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Dear Howard;

Your kind note was received a few days ago. Was a good while on the way. Please thank Capt. Benton for me. Same offer I had before from Maj. D.H.H. I am glad the fringe suited so well. Write when you have time, and don't forget to tell me about the prayer-meetings among the Cadets. Lieut. Saunders has just arrived here. He is stationed here. I am glad we do not differ so much as I thought on those texts which I quoted, and perhaps as we advance we will find



that we agree on many points con-  
which we imagined we widely differed;  
I hope it may be so, and that we  
may have the enlightening influences  
of God's Spirit. I shall write again  
when I have time, and take up the  
subject; "Alleged Scripture Evidence for  
the doctrine of a Triune God". What I  
wrote before was an examination of all  
the texts generally advanced to prove  
a plurality of persons in the Godhead.  
Give our love to all the family.

Remain Your Brother in Jesus  
Charles C. Lee



his mother (Mrs Mitchell) desire me to  
make them a visit, but as they live just far  
enough out of town to make it inconvenient, and  
the traveling being in a very bad state. I have  
not yet been able to get out to them. I saw Mr  
Robt today, he asked when I might be expected  
as his mother - who was an intimate friend of my  
mother - seems impatient to have me come.

Mother writes that she suffers considerably  
from her disease. I suppose she means Mary  
and allows her anxiety for him, to to a degree  
to affect her. She did not complain of severe  
pain before he left. I hoped that the cold medicine  
would be beneficial but fear it is not. She is  
losing faith in her treatment I think from her  
manner, tho she does not say so to me.

I suppose Perry is at the end of his voyage  
hope he is safely in port, & that he may  
have a prosperous passage home.

Write much love to Lizzie & the members of  
your family I am as ever your affectionate

Cousin Silas J. Lee

I Roland at Bangor yet? & is Charles  
at Brunswick? I have heard of mother for  
a very long time. Yours Silas

Silas Lee  
Boston  
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My dear Cousin.

Yours very kind letter of the  
24<sup>th</sup> ult. arrived yesterday morning. I am really  
glad to have again the pleasure of your correspondence.  
I do owe you an answer to one of yours somewhere  
about the first of June. an answer to which was  
written but having neglected to mail it for  
some time it was destroyed & I intended to write  
again but a little of everything & nothing in particular  
put it off till it was like many other of my duties  
never done. On my return home and alone in  
my own room I read the tract Lizzie was so kind  
as to mark, noting the marked passages particularly  
I am really obliged to her for this manifestation of  
her interest in my future good & well being. I did  
not as you requested: read it prayerfully - tho I  
read it attentively, and thought of it & tried to find  
its particular application to me, but failed to  
find what I most want to remove my doubts  
and show me the necessity of following its direction



I have considered these ~~same~~ things a thousand times and the more they recur to me the less I feel their weight. Now you will say that the spirit of Satan is at the back of all this. it may be so but when my thoughts revert to that subject it is in <sup>my</sup> the most tranquil and happy hours. and I try to keep off every influence & look at them as a duty yet the solution of these reflections are always the same. I always end where I started & find that I am no nearer out of the circle than before. Could I but partly convince myself, then my course would be taken were it only to make the last of my dear Mother's life happy. on her account more than my own do I wish I could solve the problem of the future state. I hope soon to be able to treat myself to a copy of Spurgeon's sermons. Sarah writes me that "they would clear away the mist from before my eyes and that I should then see clearly; and fully understand what our Creator would have me do for my happiness." Today I have received three letters & in each I have the assurance of daily prayers offered for me to God. One

I hardly need tell you was from Mother. One from a much valued (married) lady friend at Buffalo & the other from Mr Hoyt who is almost a neighbor to you. he lives at Brewster's, Putnam County. just over the river from you. he was one of my Buffalo friends but now resides with his father who being old requires his assistance at home. he is teaching their district school this winter. & writes that he opens & closes it with prayer. & hopes to be the means of doing some good among his scholars. Mr Hoyt and myself have had many disputes on religious subjects. & he knows my position perfectly. My course of reading has been considerably broken up all the summer and fall. but I have not entirely neglected them. and hope to do considerably during the long evenings which is all the time I now have that I can call mine. Since my last to you I have made the acquaintance of Mr Thomas P. Robt. formerly from Leeds & who I find is well acquainted with your family & who frequently speaks of you



Wm. H. H. H.

December 9th 1858.

Dear Sir,

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I write you these few lines, to  
inquire through you of Major Woodman, if he  
will be able to enlist the young man whose  
letter is herewith enclosed. He told me that he  
might be able to do so, but could not then tell.  
I send the enclosed to show his hand as a  
sort of advertisement & recommendation.

Please find enclosed the sum of one  
dollar and fifty cents.

I trust you are all well. Give much love to  
Mrs. L. & Maria from Mrs. Howard & son.

Mrs. L. says she needs some excellent

grapes of the grapes, that would be  
large enough to be eaten of. She also  
adds that she is now moving from  
and wants to know why you do not let her  
you are coming down. The prayer meeting  
room was well filled last, Monday evening.

Much attention & interest exists I am hoping that  
God will especially bless us here. Please return  
the enclosed letter after reading & in your next.

With much love I remain your brother in the  
Lord O. H. Howard



Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I am, however, confident that the facts of the case are such as to justify the conclusion reached. I am, of course, at your service in any further investigation that may be required. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 J. M. [Signature]

Received of Mr. [Name]  
 the sum of \$100.00

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conclude to come - but you will  
write to us and let Mrs Hecton know  
I am suffering very much this  
weather I sleep very little - I went  
to see Dr Riney this day he said I  
was not worse but better - I wish I  
could think I was better. I have not  
been down stairs since Sunday eve-  
ning I was not dressed yesterday -  
We are having a foggy wet & dark day  
but I hope by to-morrow we shall have  
a pleasant day I do dread storms and  
wet weather With love to your self hus-  
band and babies and kind regards to all  
enquiring friends I am as ever your  
affectionate aunt  
Mrs Lizzie Howard Ann Otis Lee -

P.B. Janek sent her love to Otis and  
Lizzie -

No 54 Harrison St Brooklyn  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

My Dear Lizzie -

I went to Miss Moon  
Thursday, she said your furs had  
not come in (as she put them out to dry)  
but they would be in that evening, she  
said she had furs to send to Philip-  
py, and her husband would be go-  
ing to Westcotts Express office Friday  
morning and would take your furs  
and she would send me the express  
ticket to send to you with the per-  
ceipt she gave to me for \$7.00 I  
paid her for making the furs I  
have not received the express tick-  
et - and am beginning to feel  
a little uneasy about the furs I  
will inclose you the receipt of  
Miss Moon for the making I hope  
you got the furs safely - I was  
sorry I let you go home Saturday



morning for before I got out of  
Harrison St on my way to Atlantic St  
Maria Tupper called to see you she  
overtook me and went to Atlantic St  
with Mary and me - And Maria said  
she wanted you to spend the Sabbath  
with her and I told her she might  
possibly meet you at the Depot if  
she went directly over and if you  
found any one going up to W. But  
as you could send word perhaps you  
would come back again or appoint  
a time to come down again so  
she and Mary Dwight started off  
to meet you at Chambers St but got  
there a "minute" too late - so you  
must consider yourself invited  
to spend a Sunday with Maria  
sometime your husband too of course  
and Mr Fenton expected to see you  
again she is expecting you to spend  
Christmas with them - the time is to

be Friday evening Guy is expected  
and I will add an invite for  
Miss Grace Howard they want you to  
spend the Sabbath - you could go  
and hear Dr Lewis Saturday and  
Sunday go and hear Dr Sheer -  
Now if you accept this invite or  
not please let us know and also  
tell about Maria's visit - you would  
enjoy a visit at Maria's - I do hope  
you got home safely and did not  
get wet - and add to your cold  
every body I am acquainted with  
and having Influenza are really quite sick  
we have had a succession of storms  
the last month I hope the last will  
be pleasant - I got a letter from  
Sarah Saturday dated the 26 of Nov -  
she says they are all enjoying excellent  
health just now for which she is very  
thankful - I think you would enjoy the  
Christmas visit here I hope you will



By the returning engine from Junction  
we have learned that the snow prevented  
the train & it will not come tonight. The  
up train is coming soon & I am going home.

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Leeds Dec. 22, 1858

My dear Mother

I am in Leeds Depot waiting for  
father & mother to return from Livermore Falls. Have  
been here three hours. It is now past 2 o'clock & the  
train should have been here at 11. It is a very  
blustering day and the snow would have hindered them  
somewhat not however till this time. Besides a snow  
plow & engine have been just once we have been waiting  
here. Father & Mother went up day before yesterday to Water  
where there was a directors meeting. Mother went to see some  
of her old friends. Belle & I went up to East Water to  
the Stockholders meeting yesterday. Saw father there &  
coming back in the evening saw Mother when she got on  
board the train & came from Water to Livermore Falls.

I might have written a dozen letters since I have  
been waiting here but you know how it is - that one is  
always expecting the train. Belle is at home studying Greek  
this afternoon & was occupied with Greek this forenoon.  
I have been at home & wrote today. He has got a letter  
every day till yesterday - commencing the month after  
I came home. Mother has been in good health & in  
good spirits this winter. Father has had a bad cold  
but kept about all the time. We had a letter from  
Roland but a day or two ago. Sent him thirty dollars  
yesterday which he received. He has probably written  
to you about the book "The Higher Life" - He sent it.



home & I have also purchased one. I read it with great interest but think I am lacking in the experience which it is intended to promote. Have felt for some time that I did not experience nor enjoy so much of the presence of Christ as was my privilege.

I have accomplished little that I can point at as well done & well done since I came home but I think my health is better. I come here to the depot twice a week always & usually more. Hear Mr Henry Lathrop recite in Algebra & Latin now two days - and as father takes the Daily Advertiser some one has to come to the office nearly every day. As you see I have plenty of riding. I go to Mill sometimes & have him to Lewiston twice. Have had 4 front teeth filled. Have read all the papers, my Independent especially. Have read a book Hugh Miller's first impressions of England with good interest. Have read some in a history of the Popes. Intend to read D'Aubignan's hist of the Reformation now. I have letters from Nettie quite often but I heard by a short note last night that she was threatened with the fever. I fear she will have a fit of sickness. I return to W. D. much in 4 weeks more. Prof. Chedoke will be our instructor in Chemistry.

Perhaps it will be interesting to you to know in what company I am situated while writing. I can hardly keep my mind on my letter there is so much

gossiping & talk here. There are two young ladies desirous of going to Lewiston. The father of one of them Mr Phillips - Miss Anne Berth is the other. Cyrus Low - Cudding's son is here & a young man, Dudley, who wants to go to the Junction & I don't know when or to what. Willard Lathrop is here. He got down some puns for the Ladies but poor girls had to mock him long & so on.

I fear some sad accident but still cannot feel much anxiety in so much uncertainty.

Mother has asked me to write to Ohio several times & I meant to have done so before because I want to hear from you myself & from your family. My hand is rather cold & shivering don't agree with making well-formed letters so my letter looks shockingly & reads I suppose worse than that.

They have tried every sort of way to amuse themselves here today & now talk of leaving <sup>the cars</sup>. They must however come soon. Shall we have a letter soon?

The interest in religion that has been prevalent at South Leeds continues to some measure but there have been no great conversions. So much my dear brother for a depot letter. Did you know that a Mr. Fulton was preaching here - an Englishman. He came to town before Rutland was at home.

I will I think keep this letter till the train arrives, for fear you may be anxious - Love

Your Affectionate Brother Chas. H. Hurd



Trinitarian Argument—*"When here we find Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, all joined in the same worship, we have reason to take them all for the same God."* Hallis Letter on the Trinity, pp 87, 88; P.S. to letter iii.

This has been regarded as a great bulwark of trinitarianism, and yet there is no evidence of such a doctrine here, as three coequal, coeternal persons in the Godhead. It is thought that ~~that~~ the ordinance of baptism involves an act of religious worship, and therefore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit must be coequal <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~ would be wrong to unite the name of created beings thus with that of the Creator. Baptism is not an act of religious worship; it is a simple rite expressive merely of belief and obedience. Thus the Israelites were baptized into Moses 1 Cor. x, 1, 2 — i.e. into a belief of his divine mission; the followers of John were baptized into his baptism i.e. they professed to be his disciples. Acts xix, 2, 3 — They did not worship Moses or John. When St. Paul thanked God that he had baptized none <sup>(Els)</sup> ~~any~~ 1 Cor. i, 12, 15 — he was not afraid of being worshiped, but of its being thought he was assuming undue authority in the Church. Rom. vi, 3, 4 don't mean the death of Christ was an object of religious adoration, but simply of belief — The name of a person or thing

often used to denote the person or thing itself in scripture, (as xx, 1 — Jer xxxiii, 9 — see Math. i, 21 — vi, 9 — Acts iii, 16 — Rev. xi, 13 (original) <sup>the name of</sup> to be baptized into, a person is therefore to be baptized into the person himself, that is into a profession of belief and obedience to him. In the New Testament being baptized into Christ and into his name are convertible expressions. Acts ii, 38 — viii, 16 — x, 48 — xix, 5 — Gal. iii, 27 — Rom. vi, 3. The names coming together does not teach their equality or what is the following passages mean Ex xiv, 31 — Num xxi, 5-7 — 1 Chron. xxix, 20 — Gen. xiv, 19, 20 — 1 Sam ii, 26 — xii, 18 — 2 Chron xx, 20 — xxxi, 8 — Prov. iii, 4 — xxiv, 21 — Jer xxx, 9 — Jer. ii, 32 — ix, 26 — xv, 18 — Acts vi, 11 — xv, 26 — 1 Thes i, 6 — ii, 13 — 1 Tim v, 21 — Rev. i, 4, 5 — 1 Sam xxv, 32, 33 — Rev. iii, 12 — Acts xx, 32 — Eph iv, 4-6 — vi, 10 — Heb. xii, 22, 23 — For these

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Dear Howard;

Peace and happiness be with you yours

We will now examine the evidence alleged for the doctrine of a triune God —

(1) Ps xxxiii. 6 "By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

Trinitarian Argument — *"The word, or spirit, of the Lord, in the above does undoubtedly mean the third person of the Trinity, the whole Trinity, therefore, created the world; yet this Trinity is but one Lord"* Jones' Catholic doctrine of a Trinity, ch. iii § 11 & ch iv § 1.

The psalmist says nothing of a Trinity, but the two phrases of the sentence are synonymous, as explained in ninth rule. See for illustrations Gen i. 3 — Job. xxvi, 13 — xxxiii, 4 — Isa xl, 4 — 2 Thes. ii, 8

(2) Num. vi, 24-26 — (3) Jo vi, 3 and Rev. iv, 8 — Trinitarian Argument — *"Surely such passages as these where in the 1<sup>st</sup> a blessing is thrice repeated, and in the other the word holy thrice repeated, has a tacit reference to the Trinity."* Dr. Wardlaw, Discourses on the Socinian Controversy, p. 351.

Certainly there is no allusion to the Trinity in such passages but it is simply repeated for the sake of emphasis. Repetition is the language of emotion, the vehicle of simplicity, of passion, and even of sublimity. It is frequent in Holy Writ (as 2 Sam. xviii, Math xxiii, 37 — xxvii, 46 — Ex. ii, 24, 25 — iii, 4-6 — Ps xxix, 1-11 — Prov. xx, 14 — Is xx, xxiv, 16 — xxv, 9 — xxxviii, 19 — xl, 1 — li, 17 — lvii, 19 — Jer iv, 19 — Lam i. 16 — iii, 48, 49 — Ez vii, 2 — xxi, 28 — Joel iii, 14 — <sup>4</sup>) and often in a threefold manner (as Jer. xxii, 29 — Ezek. xxi, 27 — Rev. viii, 13 — Gen. xxix, 10 — Jo. viii, 9 — li, 9 — lxi, 4 — Lam iv, 15 <sup>4</sup>) "The address of the seraphim to God in Is. vi, 3, 4



quoted as a most triumphant argument for the doctrine of a Trinity; yet every Hebrew scholar will allow that the repetition of an adjective only has the effect of increasing its intensity. Means the same as thrice holy - See Isa. xxi, 9 - were there but two mystical substances in that devoted city? - Very many trinitarians think there is no argument to be drawn from such passages.

(4) Isa. xxxiv, 16 - "Seek ye out of the book of Jehovah, and read; -- my mouth it hath commanded, and his Spirit it hath gathered them"

his mouth - Bible 1607; My { the mouth of Jehovah - Bishop Lowth, Dodson, Boothroyd.  
the Divine mouth - Henderson }

Trinitarian Argument - In these words there is one person speaking of the spirit of another person so that the whole Trinity is here included - Jones, Catholic doctrine of a Trinity, Ch. iii § 13 -

In the first place I think the common translation unauthorized by the original; but even were it right it would simply prove the existence of three distinct agents, but it does not assert or imply that each of these ~~are~~ God. But if as I think the reading ought to be, his mouth then the phrases are synonymous.

The spirit of a person is frequently put for the person himself, as 1 Cor. xvi, 17, 18 - Gal. vi, 18 (compare 1 Cor. xvi, 23) 1 Ki. xxi, 5 - Job x, 12 -

Isa. xlviii, 16 - Come ye near & ---; and now the Lord God, and his spirit, hath sent me.

yes, Dodson, supported by Zech. vii, 12 { and now the Lord Jehovah hath sent me & his Spirit.

Trinitarian Argument - The latter part of this verse is uttered by one who in the former part uses the language of Jehovah, Wardlaw ps 47 & 48 -

There is no reason for <sup>thinking</sup> that Isa. was not himself speaking here, if twas that mean Job xxxvi, 22, 23 - Isa. xl, 13, 14 - Rom. xi, 34, 35 - Frequently when

the prophet is announcing the word of Jehovah, he introduces his own sentiments without any distinction as Isa. lxiii, 6, 7, 1, 3, 4 -

This passage will not validly support the mystery of the Trinity - Luther - Many apply it to Christ, but they are not supported by the language of the prophet and we should beware of violent & forced interpretations. Calvin - The concluding portion of the verse is the language of Isaiah. Tostat - See Musculus, Le Clec - Gataker - Doederlein - E. F. C. Rosenmüller - Boothroyd & -

(6) Math. iii, 16, 17 "And, lo, the heavens &" Mark i, 10, 11 - Lu. iii, 22 -

Trinitarian Argument - This is clear evidence for three divine persons; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For the voice of God the Father was heard from heaven, giving testimony to the Son. The Son in assumed flesh stood naked in the river Jordan: and the Holy Spirit descended on Christ in the form of a dove. Piscator on Math. iii, 16 -

This was once considered a strong argument for the Trinity; but do we see the Trinity at the Jordan? no - but "One God and Father of all" - the well-beloved Son - and the holy spirit that was ~~in~~ <sup>descended</sup> on him, to qualify him to be the Teacher and Savior of the world - Eph. iv, 6 - John iii, 34 - Acts x, 38 - see Acts ii, 33, 34 - Heb. i, 9 - We see these things, but no three co-eternal, co-equal persons; in fact we are here told what the holy Ghost is, that 'tis not a person that it is not a numerical distinction of the Godhead; but a Spirit of God, and accordingly as God is a Spirit is often used for God himself, though not always - The Scriptures nowhere represent the spirit of God as more distinct from God, than the spirit of man is from man.

(7) Math. xxviii, 19 "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"

Into the name - by Hammond - Tillotson - Dwight - Boothroyd - Sardner - Priestly - Lindsey - Carpenter - Belsham - Bates - E. Taylor - S. Sharp. & -

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reasons I think there is no allusion to the trinity in our Saviour's words, and this opinion is corroborated by the fact that the apostles did not always use this form exactly Acts ii, 38 - viii, 16 - x, 48 - xix, 5 - Gal iii, 27 - Rom vi, 3 -

(9) 2 Cor. xiii, 14 "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, (be) with you all"

*Trinitarian Argument— In this passage St. Paul has joined the three persons together in such a manner as seems intended to convey a perception of the equality of their rank. Principal Hill. Lectures in Divinity, vol. 1, p. 43*

The reasons generally assigned for this argument are 1<sup>st</sup> the association of the names. 2<sup>d</sup> the priority of Christ's name. 3<sup>d</sup> the benediction itself is supposed to contain a prayer to each.— Paul calls but one God, and never intimates that the others are. The 1<sup>st</sup> reason is void as we have seen in article (7). If the 2<sup>d</sup> reason proved anything it proves too much for see Acts vi, 11 was Moses equal to God? Gen xiv, 19, 20 was Abram equal to God?— 1 Thes i, 6 - ii, 10 - &c— 3<sup>d</sup> If the benediction warrants prayer to Christ and the Holy Spirit, will not St. John's Rev. i, 4, 5 authorize prayer to the seven spirits also. The Holy Spirit is never mentioned by St. Paul in any other of his forms of benediction Rom i, 7 - xvi, 20-24 - 1 Cor i, 3 - xvi, 23 - 2 Cor i, 2 - Gal i, 3 - vi, 18 - Eph i, 2 - vi, 23 - Phil i, 2 - iv, 23 - Col i, 2 - 1 Thes i. 1 - verse 28 - 2 Thes i, 2 - iii, 18 - 1 Tim i, 2 - 2 Tim. i, 3 - Tit i, 4 - Philem verse 3 — St Paul means simply to say, "may all the benefits and consolations of christianity attend you; the aid and protection of God; and that particular manifestation of his love, a participation of his Holy Spirit."

(10) 1 John v, 7, 8 For there are three that bear record (in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one (Ev). And there are three that bear witness in earth; the Spirit and the water and Blood; and these



three agree in one".

Trinitarian Argument — *These three who's are one what. They are one thing, one substance, one God.* Dr John Wallis *Letters on the Trinity*, Sect. iii, p. 33.  
This text is almost universally acknowledged to be spurious for the following reasons 1<sup>st</sup> 'tis not in any greek manuscript earlier than the 13<sup>th</sup> century 2<sup>nd</sup> nor any latin one earlier than the 9<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 'tis not found in any of the ancient versions. 4<sup>th</sup> Not quoted by greek fathers though they have used the words before and after to endeavor to prove the Trinity. 5<sup>th</sup> Nor by the latin writers — 6<sup>th</sup> first cited by Hilarius Tapsensis, in the end of 5<sup>th</sup> century. 7<sup>th</sup> Has been omitted in many editions of New Testament since Reformation Erasmus — Colineus — Zwinglius — Griesbach — Matthæi — Lachmann — Scholz — and Brothroyd. Regarded as spurious by Grotius — Le Clerc — Father Simon — J. D. Michaelis — Vater — J. G. Rosenmüller — Lücke — Bentley — Porson — S. J. Coleridge — Bishops Lowth, Tomline, and Marsh — Burston — Adam Clark — J. P. Smith — Wardlaw &c.  
8<sup>th</sup> Omitted by Luther in his German version. In old English bibles of time of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Elizabeth was printed in small type or in brackets till about 1570. — Yet were the passage genuine, it would not prove unity of essence, but the context would rather incline us to believe with Calvin — Beza — Macknight — Bishop Burgess &c. that St John refers to unity of testimony. The word one is frequently used to denote unity of design, affection, will &c as John xvii, 11, 20-23 — Gen ii, 24 — Acts iv, 32 — Rom. xii, 5 — 1 Cor. iii, 8 — vi, 16, 17 — x, 17 — Gal iii, 28 — Eph ii, 14, 15 —  
As most of the evidence brought to bear on this point has been summed up, and as I think found to have no bearing in that direction, but generally in the opposite towards unitarianism. I shall next consider the evidence for the Deity of Christ from the supposed application of the name Jehovah to him. Peace be with you  
I remain Dear Brother in Christ  
Charles C. Lee



May Chapman -

He committed  
suicide at C.P.  
Comfort Va -  
~~Oct~~ in the fall of  
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No. 6. State Street.  
New York, Dec 28. 1858.

My dear Sir:

We have just received a letter from our son informing us that he has a severe influenza, and as this complaint is very prevalent this winter and frequently terminates in congestion of the lungs and pneumonia, we are exceedingly anxious about him. The interest you have so kindly manifested in my son, induces me to ask of you the favor of writing to me, should it become worse, - in which case Mrs. Chapman and myself will go at once to West Point. If it should not be necessary for us to go up, I shall be greatly obliged if you



will advise him relative to his health and studies, — the same as I would do, if I were present.

I enclose you his letter written in pencil, as it will show you his anxious desire to do his best, and his great regret at the loss of several recitations.

He has such a great dislike of going on the sick report, that I fear he may carry it too far. This is, I believe, the first time he has asked to be excused from any duty.

Should you think it advisable, for any reason, you are at liberty to show Willie's letter to my good friends Kendrick and Hardlee, — in which case I desire that you will also show them this.

Regarding the trouble

I have given you in this matter, which, of course, is one of deep interest to us, I remain,

Most sincerely your friend

W. W. Chapman

Lieut. Oliver C. Howard

M. S. Army

West Point

N. Y.



West Point Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Father:

Why do not - one of you write to me. I have eagerly looked for a letter these three or four days back. I write but a line on account of my eyes. I would have written before but have not <sup>been</sup> able to. A sorry Christmas it has been to me. The first part of the week I did well. Recited Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday my cold commenced, and could not study that night, but hoped to study the next morning, next morning I could not study felt so miserably face, nose, and lips <sup>were</sup> swelled ~~up~~. my lips, and nose were slightly sore before. Didn't want to wheaten it that morning before breakfast for you know I don't like to. Made a poor recitation ~~that~~ day. (Wednesday). Wednesday night had a bad head-ache and bad cold nose



nose, all stopped up. Neck sore, but  
no sore throat. So had to wheaten it  
from reciting at recitation, for Mr.  
Howard told me that I did injustice  
to myself in not getting excused on  
Wednesday. Wheatened it on Friday  
also. Have had no appetite. Saturday  
was Christmas, and I staid in my room  
all day, and lay on the bed or sat  
by the heater to keep warm for on cold  
days our room is cold. Was excused  
from inspection this morning, but wouldn't  
excuse me from church, though I was  
hardly able to go. Have felt miserably,  
and have not even been able to write  
you a line, which I would have done  
if possible. I suppose I took cold  
by taking exercise in all weathers.  
Have been around Flitration walk  
whatever the walking might be.

O dear what a loss, I needed to  
learn what we were learning when  
I was excused. It will lessen my

chances at Examination. Felt a little  
better to night, and thought I would  
study if possible, but it hurt my eyes,  
so thought I would write a line.

Yours affectionately  
W.B. Chapman

I did not go to dinner on Christmas  
day, have lived on bread, and  
rice.



new interest last fall while  
they were at Lea - home within  
a week found "peace in believing"  
My Vacation<sup>(outgave)</sup> is in about four  
weeks & I expect to spend  
one or two Sabbaths in  
Hearnswell. Pray that the  
Lord may go with us - &  
have endeavored to reach some  
of the people thro' the mail &  
I am anxious to see, converse  
& pray with them -

Charles wrote last week  
that they were all well at  
home - The good work don't  
seem to go on there as in  
other places - I try to pray for  
Roland & Walter - What don't  
feel quite satisfied with Delle -

I suppose your Examination  
is about coming on, but you  
can find time for a word  
or two. Love to Sister Lizzie &  
kisses to the dear children  
w. off. Mrs. Kewland

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My dear Brother

I wish you &  
Lizzie & Jay & Grace all a  
very happy New Year!

I can't account for your  
silence any way - I do hope  
that you are all well & I  
wish you would drop me  
a line if no more when  
you receive this - I sent

Guy a "Mother Goose" in hiero-  
glyphics by today's mail - It  
amused me & I guess father  
& Mother will puzzle some  
over it, if they don't refer  
to the "key" - I wrote something  
on the fly leaf - but as the  
Pile, told me that it would  
subject it to better postage  
I wrote it out & enclose it -  
You can reinsert it with



a little Mucilage - Capt  
Lunt died on his passage  
from Jamaica to Philadelphia.  
He was delirious most of  
the time after his attack - had  
no Physician & no Christian friend  
to converse with him & bring  
his last words to his Mother  
& Father. The mate writes  
a very few words to the "owners"  
& that is all they know - but we  
all hope - from his earlier rather  
his later Experience - that poor  
Lunt has gone to the better  
Land - From your conversations  
with him did you feel assured  
that he had "passed from death  
unto life"? His mother would  
be glad to hear of any such  
thing she is a Christian - O  
I hope & pray that it will  
lead Perry to think - Has  
he returned to N.Y. yet?

I hope that you have obtained  
that blessed Book, Boardman's  
"Higher Christian Life" - that  
I recommended - tho doubtless  
you would, after your experience,  
find less that was new than  
I - yet it could not be but  
stimulating & strengthening to  
yours & Lizzie's faith - Ella is  
well - I think this book has  
had a marked effect on her  
& indeed - wherever I have  
sent it - God has granted  
some good fruits.

I am deep in Theology - but  
or must find considerable  
time - more than I suppose, for  
direct religious effort - My  
Mission S. School averages about  
60 & I enclose you an  
acct. of our S. School at the  
Church - I had a letter  
from Mr. Eaton last night -  
Two Sea Captains - whose families



West Point N.Y.

December 30th 1863

Dear General,

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I put your name on my  
list, and intended to have written you before  
but have allowed other letters to displace yours  
as they seemed to me to demand a more immediate  
attention, but with yourself & your wife, &  
your mutual, kindly hospitality have been present  
Everything has progressed with me. Since Sept 9  
I left you, I returned to the scene of my duties. After  
a few days we commenced our prayer-meetings  
with the ladies & have continued them twice a  
week ever since. There is a full attendance there.  
Last year & much interest manifested for the place.  
I generally read selections from different books, both  
the Scriptures. I have also continued the Sunday  
school, & lectures with the Soldiers & Citizens and  
their families, at a new chapel near the Cavalry  
Barracks. We are still hoping for more manifesting  
of religion here in our midst. In Christian life, I think  
Gods grace is, and everyday I have to be more  
thankful for Gods inexpressible love to me & mine. May  
for me that my sins may all be forgiven daily & that  
I may live by faith on Christ, the Son of God.

Yours to Mrs L. Respectfully yours O. C. Brownell.

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My dear Brother,

I think I must come to the  
 practice of writing short letters more  
 of them, for it is a ~~very~~ fact that the few  
 letters I write the faster I get. I am under the  
 greatest of obligations to you for "the higher life"  
 for I think it is as a straight in some matter  
 and <sup>has</sup> enabled me to plan with others to seek  
 higher consecration. I wrote in my note book  
 soon after finishing reading the first four chapters  
 "Lizzy and I have been reading it (the book) attentively  
 and thoughtfully. It has indeed sent a thrill of joy into  
 my heart and been the means of something much  
 more profound within me. Saturday evening our  
 evening prayer, after quencing a portion of the evening  
 upon the subject of "a second conversion" or a  
 full salvation, my heart became full of great gladness  
 and the peculiar peace was more than usual." Upon  
 reading a lecture that I wrote about a year ago. I find  
 that I appropriated the way at that time of  
 obtaining a higher degree of holiness of heart than came  
 as the immediate fruit of justification. However I  
 did not justify me before what was meant by the  
 "righteousness of God" & Christ our Righteousness. Now I perceive  
 that the righteousness is a clothing that God gives to the human



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I have no more to say - I will be at meeting - I have no more to say - I will be at meeting

meaning. I have no more things to write than I can  
begin to say to and of a few words. I received your  
letter & my dear friends. Gratitude. My is delighted.  
I have resolved at last to be confirmed in the Episcopal  
Church. I am not alone but in "good popular standing" in  
my mission Church. And though my affection mean  
the incline me to the methodists, it is much the other  
way with Siggie. In point of doctrine I had no objection  
to the Episcopal Church, and with regard to Episcopacy  
itself, I begin to think many of my objections were not  
valid. The Episcopal Church is a branch of the Church of  
Christ, and if I do not believe in the absolute necessity of  
an undivided succession, entirely in the Christian  
ministry, I find that there is no organization against  
which thing or person I cannot find some objection & so I  
will say no more, but for the sake of knowing in my family  
and last very irregularly bring some report upon the  
ministry of other denominations, please say, self what is your  
sinner my duty to go: not thinking to hit my head, but to go on  
as Christ shall lead me, to work in his cause. as I have  
been doing. Every Christian heart unbiassed by some religious  
bigotry, will soon bid me God speed in every good work  
& if this should ever be the case, all you & I need, my brother,  
is Christ. I must now go to Church. I hope you will  
feel in no way disappointed as to my decision, for  
I have done my best to do as best in the matter; and  
do not like, when I am teaching others, myself to be  
found halting between two opinions.



I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.



As well as your sermon on the subject of daily suggestion by  
the thoughts of another year closed. Ver. gloriosus. "We  
do keep his commandments, &c." I hope some hearts  
were reached. Mr. French is faithful in proclaiming  
the truth. The prayer meeting with the Quakers continues  
twice a week. I feel conscious that God has not blessed me  
in my work as he has you, but I am not conscious of any  
feelings but those of humiliation & struggling. I am  
humbled in view of my mistakes & failures but thank-  
ful as far as I am ~~concerned~~ concerned that such things  
are the means of strengthening my understanding  
and leading me to an unfeigned & unreserved trust  
in Jesus. I told Mr. French that I was still looking  
to the Ministry and desired to have my studies  
tend in that direction. I don't think I will be fully at  
home till my whole business is to work in the  
vineyard of the Lord. If you think this desire proceeds  
from vanity on my part or <sup>from</sup> an over-estimate of my  
abilities or from an erroneous view of my duty  
as a disciple of Christ, I wish you would tell me  
so as a faithful Brother.

(Monday 8 Jan.) It is clear as night. I shall be on  
the examination tomorrow & want you to  
hear from me. So I will close up what I have  
written. I went to the Hall to hear a sermon  
from Porteus - it was an excellent discourse.  
Suggs here. He enjoyed the higher life much. He has  
talked with me as a Christian, though I think he was  
regretting his lukewarmness when I saw him. He



I have been thinking much of late of the  
 various ways in which we may be  
 benefited by the study of the  
 history of our country. It is a  
 study which should be made  
 by every citizen, for it is  
 the only way in which we can  
 know our rights and our  
 duties. It is the only way  
 in which we can understand  
 the principles of our government  
 and the reasons for our laws.  
 It is the only way in which  
 we can become true citizens  
 of our country.



treated me with great kindness and attention  
and I never knew anything against his character  
life. I heard read a part of a letter he wrote to  
Perry and I noticed then, though I had not <sup>then</sup> seen  
him, a tone of friendliness & <sup>a</sup> gravity. That I  
did not anticipate in a letter from the mouth of  
revel. I did not know that Lamb had become a  
captain & gone to sea again. If you see his  
mother give her my warm Christian sympathy.  
Tell her I hope we shall meet him in  
the better land. Wishing you the  
best of God's blessings I am your  
own brother O. H. Brown.



Mrs J. G. G. G.  
 The Boston  
 We are all well & hope you are so.  
 I am very much interested in your  
 health & hope you will soon be  
 able to go down to see again. Of the  
 usual. I am sure you will find it  
 this no longer a matter from the state of  
 him, a case of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ family. I am  
 good and I believe you, though I do not mean  
 life. I have had a great deal of  
 care & am now quite opening his  
 heart as with great kindness and attention.



West Point N. H.  
December 20th 1857

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My dear brother,

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I think I received a letter from  
you once when I was a Quaker, and then living perhaps  
up with anxiety or vanity. I don't think I wrote you  
such a reply as I ought to have done. You may  
call to mind something of the kind, if you do  
please forgive me. This letter has for its object to fulfill  
a promise I made to your mother last November.  
I had been to a prayer meeting and told what  
a blessed Saviour had come for me (My family & I  
Connecticut.) As I was leaving your dear mother spoke  
to me in the door and said you were expecting  
to hear from a Christian, and asked me if I would not  
write you. I told her I would, but I forgot the reason  
of your plan. Well I have written to ascertain how  
my friends of past years I will say to you as my brother  
wrote to me, "if you want religion you can have it." It  
has been two years since I found peace & substantial comfort  
in a pouring, living, personal Saviour. He is here without  
waiting, submitting all you have you to his control, and  
you will receive just the help you need. God grant that  
your mother's prayer may have been answered before this. I would  
not hope you could already the same clear & abundantly light of truth  
as I have now. I hope your heart as has been my blessed



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Now then If you would like to communicate with me  
on this subject, please send the reply. I am  
stranded on each side as an individual in the  
Church, & have been since a year ago last  
September. I was in Florida before that for  
a short time. I have a wife & two children.  
May God bless you & guide you through his Son  
who said the truth

Very affectionately yours  
C. J. Howard

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