

John Glover - Boston

Hallowell & Leeds, Jan 1st 41.

Dear Friend,

I have not seen, or heard from you, for some time, it seems as though it was a year since I had even a paper. I should like to see you once more, just to see how you look, I don't know whether you are at Brunswick, or Leeds, however I shall send this to Leeds, and if you don't get it your folks will and they can send it to you, wherever you be, and as soon as you get this write me, or I shall not like it, I go to school at home this winter, Have you been to Portsmouth, lately if so how are all of the folks. I have not been there since the 4th of July, but would like to go out, and see the Widow once more, How is Sarah Wiley, says Charles J. I guess has quit her, he don't go out there very often. I see him considerably often and play him up a little now, and then, but he don't seem to care much about it, What are you doing of this winter? why don't you come, and see a fellow, once in six years at least? You have entered College, who would thought! I hope you will prosper with all the success in the world.

(Single)



Mrs Oliver D. Wood
Smith Leeds.
Main.

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A person that has got a good College education
can do any thing he pleases. He can be a

Wood-Sawyer's clerk, or a Senator to Con-
gress, one just as well as the other. Learning
is far preferable to wealth, if we could not
have but one. I never expect to have any thing
but a common school education, Every one ought
to be content with their lot. Those that can
do as they would, must do as they can, but
I for one do not want to go to College, nor
never did. Howard I am enjoying myself
finely this winter. I go to Dancing School
twice a week, (did ever you go if so you
know what it is.) Ride round with ^{the girls} when
I am a mine to (and they are willing.)
So you see I am roused. As my pen is
fron. and I don't know what else to
say. I will stop.

From your affec' Friend
C. M. Mulliken.



St. Yermont, June 18 1847

Dear Sir,

I received your letter & accept your apology. I have left the roof of my beloved instructor & have taken lodgings in the raised commons where I have a jolly old time & no mistake. The comradery in general have taken to smacking bottles, blowing fish horns, drinking brandy, playing nine pins & cards, boiling eggs &c, which our honorable governor fancies but little & wastes resolute hours in jabbering about it. He threatens to make the school too hot for me. A very beautiful little episode took place here one night or two ago. The old man was poking round as usual & had just put down a tuxer when he saw a bottle at his head. He tumbled up stairs & smashed into every room on that story & got into Bill Straw's room & broke the bottles in the face of that individual. Did you throw that bottle, no sir. What do you dare to say you didn't throw that bottle? Bill got up & lighted his pipe & took his seat again & said what business have you to come

Back to my room & at 2 me out. a question ~~held~~
more of your year or the prospect to grow on
the floor at that he was wounded with his eyes
sticking half an inch out of his head? Coming down
he tumbled into a lot of rotten eggs. Next
morning he missed school before the whole school.
I then attacked him when he came from
school what he meant & =
what a disaster of an hour or so
we would begin to come to pass & make an
apology next morning. This the third time I have
taken up this letter to write. matter grows
worse & worse nearly all the students have
cleared out. the devil knows what will be to
pay next. The old man says all the
mischief to be though he was not honestly enough
strong to say so directly. He said at the
beginning of the term that he should leave
in about six weeks and give us a few days vacation
but now he swears we believe so that he
shall stay the whole term if he gives us a vacation
I mean to come down & see you. Our venerable
teacher says he has not had such a rough school
this ten years. I have given you a long account of the
dreadful proceedings here that you may know what
a set of reprobates we coming to know in the
term. But you know I shall never get there
unless I can study better than I have done. That
story of going to Cambridge I had forgotten

all about I shall think myself lucky if
I can enter ~~the~~ University. I wish to study
as hard as you did for the old
man is so kind with me that I am afraid
I shall be devilish thankful if I do get in.
I look forward to that as a haven of rest.
Give my love to Jack Baker & the Gardner.
By the way I saw your friend Mr Jennings
when I was there I liked his appearance
very much. I hope to hear from you again
before the end of the term. I suppose
we have heard that old Pa A. intends paying
us a visit. Several mis takes of which
there are abundance will be leave that I am
your humble
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South Leeds
Feb 23

Walter Oliver & Howard

Bramwith

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1847
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South Leeds, February

Dear Son,

Received your kind letter last evening which gave me pleasure as you are getting along without any particular trouble and say nothing about your health. I hope you will take care of your health any excesses are detrimental to health. I hope you will have your lessons in such a style as to satisfy your self as I think you could not be contented without a thorough understanding of what you were about as it has been your own ambition which has carried you so far (with the acquiescence of your friends) I cannot think you will fall back now. I could be very anxious about you, my mind is awake to all the snares which beset youth but I think there is a right way, and I desire it to be for my son, I hope for it, self denial, and self respect, are requisites, to even our comfort and they often leave a very pleasant recollection in the heart of those who practice it. I shall say this boy of mine I have made a visit to Mr. Pennington shall not among ~~the~~ ^{great} men there, saw Mr. Perley's father I expected to have met with his mother but was disappointed she did not come as was expected by Mrs. Pennington had seen Mr. Keyle said he got home safely give my love to Perley I have a very high opinion of his love of justice and truth. I hope ^{he will} be sincerely a friend to you, the rebuke of a friend is profitable sometimes.

Your father has gone to church alone & have such a tremen-
dous cold I could not venture to meet the killing
air Cynthia went home last Tuesday her Brother
come after her & think tis uncertain when she comes back
I am doing my work alone, we are only five in our
family I hear from Robert often he is contented and happy
I believe, the little boys are making a noise constantly
which is a great annoyance to me while writing Rowland
Allen is reading "the paper" a ^{few} feet from me nothing worthy
of remark has transpired (since you left home) in the
neighbourhood, give my respects to Gance lo Stenchfield
I think he is a pleasant acquaintance, Elizabeth did not
succeed in her effort for Henry and I fear you will
not. Mother did ^{not} come up with your father and
Diantha wanted her to stay with her because she is
alone, I hope you and Henry will not go to bed
with cold feet I think that very unhealthy do try
to secure to yourselves warm and comfortable nights
rest always, as that is so refreshing dont forget your
proper exercise in your anxiety, to read, I hope your
judgment will be well directed in your choice of reading
perhaps you think your mother penurious because
she so often cautions in your expenses but ^{not} so much
I have lived longer in the world than you have, my
son and seen that a small independence is a comfort-
able thing, and I desire it for my son, I have not a good
evening mind as some have, but I desire not to be dependant
on others, Tuesday Noon. This is a truly pleasant day, after the
threatning of a gloomy storm Cynthia has returned and
I find it quite convenient to have her to wash my dishes

this morning so that I can sit down and close my letters
for the mail, while I was washing yesterday morning the
boys contrived to soil my paper, and I would thrust
it aside but as my cold gives me a headache I dont
feel so much like writing as common, and you must
make the best of it, I hope you will enjoy yourself through
the term make a pleasure of your daily labour, I know
tis toil, toil! but still the young mind, there is pleas-
ure in pursuing that course of study which will lead
them to respectability, and give high hopes of future
I like to see young men take a high stand in society
not by looking down upon others ^{with} ostentatious pride
but by a suitable dignity avoid mean actions of every
description, and even the appearance of idleness I know
you are only sixteen years old, but still you
so situated you must act for yourself and
hear everything for yourself, in a great measure
Charles Turner was at his fathers last week and call-
ed here brought two cheeses of your fathers, and
wanted farmers produce of all kinds at a good
price, business seems to be quick every where
Rowland A. G. is dressing for a ride he has got
as far advanced in that way, as best pants and
boots put on, I ask him if ^{I should} tell you where he
would spend the day, but he dont know where
he shall spend it himself, but he will take my
letter to the Post office, when he sallies forth
write often, and when you have time, fill
up your sheets if you dont send so soon after
tis written yours
Eliza Gilmore to O. Howard

C. C. Howard
Feb 14 1847

C. C. Howard
New York

4. Bowdoin College Feb 14th 1847.

Dear Mother,

We arrived here about quarter past six in the evening and lodged that night one with Chamberlain & the other with Wilson whose (Phony) had not come. We were some time coming but it was not very cold, the next day (yesterday) we opened our room and moved in the most of our furniture, besides procuring a half cord of wood and getting saved which we brought in ourselves. We have a very pleasant room (No. 7, N.C.) and what I like the best @ we have a clean floor, not having been used since it was painted. The prayers commenced last night in the Chapel. Today we attended Church at the usual place Bro. W. Adams, preached the same Minister we had last term. It is now Monday noon. We had our first recitation this morning (in green). Only about half have of the class have arrived yet. I have paid all my expenses & had sufficient money. It is now Tuesday morning. It has been a very cold night and the air this morning bit very shakly. We have not

got @ stone, but the treasurer promised to purchase
one for us as soon as possible. We have recited this
morning for the first time in Latin, to Prof^r ~~William~~,
Greek and Latin come a great deal easier to me than
I expected after leaving off studying them for so long
a time. The time has not yet come for joining the
society, but will arrive in about a fortnight from
the commencement of the "Term". Chamberlain
who came before I did, moved none of my things but
they were all safe @ when I left. I found my
pocket Book, which I was looking for at home, in my
desk & all my bills that I supposed were in it.
I have resolved to board at the same place I boarded
last term. My Board bill, was 8 shilling, & 6 pence per week
but they say, that it must be higher this term
as flour & other provisions have risen so much,
that Uncle Henrys got @ girl yet. I have not had time
@ yet to go to the Factory to see Susan Day which
he requested me to do. How do you all do @ Leeds? I should have
sent my old Jack Coat by Mrs' Kyle, had he intended to have gone
through Leeds. Give my respects to Elizabeth and the rest
of Mr Jones's family. I suppose Rowland Bailey is
at Wagon yet, when he returns tell him to write to me
no matter if he does not write so well at hand. I can
read it and it is the only way to improve, to practice,
besides he will not be so apt to hurry in writing
letters, as in copying from his writing book. I
find it much more convenient to room, where
I am not obliged to climb three pair of stairs

@ dozen or more times a day. I shall now leave
to get my Greek Lesson, Give my love to my
brothers. & Rowland Alger, I shall endeavour to get my
Lessons well. & read all my leisure this term, that I may
be at least a little "better informed" when again
I return home. Write @ as often as you have
an opportunity & your letters will
be gratefully received & carefully read. Excuse &
overlook mistakes.

From your affectionate Son:

Oliver Howard

W. Howard
Feb 20 1847

Brunswick
Feb 20 1847

Wm. C. Johnson
and
J. D. Long

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Bowdoin College Feb 20 1847

Dear Mother

Another week is finished, and again have seated myself to the pleasant task of addressing a short epistle home, since the last time I wrote you, we have received a six light stove which makes our room very comfortable. It is Saturday & I have just finished my Latin (revisions) which I consider the most difficult task we are obliged to tax our minds with. & when performed I consider myself quite relieved. I get along admirably well with my studies, but the Latin that we read now is much more obscure than what we read last term. The boys are all here now but three or four. Tell father, I have had an election to both societies but have not yet joined. I told him that they would take any book (Sententiae causae) for the sake of his vote. Jennings has not come yet and will not be here for three weeks, when his school finishes. I went to see Susan Day the other day for Ruth Hays to see if she would go to Hallowell. she said that she could not at present, & the future was uncertain, and I wrote her answer & she looked as though she was about worried out working by night in the factory.

Dear Ireland & Co. he talked very strong of leaving home, "repacked" y^e; to go on the Rail road or else where; and how is Charles' health now? I suppose how do you all do. I think we shall have a healthier term than last term, this spring, for the students appear more studious & sober. We soon shall commence another lesson, called "Russels & Merdocks' Eloquence". Then I shall not have so much time to spare in writing as I now have, although it does not take me usually more than a half an hour to write my three pages, if you will accept of it thus written, I suppose you have beautiful sleighing now at Leeds. Oh! I almost forgot did grandma come to Leeds with father when he was down, if so give my love to her. William G. talked of going to Garmouth if you hear whether he did or not. Please inform me in your ^{letter}, for I can suppose he would never think to send me any thing to let me know if he would I would write him an introductory ^{letter} to Mr. Field. We have about 13 or 14 in our Club, and one or two belonging to it have not yet come, my health never was better than it has been since I have been here this term, but how long it will continue so, if I do not exercise more, I can not say. I should presume not very long for I have not even been "down street" more than once in two or three days, besides I do not have the abundant exercise of running up

and down stairs. Lincoln Field has called to see me often: I like my Chum better and better the more we are together, He has the most generous & kind disposition of any person I ever have been acquainted with, besides being an excellent scholar. His health is now very good, he has but little if any cough; and appears as well as any one. Give my love to all, my brothers, father, Ireland & the rest of the "home family"

Yours affectionate & obedient son

W. Howard

O. O. Howard
Febr 7 1847

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Bowdoin College, February 25th 1847

Dear Mother

I received your letter Thursday morning. It gave me much pleasure to hear from home (although I have been absent but a short time), & to learn that you were all well. Yes! I am always gratified when, in the morning I can return with your sealed but well known letter & much more pleased to sit and peruse it a while before commencing my morning task, to cherish & fix in my memory the advice & counsel of a mother which should be properly regarded by every youth, without which we are more often led away from the path of uprightness, through a careless indifference & want of reflection, than ^{from} will or a desire of evil & what is wrong. Yes! a mother's affection through ^{which} comes her kind exhortations & entreaties, has preserved from temptation & likewise from evil many a young man, when another with as good prospects in view when he commenced life's voyage, has from want of that safeguard & security against evil ~~been finally~~

plunged in to the ~~depth~~ disgrace & degradation.
Thank most dear brother, that I prize of little value
your kind adv. & admonitions, for I know you intend all
for my sole good without any selfish motive, except
that which prompts every mother to desire her son to do well
& by which Honor rather than disgrace her his parents,
I wrote a letter to cousin Lydia night before last - I bought
me a piece of a carpet to put down before the stove, 3 yds
a, 50 cts per yd. I have not been initiated into
the Society yet, but expect to be next Friday, when
the whole class will join one or the other of the Societies,
The Freshman class met to day & formed a debating club
& I received, ^{the} most Honorable office of Secretary, ^{the}
Treasurer, the object of this society to learn to speak freely
& without embarrassment, & to improve in our manner
of delivery, of which I hope to gain much advantage if
we can have a civil & manly lot, without the
annoyance caused by a few rogues, & the discussion
caused by faction & party spirit, but all these
things add extra to my labors, We have recited four
times in declamation this week, & I expect we shall
continue the same all the term. It would
be laughable I think for you to hear us, first we
commence by inhaling all the breath we can, &
letting it out moderately, & then inhale again, & then

of more forcibly, than we give the sense of the letters
after him ^(his books) in different tones of voice, after which
exercise, we read after him, first the solemn & serious, the
midling, then the lively and the Gay, which causes
music enough I can tell you, I have taken
from the Athenaeum Library to day the American
review, such books as I think father would admire
to read, about as large as his Revised Statutes of
which kind there are nearly a hundred volumes
in the Library. I intend to join the Athenaeum Soc^y
and hope I may be much benefited there by, which
Society the majority of our class will join (Perley
included) whom I feared before I returned, would not, sometimes
persuading him to join the other, and the most talented
also of the class have preferred the same society, I hope you
my brothers & all at home are in the same state of health
as when you wrote. I have subscribed & shall take
the Dollar newspaper at one dollar per annum, for
a year. It is a good paper, containing the news, & well
written & well selected tales. Edited ^{& printed} in Philadelphia,
You may censure my conduct for doing thus without
consulting you, but I thought it would be a
good thing to take a paper & quite a relief from study, &
other laborious duties, to spend a few hours weekly
in reading such, although some of it might be

Light reading - How fast time flies, can it be possible that it is almost three weeks since I left Leeds. "time on its flying pinions waiteth for no man"; soon another term will have past, and again I shall return & be welcomed home again with a hearty welcome! It seemeth but a very short time since I first talked of going to Paeris at Halle to live, and much shorter since the time I talked of studying Latin first, when my Count discouraged it. I am not sorry yet that I ever commenced, but I know not how long it will be before I may regret it. I hope not at all... but should I (having perfected my studies & finished my course) prove to be of medium talent & ability, not above the common herd in a profession, rising not in the esteem of others, without resources (having spent all in a useless course of lessons) I might regret it, and wish I had ~~not~~ become a farmer as was my Grandfather ^{desired}, but my ambition is of a higher & more extensive nature, education is my first aim, the rest to it come. I seek not mere money, but a cultivated and enlightened mind, becoming & corresponding with the age in which we live, I do not wish to speak derogatory of honest labor & try to avoid "by going to College, as the saying is, but I think the mind, should be cultivated

previous to every thing else. I'd desire to be ~~not~~
 distinguished, it would not be to trample upon
 those below me in rank, property, intellect or
 power. but to show a true noble disposition, instruct &
 enlighten rather than scorn ignorance, & treat all as
 though I were not above them, In fact I should not be
 above them, for I ~~was~~ ^{should be} made after the same image (as) all the
 rest & if I had a better education, it would be the advan-
 tage taken of circumstances or the result of chance,
 rather than a natural superiority, but let me
 not indulge in such fancies & ^{realize} imaginings, for
 in all probability, I shall never ^{realize} these fanciful dreams
 of future eminence, But there is a consolation, if
 education can procure me no advantage in
 society & the world, if my health is good there are
 other alternatives enough, & if my health is
 not good, even that cannot benefit me much,
 But seldom do men of true & virtuous principles fail
 to succeed well in the end, if they have a hard, & hardy
 beginning, realizing every perplexity, & trouble.

How does Rowland Bailey do? Do hear from now, I wish
 he could attend school this spring, but I suppose
 it is not best before another year, & how are Charles & Robt
 (Phns) does the latter read to you often since his
 school finished, Give my love to them all, Rowland, A-
 & father, Percy sends his respects to you & Rowland
 It is now Saturday evening, and I am about to finish
 my epistle, it is the longest I have written you, &
 I have been about an hour & a half or little more

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Feb 27 ~~1847~~
My health is yet quite good: I have now
full enough to do to get all my lessons & prepare
them well, I have ~~not~~ been a visiting scarcely
any to others room, I made a remark to day
that when I had a good Chum I did not
wish to be visiting others, "That is the advantage
of having a steady person to room with who
is not always running from one room to another
as if he considered every other place preferable
to his own room. Two persons who like each
others society, prefer their own room, to write, study
& converse together - I hope Peck's health
will permit him to remain here, for I want
him for a Chum all through my College
course, I wish you to write as often as you
can, & encourage Rowland Bailey also to write
if father laugh's at him & his writing, he need not let
him see it, Give my respects to all my
friends & relations, I shall send home
my papers after - I read them, please let Rowland
preserve & file them,

From Your affectionate & obedient Son
Wm. S. Howard

To Mrs. Eliza Selmore "

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Excuse me for calling that - pamphlet which
 you sent me a novel for Helen says it is not but
 merely a romance and now if you will tell me
 why this letter is like a down east Steamboat I will not
 write any more

From your affectionate cousin
 J. H. Garrison

Leeds March 2

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Mr. Oliver C. Howard

District Collector
 Brunswick

Please excuse
 this scribble
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 at writing
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Receiving a paper or rather
 parcel from you last night knowing that
 I had nothing of the kind to send you in return
 which would be new or interesting, I concluded
 to scribble a few lines and send instead
 and hope you will accept it as a poor apology
 for a letter and if you can find time to answer
 it I should be glad to pursue something of the
 kind from you when you can make it convenient
 to write me

I have closed my very interesting and highly
 honoured school and have the pleasure of liberty
 "sweet and glorious liberty" (as the Abolitionist
 tell about) once more and am glad to say that
 today is my own and that Pine Woods has
 no claim on me you must be aware that
 Pine Woods is an aristocratic place, and to be
 obliged to have so highly dignified a station as
 teacher in school district No. 3, is so far above
 my usual sphere that I could hardly accom-
 -odate myself to it but it is over with and
 moreover I came out of the school as I went
 in, master, and if you calculate to teach school
 winters I hope you may like it better than I do

It has been so short a time since you left that I can hardly tell you any news for there has no one died nor got married since you left and I don't know as there is like to be a wedding in Sed's until I make one and the Lord knows when that will be say eight years and four months, that was the time the learned pig set — by the way there has been a remarkable hog at Wayne who told among other things fortunes and really he has is the ninth wonder of the world (being that I am the eighth) he told the correct time by my watch something that I never could do since I owned it —

Saura Howard has left for Lowell and Everett has gone to Pawtucket to settle his affairs and I expect that money will be plenty when he returns I was very sorry that could not have come over to have seen you the night before you started for B. and have attended that party but I felt very little like walking so far that night as I was about sick with a cold, but heard that you had pleasant little party which I think is or was the last we shall have in Sed's this season for there is a series of meetings holden at the Meeting house which will probably continue some time and parties are becoming rather unpopular although they have a ball at Jeral Foster at Wayne on the 4th of March but I never will go there to a party if I never

go to one in my life for fear there may be some dead child in the house again — Cousin Amanda is here yet but think of leaving this week the young lady who came from Thomaston with her and stopped at Mayne is a smart pretty young girl as I have felt in with of late and if I don't get smooched (as Sarah Lee used to say) I shall do better than I expect to but eight years and four months is some time to wait by the way James Starkman and his sister are on a visit here at Sed's now but that chance is past

Helen says that I must write to you that you must keep your shoes clean and your nose tied up or vis-versa and also she says Amanda sends their respects as also Father and Mother —

I saw your Mother at meeting yesterday and presume she is well Col Gilmore has been out exploring a rail road route three days and returned last night and I wish if you should hear any thing said about the Androscoggin rail road by the Brunswick folks that you would say to them that it must go and so clear the track for the old Androscoggin

I must draw my beautiful letter to a close for I fear you will not have patience to read all this if you can find it out even from Old Blow

a most very high opinion you and thinks you an example
for all your cousins I think you stand in a very respecti-
ble situation to take the lead in example for so many
wild cousin he thinks if William and Sifas would
take as decided a course as you have it would be all he
could ask Rowland spoke of the doct's ill health, he is much
better Thomas is at home now, and enquired very affection-
ly after you from affectionate mother C. Gilmore.
C. S. Howard.

By Lucas M. May 6
Mr Oliver C Howard
Brananville Me

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Leeds May 11th 1847

Dear Brother

I came home yesterday I found the folks all well
But Mother who has a bad cold I have a cold too otherwise
I am well I liked staying at wagne very much I had
thought of opening a school there but for want of scholars has
given it up Mrs Hayes died about a week ago Mrs W. Scarle
also is dead she died last Wednesday morning Dr Bridgman is
very unwell they don't think he will stand it long some
think that he is in a consumption I heard about 4 weeks
at wagne Mr Plon has been to Bangor four times I he made
very well Mrs has gone to Green today I had I was
at wagne I went to hear a lecture on Arithmetic &
~~Mathematics~~ Mathematics by prof Porter
of New York Mrs gave me one of his books I was that
would require 6 statements & 20 figures can be done by
one statement ^{with} 10 figures thus being an improvement
on common Arithmetic by writing books so badly I am
ashamed of it and there are so many words ~~not~~ spelled
wrong But you must excuse it perhaps I may write better
by and by you must send me all the papers that you can
and pamphlets and write how you get along I have said
all I can think of and I might as well stop

From Your affectionate Brother
O C Howard
Brananville Me
P.S. Will you please send me the rest of that story if you have it

March 11th 1841

My dear boy,
How do you do. this morning I hope your health is good, your father has gone to assist in examining railroad routes, this is the third day he has been out on the same business. The weather is so severe I am afraid he will get sick. R. B. S. is out with them to take care of the house for them, he felt bad about going today he has a bad cough, Mr. S. Harvey commenced a school at Wayne last Tuesday. I have thought of sending R. B. S. but I want to see his cough better before he goes away from home, we have had a protracted meeting in the Baptist meeting house I did not attend much on account of my cough's being bad but its better now. I went out to Edwin Hanes yesterday I feel very dull after going out. Roland Alder went to C. L. a party at Whitham's kitchen last night. we have a great deal of snow on the ground now Mrs. Kelly has returned to ~~the same place~~ she will probably meet her husband he found a S. understand by the papers he is on his way home, he has been wrecked on the Mexican Coast and after burning the wreck started for home, Pranch ^{the} My dear son after so long a time I have commenced writing again, the morning I undertook to fill out the sheet I was so sleepy I could not arouse myself enough to keep my eyes open, therefore I gave over the idea of sending it by that mail on the Sabbath I attended church, and on the next mail day I had ~~some~~ company and

finish my letter, and the remaining part of the week has been spent in going to Hallowell, and visiting our friends and returning, today I have been to meeting, I found all our friends in Hallowell very well, William is at North Yarmouth, (perhaps you know it already) his lessons do not come so hard on him, as some of them he has studied before, Maria is expected home this spring R. B. S. is at Wayne, I presume Harvey succeeds in his school or he would have been home, I hope he will improve his time that is all I can say for I do not know how he gets along when he goes to school as I did when you attended school whether I am to blame or him I can hardly tell, he will not take up any new studies this spring as he will be called home when the farming commences you did not mention them nearly in your last letter I hope he is well and happy, give my love to him, George Stenchfield, and wife were here when your last letter arrived, Your Uncle Ensign and wife ^{were} here the same day your aunt Martha said John had received a letter from you, and you mentioned John's writing to you, so it seems you have exchanged letters, your grandmother seems very well and interested in all her children and grandchildren as ever, Addison went to a wedding one ^{the} evenings and a dancing school another evening, while I was there, Perry is in Hallowell boarding with the preceptor ^{is} of the Academy and attends the Academy himself he is quite a tall boy but I am afraid not much comfort to his mother, give my respects to Mr. G. Stenchfield when he calls on you your Uncle John has formed

reader, I think he would make a good collegian from
his ambition and love of praise (for each one of us
are rewarded according to our merit), if he will try to
learn, it will be but a few years before he ^{can} be
prepared to take his brother's seat in the recitation
lecture room, before he also can vie with his fellows
in merit due to diligence & perseverance. To look back,
to trace the time, as it has sped on swifter than Eagle's wings,
from my eighth year, till now, seems but a day. We know
yet we realize not the fleet of time which first finds us a
child, innocent and faultless in ^{its} ignorance, then a youth
inexperienced, & filled with all the bright hopes, expectations &
imaginings of a blissful future, of pleasing & delightful
reality, in short of much happiness in store, but how soon
disappointment comes, how often the bright hopes & lofty
expectations, of youth are blasted, how often the castles thus
built have made of nothing but air, ^{now to nothing} & are soon demolished,
when they rally forth on the world, experiencing more of their
dreams of happiness, but binding opposition, trial & affliction
besetting their path, as they struggle along, & cold reality
hacing them at every step, Give my love to the 2 Rowlands
& Rodelphus, write soon & as often as you can,
I wish you good night, & close with a long, but uninteresting
epistle -

From your affectionate Son
O. S. Howard

O. S. Howard

Brown College March 12th 1838

Dear Mother
I have been expecting letter from you
for some days past, but have not received any, excepting
one at the beginning of the term, I hope that ill
health is not the cause of your not writing.
My health is very good - I received a letter from
John Ellis not long since with much pleasure,
for I began to think that my cousins did care
enough about me, ^{to write} or had deserted me since I
have entered college. We have commenced the
Memorabilia (Greek) which requires of me more & harder
study, than we have had before, but I have divided
my time so that I have more leisure than I could
have thought previous to doing so. I have marked
out for the present Term, so many hours for study,
& so many for reading, writing & recreation. For I hold
doing every thing systematically, that I may know
to study, & how long, when to read & when to study
& recitations eleven hours per day, One in the morning to
Latin, three after breakfast to Greek, one at noon to Latin
three after dinner to Algebra & three in the evening to

the preparation of the morning's lesson — I will copy a few lines from my Journal to show you also my resolutions in regard to reading { March 9th } — "I went this morning into the library and looked it through & through, not knowing what book to take, wishing to read what was beneficial and having resolved not to spend my time, ^{uselessly} in the perusal of novels & light reading. But I might have remained there a week & still have been undecided, if I had not resolved to read something, which would enlighten me & point out some regular course to pursue. With this determination, I took Todd's Students Manual, have read one chapter this evening beside my lesson, & intend to peruse it carefully and abide by its precepts & dictations, I have felt for a few days past, as if I knew nothing and was in the right way to continue the same, as if I had no general information & was destitute of genius the substitute, If there were but few books placed before me I should immediately read them. But at once give me access to three Libraries with every kind & quality of reading I am at a loss which to choose, therefore do nothing & benefit myself nothing — But I hope the course I am now about to pursue will assist me not only in the selection of books. But in other things pertaining to the student" — Such at that time were my thoughts & resolutions, according to which I intend to act the present

Term, It is a cold, raw day, and very uncomfortable to be out, I look forward with pleasant anticipation to the summer term when it will be delightful to walk mornings & evenings, (although it may be warm) I think Brunswick will be a pleasant place in the summer. There is ^{now} scarcely inducement enough ~~to~~ to walk for exercise, being very rough & icy under foot. I have not received a letter from Rowland Bailey this term yet, Tell him he must write me one & send it certainly by next week and I will immediately answer it. Our debating Club met last Monday evening, I wrote a piece, to the paper, of about three pages, not so good as I should like to write, but wanting of style & elegance & superiority of thought, are to be acquired by practice & continued exertions, although a person may have great ability yet he becomes not a writer or an orator worthy of merit in a day or with out labor & untiring diligence. I also endeavored to speak on the question, but made out very poorly, Still I shall not be discouraged, and when an opportunity offers I shall try again, to see, if such like me are susceptible of improvement, I shall be obliged to read a criticism of my own composition at the commencement of ^{the} next meeting on the preceding, Give my love to Charly, Tell him he must read to mother every day if he wishes to become a good

Amherst
Nov 29

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Mr Oliver O. Howard

Brunswick

Me



Wague March 28th 1847

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Dear brother

Today is very rainy & school does not keep and I
 cannot have a chance to write, we have a very good school.
 There is about 25 attend, Mr Embal is dead he died last
 Sunday at waterville of the measles he was brought
 to town to be buried, is your health as good as
 it was when you was at home, my health good all but
 a bad cold which I have had about six or seven weeks
 and it is considerable trouble to me, Mother was here
 on Wednesday last she was very well, I have not been
 since I have been ^{home} home, and do not know much of what
 has been going on over in Sict's but I believe that they are
 all smart there, Mother said that there had been
 2 deaths there later by Mrs Turner Steadson & Mrs. Silet
 Mrs Welcomes Mother, Mother said that she thought
 of going to Winkle Ensigns to get a miniature copied, Mrs Davis
 a Daguerriotype painter, perhaps you would like to know
 if so I will tell you I study Chemistry, Philosophy, History
 and pursue in the night thoughts I find them much easier than I
 expected Mr Allen's brother was here yesterday.

I study Porters Arithmetic I like it very much some
 may be performed by that rule which it would take a number
 of rules the way I examples that require 4 or 5 statements
 may be done by one statement, Mr Barney lectured on
 Temperance last Wednesday evening, he delivered
 a very good lecture, I think of staying the whole term
 They made out some war cuts against Mr Smith the other
 day but he avoided them by running of an oval

knows where he has gone they think of sending an officer after
him to see if they cannot catch ~~catch~~ him. I wish you would send
me a letter undirected it here I am sorry that you can not
send any more papers but you must write the officers that
all mother went to Ballawell last week she said that
Grandmother was in ~~excellent~~ good health William has gone to
St. Garmouth & Mother she thought from the appearance
of things that he intended to finish up his studies and
enter college. I suppose you have been there long enough
to be initiated into the black art I have become quite
a rowdy if so I warn you to turn from it or you will
get into the hands of the Professors have they called you up
and given you any salutary lessons as yet I have no doubt
but you have deserved them for you was always rather wild
and I am afraid that if you get into their hands again
that you won't get off so easy as you did before when you
broke into that building and afterwards pretended to be
so innocent that they believed you ~~was~~ today is very pleasant
and I have been to meeting this fore noon Mr. Snell spoke
he is an old man aged 80 eighty seven years old Arja says he is
going to ~~have~~ taught. I said all that I could say and if
you want me to write you alonger later you must write
to me and ask me as many questions as you can for if you
don't I shall have nothing to write about Remember about
directing to Wayne

Yours affectionate Brother

Rowland B. Howard

Princeton College April 1st 1844

Dear Mother

With much pleasure I received your last letter, & am glad to hear that Rowland has gone to Wayne to attend school, I have rec^d a letter from him since he has been there informing me of his good health and pleasure with the news of the death of Mr. ~~Simons~~ ^{Vincent} I suppose my former preacher, from his saying that he was from Newmouth, but whether it was the same or not, he did not say, Rowland says he likes his school and thinks of staying the whole term, Mr. Harveys a good teacher, & I hope Rowland will learn well, Bill do nothing Wayne is a very good place for young or old, He also says that Smith has excited himself to escape the law & avoid justice, I hope the old fellow may get his pound, & spend it to buy just retribution and the penalty due to his many crimes, both from his selling power, and from his exerting ^{his} infidel & immoral influence over those, whose minds & intellects he has subjected & made subordinate to himself by cordially & affectionately handing them the glass, A few days since, in answer to his I wrote a long letter to Rowland, Then William has gone to St. James, I think it is the best place to which he could go, for he can not get books to read & will be obliged to be regular in the prepara-

Mr. C. J. S. Moore
Jan 7th 1844

W. Howard
Apr 1st 1844
Rowland

tion of each lesson if not study hard, I think
Mule flatters me by placing me as an example
to my cousins, Silas & especially, for he has a
good place in a store, & is preparing himself for useful
ness, as much as I, & he can reap the benefits much
sooner than I, for while he is earning, advancing
both in knowledge & in possessions at the same
time, I am spending & will be compelled to
do the same for some yrs, before I can turn the screw.
And thousands of misfortunes may happen before
that time to prevent my advancement there,
Therefore as he pursues the sure & certain, I take
the hard & uncertain, yet I do not regret, & give
me the money or the education, I choose the latter,
The 4th, I have attended church to day, & now after
meeting I have seated myself to finish my epistle to
send it by Mr J. Stinchfield, who talks of going to Leeds
to morrow morning, My health is very good; I had
my Daguerrotype miniature taken yesterday, which is
the same O. O. to over again, How do you all do at this
now? Give my best respects to all, Perley's health is as
good as usual, I should like to have you send me \$5.00
in your next, I have had more cost this term than I was
inclined to, there would be when I came,

From your affectionate Son
A. O. R.

P.S. Please write so as to send in the next
mail after you receive this if you can.

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South Leeds, N.
April 13

Mr Oliver Howard

Barnsley

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Leeds - April 18. 1847.

My dear boy. It seems so great while since you have written, I have been disappointed a number of mails, A.B.S. sent me his letter, perhaps you have written him again I hope you are in good health, and enjoying your way of life to your satisfaction, how is Mrs. Peasley this spring does his health remain good we have a long winter your father has rode a few miles in a sleigh this morning the country covered with snow last Saturday your father crossed the pond (with safety) to Wayne saw A.B.S. I was in great hopes I should see him before the pond became unsafe but I hope he will not try it now I have visited quite a number of my acquaintance of late found them in good health, a society bearing the name of "the sons of temperance," is already formed in Leeds which is all talk now, they meet almost every day on evening, perhaps making arrangements for their future benefit, Orin Bates is still in the neighbourhood Dooling away his time, waiting for settled roads to learn for the trade I long for the time to come when he will have employment, I saw letters back by the other day the enquired about Mr Peasley but you have not mentioned him in your two last letters, his Mother and sister have had the Measles this spring, I understand, give my love to him he has my good wishes with him, I am much obliged to you for your kind and faithful lines to Rowland I hope you will always be a faithful brother, and a faithful examiner of your own heart, when I rise in my mind

the fleetness of time, and at the longest how soon it will
when we shall be called upon to give up our accounts to the
great supreme judge of all earthly beings. I wonder
I am not more convenient with the will of my
heavenly master, but I think I feel to trust all that
most interests me to my heavenly Father, Chamber is
very happy, he has just come to give an account of his
here your father is drawing order for money, and
Cynthia is getting dinner on the table, Beedolphus
has strolled away with Betsey's children, Roland
has been playing ball with the boys in neighbour hood
and is just now returned, you see by the papers
how our ~~United~~ United States troops are doing their work
in Mexico. Sabbath day, I laid down my pen for a moment
on past day intending to close my letter that afternoon
but as I was writing in the room where we usually stay, and
some persons came in I let the time slip, thinking I could
easily do it before mail day, but you see by this, how
it went, in that respect we had company all the time
and gave it up, for the next mail, I was disappointed but
night again as the mail brought me, letter from you
Allen Clarke the railroad engineer stopt here Friday
and Friday night I found him very fine man his
conversation well paid his way, your father carried
him to Readfield yesterday, on his return he saw R.R.B.
he came on to the pond, had great mind to come over
but his father could not tell him how he would
get back so left him there he said half crying, I am
afraid he is homesick, I want to see him and encourage
him, I wish he had come, I could have managed

to have sent him back, I am almost homesick myself
you at B. and your Brother at W. and I cannot see
you, but for your good no doubt, and I have long
tried to school my mind to meet these separations
I have tried to rise above my own weaknesses, and
hoped thereby to be able to encourage my sons in
sacrificing their weak desires to a life of usefulness,
I see by R.R.'s letter you had joined the Theological soc
you did not give any reason for it, how do you get along
for expence money, this spring, I obtained the first
volume of the life of Frank as I had read the second
it was a gratification to me to read it, I do not hear
from Susan Day this spring she said last fall she
would live with me next summer but I do not
put much dependance on her I would keep Cynthia
if she was not such a careless slutish girl,
I expect your room is kept in first rate order, this
Mr Clarke told me he had a son graduated at Proctoria
College, is now a lawyer at the new city of Lawrence
had five sons all in business for themselves and
himself now a strong well man at the age of
sixty in one of the most arduous undertakings
but he said he had seen so much of the works of men he
write me how you get along in every respect, take
good care of your health you can form no ^{adequate} idea of state
of poor health lingering out one day after another
only by experience, a hard lesson, I always desire your
happiness, life is a toil make that toil pleasant if possible
Be your Mother Elizabeth Gilmore J. O. Howard.
I should not be astonished at anything

W. Howard
Apr 18. 1847

Mr. John Edwards
South Leitch
Main



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Bowdoin College 11th 1847.

Dear mother,

I received your letter yesterday morning and am glad to hear that you are all well, I am saying the same of myself excepting, a rather bad cough. I perceive by your letter that you had not received the letter sent by Mr. John Stinchfield, but suppose you will have received it prior to receiving this. I expected some money would come in the last but was quite disappointed on opening it. How much longer does Mr. Harney's school last? I suppose Rowland is learning very fast. We have very pleasant weather here now, excepting it is rather windy today. The snow has all gone. & on account of its being sandy land, it is settled travelling. Don't speak of the the Theological Soc^y. It is no different from the others, only they have a library composed mostly of Theological Works. I have not heard from William Otis since I have been here, but one of the students who was at Farmington not long since said he saw a very thin tall boy who spoke to me once. I suppose the same is a pupil of his. It is now Saturday of the ninth week

of the term, being four weeks from next Wednesday
to the close, I have not yet determined how I shall
return home, but have thought some of
taking the boat at Bath, Then I do not know
how I can get to Leeds from Hallowell, I
should like to get home as soon as I can after
the end of the Term, for we don't have but a
fortnight's 'vacation'. & in that time I suppose
I shall be obliged to get some clothes, for now I
get my "every day coat" mended once a week,
wearing it all the time in my room so, causes the
sleeves to wear out very fast, Jennings said
that I could get my clothes made here as cheap
& much better than at Wayne, But I was at loss to
decide whether I ought to get a nice coat & wear
my present best every day, or a new one & wear
this till longer for best, although it is getting rather
small. But I think, with care, I can get along until
I return home, or at least I will try, You shoke if
Perley, his health is very good, & he is in quite good
spirits. We don't have quite so lively times here as
last fall, The freshmen are more respected, & more
gentlemanly treated, A great many members of
College especially of the Sophomores are discontented,
& some are leaving, saying that what they are obliged

to study is of no practical benefit, or permanent
advantage, But I think they have reason to be discon-
tented for certainly it is discipline of the mind, fitting
it to adhere to & accomplish whatever may be undertaken,
And if we learned only what was of practical use in
one employment or trade, (we are liable to fail of success)
if we should ^{fail} we should have no other resource to which
we could resort, Whilst an educated man has the
advantage if he fail in one thing, he is fitted &
prepared for another, I hope you are all well,
It will not be long before I shall be again with
you, I should like to have you send me \$5.00, if
father has it by him to spare, in your next letter (as I
said in the letter sent by J. - Finchfield,) I have
not seen Susan Day since the first of the term &
do not know whether she is in Brunswick or not,
If I see her I will ask her if she intends to live
with you next summer, as I suppose you would
like to know, Excuse this uninteresting letter, I
seldom write altogether in detail as now, But I
have a very bad cold & head ache, consequently
am minus Ideas, Give my love to Charly, Rodol-
phus & the rest of the family, my respects to the neighbors
& friends, With my affectionate regard for your
mother,
O. A. Howard

Leeds April 21. 1841.

My dear boy,
 How are you this morn, better I hope than when you wrote, it grieved me, that you should have a cough, and at ^{this} season of the year, you must take care of it immediately, Thoroughwort has always suited your constitution, or at least has removed your bodily sufferings, try that first, you can find it ^{at} the apothecarys buy the herb, and steep it strong, and have a cup of molasses and mix it when you take it, about ~~half~~ ^{equal} quantities, not more than one table spoonful of each, at one time, if you take too much it may vomit you, be sure and do this till your cough is gone I shall be particularly anxious about you, till I know how you are, I did not get the package sent by J. Th... till last sabbath eve at nine o'clock I should ^{have} answered your letter by yesterday mail but Jane Water came in to help me about some work and prevented me from so doing, I dont know as I can get it in to the mail before saturday, About your coming home you had better have one of the boys come directly after you, and fetch you home as it would be about as much of an outfit to meet you at Hallowell as at Brunswick, besides there would be some very little bills to pay in getting there, I want you to bring home all the clothing you have, that is out of repair, if you can get you a coat as cheap and as well made in Brunswick as Wayne I see no reason why you should not have it there if you ^{need} one I want you to take the matter fairly into consideration and judge well of the cloth, if your fine coat cannot go till September you may as well set yourself about

South Leeds N
April 24

Mr Oliver Q Howard
Brunswick Me



getting it now, think well of it for your own sake, I wish
you to appear respectable, you will want something cool to
study in, through summer term I wish you would
conclude what it must be what of your old clothes I turn
to account for the other children you must have the ben-
efit of, I feel more energetic and more like myself
this Spring than when you were at home, my ^{health} is good.
Col. Lothrop's — have had a letter from Warren since
the taking of Koveluce which was very reviving to his
mother, the sixty five who were killed have left many
aching hearts for them no doubt I have no taste for war
nor the honors of war, to day is raining and will
probably change the face of the country, the rivers are frozen
and the snow is laying on the ground, not much prospect
of ~~soon~~ commencing farming at present. R. B. has returned
from school the school finished last Saturday the school
was so small, it was not profitable I did not expect him
to stay only a short time longer, his father would want
him about his farming, I hope I shall see people on the
farms at work before long, I am sorry to hear of the sick-
liness of the students, sometimes I think it is a general
feeling of the day, but we are highly favored as a nation
in comparison with others there is no one of common
industrious habits but can obtain a respectable livelihood
I shall inclose a five dollar bill to you in this, but
if you should conclude to buy your coat at Brunswick
you must pay cash down, you must know how much it
will be and have the money in hand to pay, you have
the same right to take the advantage of your money, as
other people, and I want you should think so.

I have just been looking over your bills for your last year
suit of clothes, and find your whole suit cost, sixteen dollars
and sixteen cents, the coat did not exceed ten dollars I want
you should think well of it before you purchase, and write
me before ^{you} have it, and have the money sent to buy with,
don't buy an every day coat, because you ^{will} be obliged to have
a fine coat before long, and I think your fine coat will
have ^{some} wear in it for every day, the cloth that was left of
your pants, that you had when you had your coat has
been found, while R. B. was with Tessa in the store the
last of the winter, he found it under the counter
Tessa had taken, to send to me, and it got mended
there enough to repair your pants handsomely
be sure and bring them home, don't hire any mending done
just before you come home I can do it for you what
will you want done about shirts and bosoms,
I would not get for your coat very fine cloth this
year, how much finer should you like to have than
your other use your best judgment, my son in
all things, do be careful of your health, and
write to me exactly how you are, and be sure
not neglect your cough, give my love to the Leed's
boys, and Mr. Perley, write soon as you receive
and write your thoughts just as they flow from
the heart, that is the way mother wants to hear
from you, we are all in good health, Your ever
affectionate Mother

Eliza Gilmore,

I think you had better enquire about a coat but
C. E. Howard. not buy till you come home

All Howard
Apr 28. 1847

Mrs John Gilmore
South Leeds
Maine



Boston College, April 28, 1851

Dear mother

I was happy to reply, to your gratefully
received letter of the 24th. being able to say that my
cold is ~~is~~ convalescent, having anticipated your
prescription in procuring medicine, not Flourishwort
however, but some thing full as bitter, & disagreeable,
the herb, headhound which I steep & take before retiring
at night. I am rejoiced to hear that you are all well
and prospering, & shall soon be with you, three weeks from
^{today} (last ~~had~~ ~~next~~ day) ~~but~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~present~~, long, but seem-
ingly short term. I wrote to William Chi that I
would go up to Hallowell in the Boat with him, &
he expects me to wait for him, but I will let him
know that you intend sending ~~for~~ ~~me~~, & be
ready to go with ^{whomever} may come Wednesday after
noon (three weeks from today) As to my clothes I have
resolved not to purchase until I have seen you,
your ^{mother} thinks I can get them made here
much better than a Waggon. But even if I do get
them here I can at the beginning of next term.
I am sorry Rowland's School was so short, yet I suppose

to have him return home. There is quite a
reformation in Brunswick now. Some of the wildest
fellows have been converted. It is now very cold
weather and the wind blows very hard, seeming more
like fall than spring. I should think that farmers
would soon begin to grow discouraged. But I
suppose we shall soon have it plenty - warm, to
make up for this. Percy's health is quite good, except
being a cold, which hardly any one is exempt from
here. Our studies are not now very hard,
yet they require constant application. We have
just so much to do each day, to look a head it is
discouraging, but to view a lesson part, it appears
simple. William when he wrote me appeared
in good spirits and said he liked Hartt Barnworth
very much, going, I went up there the other day
& I sent a letter to him. If you will send a Carpet
Bag, I shall not be obliged to carry a trunk, making
it less cumbersome to ride thru in a wagon.
I have not yet been matriculated (which is to receive
a written ticket of admission), but expect to be to-
day, having handed in my bond to the Treasurer yesterday
& received a certificate for it. I received the money you
sent in full. Every student has a kind of a gown
to study in, made of calico or some light

material. But if the cold holds on like this, I think
we had better be looking for Great coats instead of thin.
We need nearly as much fire as in the winter time
and have burned this term a Cord & a half of wood.
Give my love to my Brothers & the family - I know
of nothing very interesting transacting here now. I
can think of nothing to write except to wish the
boys of time to flap a little faster & speed my return
to my friends, and give me a little pleasant
recreation, & rest from my studies. My respects to
my friends & acquaintances at Leeds.

Your affectionate Son

Howard

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Mrs E. Filmore