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My Dear Howard

Mulliken

did not pay me. Please pay  
Wells immediately. I had no  
right to ask him to give me  
the money. as I could just  
as well have written to you  
We have no news here in any  
way. There are to be several  
changes in the spring but -  
I don't know them as yet -  
I shall leave New York on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> of April for Europe  
I may run up to the  
point before leaving  
give my regards to Clapmets  
& friends. I hope yourself  
& wife are having a charming  
time. Your season commences  
now and is in exceptionable until  
fall. Very Truly Yours J.W.Y







I am very glad indeed. The life of a  
Minister's wife is especially one for others  
and I want my Ella to become free  
and acceptable to others that she may be  
more good. & especially do I love to have  
her on terms of intimacy with you & Alice.

Tell Alice I met Rev. Mr. Lighthouse here at a  
meeting the other evening. Our old Leeds Min-  
ister - and I must say, for a Christian -  
never met with a more disagreeable man -  
He has been in to see me & I was quite  
disappointed in <sup>his</sup> grace with I wanted to have -  
He has been quite prosperous in a worldly  
way but he seems, somehow, a little sour &  
selfish - I have already made a pleasant  
round of acquaintances here - among them,  
Brother of Rev. Mr. Fiske of North. Our preaching  
is in the genuine, old Puritanic style. I  
have no more time tonight but I will  
write again before long for I have lots  
to say.

Your affectionate Brother  
Richard

P.S. Love you from Watervliet.

Theo. Sem. Bangor Me.  
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My dear Sister Lizzie

I am Alice a letter but  
sometimes I feel like writing you tonight.  
God is very kind & merciful to me & gives  
me grace every day. O that I might be  
like him or not to have any shadow of him.  
At our Class Prayer meeting, this evening we  
finished telling our "Experiences" the dealing  
of God's Spirit with us. Ten out of twelve  
of us who are trying to prepare ourselves  
to be Ministers of God - our feet to have  
had our first & strongest impressions of  
the reality & power of Religion from the prayers -  
when we were very young - of our Mothers. The  
Majority refer their "Hope" directly to a  
Mother's influence. Since meeting, as I have  
been sitting here, thinking of this fact in  
its various bearings - the lessons which it ought  
to teach me & lead me to teach. My mind  
turned involuntarily to your dear little child.

O I can never bless & thank my heavenly Father  
sufficiently that the dear Mother of Mary & Grace  
has been taught by Him to pray & not to faint.

Our saint tonight that his Mother told him once  
that she dedicated him to God - to the Gospel  
Ministry, before he was born. How blessed the thought!



How much consolation it must afford the Christian  
Mother to think amidst all her early suffering  
& later care. that she is the Mother of a Redeemer  
his heavenly Father will own & bless as his Child  
& who may become an honored instrument  
for the glory & honor of his Maker. So you  
recollect that sweet hymn of Mary's. Luke. 1. 47.  
We have been studying it. Who can wonder that  
she should break forth in such rapture at  
meeting her sister in the Lord, Elizabeth.  
Canst any Mother sympathize with her when  
she thinks of what God may see fit to  
perform through her offspring. A Mother's prayers!  
They are not always upon her knees - nor at stated  
times. They flow out of her heart as she pines  
the little ones to her heart - or she attends their  
wants & stills their cries. They are. "Lord help  
me to bear my care & vexation cheerfully."  
I put myself in thy hands. Take to these little  
ones - "While they are yet young," adopt them into  
thy family & supply the wants of their <sup>endearing</sup> ~~endearing~~  
soul. How many such involuntary prayers must  
must go up from the heart that trusts in  
God. And in answer to such, how many  
servants of God have been raised up. What  
happy Mothers! Yes, my dear sister, I trust  
you give up those "little innocents" daily, <sup>lovingly</sup>  
into the hands of a blessed Father. As you

did, when publicly you dedicated them to God.  
I remember you all constantly in my prayers -  
but my prayers I feel to be poor things -  
Kiss each of the dear little ones for me & the  
Rowland - I continue to feel that as far  
as outward things are concerned that I  
am in the right place. Means of knowledge,  
of grace & of usefulness are abundant  
here. I have a School which I began  
last Sunday a little out of the City. I have  
been calling among the people this week.  
I commenced with 28 & I expect to have  
double that number. They "try" me - & I need  
your prayers. that I may be patient & persever-  
ing. Tell Otis we don't study doctrines  
much this year we study the Bible. This  
last week we have had "Butter" for - & have  
been having Lectures on Mental & Moral  
Philosophy. I suppose you may of become  
of the burning of Leeds Park House & the death  
thereby of Mary Ann Bridgeman & another  
girl. I have not heard it from home.  
Mother's last letter was full of love & cheer -  
I loved it so much that I could not keep  
it - but sent it where I want to - all  
things that I love most - to Ella. So Ella  
& Otis have revived their correspondence.



quite a house full in the school. Miss Blanch Board deserves  
the credit of organizing a class in the first instance I believe.  
She is now one of my best teachers, a really earnest &  
faithful Christian. I used to think she was staid &  
not very agreeable, but she is now far ahead of anybody  
now in this vicinity. a good example of humility & Christian  
constancy. I trust my dear Mother you are living  
up to your Christian-privileges, and enjoy the constant  
presence & blessing of the Saviour. I have much of  
the fruit of the Spirit which is love. I think I shall  
try to break my afternoons into letter writing if I can  
manage to do so, I shall write you more frequently.  
I feel more like going to sleep just after dinner & find that  
splitting wood is a good remedy - by & by I will have  
snow to shovel. We have had one snow storm  
but the rain is carrying all the snow off -  
It is raining hard now. You must try to write  
me if but a few lines. I shall not willingly forego the  
pleasure of hearing from my Mother. How is  
Father. Give him my love & tell him if he is at home  
has Father settled Jiggie's business yet? How have  
the best times spent with him. I should like  
to hear from Aunt Martha, I must write Nell Ensign  
I have written Oliver Woodman. I presume he is divorced  
by this time or will be before long. I noticed he had made  
application for a divorce. I pity him & his poor fellow wife  
about you? Remember me to the neighbors. I read  
the acct. in brief of the fire at the poor house. God bless you  
your affectionate son - This

Jiggie says Give my love to them all. - I sent a letter from Charlie  
a few days ago & have answered his letter & will write Belle as soon as  
possible - Aunt Sarah says the brother from around - she did not  
mention the name -  
Jiggie says she  
wrote like the  
brother to be  
sent if it is not.  
She has promised  
little sister  
the same -  
Dear Mrs  
Mother  
Dear from  
Mother?

West Point N. Y.  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 1857.

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It is some time since I have written  
you and as I happened to be thinking of you partic-  
ularly tonight and as there is no church this evening  
on account of the rain, I will spend an hour or two in  
conversing with you by pen & paper. You seem to have  
"gotten me off your hands" now that I am married &  
boast of a family of my own and do not think it  
necessary to write me letters of counsel & direction  
as of old. I believe I need as much advice & direction  
now as when I was here before. However at this  
time I realize the privilege of having a counselor &  
friend that I did not then in a constant & benificent  
Saviour and have the sympathy, love & constant  
companionship of my darling wife. There is nothing I  
need to complete my external comforts, and my  
spiritual enjoyment has no cloud excepting those  
occasioned by my own shortcomings. I trust you  
are also in good health in body & spirit, at peace  
from without & from within. Have I not cause for  
Gratitude to the Giver of all things - How well I have  
been cared for from my earliest boyhood; what privileges  
for education; what opportunities for moral culture.  
How happy in my marriage, in having a wife  
who understands my circumstances of the past & present



and is able to adapt herself to any contingency in life: who  
loves me & with whom there is a congeniality of temperament that  
makes the common everyday experience pleasant. Again, in  
Guy as he begins to develop I find myself especially blessed.  
He is a hearty, joyous boy, quick to learn & begins to show  
a tenacity of memory that beats me. He does seem to have  
the slightest malice in his disposition, is generally  
affectionate to me, his mother & sister and I think he has  
the elements of a proper boy, which under careful training  
will lay the groundwork of a proper man. Grace is a very  
good baby, beautiful, her "mother's little treasure" & her father's  
pet. She begins to exhibit some of her decided points - she  
laughs, plays, crawls, kicks, wakes by day light, like other  
babies; but these things you know are very delightful to  
her parents. Her health is excellent & she is fat as butter - I am  
sorry to say Lizzie is not so well off. She is losing flesh &  
is by no means strong. But her appetite remains good &  
she has plenty of nourishment for the baby. We now have  
the girl we got at Brooklyn for cook &c. & have a young  
girl to do the chamber work & assist Lizzie in the care  
of the children. We breakfast, read in the Bible & have prayers  
before I start for the recitation room. I have quite a little walk.  
You remember Warren's barracks. If you go straight South from there  
up the hill (if you could do so) till you strike the road that leads to the  
cemetery, you would come to this college. There are quite a number  
of young married officers here now. Two are living at the hotel, Lieut.  
Childs & Melis with wives & a baby apiece. Lt. Plant who occupied  
this house when we were at the hotel married the daughter

of Professor Church, and he & his wife live with the professor.  
My recitations require a constant exertion of mind for the  
three hours; the lessons are generally pretty long & mathematical  
reasoning wants decided attention. It is not proper  
for an instructor to make mistakes. He must be able  
to explain any points that are missed. He must keep  
his temper & strict justice in marking as well as  
in the distribution of Subjects & questions. It is a harder  
place than you might imagine at first thought, but it  
gives me no anxiety, no worrying before or after recitations.  
When Capt. G. get vexed I have been able to keep sharp  
& I think get on admirably. I hear Col. Harlow's daughters  
from 12 to one every day except Saturday. They are two  
sisters one about 13 & the other a year or more older. I  
hear them recite in Arithmetic, <sup>& Grammar</sup> for the present. We will  
add Geography by and by. On Wednesday evening I lecture  
to the soldiers & others who meet at a little church  
not far from Warren's barracks. I am now writing &  
lecturing on Our Lord's Prayer. I write a part of the lecture  
& fill up the rest extemporaneously. This meeting is conducted  
much like the Sunday service at Leeds. We sing a hymn, read  
a chapter, pray & then I deliver my lecture, then I call upon  
one or more for a prayer. This constitutes the generality of  
my weekly labors, added to which are the things the head  
of a family must always do - little chores, errands, &c. &c.  
On this Sunday afternoon I met my Sunday School. Lt. Roberts  
a young Engineer officer, who has lately joined us, has now  
a class of five & I had four in my Bible class. We now have



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Dear Sir,

Yours bearing date of the 12th Oct. was received in due course of Mail and I was much pleased with the religious sentiment that it contained ~~which~~ you are imbued with it was because it emanated from a pure mind filled with piety and Christian love - if I am not deceived which I think I can't be I shall consider you a Christian until you prove to the contrary and it is an appellation that I admire altho I am a stranger. as it were to the fruits of Christian religion or even the name I am so sceptical that I think there is but a small chance for me to embrace religion as you would term it but I admire to see it in others more especially where it is an ally for it makes the possessor contented and happy and virtuous and ~~and~~ when it is fictitious I think it has a tendency to make and keep any one from vice and immoral acts so I go heart and hand for professors whether they are sincere and genuine or otherwise believing that it will do them no harm altho I do not mean to justify hypocrisy by any other sinful act and I believe there are many <sup>who</sup> make a profession of religion who don't possess the least sparks of piety which has a bad effect upon the religious community but in <sup>my</sup> opinion it has a good <sup>effect</sup> on community at large for it has a tendency to keep them from malicious and evil acts therefore it is better for community to have hypocrites <sup>than</sup> to have thieves, robbers, and murderers I am perfectly <sup>in my own mind</sup> that the <sup>more</sup> professors we have that the less crime we shall have and you said

All who are honest in their pretensions do the same but there is so many modes of worship and such vast difference in the forms of many and all of them claim this is the only true and just mode that it confounds many so that they don't know what to believe - several of the people at the Bridge were very zealous in what they call the spiritual manifestations. Almer Perley and his friends are with them have circles as they call them and perform wonders as they tell me (I never saw any thing of the kind myself) they hold public meetings I have held several at our meetinghouse I attended once & heard the speaker through which was about two hours his name is Ripley from Canton he was quite flowery & I thought I spoke well he is not a literary man never speaks in public or but little in private except when he is in a trance as they call it he and some of his spiritual friends spent an evening with us not long since when he spoke on spiritualism - about 45 minutes and I think he spoke very well very fast & very correctly but we are not believers in this ~~exceeds~~ probably never shall be but there is something mysterious in it but what I can't tell - I wish you would -

Dec. 10th we are all in usual health except my wife she has been quite sick with fever 3 or 4 days past took a severe cold & was confined to her bed for a day or two is now up quite bright again her health has improved very much since I wrote you would we think the prospect is good for her to recover her health soon so that she may enjoy life as well as you for I think she is a Christian tho unless if you will take the trouble to write us I will inform what you shall something from her part if she continues to improve in health - so close this servant by wishing yourself & family all the happiness this world affords

I feel as tho I ought to make some apology but I feel very well & happy & I feel as tho I ought to make some apology but I feel very well & happy & I feel as tho I ought to make some apology but I feel very well & happy



I am told by the most of professors who call  
limitarians (and I think all of them) that it admits  
nothing in the celestial world - though he may be  
a perfect upright and moral man and abide  
strictly by the golden rule - unless he meets  
this open profession and is born again of the  
spirit he can in no wise enter the kingdom of  
heaven - such doctrine I cannot believe it looks  
to me <sup>in</sup> injustice - I believe if there is a god he is a  
just one and who does rule the whole universe  
impartially so I understand what I read of the  
character and attributes of deity and that his ten-  
der mercies are over all of his works but I believe  
the most of us read and understand to prove and  
accommodate our own selfish views I have heard minis-  
ters of the gospel (as they called themselves) <sup>say</sup> that there was  
a local place denominated hell that was ever burning with  
fire and brimstone where all the people that are on earth  
or that ever were or ever will <sup>be</sup> must go and be tormented  
forever and ever except the few who have met with this  
miraculous change or been born again as they call it which  
cannot comprise one fourth part of the creation the other  
three fourth or are more must be eternally miserable  
because they have not done that which in conscience  
they could not do because they could not believe any  
doctrine that appeared so odious and they do not wish to  
be hypocrites therefore do not embrace any such religious  
notions - because they don't think there is any reality in it

Now because a portion of the human race and a very large  
portion to cannot understand and believe the limitarian  
doctrine according to their views they must be eternally  
miserable and wretched - and I have heard ministers assert  
that hell is lined with infants not a span long but  
at the present time this point is given up by most  
all denominations or at least I have not heard such  
opinions advanced from the pulpit for many years and  
hope I never shall again - for I cannot feel reconciled to  
any such inconsistent views but those professed christians  
say they are perfectly happy and enjoy themselves in this  
troublesome world altho they are conscious that many  
of their near relatives and dear friends have gone  
the downward road to destruction ever to be tormented  
Now any person possessing any philanthropy can be recon-  
ciled knowing that their dear ones are in the present  
agonizing and to remain so for ever and be happy is  
more than I can comprehend it makes me feel quite  
nervous to think that any one class possess such  
notions for christianity perhaps you will say I am  
a natural man therefore cannot discern things as  
I should but the spiritual man can see them all  
in perfect harmony and be reconciled and happy  
in all things I think one must have an ada-  
mant heart and be an admirer of misanthropy  
to feel reconciled and enjoy such a belief you may think  
I lack for charity and judge hastily without any investi-  
gation on the subject I seek for truth and I think



W. WOODMAN  
DRUGGIST  
NEW ORLEANS

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New Orleans  
(Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1837)

My Dear Cousin

I received your letter  
a few days since. It is extremely  
gratifying to know that I am thought of & sympathized  
with by my friends and relations during my  
great affliction. It is difficult to circum-  
vent the pain and anguish I have suffered, my  
only consolation is that I am at least  
convinced of having endeavored  
to perform my duty to my unfor-  
tunate wife who has shared my sufferings  
so greatly. I must acknowledge that  
I have not looked as I ought to the  
great & only real source of true happiness.

Having been early thrown in the world  
to battle with its cares and troubles I  
have not stopped to look to what my  
Judgment and heart prompt me to know  
is the only true aim of life.

I have only striven to act justly  
by all men and to fulfill my  
duty to my self & man without thinking  
of I shudder of my God.

I have to a certain extent prospered  
in this world of affairs but have not known  
what real happiness was. My married  
relations have never been very happy.



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I do not believe my wife was  
ever false to me from any  
deliberate design. But  
she was always very fond of show  
and an momentary excitement and  
lived alone for immediate pleasure  
without having the moral courage to  
resist temptation or any fixed purpose  
of moral integrity. She felt and she  
suffered for her sin as few have done.

There is no doubt but her baseness  
obtained the money from her as she stated  
though much of it was given willingly  
but much was forced from her as  
stated. The time and day compare with  
ours and look with the circumstances  
under the fact. Murdock certain.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing  
from you often. I am so little in  
the habit of writing letters from home  
that I trust you will excuse me  
of this. For your kind sympathy please  
receive my heartfelt thanks.

Very  
Sincerely

O. Woodman



Orville J. Farnsworth

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West Point N.Y. Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1867.

Sir.

You must pardon me for making bold to write & trouble you with a few questions but a small number of officers can answer.

Has your experience as an army officer shown you any peculiar and unavoidable temptations not met with in all vocations in life?

Will it ever become my duty to resign my appointment in order to live as a professed Christian should, at all times?

I consider the duties of an officer & Christian compatible; and do not wish to change my calling unless it is plainly my duty so to do.

Some of my friends urge me not to shut-



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myself up in a profession depriving me of all  
religious privileges. I reply that God is as  
able and willing to hear and assist me when  
alone, with no pious friend near me, as when  
knelling in home circles.

I am wholly ignorant of the temptations  
of army life and you must excuse me  
for seeking the advice of an entire stranger.

You well know how I am situated as  
a cadet; and can readily see why I come  
to you. I want to remain in the army &  
above all I wish to save my own soul and  
do my duty to God & my fellow-men.

Any assistance you may render me  
will be received with many prayers for  
you and yours.

Thos. B. Samatt.

To

Lieut. Howard.

U. S. Army.



his strength & life & may spend the few remaining days before  
to stay here in his service. Oh I am so glad you are engaged in  
the noblest work, and my prayer is that you may win many  
souls to Christ: what is this world it is all vanity, vexations of spirit  
things look different to me now, now that they ~~were~~ to. now  
we have got to give an account for the deeds done here in this  
what is this life compared with a never ending eternity. Oh  
we are only passing the prospect is glorious to be forever with  
the Lord free from all care and sorrow, I should like to  
letter from Ella, I like her, and wish I could have got a  
rejoiced & feel very grateful for your kind sympathy &  
feel now as though I could commit all my sorrows to  
Saviour and say his will be done and not mine, Mary  
is quite sick with lung fever John & sister Willie family are  
not all sick we had quite an earthquake to day shook  
the house I never heard one before. John has been up and  
altered his house they will move back this winter, I recd  
your letter to Aunt Martha asked her if it was not a good  
letter she supposed it was, all things are alike to her and she  
are miserable, she don't want to hear the bible read or  
prayer or go to meeting every thing she once loved she  
sister, we cant get her to go out and she has rather not  
any one says I dont cook any thing fit to eat she knows  
nobody else has to eat such victuals runs of a notion that  
we have not got any thing it has just struck her that is late  
hear for me to be up you know I hope you will write often

I remain your true friend Laura

Leeds Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1857

Dear Cousin

I have just received your kind letter it is just  
what I want at this time, for of late I have felt to murmur  
at my lot, that I could not bear them much longer, that  
I seemed to be forsaken by all friends, could neither see any one  
nor hear from those that were away, Oh I shall prize your  
letter, for I feel that it is sent by my heavenly Father to comfort  
me at this time, and if my Saviour will give me his spirit to  
guide and keep me what do I want more it is all in all to me  
and without him I can do nothing Oh how it rejoices my  
heart to hear you speak so much of him I think I can say  
I love to steal up to my little chamber to read his holy  
word and ask his holy spirit to dwell in me and keep me  
from sinning but Oh I am so prone to wander from my blessed  
Saviour that evil seems to be present with me and before

I am aware murmuring thoughts will arise in my mind  
Oh if there one thing I desire above every thing else it is  
to feel reconciled to the will of God whether it be joyous  
or afflictive to say his will be done, reconciled to my  
lot in life, I know his hand is in it and that he doeth all  
things well but at times this wicked heart of mine feels to  
murmur and say how I got always to live so still as you say  
if I have the Saviour for my friend what want I more it is  
enough if I could at all times feel his holy presence but  
sins separate me from my God I have not faith enough



to trust all to my Saviour, Oh pray for me that I may begin once  
to serve the Lord, from this hour ~~may~~ I begin ~~now~~ to serve the  
Lord, your letter has given new courage Oh may I receive many  
more I now feel as though I had one friend to sympathize with  
me one that feels for me, one that has pointed me to that true  
friend from whence all our comforts flow when I received  
your letter to night I was all alone with Aunt Martha and feeling  
very lonely Uncle Emory has been gone since Monday I don't expect  
him before Saturday last week he was gone all the week I was  
alone night and day but I told him I could not get along so  
that I did not know but I should be crazy if I was confined  
so and had so much care so he got John Howard to stay nights  
this week, he has been gone most of the time since Aunt Martha  
got home, I think I could bear my troubles better if he could  
be at home to take the care of things, he has just been chosen  
director and says that he will have to be away most of the time  
poor man his home has lost its charm, Aunt Martha is not herself  
I fear never will be she seems to be entirely indifferent to  
him, I thought when she regained her health her mind would  
come back but alas it does not she was quite feeble when she  
first came home but has been gaining strength and flesh  
so that now she looks as well as she did before she was taken  
sick sleeps well has a good appetite and does some work  
Oh it would make your heart ache to hear her call upon God  
and Jesus to have mercy on her soul that she can live any  
longer and keeps taking an opium evening till night at first  
I thought I could not bear to hear her such perfect distress  
mind, I never saw any one like her if you can get her attention  
she seems like herself but she is not inclined to talk any

except when you ask her a question, then she answers as regular  
as ever she did and knows every thing as well as ever she did  
it is a great mystery to me what it is with Aunt Martha when  
any are called in she will be quite still while they remain  
and as soon as they are gone she begins to take on, she does not  
need but little care now, we wrote to her Sister to come  
and stay this winter but her health was so poor she could  
not come I then went to see Aunt Bridgeton she had gone  
to Turner and from there to China I did not like to have  
a stranger so I have got along alone at first I found it  
hard, but I get along now well except being so lonesome with  
no one to speak to from week to week, Aunt Martha retires at  
these long evenings are very lonely, to night is Lyceum evening it  
is good sleighing there is quite a number out so the girls tell  
me who have called in Abby Thaxter Luce and Victoria Turner I told  
them I had just got a letter from you, I read it to them I  
have not been able to attend any of them, I feel to regret very  
much that Mr. Emory could not stop with us for he is just such  
a man as we need here I pray the Lord will send me after his  
own heart one that will go from house to house Oh I feel  
that we who are Christians here should be up and doing  
something for Christ cause in this place, Oh the precious souls  
that need to be brought to a Saviour, here we all asleep as it  
were Oh may not God visit us according to our deserts but ac-  
cording to his loving kindness, I feel to say it is good for me to  
be afflicted I think I have enjoyed more of the presence of my Saviour this  
past summer and fall than for many years before I had wondered  
so far from him it would have been just had God cut me down  
as a candle of the ground but in mercy he spared me and in



Dear Mother, I have been thinking of you  
very much lately. I hope you are well.  
I have been thinking of you very much lately.

You will be glad to hear from me. I am  
in the way of half blood as my paper is getting  
short. I was very glad to get your letter last  
evening. The paper of our little correspondence  
is not commiserably with me. I believe I have  
answered your last letter before this. I  
did write a little one day to Aggie. I feel  
left right. I received quite a long letter  
from Sam. right before last. I must have  
been from Mother some of her trials and  
travels. I will explain it all as I can. I  
must be just a week ago. Your request  
to be heard occasionally from here. The spirit of  
the death of an old neighbor James King  
James Bailey. Most Grace. Their widows Mother  
felt to enjoy religion more than ever. They  
are no longer content with their close  
to many interests for work. Will you write with  
me at home. I am very kind. Let me know if  
you wish it. On Oct. 1st. I went to the  
to be in company for prayer for the  
of God's spirit in hearts. I will write to  
for the same for the week. Their  
in great they feel discouraged but still  
to God. I am sure they are. I think  
not. I am sure they are. I think  
in their hearts. I am sure they are. I think  
Mother says everybody seems to be seeking religion.

Love among men.



[illegible]



Jan 28

Yesterday being Christmas we had no service  
and went to the Goodwill Service at our  
place about 10 o'clock. A brother of the Rev. Mr. Fitch  
of Bath, who is a well known Unitarian Minister  
brother sent a letter of introduction when he  
came, is not a Christian his wife is. He has attended  
at the Congregationalist Church from Christ Church  
Lately, he has changed with his wife to the  
Episcopal. He was interested in Religion but  
last Spring I have had some of conversations  
with him which was indeed the reason that the  
brother wished for the conversion of his  
wife - I have opposed his going to the Church  
because I feared he would feel better satisfied  
there with his state as a Unitarian than under  
the influence of a more positive & experimental  
Christianity. But if their Minister is a Unitarian  
preacher as he did yesterday, it is not possible  
or any other friend of mine for this reason  
The leading idea of his sermon was Religion  
consists in no kind of external display but  
the spiritual power of God in the heart  
brought to bear through the Gospel of Jesus  
the Father's mercy by a large number of people  
himself into Christianity & it was about the substance  
that there will receive no encouragement from  
the Father to do so. I want his words to be  
from that is the true and substance  
of his address - my prayer is that  
that if the Episcopal Church is to  
do it - May God increase its numbers  
power among men.



He has in my hand - but not before me  
 long as I remain in this world and hope to be  
 together in heaven etc. I would be glad  
 to give you a copy of my new book on the  
 subject of the Holy Spirit. I suppose the library will furnish you  
 with some commentaries on the subject of the Holy Spirit.  
 I am sure that you will find it very useful.  
 The Holy Spirit is the source of all grace and  
 the source of all power. He is the one who  
 gives us the power to overcome the world, the  
 flesh, and the devil. He is the one who  
 gives us the power to live in the love of God  
 and to love our neighbors as ourselves. He is  
 the one who gives us the power to be holy and  
 to be like God. He is the one who gives us  
 the power to be happy and to be content.  
 He is the one who gives us the power to be  
 faithful and to be true. He is the one who  
 gives us the power to be brave and to be  
 strong. He is the one who gives us the power  
 to be wise and to be understanding. He is the  
 one who gives us the power to be kind and to  
 be merciful. He is the one who gives us the  
 power to be patient and to be gentle. He is the  
 one who gives us the power to be self-controlled  
 and to be disciplined. He is the one who gives  
 us the power to be pure and to be clean. He is  
 the one who gives us the power to be honest  
 and to be truthful. He is the one who gives us  
 the power to be just and to be fair. He is the  
 one who gives us the power to be loving and to  
 be compassionate. He is the one who gives us  
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 power to be forgiving and to be merciful.



P.S. - Mrs. Ellen writes me - that she is  
at Heath on the 1st and all well - she has  
a conflict in her own mind about  
going to the aid of her Uncle William in  
his guarded thoughts - she is kept in  
good and the children's prayers out for her to  
her mother - The mother is this sister  
on the reason why she has not  
before and now she is not with  
and I am now from Miss Laura  
Rev. H. La. Butterfield of the Stephens M.B. was  
"installed" at Heath on the 1st of June  
last. & they have a settled pastor & are  
now looking for a graduate - though  
Henry Burman has a special license  
of local pieces - weekly for my church - and  
I hope to visit you soon.

We are leaving of the 1st of June - all  
is a little town below the river so we  
thought to be converted - the same before  
thing is - the churches are preparing -  
I wish I was on the coast of it -  
I wish for me a very good help for a  
little family - I have been two times  
I have been to the house for some time -  
like to hear from you - I have been  
do you hear from your mother's house?  
Yours truly  
J. H. P.



We are coming to very much winter  
is far from warm enough here for anything  
the thermometer was just down to zero.  
This is grand for the poor who have been  
long in want of employment by the hard times.  
I mean to call on Betty Lechner Christmas  
Eve but she was away at Mr. Stott's the  
Universalist Congregation she lives with her  
sister Mrs. Grace or also does her sister  
Susan. Betty is the same thing. I have to see  
I wish I could meet her with religious  
influence. I shall make the attempt  
even so I can see her alone & get to know

My vacation occurs four weeks from today.  
I will go over to North Andover & see the  
there is only a week to do it in. I shall be  
very much pleased with your letters & hope  
you will write.

We are hearing of Revivals all around. There  
is a little town below here where 60 are  
thought to be converted. The most hopeful  
thing is - the churches are praying -

O I wish I was in the midst of it.

Pray for me & May God bless you & Figgie  
& your little family. If Aunt Ann has time  
I would like to have her write me. I would  
like to hear from Sarah & Frank Silas & Terry.  
Do you hear from Aunt Martha Jane?

Yr. aff. Bro,

Rowland



To Aunt Ann

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East Cambridge Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 55

Dear Aunt

I received your letter today  
dated Dec 28<sup>th</sup> which relieved me  
of some little anxiety as I began to  
feel <sup>we</sup> might have been remiss in duty  
in not answering the letter we received  
from you a few weeks since, saying  
your intention of being here by the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of Dec. to spend the remainder of the  
winter as you spoke of doing when  
<sup>last</sup> in the fall - we have looked for  
you daily for two weeks, and <sup>we are</sup> happy to  
know it was no fault of ours that  
prevented your ~~from~~ coming, but because  
you are passing your time so pleasantly  
with cousin Otis Howard and wife, to  
whom please give my best regards,  
saying them I should be very happy



which is better for them both -

Now Sarah, she must have had a sad  
voyage, but if it results in the improve-  
ment of Mr Sargeant's health all the past  
will soon be forgotten in the bright hope  
of Mr Sargeant's health being improved and  
perhaps restored - I am glad to hear she  
wrote you in good spirits as it will add  
so much to your happiness - I hope we shall  
have the pleasure of forwarding some good  
news to your friend Perry and Lila - I will  
write to Dor Cambridge & C. tomorrow morning before  
closing this - Thursday eve - Really did not  
find any letters from you - We are happy  
to say we are all well and living  
very quietly - we shall all be happy  
to see you - I saw Mrs Wymen today  
she enquired for you - seemed pleased  
that you were coming here - Her son  
(Henry Wymen) has just gone to New  
Orleans - she feels quite unreconciled  
to it - Please give my regards to Mr Waps  
and Margaret Waps - I should be hap-  
py to see them - Mrs Wymen does not  
yet act much this winter - Mr Hazen  
and Keeler wish to be affectionate  
by remembering to you - I have just receiv-  
ed a letter from Ollie - he sent his love  
to you (thinking you might be here) there  
except my kindest wishes  
Yours affectionately, David B. B.



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Wednesday Morning

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1897

My Dearest Ohio

I asked Brother R. if he wished to write in my letter this time, and he concluded he would not, but would write a letter by himself very soon. We go to Albany every morning by the cars from Troy - at 8 o'clock. We breakfast at 15 minutes past seven regularly.

I find that I can do nothing with this check, therefore will let her close it to you to be endorsed.

She sent love to you, and please accept our love from Lizzie



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Mr Wyman

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