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Hearwell Sep 4
1858

Dear Otis

I don't want to take
you away from your wife &
children but if you don't
get your "Orders" I shall expect
to see you by Monday -
Come down Sat. & I will send
for Charles to spend Sunday
with us. I wish you had a
good large carriage - to that
you could bring your "family"
& see your friends here and
at Augusta. If you feel
rich enough you'd better live
one at Lewiston while you
stay. I feel dreadfully about
Dellie. Send me "Uncle
Laws" letter by tomorrow
mail - Do.

I want my L'Académie - if
there is any chance to rescue
it - If it is not on the "what-
not" it is in my trunk - I
won't hurt it much to
break the lock -

O I wish I could get
away - but I ought to
now.

Father is in a great hurry -
Love to Mother Lizzie Eug &
Grace - O I do hope Gus
will get well soon

Your Brother

R.S. Roland

Let your orders keep you
up - Don't worry a bit -

Enjoy this little time & do
all the good you can - I hear
that you are to assist Mr. French

the West Point Chaplain -
Love to Della - I want to
see him -

Rev Altkin

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Parsonage Etch
German town Phil Sept 8. 1838

St Howard

Dear Sir

Your kind
note is just received
& it gives me pleasure
to answer your inquiries
concerning my bro. in law
Mr Mack.

Three or four weeks ago
I was in Onego. N. Y.
Spending a short time
with my sister Mrs
Mack. The sister had
left for Keene N. H. in
hopes that a little farm
exercise w. benefit
him. He was then about

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the same. without
any material im-
provement.

It was his hope. as
well as ~~the~~ his wife &
mine. that he sh^d. be
invited to West Point
and I feel thankful
to hear from you. that
such an opening
has been made.

I will enclose your
letter to my sister
immediately. You
will doubtless hear
in a few days.

I feel very anxious
about his health. & it
is my fervent prayer
that he may be ordered
where ^{his} duties, will favor

rather than danger
to his health. May he
find that place.

Thanking you for
your attention & kind
letter

Yours very truly

A. B. Atkins

If you should wish more copies of the tract you can probably obtain them by mailing \$1.00 for postage on the bundle.

R. H. C. Fisher.

Charles
Nettie
& Ellen are
well -
"Ellen says so
giving love
to all, the
dearest mother
in the world!"

Keosauqua Sept. 9th 1858

Dear Mother

It is late and I have but little time to write but I feel that the best requital I can make for your kindness is to tell you "good news" I received your kind letter & feel under deep obligation for the favor enclosed - I may in future be enabled to use the means that God gives me more for his glory than in the past.

Our meetings Sabbath day were very full & solemn - there being over 120 at the third (prayer) meeting - & you know how scattered the people are here -

Tuesday Evening (we have our meetings all in the Church now) There were 125 - & over 20 came forward for prayers - But hitherto few have taken part & the burden of the meetings has come heavily upon me - To night - thank the Lord - we opened their mouths & nearly 30 took part in the meeting - many of them new converts & seekers - We gave no invitation to come forward for prayers tonight but spent a few solemn minutes in silent

Prayer & closed with the Benediction - It
was a blessed meeting - The house was nearly
full & I would be a low estimate of
those present - I lectured to a good audience
in Oss Island last evening & I am expecting
to see the mark extending from the "Neck" to
all the neighboring islands - There were 26 off
in boats tonight - I think that a good
indication - It is so hard rowing here
& so late when the meetings are through -

I have felt sort of timid about writing
this week & am yet unprepared for Sunday,
but with the blessing of God I hope to
feel more like writing tomorrow -

My health is pretty good & God is blessing
me every way - Pray that I may have humility
& heavenly wisdom to guide me in this trying
time - Sunday is a pretty hard day for
me as I have now a Chapin School - besides
my three meetings - but I need most
that strength that cometh from on high -

Our little Gus - tell him much love and
like to kiss the poor lame foot & cure it - My
best love to Figgie & Grace - & May God
bless all your efforts to do good - I send
you a tract which has been greatly blessed here -
It leads people to do something - One young man
read it through three times & all the way to meeting

These notes for prayers - I mention it to you all, but that is all

Jan 1852

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your letter day before yesterday and as I have
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Nellie seems equally pleased with myself to
hear from you. She will write probably so as
to mail it with this. Rowland got your
letter before I was down there to the picnic
which was Wednesday which I think I
wrote Nellie about & probably Rowland
has mentioned to you. He is laboring
hard as every faithful minister must.
He however sees fruits of his labor
as he hopes. Five offered themselves
to the church last week. Thos. Mc
Corm was down to a meeting held
there last night and told Prof. Smyth

Good-bye
I will write again soon
Yours affectionately
J. W. Mc Cormick

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(P.S. "Thos. W. Eaton" is the name - now
he told me, that it was an exceed-
ingly interesting one. A young man
son of Dr Lawton who rooms in
the same house with Rowland has
been and is at work on a house
here in the village. He has been
very profane & wicked but was
absent last Sunday & came up to
his work Mond. under deep conviction.
I hope to hear today that he has found
hope in Christ. —

I was very glad you mentioned this
as I had not heard from him since
he left Leeds. — You mention Elder
Nutter's sermons and it brings to
mind with what peculiar interest
I listened to every one while I
was at home. The people of Leeds
without doubt have a jewel
in him which they will not

remember our venerable Professor (Upham.)
- get in any one else. His sermon
I think also one as likely to awa-
ken sinners as to gratify. I ed-
ify Disputants & others. —

Nettie has begun to go to school
again & Durleigh is her instructor
who graduated in the last Class.

He is rooming with me at present.
I have taken a scholar again
another. I thought it would brighten
up my Latin & Greek which I do
not study, now & fit me better to
be a teacher. ^{if} I should desire it
after I leave College - He pays me
50 cts per week & I devote one
hour a day to him. Perhaps he
will not continue all the term if
I get tired of it I agree that

we should dissolve at pleasure.
He recites at present at 9 o'clock AM
I have Upham's Mental Philosophy at 11
Paley's Evidences of Christianity at 8
and in the morning after Prayer
at 6 recite to Prof. Cleveland in
Astronomy. He is the best teacher
I ever recited to without ex-
ception. We cannot miss a
relation without losing something
which we cannot make up. He
conveys much instruction not
found in the books I like.
The Senior Studies as I know
it should. The daily prayer
meetings continue but as Mr
(or C of us) had a lesson in
Glosses today at 2 o'clock
was not down.

I have had a little with a good account from Anna

P.S. I was very much pleased to have
you express the wish you did as
to seeing Nettie this Bond. Coll.
vacation but I
presume it will July 29, 1858 —
be impracticable this summer.

My dear mother I was glad to get
your letter & the money in due season. I
meant to have written before but have
been quite busy. Otis' letter informed
me of Gay's sickness - Ellen has been
writing me about her visit to Au-
gusta. I have no time to write more
now mother. I should have been glad
to see you & Lezzie here & all
my friends at Commencement but
am happy to know Rosland &
Olio will come if no more. I
should be gratified to have them
come Monday. But they must suit
their own convenience. ~~They~~ I
want Father to send \$10.00 by

them to me. I expected to be
obliged to send for this in ad
in order to pay the terms of
I owe them at commencement.

It is time to mail this & I
will close.

Your Affectionate Son
Chas. W. Howard

P.S.

Willie Abbott's mother who
has been dangerously ill for some
time is dead. Abbott you will
recollect roomed with me last
year. I think Mrs. Abbott died
yesterday afternoon.

Please give my kind regards
to Mrs. H. - My wife would
join me in my good wishes
for you & yours were she
knowing of this letter - but
I am "down town" & shall mail
this before going home -

I remain, very truly,

Your friend

To O. T. Mack

Lieut. O. T. Howard Lieut. U.S.A.

Ord. Dpt. U.S. Army

West Point N.Y.

O. T. Mack

Oswego N.Y.

Sept. 11th 1858.

Dear Howard:

I have this
day rec'd the note you so
kindly sent to my brother-
in-law on the 6th inst. rela-
tive to the vacancy likely
to occur in Pro. Church's
Dpt. at the Mil. Academy.
In reply I have to say that
although my health is still
far from good, yet I think
I could discharge the duties
that would be required of me
by Pro. C. and that I should
be pleased to enter upon
duty at the Mil. Academy if
the proper authorities see fit
to detail me.

I have been spending a

portion of the summer
among the hills of my na-
tive State - New Hampshire.
I cannot boast of any very
great improvement in my
health. yet I think I am gain-
ing slowly. & if I can be free
from exposure & fatigues for a
few months I think I shall be
well again. I am very tired
of doing nothing and should be
glad to be employed on some
duty compatible with the state
of my health.

I am under obligations to you
already for your interest in my
behalf - I shall not hesitate
however on that account to
ask you to write me again in
relation to this matter - and to let
me know what kind of quarters I
would probably be able to secure
should I be ordered to your post.

Wm. W. W.

Augusta Sept 14th 1858
Tuesday A.M.

Dear Friend Oliver

Your letter of the 4th inst written about a week after your arrival at home or rather I should say West Point came duly to hand and we were very glad to learn you got back with all your family safely. I sometimes feared that Guy would not be able to stand the trip to New York and many times it occurred to me if the anxiety and care you must have for your dear little Boy while on the way and that he is spared for some purpose by a kind Heavenly Father "who doeth all things well" for greater trials here on earth or the accomplishment of some design of his own we can but think and feel. God's goodness and power seems greater to me than ever before. The loss of our Darling little Boy has drawn him closer to our hearts. "He can give and He can take away" "Blessed be the name of the Lord" Sarah has asked over

God's pardon and forgiveness and sound comfort
and sweet consolation in communion with her
Saviour. We both can truly say we love
Christ and are endeavoring to live in "The
New Life" as becometh those who love our
Lord and never have we been so truly
happy as now. Mr Webb has been
very kind and done much for our good
we respect him and love him.

For the
past week I have been at the House
feeling quite sick but hope I shall
escape a long sickness and feel as well
as I have the past year. We are
having very pleasant weather and al-
though business is very dull still it
is quite lively in town owing to the
approaching State Fair which is coming
off next week. Todd leaves here
soon and is to be sent South his place
is to be filled by a man from Virginia as
military Storekeeper. Nothing new about
town. we are moving along just the same

as when you was here in the summer
but I will ~~close~~ leave room for
Sarah to add a word. In future
will try and not be so negligent but
will answer your letters with more prompt-
ness

I remain Very Truly
Your Friend
C. H. Mulliken

Many thanks for your kind remem-
brance of me, I have enjoyed your gift very
much, and it is something which will always
be interesting. I am very glad to hear of Jay's
recovery, with much love to Mrs Howard. I am
your friend

S. C. Mulliken

Portland Sept 16th / 58
 Genl O O Howard
 Dear Sir

Please find Enclosed
 Certificate of Atlantic & St Paul
 = since Rail Road Stock for your
 good Wife (31) Shares —

I did ^{not} receive the Certificate
 from Mr Gilmore till a few
 days ago — how does Lizzie
 and the Children do, I hope
 this will find you all well
 we shall be glad to hear from
 you often — hope you will make
 us a longer visit next Season we
 shall come to see you when
 we visit N York —

with Much Love

From your Affectionate
 Uncle
 E White

P.O. official -

I feel greatly obliged
to you for your kindness to
me, and sincerely hope I may
have an opportunity to testi-
fy by my actions my appreci-
ation of your favors -

I remain, sincerely,

Your friend -

L. O. O. Howard.

St. O. O. Howard.

Or 2. Dpt. U.S. Army

West Point N.Y.

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Owego N.Y.

Sept. 18th 1858.

Dear Howard:

Your letter
of the 6th inst., directed to me
at this place, I have this day
received - Through the careles-
ness of the Post-Office clerks it
was not put in the box of my
brother-in-law, as I have regis-
tered my letters to be put, and as they
usually are, and this one has
been advertised - hence the
delay - One week ago today I
wrote you in reply to the note
you sent to Mr. Atkins and
which he sent to me. In that re-
ply I signified my desire to go on
duty in Mr. Church's Dpt. and ex-
pressed the belief that my health

St Mack

would allow me to discharge
the duties that would be required
of me. I asked you also to write
me again on the subject and
inform me what kind of quarters I
would be likely to get if I were or-
dered on duty at your Post. I did not
mean by this that my mind was not
made up. I am willing to try my
hand in Math. even if I should have
^{to live} ~~board~~ at the Hotel.

I have not received a letter from you
as I expected this week. I presume
Mr. Church has applied for some one
else before this - but I wish you would
write to me again and let me know
what he has done. I have no doubt
you have thought it very strange I did
not answer your letter to me - You
will of course now see why. I shall
feel sorry if I lose the place by that
piece of carelessness on the part of

West Point N. H.
Sept 21st 1858

My dear Mother,

It has
been three weeks since I
wrote you and I wish to
write you a long letter
but as I have never about
20 minutes before bedtime
I will write you a short
note and tell you that
we are now all pretty
well. The children have
been troubled with the
"Summer complaint," cutting
teeth &c, so that we have had
to be up with them a
night occasionally, but
Gey is getting quite strong &
fleshy. Grace plays around
the room & is very active

She has not been sick enough at any
time to prevent this. Lizzie gets
pretty tired at night, but is
quite well. I am very well
all the time. Then Wednesday
evening lectures - My Sunday
School & Prayer Meeting twice
a week with the Cadets, as
last year, but as I do not
take any private scholars
now I have much more
time to myself & do not
sit up late at night. I
go to walk with Lizzie
every night nearly after
seven o'clock, and I
do my own chores around
the house, so that I get
sufficient exercise.

I hope father continues
well. I hear from Rowland
but not from Eliza or Della.
How do all do. Give my

love to Roland & Elizabeth
& hope the latter has come
up to a goodly share of
peace in believing, &
God Grant that Roland
may turn his mind & heart
to seeking the true riches.
I remember him morning
and evening in my secret
prayer - So I did Mrs Mulliken
till I heard that she had
found the Service precious
to her soul. Oh as Mr.
wrote me this - Good
bye it is time to go to
recitation. Love to all
Yr aff. son
O. V. Howard

uncertain we are of hearing good news
of health recovered. She enjoyed her
stay here this summer very much, was
cheerful and in good spirits I am told,
and also quite hopeful. I have been
to New York since since our return
went down and back the same day
and did not have time to go to Brooklyn.
We have not moved yet, but shall very
soon now, have been waiting for the
New Quarters to be finished for those of the
highest in rank. We can have a very
convenient house below the Cadets Mess
Hall but is reported full of Bago,
or half of a double house facing
the Plain, between the Superintendents
and the Cadets barracks. I like that
situation best, but shall look at
both to-morrow. Quite a number of visitors
at the Hotel yet. West Point was looking
beautifully when we got home, and our
friends gave us a hearty welcome back.
Lieut Day, whom Otis knew in Florida took
tea with us Friday last, Col Loomis I met
a short time since. Gen Scott is still
here, had a fall down some stairs
but not seriously injured, hurt his back,
is now recovering. My sheet is full and

now I will stop. I have been interrupted at once by the baby
arise I began to
write. I have a very
good nurse. I let
her go out every
Sunday evening as
I cannot spare her later
than any week day
evening. Otis has come
and joins with
me in sending
much love to
you all at
West Point
our good home
Remember us to
all in Florida.
Yours always
Otis

Otis wrote you a
very hasty short letter last week
and I promised him I would
add something before I sent
it to the P. O. but I found
it was not possible that morn-
ing, and as I put it into
the envelope I resolved that
I would write you before long.
I will begin now having just
come down stairs after putting
the children to bed. They both
go to bed at seven o'clock and
we hear nothing from Bay till
half past six the next morning
when he is well. He has gone
to bed to night perfectly well, ^{as is} the
first night I could say it for

some time; he has been cutting his second set of double teeth.

We usually have some conversation each day about Grand-pa and Grand-mother Silmore, and what we suppose you are doing. He remembers distinctly everything that transpired while we were with you. He says, 'when the snow comes and goes away, then ~~he~~ is going to Maine again'.

Grace has grown a great deal since we came home, and says so many words. talks about her "dress", "sack" "boots", the 'kitty' 'biddy', 'Papa' 'Ma-Ma' and brother 'daddy'. It is very amusing to hear her call for me in the night, and when she wakes me hear she repeats in a very happy tone 'Ma-Ma' she is also getting more teeth. had two more to come through, before the Dr. thinks it safe to feed her much. I expect it will nearly break

her little willful heart when she finds she cannot be indulged in all her fancies.

Otis has gone to meeting under the hill this evening, where he has his Sunday School. we heard to-day the remainder of the company to which Warren used to belong is to go to Oregon in one week accompanied or under the charge of Lieut Robert who has been stationed here with the company. He has been an active Christian and has helped Otis in his work. We shall miss him. We have not heard from Aunt Ann or Perry since they left here, the week after our return, till to-day, and that indirectly that Aunt is not nearly as well. And that Perry would be at West Point this week Thursday. I want to hear more about her. I always feel how

perhaps I had not better mention'd these things to you as Laura only intended them for my ear, but I think she would have been much gratified to have you & come to her house with the same freedom you have from boyhood, the spoke of her loneliness being separated from all her family, and I am sure I ^{feel} am the same my self, I am glad to hear by your letter that Mrs Mulikin is become a Christian I hope she will be an engaged Christian, and be more and more like her saviour untill she enters the realms of bliss.

Dellie has return'd to Auburn, it seem'd to revive my spirit much to have him come home, Mr Daniel Boss of Wayne died the past week, Cynthia was able to attend the fair at Augusta her family are all with her today her father and mother and sisters arrived while she was gone to the fair we are all of us about the same as when you left, your father's work goes on well, and his lameness is almost well, from your ever affectionate
Oliver Otis Howard, Mother Eliza Gilmore

Leeds, Sept. th 26. 1854.

Oh my Dear Son, 132

Yours of the 21, inst

I need not tell you was more than welcome I was anxious to hear from all of you, and especially at this time, knowing as I did how near being an invalid Lizzie was and Guy, too, I suppose Grace is not wean'd from the breast yet as you did not mention it. I am truly happy to hear your health is good, Dellie is at home, came yesterday, will return this evening, his health is good, says he attended a wedding a few evenings since, at Mrs Stevens, Mr Charles Goff was married to Miss Stevens of Auburn. Charles wrote me last week said nothing of poor health, but Rowland wrote Monday, said Charles was not seeming well, Charles and Elsie were down to Harptwell at meeting through the sabbath, Charles has taken a school in Talsmouth for the winter Rowland says he has been wonderfully sustained, in spiritual, as well

as physical strength, I hope his faith will increase
day by day, until he accomplishes his work
in his Masters vineyard ~~in this~~, Ann has written
Ensign a long letter, in answer to one he
wrote her inviting her to come and live
with him, her only reason for not coming
was her physician, I think he would be
much gratified to have her with him while
she lives, Ensign is prospering in his railroad
beyond expectation, your father and I went
to Ballouel last Tuesday and stopt untill
Thursday 26th, the state Fair was in progress
all the week I went up to Augusta Wednesday
26th, and gratified my eyes with seeing beau-
tiful things of every description of nature
and art, I called at your Aunt Ellen's
It was really a very pleasant call, she gave me
a very intelligent idea of the situation of
the family, brother Johns family seem to
be doing well which is very gratifying to me,
I met Mary Bartlett and her youngest brother
at Henry Wingates, I made no calls at Augusta
there was such a crowd there I thought it no time

to make calls, Mr and Mrs Wingate were
feeling badly that you did not ~~call~~ visit
them while in the state, Laura shed tears
when she talked to me about it, Henry
~~was~~ was not present but she said he attrib-
uted it to your belief in ^{your} religious
views, ^{differing} from his, she said he thought
much of ^{you} always and of your visits, and
could think of nothing else that could keep
you from coming, Laura said you and
Henry had a talk on the subject of religion
and when you parted, you said to Henry
you hoped to be the same friendship
between you, and he said certainly, but
^{now} said you were the one to neglect them
I did not attempt any apology, because
I could not, Henry told me his views on
the subject of religion, I think him in
error but he is accountable to God not
me, I have always considered ^{him} a just and
honorable man, between man and man
and think he has been a friend to my family

Board. Coll.

Sept. 27, 1858 -

My dear Mother

I have not heard from you for a long time but this does not make me any less desirous of a letter. This is one thing which we do not easily get so accustomed to as to disregard from the force of habit. I meant to have sent you a letter Saturday last but I did not get a chance to mail one so you cannot get it Sat. night (as there must be mailed before 6 o'clock) I have put off writing till today & you will get this Tues. night.

I received a letter from Ellen not long ago & she told me about father's being down to see him a day or two before - He seems to be doing well. I write to hear something about a school in Falmouth.

I don't know as there is much pro-
spect of either here or I getting a school
for this winter. I would have kept
for 1 dollar a day & boarded myself.
I could have had a school of
about the right length but I thought
I would rather have the time this winter
than to keep for that and you know
I don't want to be out next Spring on
account of Prof. Cleaveland who is
very particular about it. If we are
out we have to recite a lesson in his
Study every day till all is made up.
Besides his lectures come then & I
don't want to miss them. So I didn't
want to keep a longer school.

Nether & I went down & heard Rastland
preach in the forenoon & at 4 o'clock
yesterday. Mr. McKim the Treasurer
spoke in the afternoon. He volunteered

to help Rowland. Rowland preached
without a written discourse that
forenoon though he usually has
a written discourse in the forenoon.

We stayed till after the prayer-
meeting in the evening then had
a pleasant ride home. Went with
Mr. Meryman's horse & waggon. The
interest appears to be very great
more than a dozen ran for prayer.
Rowland leads in singing quite frequent-
ly & makes the social meetings go off
in an interesting manner. But the
Spirit of God seems to be with him
& he speaks with great freedom & effect.

It seems as though God was at work
in the hearts of the people also. Those
who have been backward in the per-
formance of religious duty now are at
their posts ready to work.

I went over to Rowlands room. It is a
pleasantly situated facing the east
in the second story - He has two
rooms occupying the whole front
of the house - One has two beds in
He wants me to come down & stay
a day or two but I can't leave my
recitations for that. Nettie & I
dinner again last Thursday eve. It
was a beautiful evening, being almost
slighted by the moon. The house
was full it being a more proper
It seemed good to me so many of the grand
part seemed to be over. A large no. of
for Majors - among others - men advanced
in years. The meeting had begun & I
am not there & so we sat down in the
pew next to the door. R. did not
know I was there till near the close
of the meeting when I came & said a few

words. Mr E seems to be quite well
all engaged in the work. We
stayed long enough for the horse to
two. It soon grain. Then started for
Hamwich. There are three old
sisters, Misses Eaton, & the
mist lady & a son Tho. W. Eaton.
He was from Portland, Thurs.
We had a four wheeled chaise that
all night. Mr M. had bought it a day
before but he has sold it again
now. It was a cold night but we had
a good deal of clothing & the chaise & kept
no. quite warm.

It has been so cold of late that
I have had a fire. Bought a
lot of work which will be
all dry for the Spring if I do
not use it up this Fall.

They are trying to get a settled
preacher at the Baptist Church
now. If they succeed in getting Mr.
P. S. Adams I shall attend church
there this year. Yesterday I went
in the forenoon to the Methodist
& heard an excellent discourse from
Mr. Morse who is a very devoted man.

I heard Dr. Adams in Afton.
After church went down to the Bap.
church to the Sabbath school.

The Bapt. was about 420 I took
charge of the school.

I do not hear from Otis.
If you have heard any thing
please to write it. I will now
send this to the office.
Your Affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard.

Leeds Sept 26 1858

My Dear Grandson

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I am very glad to hear by your father's letter, that you are growing strong and healthy. It is now just one month since you arrived at West Point, cottage, and your grandmother has thought much about you. Sometimes in the nights when lying awake, she would think about Guy, and think about all his features, his size and then about his lame foot, and hope it ^{would} get well so that he would help his mother and do little chores for her, and take care of Sister Grace, and be happy, a happy little boy, and enjoy all his little playthings, his rocking horse, that must be a great treasure when your father or mother reads grandmother's letter you must kiss Father, and Mother, and Sister Grace, expressly for Grandmother, when you walk out with your father and mother, and see the bright autumnal flowers, remember Grandmother has many of the

do you remember the white kittie, she dont
play much now that she is alone, and
lambie is growing fast, sometimes when
I look out of the window in the night
she is busily engaged eating the grass
can you understand yet, that it is from the
wool of such nice lambs as grandmothers
of which your winter cloths are made,
if my little grandson, lives in this great
world until he is a man he will have many
things to learn and will learn many things
now except my best love, ^{Your Grandmother}

Eliza Gilmore

Elbaster Guy Howard,

Master Guy Howard

West Point

you had honestly clothed my family for the
year, she says Lizzie and I ~~have~~ ^{are} so much of every
thing we do not prize it so high as you do, but I know
she does not. Last winter she was the one
that had your Penn moon to the shop when I objected
she said what do you think I will want of that old fashioned
thing, since last spring I burn it in my oven, and
has been benefited by it. She gives you credit for
her being advanced as free as she is, she has taken 7
lessons on her fourth quarter, long time you saw
for it. I will send it, I feel bad to think you have
not been paid for the use of it, I feel grieved to this.
I cannot pay you I want you to receive how much
you have helped me, but I still ask a greater
favor, if my children are left without a mother
can you see to them; your and brother Owen are
all of my own folks, that are able, what I mean
by able in using the best judgment, my father
was all his time to mother and her at the time of
the fair, he stopt one night with me, not but
twice in my life did I see him shed tears, that
was concerning my own affairs, I think if ever any
one has met with a change of heart it is that I did
not mention any thing of the kind to him that
I have to you nor any one else Lucy is about
the same, Louisa Smith is dead, she was buried
in Abington Malissie lives there, in that place
Sarah Timberlake is dead went to bed well
as usual next morning found dead, I heard Silas
was eaten,

William has got his patent air
I feel pleased for him, I received a letter from
Ernest last week it is the only one I have had from
him since you left home he is in Missouri
town of Hannibal quite a number of our Leavenworth
people there that I know was 250 for one, Martha's son
has been sent to a gaol here 1848

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My dear Lizzie

I received your letter
the twelfth of Sept., and I have tried to
write you every day since, to night at
o'clock I commenced writing, I have been
to work ever to the shop the past week (cooking
for the fair) I shall work next week, this
week my business is making five Rumour
pies, I have got them half done to night,

William & wife left Auburn last Wednesday morning for home in the West, they stopt with me three weeks, I hope her, much, she was sick two weeks the first week the Dr visited her three times a day, and I did not get sick, is there any person that has so many blessings as I have, blessed with health to take care of my children & kind friends. Why should I be so forgetful of him who orders all things well, who has done so much for me

Thursday eve this morning I went over
to the shop made 75 pies & eleg. after
returning home I must finish my sheet
Eva & Minnie her go to bed Orestes is over
to the shop & helping Oscar, Novellie
is at home now, she seems weller than I
have seen her for a long time, she is
all well, but a little tired, that is
nothing when I do not have the blues
Eva had a letter from her father last
week, no change in him, he was in
St. Louis, Orlando was here the 27 of
August stop over Sunday with me
he is the same kind brother that he ever
has been, he is a hard & hugging the
Abin Leavitt farm in Turner,
Col. Morse his youngest son Sarah & her
baby was here, the week after you left
me I sent the miniature to my mother
Wait, I am glad Grace was a laughing
it looks so cunning Minnie says
I just kiss her, and she has got
Johnny Morrill for Guy's picture

Oct 24

Lizzie what will you say, my not answer
your letter before, I will tell you after the
fair, I had to see to my harvesting it is now
done, School commenced the next week after
the fair, I let Orestes go to school, and it made
it hard for me, The children all go to school
we are a having a fine school, Minnie went
in to the primary school The Oaks is agent Dr.
Marill supervisor, May put her in to the
select school, when she came home she said
the teacher told her she was a good scholar
she would soon go in to the fourth reader she
studies arithmetic, she is a smart girl; but
what would she do without a mother, I have thought
a great deal about my children this fall, as
I feel the change in my general health,
I don't know but that I feel as strong as I did
last year, at this time, do not think I am sick
for I am not, I know life is uncertain and I feel
responsible for Everett's debts, I want you & Orlando
paid, but can you tell me how to manage my
affairs, for I must give you credit for my getting
along so well for the past year, I told Novellie

up but I did not go.

Prof. Greenland has been quite unwell for a few days so that for two mornings we had no recitation - a thing unprecedented. He now hears us at the irregular hour of 9 o'clock. He looks pale but is just as good a teacher as ever - the best instructor I think that I ever rected to. We learn something at every recitation unconnected with the text book and we learn to get our lessons more thoroughly than to any other teacher. He is troubled with the Asthma - a complaint which never troubled him in the least before.

The religious interest in college is not very encouraging - We have this noon prayer meeting but it is not any well attended. The meeting down town

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Dear brother Otis

I fear I shall not get a letter from you till you receive one from me and so the sooner I write the better. I have little more than half an hour at the present time to spend in writing. We have a prayer meeting today - noon. I have just returned from recitation to Prof. Uphams - recite this week at 10 1/2 o'clock. It is a remarkably warm & pleasant day for the last day in September.

I have heard from you through mother & Rowland. Have not had a letter from mother for some time. Have written two myself to her since she wrote. Nellie wrote that Father was down to see him the other day & that the folks at Leeds were well and prospering.

Rosland I suppose has written you since
I was down to see him. The Sabbath
before last Nettie & I spent with him.
He preached in the forenoon with
only a few notes on the text, I think,
"Choose ye this day whom ye will
serve, if the Lord be God serve him
if Baal serve him." He told me
he had partly written three sermons
when Saturday night, it occurred
to his mind that he ought to preach
on the text mentioned and so he
made the attempt. It was a very
impressive sermon to the audience
I should judge. Mr McLean
preached in the afternoon from
"Fear not little flock, it is your
father's good pleasure to give you
the kingdom". He was present at
the Sabbath School and at the prayer

meeting and came back to G. in
the evening. Thursday evening
week ago tonight we were down
at the Prayer Meeting. Above a
dozen men for prayers and among
others I noticed one or two old
men. The meeting house was full
at this Prayer-meeting. The people
don't know what to do or what
they shall do when Rosland goes
away. They can't consent for him
to go a week before his term
begins so as to visit Leeds
as he would like to.

The moon was up - bright & clear
both when we went down & when
we returned so that we had a
very pleasant ride.

The State Fair occurred at An-
guston last week. Many students