without
you cannot be happy, either here or hereafter. God has created you a rational
immortal, & intelligent being - has given you powers of mind capable of long
& serving him, & has commanded you to do so, & you cannot disobey his com-
mands without incurring his just displeasure. O could you but once feel
the power of Divine love shed abroad in your soul as some have felt,
you would say it was happiness such as you had never before enjoyed.
And is it not worth seeking after? Is not such happiness worth an effort
to attain? Surely one would think no exertions could be too great to secure
it. And yet for the fleeting enjoyments of this short life, many lose this
blessing, & with it lose their precious souls. O what folly to choose the momen-
tary pleasures of time, & neglect to prepare for eternity! yes, a long, a never-
ending eternity! My dear son, do think seriously of these things, & choose
a better portion than this world can give. Lay up your treasure in Heaven -
secure the love of God the portion of the righteous, & you need not fear. If
you possess this, it will be your comfort when heart & flesh fail you.
When called to pass thro' the Jordan of death you must leave your earthly posses-
sions behind, but the love of Jesus will go with, & bear you conquerors.
This is the only treasure you can carry with you into eternity, & this will
never leave its possessor. And is it not I again ask, worth seeking after? O what
that values his immortal soul would answer no. — Have you never read
the memoir of Nathan Dickerman a little boy about 7 years of age who died
at Boston some years ago. He was but little more than half as old as you
are, but I trust he knew what it was to love God, for he was very happy thro'
the prospect of death. He knew he should go & dwell with God in Heaven,
where he should enjoy his presence & be free from sin forever. This made
him happy. And would not the thought of dwelling with God & holy beings to
all eternity make you happy? If you possessed a heart unregenerated & unre-

newed by the Spirit of God, even the thought of dwelling in heaven, would be
no pleasure to you. Do you love the society of ^{Christian} good people here on earth
better than any other? if not, how could you be happy in heaven where none
but holy beings dwell? Do you not my dear son, see, that as long as you
possess a wicked heart, you cannot be happy? Without a new one you
would be miserable even in heaven, & do you expect to find happiness
any where else? O such I beseech you, a heart washed & purified from sin, &
made meet for the enjoyment of God & holy angels. Perhaps you will say
I would seek, but I do not know how. Go to God my dear child, in prayer - ask
him to teach you how to repent, how to forsake your sins, how to exercise
faith in the Redeemer, & by it, how to lay hold of the precious promise of
his holy word. You must plead the merits of Christ, for you have none of
your own, & the aid of his blessed Spirit, without which all your efforts will
be ineffectual. Without his grace assisting you, you cannot think a good thought
or do a good action, but by his gracious aid, you can serve him acceptably.
To his Fatherly care, ^{now committed} you, beseeching him to have mercy on your soul, & to wash
& purify you from all your sins; & O, do not neglect to pray yourself for a new
heart & a right spirit, that you may be enabled to keep all his commandments
& be fitted to go & dwell with him forever when you die.

My health is better than when I wrote to Samuel a few weeks since.
I have recently been on a short journey of about 50 miles to Wailua in Puna,
in company with your Father & Mr & Mrs A. & family. We visited the Mission
station at H. on our way, & spent 3 days. Two young men there have large
plantations at that place - one by the name of Hooper, has a large sugar
establishment, the other whose name is Peck, is raising silk worms.
We saw them spinning - quite a curiosity. It was a real treat to me
to witness & ride among such cultivated fields of sugar cane, mulberry,
cotton, coffee, &c. &c. as we saw growing there, & my eyes have not before

had so rich a feast since I left A. I could hardly be satisfied with gazing upon them. Nothing which I have seen at the S. I. has so much reminded me of my own dear native land, & for a little while I almost felt that I was there. At Wailua we visited a water fall 4 or 5 miles up the river. The natives had measured it, & said it was 180 feet high. As the water was then very low, it partook more of the beautiful than of the sublime, but I think the sight will be grand at high water. We saw Debora Kapule who formerly resided at Waimea, & was treated by her with much kindness & hospitality. We spent one day at Wailua, & returned as we went, in a canoe, having been from home 5 days. — Mr. Puk the above named gentleman is an acquaintance of ours. He is to leave for A. in a few weeks — says he shall try to see you & S. if he goes near your residence. He can give you much information respecting your Parents & native home. He expects to return to the S. I. next fall a year from this, & will be much gratified to bring your Parents a packet of letters from you & S. Do not fail to write by him. — My sheet is full & I must close. Your Father unites with me in much love to yourself & all dear friends.

Yours aff^{ly} — to Mother M. C. Whitney
Kauai Oct. 27 — 1837.

My Dear Sister Dow,

Your truly welcome letter of Nov. 8. 1836. was rec^d some time in May last. The vessel in which it came had a very quick passage from Boston to the S. I. only 116 days — the shortest ever known. They had a revival of religion on board, in which 6 or 8 of the officers & crew, became hopefully pious. Soon after they arrived at A. 6 of them including the Capt. & second mate, made a public profession of their faith in Christ & entered into covenant with their Maker. It is encouraging to hear of seamen who are converted the vilest & most wicked of men, occasionally brought into the kingdom.

But to return to your letter. I was glad to hear again from home, & so soon to get an answer to my last letter to you. Husband had been on a visit to Holoa, & returned just at evening, saying we have letters from home, & ~~added~~, but you must not be surprised to hear bad news. He had noticed that your letter wore a black seal, & had opened & read it before he returned. Father had become so aged, that for years I have been fearing the next mail might bring the news of his death, & have sometimes on that account almost dreaded to hear from home. You seem to derive "great satisfaction from his uniform life & correct habits." For myself I cannot say so, though he may notwithstanding, be now happy. It is not I know for us to judge the hearts of others, for this prerogative belongs ^{to God} alone, but with regard to those with whom we are intimately acquainted, we can by observing, usually satisfy our own minds with respect to their piety or otherwise. The Father was always so far as I know, a strictly moral man, yet so long as I lived at home & had an opportunity of seeing & conversing with him daily, I never thought that he knew any thing of experimental religion, but often feared he was trusting to his own good works for salvation. He has written me but few letters since I left home, but I have been unable to discover either from those or from any other source, that there has been any material change in his views & feelings of late years. Perhaps I have not charity enough, but I do feel that it is a great thing to be a Christian, & when a person is such, the christian graces will usually shine forth in his daily life & conversation. Father as I before said, may now be happy, but his case so far as I have known it, appears to me to be shrouded in doubt & uncertainty. His state is now fixed unalterably so, & we must leave it for eternity to disclose. May we be enabled to make a right improvement of this hereming stroke of divine providence, & prepare to follow him into the eternal world. O how happy shall we be if per-

mitted to meet him on the right hand of the Judge clothed in the impenetrable
of Christ's righteousness, & there stand together a never ending eternity in the
praises of our God & Redeemer.

I have just packed you a small box of mats, kapa, sea shells & other articles
which we this morning put on board of one of the Government vessels
to be forwarded to O. A young man by the name of Puk an acquaintance
of ours, who resides at Koloa 15 miles from here, sails shortly for the
U. S. & will take charge of the box on the passage home. Should the
vessel in which he leaves sail for Boston, the box is to be delivered
to Mr George F. Flower, house of Holmes & Flower in that city, but if
N. Y. to the agent of the S. B. there. I have put up a few things
fully kapa, with the names of a few friends on, but if you should
prefer any particular articles which I have labelled in preference
to others, you are at liberty to make an exchange & take your choice.

I selected such for yourself as I thought you would prefer, except
the fans, but we do not always know what another would like. With
regard to the fans, as O. was the youngest I thought I would give him
the greatest one. The box was small & would not hold half what
I should have been glad to have put up more shells &
many more kapa, but perhaps there are as many as you will know
to do with. Should you like more, please let me know. There are
good many of some kinds of shells, but I put them in, thinking you
might be glad to dispose of some among your friends. The white
kapa is made only in one district on Hawaii. That which I send is the
nicest I have ever seen. The braid is made from the stalk of the
gar cane leaf - called here *ka ka*. The 2 pieces which are rolled
contain about 60 yards each. These have both been bleached but not
ironed. One of these I design for yourself a bonnet, the other for P. The

remainder is not so nice, but such as we wear here at the Is. It is all
the work of the natives, mostly my pupils. Few however can braid as nice
as the finest which I send. I hope the box will go safe. I packed it
with as much care as the short space of time I had to do it in, would
allow. The top part particularly, was done in a great hurry. Should
you ever receive it, please let me know whether the head goes safe or
the mats get mouldy, the shells rubbed or broken, or any thing in the
box injured. I have been told that mats will not keep without fre-
quently drying them on the passage, & shall wish to know very partic-
ularly in what state they arrive. I put up several tracts written by the
Brethren - likewise a few maps but not so many as I should have done,
could I have had leisure for taking more. I forgot to mark the maps
stations, on the maps, but you will be able to find them. I intended to
have sent you a map of the Islands, & one of Waimea, but was under the
necessity of packing my box sooner than I expected & did not get them
which I much regret. - I have been obliged to write in very great haste,
or fail of sending by this opportunity. The Lord still smiles upon our work,
& at present, blesses us with an unusual degree of health to labor in his ser-
vice. Our united love to your family & all our friends - I cannot now name
them - you know who they are. From your aff^r sister, M. P. Whitney
P. S. Bro. Dibble is in feeble health & expects to leave for A. this season,
if he has an opportunity. Have you seen or heard any thing from Bro. Richards & family?
I think I requested him to call & see you.

By Dear Daughter M.
Kauai I. I. Oct. 30. 1837
Your 2 long letters of Sept. 6th & 23rd 1836 were rec^d. last May, 1837
as opportunities now begin to offer for sending home, I must write you in answer.
We were sorry to hear that you had been ill, but thankful that your illness was
not more severe. With regard to the pain in your head, I would say, be not only