

Home Mansion, Aug. 31.

My dear son, Nathl.

1881.

Mary thanks
for yours of the 26th giving an
account of the lava flow, or rather
er what had been the flow
and had caused so much
anxiety and suspense to our
good Hills friends. How thank
they are that their fears are
not realized in regard to
the overthrow of their beautiful
town and quiet homes. It seems
they are having or have had
a day of thanksgiving to God
for this mercy they have ex-
perienced.

Heelikolani is not like the
Kapiolani of older time, who
was so steadfast in her

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trust in Jehovah when she
went to the volcano, Kilauea,
refusing to offer sacrifices
to "Pele" like the rest of the
natives with her. Keelikolani
it seems by Mrs. Judd's book
was an adopted daughter of
Kaahumanu, who died soon
after our arrival at the Islands.
I fear she has not her piety.
Mataia Hekuanana was her
father, and Pauahi, formerly
wife of Kamehameha II her
mother. I have just received
the "Sketches of life in the
Hawaiian Islands" from
Dr. Hyde. I am quite inter-
ested in the perusal.

I am glad you could visit
Hawaii even for a short
time, for you needed the
change after so many

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