Nov 30th 1858. After a long period of silence, I again resume my writing. Left Honolulu today, after being a resident of that goodly city for a period of seven weeks, our stay was prolonged so much beyond our usual time, on account of repairing our ship which has been thoroughly done, and now we think she is in a sound condition and will prove sea-worthy. May she for the future keep clear of all ice shoals rocks and quick-sands, and bear us safely on, until we shall reach the port of Home.

Time passed very pleasantly to us while in port. Minnie's delight was unbounded at meeting with children again of her own age, which she found at Mr Whitney's where we boarded, also at Mr Damon's where we occupied a room. We formed many pleasant acquaintances especially among Captains and their ladies, at one time there being twenty-one ladies in port. Three of the ladies came in with infants, that were born at sea, in the Northern regions during the season. Mrs Smith of the E. F. Mason, has a son, Mrs Green of the Sheffield a daughter, and Mrs Tabor of the Adeline a son. they are called young "Bow heads" by the Captains. We received an abundant supply of Letters while in port. more than we could reasonably have expected, and they were mostly filled with good tidings, with the exception of our dear niece Celia Marie, whom we left in the full bloom of health and vigor, and who is now in all human probability, fast passing away. God help those parents, if called so soon to part with their only child, I can hardly endure the thought that we can never look on her bright face again, but there is consolation in the thought that our loss will be her exceeding gain in her young days she gave herself up to her Heavenly Father, and we trust has ever since been an humble follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. I sent letters home to all the family on both sides having an opportunity of sending by three different mails - and I can imagine how thankfully they will be received, I was so happy that we could give them good tidings in regard to health and comfort. truly we are blessed, when we can give and receive such good tidings of friends and kindred.

We had several very pleasant gatherings while in port, a meeting of the Strangers Friend Society, a party of a few friends at Mrs Edwards, a very pleasant gathering of the wives and children of the Captains in port at Mr Damon's, and the most pleasant of all was a visit to the Parry as it is called, across the valley at the

other side of the Island. the party consisted of about 20 couple, all on horse back except Capt & Mrs Meeks of the Scotland and Samuel and myself as we, Ladies, were novices in riding, we went in carriages. It was prophesied that we could not go within four miles of the "Parry" in carriages, but we were determined to make the attempt even if we had to walk the four miles, we left our carriage within a half of a mile of the place, and if we have walked the four miles, we should have been amply repaid for our labor in viewing the fine prospect before us. On our return stopped at the "half way" house where refreshments had been prepared for us by Capt. Spencer - the time passed so pleasantly with us that it was nearly dark before we separated, it was a pleasant little excursion that I shall always remember. Mr Dickerson left us to go home, while we were in port, and as our second and third officers were seasoned & we have now an entire new set in the cabin, Mr Forsyth, Mr Hamilton, Mr Parker, and Mr Crocker. Samuel also discharged his steward which delighted me very much, he have one now who appears something as a steward should, and we certainly find a great difference in the quality of the food which is placed before us, may it long continue to be so. George, our cabin boy has gone forward, he is a smart fellow, but it was hard for him to be washing dishes or trimming lamps in the cabin, when he might have been on deck pulling ropes or at the mast-head looking out for whales, so when we were in port Samuel thought he would "promote" him, which he did to his great joy.

While in port Mr Damon proposed to me that the wives of Capts in port, should contribute towards purchasing a new carpet for the Bethel church, which was very much needed, he wished me to mention it to the ladies, which I did with the assistance of Mrs Capt. Swain, and succeeded in collecting about 70$ which will probably be sufficient for re-carpeting the church. A few days before leaving port the sound of sorrow was again borne to us from the sea, the Barque Rajah was wrecked in the Ochotsk Sea, the Capt, one or two officers and ten men were lost. as Mr Damon on the next Sabbath prayed so earnestly for the wives and families of the lost ones, the thought came over me how little those far away ones, realizing the prayers that had ascended for them on account of their loneliness and bereavement God be with them to comfort and protect them when the sad tidings shall reach them.