

W Howard

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Wm. E. Gilman Esq.
South Leeds
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Bowdoin College Aug 16. 1848

Dear Mother

I heard from Jennings today that there were many sick with the fever at Leeds, and that some had died. I hope that our family are all well. If they had not been I suppose you would have written. I was appointed, some time since, to be a speaker for the prize, and shall declaim a week from Monday next. I have been busily engaged in committing my piece of fate, besides having to write an examination "Thema". Hence, if you have been anxious, because I have not written for so long a time, this has been the cause. Our reviews of the studies of the year also consume much time from their length. I have partly agreed to take a school in Bowdoinham next winter at \$10,00 per month and my board. It is said to be a very pleasant school, of about 50 scholars. It is also situated in a good district. I have changed my boarding place lately, so as to secure a place for next term, as I had tired of boarding at my old club. Nearly all the graduates of Gormouth Academy, went to North Garmouth to the society anniversary today. The people of that town were going to give a large "picnic" accompanied by a band of music. William O.

has gone. They all started in high spirits, expecting a good time, and I am afraid some of them will have too good a time. I thought I would not go, as I was not acquainted with any of the Yarmouth people, had not the money to spare, nor the time to spend, and did not like the company that went very much. I think I will give up going to the "West" with you, if you go, that I may have the money which I should necessarily spend, to pay towards furnishing my room or other expenses. But we will talk that over when we meet.

I think I have accomplished quite a reformation in myself. I have not only left off using tobacco, but overcome the desire for it. I tell you this, that you may not conclude that college is wholly deteriorating in its influences, since when I came here I had a "bad habit," and within three weeks I have left it. Now perhaps you will ask whether the good was accomplished from college influence, or from my own resolution. It was college influence, in some degree, which was the cause of it, for seeing so much smoking and chewing tobacco, and perceiving no good resulting therefrom, but much evil both to the system, and to external neatness, taking example therefrom by contraries, I resolved to abjure the use of the "noxious weed" altogether.

A class from N. Yarmouth entered college to-day or rather were examined. When I saw them going in

the same "old Hall" which received me two years ago - it made me recur to the past and think what were my feelings, when I followed Prof. Upham to the same place. My mind wavering between hope and fear, - above my heart - beating high with expectation as I looked upon the mild features of Professor Upham presaging a good closing, - now losing all my courage in the uncertain look of Prof. Young and the severe stern countenance of Prof. Packard. I scarcely contain myself, or rather restrain myself, till the ticket of admission - relieves my troubled spirit. I have passed through many examinations since then, but none with so much interest and so much solicitude. I believe I should not have been more excited, if my life had been at stake on the issue. Excuse nonsense sometimes. Write me soon. I found, I had not a hair of hands suitable to make my "debut" on the stage, and secure the sympathies of the ladies in behalf of my de la nation. So I purchased 50 pairs, thinking you would concur in my opinion. I have not yet paid for them, and am not obliged to till next term, without you choose that I should. The price is \$4.80. I do not know what the expenses of the exhibition will be, but presume not more than \$2,00 as we have voted not to have music. I suppose I shall have to ask for that this term. Give my love to my brothers and all the family -- from your affectionate son O. Howard

My dear Son,

Leeds Aug 26th 1848

I have been thinking sometime from day to day of writing to you but one circumstance after another ^{has} prevented, I should have been very happy to have had your company in our tour to Massachusetts but I think you are right, ~~As~~ your father has concluded to go next Tuesday or Thursday Tuesday if we can get ready, and I am anxious to go as soon as possible, and then, I shall ~~be~~ ~~have~~ ~~some~~ ~~time~~ ~~with~~ you reach home before you do, your Uncle John has changed his mind about having Vaughan come out to Leeds and R.B.G. will not go to Ballouel. I think he had better go to readjust he ought to go tomorrow as the term commenced two weeks since whether he will get away is uncertain I wish you were here to go with him, I wish he was well settled at school for the fall term, if you can secure a pleasant school at \$18 per month so near Brunswick as Bowdoinham I think you had better do it, we are all well and our Neighbors are all well, there has been a number of children died in the west part of the town, but I ^{think} they are all getting well that have been sick, I wish you would write so that a letter would reach here the second day of Sept, and let us know in what manner you would like to come home, &c. I do not anticipate any pleasure in visiting Massachusetts but I hope I shall be happily disappointed, my housekeeper has come and every thing is going forward to show that we shall soon depart ^{on} our journey, I hope you will get along to your mind on exultation day.

Mr Oliver O Howard

Brunswick

Mr

Oct 31, 48

Monday Evening Your father has concluded to go ~~his~~ ^{to} ~~his~~ ^{to} tomorrow, Rowland & B. did not go ^{we} away to school as ^{we} wished, and when he will go is uncertain, you did not say anything definite about money, except the two dollars, I shall enclose three dollars to you in this letter the pants may as well not be paid for until the time you agreed to pay. If in the course of events I should never meet you more I hope you will ^{remember} your dear Brothers, let your precept be fortified by example, Mrs Frybourn came here from Hollowell last week and will return there tomorrow with us I heard to day that doct. Lovel was sick ~~at~~ and could not attend his calls, he has had quite a large practice this season, and been successful if any thing should happen that I should not reach home before the end of the college term, you had better come to Hollowell and come up with us, but you can do as you see fit give my love to Percy and others if you please, good night. Eliza Gilmore,

O. V. Howland

We expect to come on the Rail Road & in the Hunter, to Hollowell either Thursday or Saturday next week.

W. L. G. 1848
Aug 26. 1848
To Roland & Elmore

(Mr. Postland)

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Mr. Roland & Elmore.

(Please forward)

South Leeds.
Main

Bowdoin College August 26/48

Dear Roland

You may think it odd, my directing a letter to you, but I suppose father and mother are gone, and know not whether Rowland Bailey is at home or not, so that I might be sure ^{that} of some body would take my letter out, read it, and perform my request. I write to the one, whom I am very sure to find at home, I expect to start from this place for Leeds next Thursday morning and shall go by way of Lewiston, where, if it is convenient, I would like to have you meet me. I shall certainly be at Lewiston at noon or a little before. Of late they have begun to run a stage from this place to Lewiston. I might have gone go in the stage as far as South Turner Bridge, but I cannot tell what time I should get there, whether I should be obliged to stay over night or not in Lewiston, or lastly whether I can raise cash enough to carry me "thus far". Again I suppose you will be glad to have a little ride, if you have not had your fill of such pleasure in riding with Miss — "you know who, not I."

I shall be obliged to speak for the prize on Tuesday next, which I dread very much, because I have a

poor piece. If Rowland Bailey is gone I should think
you would be rather lonesome....

I anticipate a good time with you this vacation
"going to meeting" &c., "perhaps to Green".

Wilson is going to teach a high school at North
Leeds this fall I do not know whether he will
go up with me or not. I did think of stopping
till commencement, but I thought it would
shorten my vacation too much, the only one
I shall have for six months, as I shall keep
school all winter and return immediately
to college if I have my health. Give my respects
to all. Harness your horse next Thursday morning
and come to Lewiston, and I will meet you
there and we will have a pleasant ride
and a pleasant talk from that place to Leeds.
A conversation will serve "to kill" time, and
moderate the tedium of a wearisome journey.

May you be happy and remember me as your
— Friend and brother

O. Howard

South Leeds Aug 28th 1848

Dear Brother

We received yours on Saturday last and are glad to hear that you have finished your mathematics no doubt they have cost you much toil and trouble but the knowledge that you have conquered will I suppose afford pleasure enough to compensate for all. My health is not very good today I had a slight touch of the cholera (morbus) yesterday and have not got over it yet but am in hopes that I shall without being very sick. Father was down to the river Friday & Saturday of last week Ezra being doomed to disclose at the Jail door he had to attend to it. I believe they got through it very well the folks at Hallamell were well. Uncle Henry has had the house enlarged and repaired and has returned to it. Fred went home last Friday. Grandmother is here but is going to Hallamell soon. I was over at Wayne last Thursday. heard nothing about your school except that they were trying to get a place for the school cheaper than Mr. Frost offers his hall which is a dollar a week. The

Sons of Temperance had a celebration here last Wednesday consisting of a Procession oration and dinner. There was a large number out and every thing went off well every body appearing to enjoy themselves. You wished us to inform you at what Depot to

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South Leeds
Aug 24

Wayne

Mr Oliver O. Howard

Brundwich

Me

meet you I suppose the Greene depot is the most
convenient I suppose that you will come out in
the train that starts at two o'clock at Portland
as the first one is so early (at seven I believe)
we will meet you then at the Greene depot on
a week from next Thursday. I have a little
errand I should like to have you do if it would
be convenient I should like to have you get me
a Florence Heat made in the form of the palm leaf
ones. I suppose the size will be such as you wear
it will cost about a dollar perhaps more

If you can't find one of that form get one of the
latest fashion As you will be at home so soon
I suppose it will be of no use to write to write
any more news so farewell till I see you

Your Brother
Rowland

Went Hill Oct 8th 1848

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Dear Brother

I received your letter yesterday. It is well that my
Pantaloons waistbands were made strong for if they had not
been the consequences were to be feared. I have been to church
today after service there were two baptised rather a cooler I should
say. I wrote home Friday have not received my answer yet.
I also sent you a catalogue at the same time. You have not been
mistaken in my chin he is a first rate fellow and as you
conjecture some like Charles for he reads poetry and lisp
so I think they must be kindred minds. The catalogue I sent
you was a last years one or rather a last June one they coming
out in June. I like Mr Farzey more every day I see him
is a jolly soul laughing himself fat they say. I should not
have written till I had received a letter from mother but I supposed
you would be impatient knowing as I do your temperament
and letter mania. You are those with whom I am acquainted at
Brunswick who are you going to send up to teach our school by
the way I hope you will send him. I am glad that you have taken
a school so near home and that you will have to visit that
place this winter. Chum is continually writing letters I talk some
of having him to write mine for he will do it for two cents a piece
(because bad spelling) I like Mr Jewet very much but he hints
that at the rate we are going on it will cost him a dollar a
week for our board. Wakefield says that if can not think of
anything else to write I may write that the Devils dead but
I think that is impossible although she was formally reasoned
by two of the human family today. Prof Galt has been here she is

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Chas D Howard

Brunswick

Me

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from Cincinnati he tells me that he can teach us to read ^(Testament) greek in 20
lessons of an hour each Mr Gaze thinks of forming a class - here another
term ~~is~~ I shall join it Mr Gaze was formerly assistant here but has
since been a Professor in Indiana college, he says that his only object
is to confound Romanism by having every one read the greek testament
How is William Otis getting along this term, how many are there
in the present freshman class and how are they used Thomas Turner
sends his best respects to you and says you must write him I
have no jolly adventures to relate like your own for that which
I write in my journal every day express things all that is (intended
recitation as usual) but yesterday being a holiday we had more of
a variety I went down to the corner with Thomas H. Turner
and there saw ~~some~~ ^{a common thing with him} take a glass of liquor as if it had been
They appear to be very bold in selling of it - for there are
taverns and stores at the corner that keep it I know
that in your next letter I shall receive a warning but do not
be afraid your Temperate self is not more temperate
than your Brother, I have just returned from my bible
class there is about a hundred in it all students
The more I attend it the more I think that I shall
become a minister for I begin to like the subject of
"Theology" as well as "Politics" By the way the last is in
very low ebb here we had a caliopean meeting Friday
evening the question was "Will the present free soil
movement prove beneficial?" I could not see how
they could be so dead on a subject which if I had been
a member of the society I could have talked all night
upon I hear nothing of Politics and of course say
nothing but I hear the bell ringing for Prayer meeting and

^{course} of I shall attend, That is a natural consequence, More after
I get back, I have just returned from prayer meeting they
are getting up a terrible excitement here in religion a boy came
forward to be prayed for who was 8 years old the poor fellow
was frightened most to death, Do not write me will you
After reading my letter over I find nothing but a
bunch of nonsense but I suppose it will prove acceptable
coming as it does from

Your affectionate Brother

R B Howard

letters to Rowland - one immediately on my return
and another in answer to one he wrote me.
He is well & appears contented & happy.
Has made great and rapid improvement in
letter-writing, and promises fair to surpass his
older brother as a composer. My studies are
not very hard, Mathematics not very easy, however.
But I think they can be got. Give my love to
my brothers and friends - With soon
ask father when our schools will commence.

Yours affectionately
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Bowd College Oct 13th 1848

Dear Mother -

I have delayed writing, thus
long, from the hope before I wrote of receiving a letter
from Wilson to whom I gave the refusal of the
School - He is teaching a High School at Freeport.
But not having received an answer to my
letter I have engaged another young man
a member of my Class from New Hampshire.
He has just entered the Class. He appears to be a
fine fellow & ^{is a} good scholar. He would like to
have engaged a larger school and received
more wages, but he did not come here early
enough to find one to his choice. Hence he says
he will take up with my offer - at \$18.00 per
month. He is a cheerful - but very steady young
man, and I think will suit father. I have taken
him as a young man well calculated to do
the duty of a school master. I have not engaged
him without any acquaintance for he rooms
near me and I frequently see him & converse
with - He also boards with my Chum. I consider
myself fortunate in making for you so good
a choice. He is more of a man at the bottom
than Wilson and cannot but give satisfaction.
Should you wish to know any thing further concerning him

Make inquiries in your next Letter.

In about ten minutes after I left Charliz I was crowded into a crowded Coach, with three seats for eleven and had quite an uncomfortable ride. In the stage there were two squalling babies & their mothers - one tall man - one little man - one fat man - & a lean man, who bore the mark of a Gilbert; & who afterwards in making himself acquainted with me told that he was Randy's father. There were also a little boy on his father's knee and a little girl, who was stage sick. The above with myself comprised the my travelling companions as far as Lewiston. In our opinion we were wedged as closely as possible, but, on getting about half way to L - the stage driver, unmercifully presented a young lady of immense magnitude & towering height - and demanded if there was yet room. The fat man (by the way a mild, clever, polite ~~man~~ individual) extricated himself from the jostle of bones by which he had been grappled between Mr. Gilbert and the tall man and assisted the lady in. I took his place & found myself for once too large for comfort. The lady took my old seat right in my front. The seats were not more than two feet apart - How we could sit thus in close proximity without adhering is now a mystery to me! I think father's anecdote with regard to the jumbling of legs

so as to confound them would well apply in this case. Conversation varied from cattle & farms, from farms to potatoes - under which head were discussed the various curses and inevitable results of the potatoe rot - from potatoes to College & college life. - Preaching, religion and politics were treated of and school teaching last of all but not least was considered to some extent. We arrived at Lewiston in hopes to find a more convenient and comfortable conveyance for the rest of our journey. - But for my part - I was disappointed. The stage was full & the driver had procured a private carriage for me. So I was compelled to ride in an open wagon in the rain, with two others, and wet we were when we got here. To complete my discomfort my furniture had been removed from my old room, but with renewed courage I went to work with the assistance of a boy and had soon brought my furniture into a safe harbor, into my new room. Every thing was in disorder, but scarcely anything lost. Now I have a very pretty room - neatly but not expensively furnished. I would not have believed that a carpet would have added so much to comfort. My clothes are in better order, having a closet to be kept in, and if any left in the room are not covered with dust and dirt. I have written two

My dear son,

Leeds, Feb. 18th 1848

Really, how is it with ^{you} today and ^{you} in good health and enjoying a pleasant autumnal Sabbath, or on the contrary are you an invalid, I have thought considerably about your lame stomach, and in addition to my fears, I heard you took an open way you in the storm from Lewiston the rest of the way to Brunswick I looked very strong for a letter last evening and was very much disappointed, I felt gloomy and lonesome I was more ~~sure~~ sure than ever that all was not right I expected you would have a great deal to do at the beginning of this term, but thought you would get time ere this to tell us how it is with you, I saw Mrs Jennings at church to day and spoke with her, she said Orville wrote when he first got them but did not mention you, Doct Lord was polite enough to come into the pew, where I was, to day, and said ^{at} he was at Readfield Thursday and saw and convers ^{with} R.B. and found him ⁱⁿ perfectly good health and spirits for which politeness I was greatly obliged to the Doct. Mr. Dane and lady attended church to day, they were united in marriage Thursday eve ^{last} they will Leeds soon I understand I thought her a quite a handsome bridle, Mrs Rozilla Turner has a young daughter a few days old, I have called at your Uncles and John H. Stur's spent perhaps one half hour at both places, I met Ellen on the way to Mr. Whites to

Oct 10th 1848

Miss M. E.
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Mr Oliver O Howard

Brunswick

your father is absent on his tour to ~~the~~ Hampshire, has been
gone four days, I think three or four ^{more} will bring him home, safe
I hope, Roland & he and Charles are husking corn they have
dug all of the potatoes, which was no great after all,
the young people are now returning from Prayn
meeting. I hear them chatting near by. Mary remains
with me, I expect Sarah ^{my} Turner to live with me
this winter. The Sun has hid himself behind the hills,
and left a beautiful twilight, we have ^{half} ten
days nearly all sunshine and not rain enough
to wet the ground, and I still wish for a few
more good days for your father to arrive home
in. Monday P.M. I am once more seated at the table to write to
^{my} Son after the first part of the day spent in my usual cares of
Monday. The question occurred to me in what manner shall I fill
up the remaining part of my letter, he already knows that all
his mother's inmost feelings are for his best good, and he already
knows what her ideas are of in that respect, how full of interest
are the three years of your ^{past} life, it is not in my power to express
the much, but I can fully comprehend all, I do desire very much
you should do your best to take care of your health, you can
not have any idea how heavily time would pass with you
if you were out of health and unable to do any thing, I have
such fears about you and for a moment they were almost
insupportable, but I can commit my all to Infinite wisdom.
She has favored my son with a healthy body and mind and
has kept him from heinous sins, and I hope from ^{many} youthful
follies for which I owe a great debt of gratitude, and I will
still hope on for your best good, there are a great many

comforts in ^{this} world, I have found many, although I have sustained
many a bitter part in life bitter indeed, but in them all I have
seemed to rise higher and higher in view of the rock of ages,
I wonder I don't recommend that great support, which
I feel, so sensibly, to those within my scope, but there seems
to be a complicated nature with us that is always at work; I wish
I knew this evening that you are well and happy and all
the rest of my absent friends, but I am but one out of
thousands who are full of the same desires, and under
far more distressing circumstances and why should I
expect to be so much favored than those perhaps much
more deserving; P.B. said in his letter he had declaimed
again and with better success I think he likes the school
well, and do hope it will be profitable to him, perhaps
he has written to you or you to him ever this Betsey, ^{his}
has come to Capt. Turners and seems more than
usually out of health I have not seen her except
at church, Silas Lee, has been here and made us
a visit had Mr. Elden's horse and waggon and brought
Charles Turner home with him, Silas expressed his views
on some subjects, he says it is so fashionable for young
men to drink ardent spirit that they cannot get
along without it in fashionable society, or among
fashionable young men he talked as though all
the clerks in Boston got drunk when they went out
on a spree as he called it I felt bad to hear such talk
from one that might be so promising and who is
almost the only hope of an almost Broken hearted
Mother, I did not reprove him but my heart ached
for him, from your affectionate Mother Eliza Gilmore.

Staport. Oct. 18. 1848

Friend Howard

As I have been situated somewhat distant from the post office I did not receive your letter until some time after you wrote. I was glad to hear from you, and friend Perry. I am teaching at present down on Cape May about three miles from the village. I have rather a lonesome time, but occasionally we have one of those delightful kissing parties where you may be sure I am very much interested. Sometimes I go, and sometimes not. I suppose you had a pleasant vacation. I had one of the greatest times out at Gay at the Institute, mind could picture. I waited upon the ladies of the Institute, second to no one I assure you, you know when I get a going I don't go slow. I have have become so tired of the sex I can hardly be sociable. All such things end in satiety if not in disgust.

Oct. 18th 1848



Wm C. Howard

Staport

Friend

I suppose you are having a very pleasant term which I am condemned to lose.

I am some like Sisyphus in my college course - you know the rest.

You spoke of a school at your father's nothing would please me better than to go up there and teach, but without he would put off the school until January I could not teach it as I am engaged already until that time. If he would put it off until some time in January I would go up and teach it on the proposed conditions.

Write to me soon and let me know if your father would put off the school, and all the news about college, I may not go down for a number of weeks.

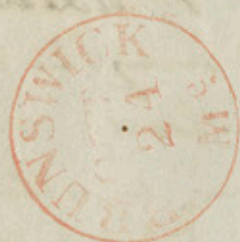
We could have of fine time pedagogues up in Leeds if it would happen so that we could be together occasionally.

Give my best respects to Felix and tell him I am on hand to "pound".

Your friend and classmate,
J. Wilson

O. C. Howard
Oct-25-1848

Mrs. John Filmore
South Leeds
Main



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Bard College Oct 25th / 1848.

Dear Mother

I was surprised to find that you had not received a letter from me, for I wrote one and sent it, as much as a fortnight since. My health is perfectly good & has been ever since I returned. My wrench in the stomach "got well" before I left home. I knew it was but a slight hurt. I am now very rugged and strong. I wrote in my letter that I had hired a young man to teach our school at \$18.00 per month. His name is, Townsend, from New Hampshire. He joined our class ^{at} the beginning of this term. And being a very steady, smart fellow, and having taught three or four schools I thought he was well suited calculated to teach a good school and would suit the District. But perhaps you have got my letter ere this, and there is no need of repetition. I would like to hear when my school commences, so as to make arrangements about even going home. I have written two letters to Roland Bailey and received one from him. I also have written one to Laura Howard. and sent you a book in pamphlet form: I wonder at your not having received any thing. Our junior studies are not so hard

as I anticipated. But - they are sufficient -
to employ all my time or nearly all. Still I
have read considerable this term - some of Shakespear's
Tragedies, two of Irving's sketch books - and his history
of the conquest of Granada - and two large volumes
of Scott's writings on the Crusades. - and Longfellow's
Spanish student - &c; so you see I have been busy
this term. - have done more than a "sick man"
possibly could do. I am glad Rowland Bailey is
doing so well at Readfield. I think he will
make great improvement. - If we could only bend
his passion for reading into the channel of study,
he would certainly make a great student.

I wrote to Francis Turner not long since at his
request, but have not yet received an answer.
Probably it will take him some weeks to read it
my letter for I wrote it hastily and with a quill.
I was not aware before that Lilas would communicate
his views so freely on the subject of drinking. I thought
the last time I saw him, that he could not drink
much, and retain his robust frame and healthy
look. I seldom see William Ohio this term. He rooms
in the south end of South College. Hence we seldom
meet. He does not come to my room, and I have
not had time to go to his. I could not comprehend
who you meant by Mr. Mann (I believe you called him)
and Lady who were lately married. I shall be under
the necessity of asking an explanation of the persons.
I thought it could not be a familiar name,

but it may be, and I have read it wrong. I
compared all the persons I knew at Leeds
with this name but - I could perceive no analogy.
I presume it is some one who is familiar to
you and you forgot that I had not been
informed on the subject.

Write soon when your school will commence
and write also, if you can ascertain. Write
what father did at New Hampshire. - Ask him if
he found any places so high & isolated as Canton
Mountain, where Mr. Mills's pasture lies.

Tell him that I think I have found him a teacher
who will suit him, but I shall not "make
any encomiums" on him, or extoll his merits, for
they will soon be exhibited, "ipso facto!"

Give my love to Charles & Rodolphus - and Roland.

After how long a time is Roland to leave home?
Ask him for me; I would like to have you
or father write me a "request," directed to the President
to attend the Baptist. It may be worded in this
manner. Pres. Woods. Will you please give my love or
ward (as you please) permission to attend the Baptist
Church during the remainder of his college course"
Signed -

I attended there last Sabbath and like the preacher
better than Mr Adams. He had more life & animation. Besides
Jewett goes there all the time and would like to have
me accompany him. Write soon for I wish
to know how well father likes my "Bargain" for a teacher.
Yours affectionate son - Oliver O Howard

Kent's Hill Oct 26th 1848
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Dear Brother

You may think that I have delayed waiting a great while but I have a thousand and one reasons to offer. In the first place I delayed till I had a letter from home but instead of that Charles came after me last Saturday and of course I went home with him I found our folks all well the crops in and also a pump, Went to meeting Sunday but there was no preaching although it was expected that there would be some. After meeting I went ^{to my hole} up found your relation all well not excepting your little I don't know what to call him without his baby (excess) Laura had a letter from you Saturday and mother and I helped her find it out. Father returned from Waterford last Saturday where he had been negotiating for Argos. he home. The secret of which I suppose mother has wrote you, he has also been to ~~the~~ field this fall and was gone five days, J. Y. Garner is not very well and I suppose will not enjoy very good health for some time if he does not leave of studying. He has had to study rather hard and is unwell which he desires me to say all the reasons he has not wrote you before. Our examination was a fortnight ago we had a very good time especially in the evening, I think we have some here that can rival some of those in the great junior class all I wish is that you could hear them speak their original pieces. Mr. Gorsage ^{that the comit} says that our class is the smartest class in the school and that we must not let the comit tell a lie. He told the school that ~~that~~ tomorrow evening they might do anything they chose that ~~that~~ right if they would not tar and feather him the first he would submit to but the last he would have a hand in.

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Oct 24th 1848

Mr Oliver O. Howard
Brunswick
Maine

Mr Gersy leaves here to attend the institute at Augusta, fortnight
from Monday the other teachers will continue their classes as usual
but as I write to him I do not think I shall stay any longer than
that, when does your school commence and how is your health
mother is greatly worried about you she says that you strained your
stomach by lifting, has it got well, I have read the first poetry
I ever read in my life this term and do not like it very much
I have read Moore & Scotts poems of which I like the first best
especially the one denominated Lalla Rookh although I know that
you do not like poetry very well but I think if you never read this
you would like it, You recommended Shakespeare to me but I don't like
it, I myself cannot tell why except I have a dislike to all dialogue let
it be as well written as it may, I know you take no interest in politics
but you cannot help seeing the sneers that awaits the honest man
I should think there was about 20 here who are wasters and they
all are freemasons but they are misled by false prophets and know
not what they do. I hope the student you have engaged to teach
our school understands the new method of teaching that is by
analysis, If he does there will be such a hubbub in our school for a
week that he will not know which end he stands on but after that
calms down the scholars will learn more than all they ever
knew before you ~~had~~ ought to warn him of the place he is going
into if you do not he will leave it disgusted, in a week. I never
knew how much the schools of Leeds were behind hand till
this fall but I find that they have stood stone still while others
have improved and if we believe those who attended 20 years
ago have actually gone back, If our school has improved
I should like to know what it used to be, hard telling I guess.
When I went to Leeds I met Mr Stinchfield on the way

he informed me that there never was a student entered ~~at~~
direct from Hents hill and that if I did not go to North Garmouth
I could not enter Bodoin College I did not like to tell him he lied
but I'll tell you now being that you'll not say anything about it
He, that is, Samuel Stinchfield is a great ^{teacher} ~~man~~ nobody can
prepare for college unless they go to him and then to North Garmouth
provided always that they go most of the time to him and pay tuition
regular, original any it, He went to Mr Russell Gurners
and told him that Hents hill was not a good place to send ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~school~~
the school was far more advanced scholars than he, and that one that
was not more so than Francis could not learn anything there, hardly, I
never knew how to appreciate his friendship until now, Write to me
soon at least before I go away from here I see you that you did not
send my catalogue I suppose that was because I directed it to
H. M. now but I think through mistake I directed it to Chris O. Howard
If your catalogue comes write me soon and direct Hents Hill

Chas O Howard

Your Affectionate Brother

R B Howard

Granada by the Christians (written by Irving), and
there I was frequently struck, with the difference
between Isabella & her husband & associate counsellor
Ferdinand. He was shrewd & politic, but was frequently
troubled with indecision. And in this state of
perplexity he would write to the queen. She
would give an immediate and decided answer.
And upon her opinion Ferdinand immediately
relied. It gives me a low opinion of a man's
intellectual qualities, to see him turning his
side to the other like a cornered bull or rather
not knowing which way to turn. On the other
hand, if a man does not possess a great
intellect, but acts decidedly, I have much
respect for him.

I am in good health and waiting with
some impatience to hear again from home.
Be not anxious about me or my health,
for, if I am sick, you will soon hear of it.
I wish to know soon when my school will
commence. I am intending to study English
my English somewhat before I commence
my school.

From your Affectionate Son

Wm Howard

Wm Howard
Oct. 29, 1848

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Bowdell Oct 29th. 1848.

Dear Mother

I received a letter from
Brother Rowland, who said that he had been
home and found you all in comparatively
good health. He also said, you were somewhat
solicitous concerning me. You must not
let things of so small importance trouble
you. If I am so foolish as to injure my-
self by play, the injury must touch me care.
I know you expect much from me, you
wish me to be a man in action and thought,
and I even think myself often too foolish,
and sometimes act in a manner which
gives me regret and mortification. But
you must pardon my errors, for I
think I shall soon gain more maturity.
I shall soon be less light and trifling, as I
perceive there is considerable responsibility
resting on me. I must get a living for
myself, even if I do not satisfy the craving
of ambition. My brothers, in some degree,
look up to me for an example, upon my
success or failure depends their respect, if not
their love. - I am older than they, and ought
to lead them right. But they have a good
director as long as they are under my mother's

case. There they will learn good principles and good morals - but - this is not all they will need. Though a good firm moral character is the best foundation on which they can rely, the best effectual resistance against temptation and vice, still without a good education, without a thorough knowledge of men, they will have many difficulties to meet, many barriers to surmount. It frequently appears to me more chance that I am what I am, that I am not worse than I am. I see others with as good hearts, with as good mothers and as good incentives, led away from principle and virtue, subservient entirely to passion. I never considered drinking liquor in a worse light than I do now. I see it destroys health & comfort; it ruins the happy effect of mutual intercourse, by destroying ^{the confidence} we place in others. I think, were it customary to drink as in old times, that the injury would not be so great. Now those who drink separate themselves from others, giving no bounds to their expenses, when if it was customary to drink in society, the virtuous would certainly have some influence over those ~~ex~~ prone to yield to appetite & passion. Now those who drink are "as far asunder" from those who do not, as heaven & earth almost. They have nothing in common. Their tastes are different. Their ~~pleasures~~ pleasures are different, and

their whole being, as it were, becomes changed. Rowland writes well, in good spirits and full of politics as usual. I am glad to see himself him enjoy himself, thus and hope to have a brother, one of these days, a smart & intellectual man. Rowland has better abilities than I; and if they are but turned in the right channel, he will not fail to make an enterprising man. You can place more confidence in him than in me as regards pecuniary interests, for he is more frugal & economical; whilst I am governed too much by impulse. Hence he is the most certain of the two, of making a man in good circumstances as the saying is. But I think I shall not ~~stand~~ while I have health & vigor, while I have as much wind as I now have, for even the doughty skilled Irishman gains a living, and often something more. The world is wide, there is enough that can be done. The writer, the speaker, the novelist, the poet, the trader & the manufacturer - all have a wide & fruitful field which may be successfully cultivated. I often look forward to a gloomy & foreboding future, to a time, when oppressed by poverty & care I shall drag along a weary existence. Still I will not be so utterly devoid of common sense as to be brightened at my own thought, and fear a tiger where there is but a timid lamb. Try - shall be my motto and never turn back, till driven. I have courage enough for any thing, but my decision is not sufficient... I am sending the Congress...

Dear Son,

Leeds November, ^{the} 1848.

How are you this afternoon, enjoying your way of life, I hope, a mind free from care, and ready to receive all the benefit of this days labour, in addition to all the past no evil forebodings for the future, or other evidences of dispeptic habit your Mother can see nothing that should call forth such gloomy forebodings you carry the reasons with you why you should not indulge in them, You have always succeeded in ~~them~~ all your undertakings, you have the good will of a great many good people your mother has the satisfaction to think you are hardly eighteen in years, therefore be content to be instructed and receive instruction as that has been your highest desire, perhaps you have set your mark too high and if you do not reach it, do not be disheartened and, dispondingly, murmur against Providence because you are not all an ambitious mind could desire at this time of life I know you failed to take the prize, but I hope that does not discourage you, you was considered equal to the undertaking or you would not have ^{been} selected for one of the number, but no more of this, Do not say that R. B. L. has greater talents than your self it is not so, you and your brother are not alike your views and feelings are not alike but I hope enough alike to be affectionate to each other, your school commences the first Monday in Dec. and does ours so that you and our teacher can come out together, you had better come Thursday if you can, you can find out about the manner of coming, and write as soon as you get this. Your father has

Mr. Rev. Duff

Brunswick.

Bridon College

Maine

Nov 7, 1848.



gone to Shallowell to day to put some butter and cheese on
board the boat to go to Boston, he has been gone from home
the most of the time since you left home. He had a very
good time while in his tour to New Hampshire, as soon
as he returned home he went into Oxford county with
Percy, and went as far as Watterford where the cold water
cure is established there he saw your old friend George
Carr. holding on to the hope that he has found the right
way at last to recover his health, Percy is in high hopes
about his bee hive patent, and has a great deal to encourage
him in his expectation, as he has had handsome offers
for his chance, I hope he will yet retrieve his circumstances
Especially. Martin Addison's sister is here on a visit for a few days
she regrets she could not have seen you, as her stay is
so short, she wishes you would come to Levant and teach so
she can become acquainted with you Levant is her abiding
place with her sister Lydia or Mrs Parker the wife David
Parker he has taken a tavern for three years in that place
Lydia has a young daughter, Emily is more agreeable and intel-
ligent minded than her sister L. but no better hearted, I presume
we expect Addison here for his sister on Saturday, and return
on Monday to Sh..... and soon after she will return
to Levant, Miss Permelia Jennings was the bride of whom
I spoke in my letter, we have received ^{all three of} your letters and the
book you sent, I mailed my letter in the morning, on it
last I gave it to your Father to mail and he carried it
all over Oxford county before he mailed it in Paris, I read
Laura's letter it savoured of the same feelings of mine
do shake them off my son, I no kind of profit in them
the present time is your time I see no kind of benefit in dwelling the

how I do run on, I was about to say, that I received your letter the
evening after I expected mine was mailed, Sarah Turner
is living with me, and I see a vast difference between her
health ^{and} some that I have had in times past. She says my respects
to "H", you have not mentioned Henry this term how is his
health your Mother sends love to him, we shall attend to
your wishes about the meeting, give my love to your friend
Gemet, your Father puts entire confidence in your judgment
in "teacher, we have not ^{had} a school meeting to get a board-
ing house yet your Father asked me if I would like to board
but uncertainty of ^{total} help in the house makes me
fear to undertake how my son write me a good cheerful
letter it is the state of your stomach that makes you have
such gloomy dread in your mind your Mother knows
about it by experience be careful and not read too
when your studies are pressing everything goes on about
as usual in Leeds some births and marriages we have
good health here in Leeds this fall, Charly was disappointed
in not going home with his Father to day, he is driving
team for Rowland A. at the day place Elder Lawton is on
a tour to the West and to go as far as Calais before he returns
give my love to William H. when you see him I hope
he will come and see us in the winter vacation
everything looks bright to me the weather is bright
and we are all in good health, Rodolphus throat is better
he has lived on bread and Malaga nearly all the time
since you left home his voice is not quite right yet
but I think it will be, it is nearly right, and my sheet
nearly full. From Affectionate Mother Eliza Gilmore

letters for the future, do not mention it: and I shall be most likely not to fall into another gloomy train of thought. For if you let me know that my thoughts & feelings give you pain, it will make me still more downcast and cause us both to be unhappy unnecessarily. We have now commenced the most difficult part of our college course in mathematics: It is hard indeed. The classes preceding us have not believed it when they said that "differential calculus" was almost incomprehensible. Infinity is its basis and methinks it requires an infinite mind to thoroughly understand its hypothesis. Yet on the hypothesis which is taken I can thus far understand the reasoning and think I shall find no difficulty in accomplishing all that is necessary. Many of our best mathematicians are dropping off and giving up the abstract reasoning as useless. But I never say I can't and I am slow to be convinced that I can't. Berley did not get a junior post this fall but I hope I believe he will get one in the spring. For he is oftener than I in low spirits, and perhaps imparts some of his gloom to me. He does not believe that he ever shall do any thing, while on the other hand I know I shall & will if I have any health. He has wanted a Post & I think he has studied for one (though I would not like to have him know I said thus): so he will be greatly disappointed if he does not have one. With regard to my return home, I think that you had better send for me. I wish to carry home my old clothes and many other things which cannot conveniently be carried in a stage. But if you think otherwise you must write soon and send me, if you can, money enough to pay my fare. I would like to come go as soon as the Wednesday beforehand, so as to have three days to make necessary preparations before I commence my school. I believe three weeks from today (Wednesday) will be the time. You need not send if it is not convenient. I would like very much to have seen my cousin Emily, and wish her visit had been a little later. I shall probably never teach school at Levent. For I intend to take means which will enable me to get higher wages next winter than this. Politics rage high here in college. The students are divided respectively among the three parties. We had an election yesterday in due form. The Taylor men carried the majority. A great many of the students are of age and think it hard that they cannot vote when it will be of some effect. The students are an excitable set of beings, which I think you would infer if you should hear some of the animated discussions, and see with what eagerness they grasp at every report, reciprocally elated and depressed as the news favors or injures their cause. I am out haranguing the people a few nights since, and it would have amused you to have heard the variety of opinion with regard to him. The "Free Willers" thought themselves injured

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W. Oliver O Howard

Brunswick

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My dear Son,

Leeds Novem, 12th 1848

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I had the pleasure of welcoming another th epistle from you last evening, the mail mark, and date of letter reminded me of the accomplishment of another year of time ^{being} added to your number, I am now at home alone with the exception of Rodolphus ^{whose} hands are as busy as ever, he is back towards me, he is doing some thing with a pin, mischief I suppose, the rest are gone to meeting. Mr Loughton has returned has returned from a second tour and as I understand, is to leave Leeds in a few days for Calais to take the boat ~~at~~ at Portland, he has not been in Leeds but a very little this fall, Your father brought R.B. home from Racadfield last evening, he is in good health and appears perfectly satisfied with himself, I have talked with your father about sending for you, he thinks it impracticable and thinks you had better try the stage again. I do not wonder you are tired of the new stage route, he will send to Lewiston to meet you if necessary, you had better ascertain what days the stage on the North part of the Route meet the Lewiston ^{line} route and write home, Some of our folks will meet you at one of those places, Our Teacher will come with you* of course, as our school commences the same day yours does, I ^{the} yesterday was funeral of Lloyd Gould's wife at the Chapel, the ground is frozen very hard and the traveling bad, but what it will be fifteen or twenty days from this, is uncertain* either at Lewiston or at ~~North~~ ^{the} Turner bridge, It is all nonsense about Laura's not finding out your letter, there were a few words that plagued her, your father and Roland and I were at brother Briggs the next day after your

letter came to hand, Laura not being very much used to
your hand writing had not found out every word,
she would feel hurt if she knew R. — mention
it, to you, don't say anything to her about it, Every
thing goes on here as usual preparing for winter
is the business of the day, I think my nervous system
has not been so good for a great while as at present,
probably my journey to Mass. had a healthy effect
on my ~~nervous~~ nerves, Your father is in high life in
regard to the presidential election, I hope if Taylor
is elected he will answer to their expectations, Laura
said Seth Howard had written home that he
has found a bad place, he had heard of a hell upon
earth and he thought he had found it, he will
get through with it I think as I have heard nothing
of Kate, Sabbath evening since our folks returned from
church a new train of thought has occupied my mind
they brought the probable news of Mary & Hale's death
since Sarah's return this evening she says her ^{dear} father has
gone to Lowell and they thought her in a dying state
when they sent for him, and the stage driver told
Drville on his way from Brunswick, ^{of the post} Rowland B. H. spoke
with Jennings at meeting who told him he saw you yesterday
morning in health, I cannot bear to think we shall never
see Mary again, she wanted to do something for herself and
her first intent was to go to Lowell to earn money to help her
self not long ago some of her cousins had a letter from
her in good spirits and doing well, soon as you read this
you will make all necessary arrangements ~~at~~ that day and when

our folks will meet you, whether at Lewiston or ~~Lewiston~~ ^{South} Lannon
Bridge, write as soon as you can, take care of what you leave try
to leave everything so that any one could get them Warren
Bower goes to Brunswick often, I could get him to take home
some baggage for you, perhaps, at the beginning, next term
dress yourself warm, the weather is cold and piercing give my love to
Benley, he has my best of wishes and I think he will yet do well
I shall probably never see Mr Lawton and wife again as they leave
town tomorrow or next day, the prospect for supporting respectable
preaching in town looks rather dark, I understand your Aunt
Lee and Sarah are resolved to spend the winter in Cambridge
I don't know as I have anything more to say to you to
night, So good night.

from your affectionate
Mother Elizabeth

in His Howard.

I have enclosed two Dollars - Hurrah for Old York

Bowdoin College Nov 20th 1858.

Dear Mother

I received your letter in due season, and felt very sad at the news it contained. It seems that always the best & purest - spirits are cut off first - as the fairest flowers fade soonest. So short is the stay of the good permitted. Nothing in this a wise Providence is exemplified. Although earth holds out to the fascinated gaze of the young many a scene of splendor - and many a glowing anticipation - yet if they will but for a moment - listen to the voice of experience - how different a picture is presented of this lovely life. How quickly will the mind penetrate the fair exterior and read there a destiny not filled with that delight, which the deceptive predictions of the joyous heart - foretells. The young seldom look forward, but with a heart - buoyed up with the strongest expectations. Life to them is a fancy, a vision, a dream of bliss. But how few the instances, which prove the truth of such anticipation! How far short - of the mark to be reached, comes cold reality.

Mary was a good girl, and, if she had lived, would have been a blessing and a comfort to her only parent. Society has lost in her one who would have adorned it by a mind as ^{fresh as} the morning. Unlike ^{many} others, she ever

Rev. John G. Sawyer.
South Leeds.
Maine.

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substituted good sense, for cogency... simplicity & integrity
for dissimulation and flattery. All her friends will
lament the loss of one so much beloved; but how
soon will so good a girl as she be ~~forgotten~~ forgotten.
A few tears will be shed. a few sorrowful words
spoken... and soon the bare existence of the departed
will seem like the dim recollection of some transient
dream. Not so the father: The ties of love are not
so easily broken. Friends may forget - and society
may find other objects of attention - He alone will
feel the loss. A vacancy is left in his bosom, which
no other objects of affection can fill. The poignancy
of grief - the first piercing stroke of sorrow, will leave
its effect, though the wound may be partially healed.

The stage between here and Lewiston
has stopped running; and if the boat also stops
I hardly know how I shall get home. Peleg, unknown
to me, wrote to his father to come and get me all.
I would not go so; it would be imposing too much
of a burden on Mr. Peleg. If you could only get
word to Mr. Peleg - and let him take his horse & one
of father's and the double wagon, we could go up
so very well. But make your own arrangements.
If you do not come for me (that is if some one is not
here) Tuesday night, I shall start for home Wednesday
or Wednesday night some way.

Peleg says he will write to his father, to call
when he starts for Brunswick at your house, so
that you may do what you please. If he comes alone

I shall let Townsend go with Mr. Peleg and go
round by Hallowell or Portland by stage.

John Jewett commences his school tomorrow in
Topsham. The Government have given the students
the remainder of the week from last Thursday to
enjoy thanksgiving. Those who were near enough
and wished it - went home. A great many went
home "for good" - some to teach school and others
from inclination.

My appetite is not very good. It is owing I think to
our having our meals so near together... and my
not having sufficient exercise.

N.B.

Peleg has altered his mind about writing
to his father. So you need not trouble yourself
at all about my coming home. Mr. Peleg
will come & take two of us and the other will
find some way to go.

Give my love to all the family - fare well till
I see you.

Yours affectionate Son

O. C. Howard

Seed (24th of November) [1848]

Dear Brother,

Mother wishes that I should write you tonight although you may not receive my letter before you come home. Your relations and friends are well and I hope you are the same. Charles has gone to Challowell he did not go till last night although he has had the promise of going for a month. We received your last letter on Tuesday. You spoke of Mary Hale her funeral was on Thursday there was a large number present they seemed much affected. I think I shall study Latin this winter and if I do, I should like to have some kind of a reader and if you have any I wish you would bring them home with you. It may be I shall come after you if I do I can tell you about what books I want. Father has concluded to send for you all things considered thinking that it was as easy to go to Brunswick as to Livamore and that perhaps ^{after} ~~perhaps~~ they ^{will} ~~can~~ come and his horse would not work with our ^{own} ~~own~~ Stinchfield has gone or is going ⁱⁿ to my Paine's office to study Law. I do not know as it is of any use to write more as you will soon be here and I can tell you everything I know. I shall probably leave Brunswick on Tuesday night with a bad looking horse and still worse looking waggon. I must stop for I can't write or spell right with a bad pen and a trembling hand.

Your affectionate Brother

R B Howard

Nov 23rd 1848

South Leich. N.S.W.
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Oliver Howard

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My dear boy,

Saturday Morning Nov. 21 1858

Your father has concluded to send the horse and waggon for you Tuesday, if there should be a bad storm he will come the next day or as soon as the weather is suitable, your best way is to be contented at your rooms untill some one arrives for you, he will, of course get there at the same time Peleg's folks do, and you can make your arrangements just as you like,

Yours affectionately Eliza Gilmore,

O O Howard,

P.S.

I have in my School Algebra Philosophy.
Astronomy, Watts on the Mind, Book Keeping
Latin & French likewise common studies
It keeps me busy I assure you

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Dover Coll Dec 13th 1848

Friend Howard

Your favor of the 9th inst
was this morning received. I am assured that
I peruse it with no little pleasure - I am
always gratified with such tokens of remembrance
I regard & often wish, for exceptions of my
own nearest relatives, I am never gratified with
them from no one than from you - But the subject
into which you seem purposely to have led me
arouses a great interest to your letter & to my reply -
It is one on which you seem to feel acutely &
one which no one ought to treat with indifference -
It embraces the happiness & misery of mankind
the honor & consideration of an interesting part
of the human family. It includes the origin, instruction
& character of every individual & extends even to
the remotest influences by which we are actuated
A subject of such vastness of such unlimited
comprehension, so broad in its beginning and
so limitless in its details, course, of course, requires
a proper treatment within the few pages of a letter
It is almost foolhardy to undertake it - knowing
that no post can be more than cursorily glanced at -

But if you wish for my candid opinion in relation to the Ladies I presume that I can give it here, though the reasons for them & the support of my opinions must be left unstated -

And first I would make this general statement that the female sex hold a responsible position & are capable of highly promoting or entirely destroying the happiness of Man. This, it seems to me was the original connection between the two Sexes which has changed in nature or times has ever or can ever break off - Their destinies are linked together by inseparable bonds originating in the very formation of living beings & they cannot be separated without the better extinction of the human race - In my view this a necessary evil, but that does not alter the fact & indeed I should seriously question the proper application of the term "Evil" in such a connection. For if we look to the advantages which result to us from the relations which have been established between the sexes, an immeasurable host of real convictions are suggested at once. I also believe that women exercise a stronger influence for good on society than men. They are the founders of day & the effort can be proved. They are the authors of all those little comforts without which our existence would be a burden. Without them life would be robbed of the jewels which do compose its "Crown of rejoicing". Women do not form a accidental part

of creation which can be omitted without irreparable injury to the edification of human happiness. Individual exceptions how no bright in opposition to this thing however numerous or important they may be in themselves considered - I do not believe in a surmounting of the purely attributes of our nature to the control of woman's will. Men was made to guide & direct to support & preserve in short to take the lead in all the more important affairs of life, but then on just the things that exert the greatest controlling power over the course of human action - It is the soft, still, persuasive influence which flows around childhood's opening prospects & moulds the character of humanity. If you would understand my position, I have done all I expected to do, when I began - I will therefore drop the subject for the present - for my mechanics is waiting to receive a little attention -

I am getting along finely as yet - Perhaps I shall keep another singing school in Ipsham though it is not certain yet - The Ipsham women I know nothing about except my scholars - Miss Wilson though is keeping school in the village I believe - I was glad to hear of your prosperity & hope it will continue - The No of students is almost zero. My number 30 in all - All times I fear - Give my respects to your family & I should be - I would wish you if I had time - Let me hear from you again soon -

Yours truly W. A. Swett

I shall answer this to South Street, for I am uncertain of your printing to a Post Office & you will get it then some time in the same