

Managers Jan 7. 1859

Dear Brother

Your very welcome letter came to hand last night. I have tried to write to you just about as often as I should like you take more notice of my Epistles. I believe it took three letters of mine to elicit this of yours & I would willingly write even more. Next to receiving a letter from those I love - it is my greatest pleasure to write them - I am thankful to hear that you are all so well. Give my love to Fizzie & the little ones. To attain to the Higher Life is a great thing, tho' the process be simple & easily understood. But I rejoice to believe that such a life is attainable & by the Grace of God. I hope

one day to reach it. Even on Earth.

But the test of our maturity in the divine life is not a peculiar state of feeling, or a particular point of time. But it is the habitual - felt & observed tenor of our life - This must be meek, submissive, patient - uncomplaining - yes more than that - cheerful, peaceful, even - happy! In our road Christianity - God generally leads his children up to these heights thro' afflictions. You & I may attain to them without these - but I feel in my heart that something must overthrow the least & last remains of pride ~~in my heart~~ ^{there} before "full trust" will be a constant ~~gift~~ - before Christ will abide in me -

O for a "full consecration" a "full trust" - if thus I can best glorify my Master!

I have been confined to my
room for nearly a week with
a severe cold & influenza. My
cough & chest difficulty have so
much abated today & my appetite
is so good that I hope I am per-
manently better. God has been
very merciful to me in sending
me the kindest care from my fellow
students & He will reward them
for their labors of love. I cannot.
I hope to be out by the first of
the week. These frequently recurring
chest difficulties warn me
that I may have day have to
~~forego~~ my chosen work. But He
has promised - "As thy day thy strength
shall be". O may I always be
weak & submissive &
"Joy to find in every station"
"Something still to do & hear"
Mon. Jan. 16.

I did not think to be still
confined to my room, but so

it is - Tho' I am slowly improving
under the kind care & nursing
of my fellow students - In regard
to your decision about joining
a Church. O. W. I can but thinkfully
rejoice in the decision made - It cannot but
make much difference in your present
in Grace - if you will continue
earnest & faithful - I confess I
that I have cherished the hope
that you & Lizzie might yet
conscientiously find a home in
the Church of Our Pilgrim Fathers -
but God seems to order it otherwise
& I have no doubt that He has
a mission for you to fulfill in
the station towards which His
Providence seems leading you will

May you be led every step by
the Holy Spirit - is my prayer -

In regard to the ministry - I
have no doubt of your "gifts" -

The only question is - can you

in favor
I love God better than
regain your present station? If I
am well. I need go more
thoroughly into the development
of my views than I can at
present - indeed, I fear that
henceforth I have already written
off may prove unintelligible - but
I hope will ask one question - "Can
I get which side is the self denied?"
in to continue in service, or to leave
rather it? If you became a clergyman
otherwise would there be any probability
of your continuing in the service
in the chapelain?

his But I find that my head
you will not let me write more
begin - Ella is well - she sent
you - me a nice large comforter for
it - New Year present, which she
it - knit herself - Gen. Lewis was
in your Sat. night and spoke of
the letter which he had re-

cents received from you & his
purpose of answering it. Mrs.
L. has been sick with the influenza
much as I have. I hope the
children continue well. Ask
Lizzie which one she is going
to give the "Pam" when he
is "settled"?

Is there any prospect that
you will change your place
very soon, do you think?

If I am well. I expect
to reach in Harpswell
week from Sunday, D. V.

I hope to hear from
you before then & that
you will have made out
this Letter. I haven't heard
from home lately.

Your affectionate B.
Randall

was frozen. — I shall return to
Brunswick in a week from Wed.
Dellie will go to Auburn at same
time. He is going to review Virg.
this week & keep along his Greek.

The Ladies Social Circle of
meets here next Wed. night. It is
quite a popular affair. I have
did one night & found. About 45
members now. All pay a little
contribution for & also a little sum every
fortnight when they meet & have a
social time. The proceeds are to be
used in repairing the meeting-house.
First meeting was at John Harrison's.
I saw Uncle Emory & Laura Miller
at Church yesterday. John took
care of the children. Mother went
with me tho' it was very cold. But
we have a new stove through the efforts
of John H. in getting subscription &c. and
this made the house very comfortable.

There was no meeting
in this part of the town.
Dellie & I attended the pro-
meeting here last evening.
Salmon Wing here, at that
particular time to see the Lord.
He spoke in the class-
meeting on week ago Sat.
I hope to enjoy his
religion & his active in
the meetings. I must
close this letter now &
write to Rowland. We
shall see and I'll both
write to Christy & Sept.
with great pleasure &
I hope with profit.
Mother and I have
written in every anxious
about you. — We wish
to see you. — If you
don't know how to get it
I will send you a letter. I
hope about Oct. 10. I hope
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the article, on Dr. Alexander's sermon in looking at the Dec. 30 of Jan. 6 - May, you saw in the other issue looked.
Dr. B. has an opportunity of seeing the Rev. getting up at 6 o'clock this winter kindling the fire here - Nellie having brought in the wood the night before. She then gets up & studies Greek. Usually recites her lesson in Xenophon's Anabasis about 11 1/2 o'clock A.M. Her got for a lesson in P.M. 2 pages of Cicero but finished that Sat. - Emma (Rae) calls us to Breakfast - so I will make a pause in my letter. - - -
It is Monday morning as you might notice at least as far as the clock by the date of this. You would hardly be aware however that it is "before breakfast". Nellie & I sit in the North room. Here we have been much of the time since these months. He sits opposite of the table which stands in front of a hot fire. The bedstead is "turned up" thus a white curtain hanging round it. - I having been in the habit of

Since I left my letter I have "done my chores". Went to the Sheep-barn immediately after Breakfast. It is a very cold morning. The thermometer says 26 below zero - It never was colder than this here except Winter before last when one morning it was 27 below. I ^{was} almost frozen in going to the Sheep-barn this I called in at Rolands & got warm as I was going & coming. Father got up at 3 o'clock & built a fire but yet the earth in some of mother's plants

Mr. Timothy Engh



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Portland Jan 11th 1879

Friend Howard

Dear Sir

Your letter written
some time ago was received and should
have been replied to before now. But
Thomas kept hoping he would soon be
able to write himself. He left
here after David & are comparing with
a friend for Salem. I have heard from
him three times since he thinks he
is improving slowly. In the letter
I received yesterday he wished me
to write and thank you for your

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Kind christian sympathy and
as soon as he could use his eyes he
would visit you himself.

We all feel much anxiety at having
him East but he was very nervous and
had so few acquaintances here time
seemed longer to him. We thought the
change might be a benefit certainly
afford him temporary relief.

The right eye has improved so he can see
to go about and within a few days he has
been able to discern light with the left one.

He suffers severely from pain in his
head. particularly nights rendering it
impossible for him to sleep.

His physicians think he requires to
take a long time to recruit and make
a permanent cure of his eyesight. I
fear he will return to duty before he
ought and bring on a relapse and if
he should the probabilities would be
against his ever seeing again.

Mother is with me this winter
her health is much better than it was
last summer. If you would like to write
to Thomas - address him at Salem, Mass.
He wished to be remembered to all
his friends at West Point.

Give my kind regards to Mrs Howard

Truly Yours -

Wm. A. Cady

Salem, Mass.

Fort Cascades, W.T. Jan 17th 1859

Dear General,

I merely write you a hasty note to ask you to do me a favor. I enclose a check upon the At. Treasurer at N.Y. drawn by Major Alford payable to Corp. Walsh & endorsed by him payable to your order. The Amt. \$350, I want to have ~~see~~ it given to the wives of the following men in my ~~comp~~ detachment.

Lt. Wheeler (\$100) one hundred dollars; Corp. McEnany (\$70) seventy;
 Art. Thompson (\$55) fifty five; Shurt (\$30) thirty; Wendall
 (\$30) ~~forty five~~ ^{thirty} five; & Pte. Pryor (\$45) forty five. $100+70+55+50+30+45=350$.

The men have been depositing money with me for safe keeping & they wanted the amts sent to their families. I cannot get checks for the amts except by paying 3 p. ct. at which they do not feel like paying so I have taken the liberty of sending this check to you knowing that you take interest in the men and would be willing to assist them in this way. To Mrs. Wheeler will be sent a check for \$20 as soon as I can get one, besides the amt. mentioned. — We are getting along finely here and expect to leave in two or three months for Fort Benton on the Missouri with Genl. Harney and the 4th Inf. We will build a road from Wallawalla to Benton 800 miles though all is passable but 120 miles across the Rocky Mountains. It will take us two seasons so that we will get back to the States in the winter of 1860. Nothing is positively

known about it yet. I am sure you
have heard of our trip through the Miss
Berard. The other evening Mr Marker who
has been staying with me a week, & I attended
an Indian Dance which was quite a novelty
to us. They had kept it up for one week & were
pretty tired. Every other day I ride through this
village of Pellicotats on my way from the
Lower Cascades to the Upper where the men are
and where I am at this moment. Remember
me to all my friends and believe me
your sincere friend

Henry M Robert

To

St Howard

I will send you another letter by another
route so that you may stop payment on
the check if lost.

H M R.

Robert

Fort Cozcadés W.Y.
Jan 18th 1859

Dear Mr Howard,

I write this as a
check upon any other letter which I
have just finished. It contains a check
No 907, Fort Vancouver, W.Y. 15 Dec. 1858

Assistant Treasurer, U.S. New York

Pay to William D Walsh or order Three hundred
and fifty dollars (\$350) signed Benjⁿ Alvord Paymaster
Endorsed "Pay to St O.V. Howard or order (signed) William D Walsh St. O.V.

If that letter is not received, then please stop
payment on the check & inform me. and
oblige your true friend
Henry M Robert

I will enclose this to the Misses Berard
for additional safety & send it by Schuantepue
the other going by Panama.

Dr Robert U.S. 89^{1/2}

Brooklyn Jan 20th/57

My dear Lin.

I have written you three
since you wrote to me, or at least two
letters are unanswered. I got one note
from you written after you received
your pass - but before you got my note
inclosing your receipt, did you get
that, and a note written after I went
to see Mrs Moor, who promised to write

Wm L. L.

to you, did you get my last note
and has Mrs Moor written to you?
One of Silas letters has miscarried
and I have been thinking you may
have written and this letter has been
lost. I send this note by Cornelia
Clark - if you have written and
directed to the house and I have
misfold the letter direct the next
to the care of Mr Bacon and

he will send it over to me
his directions is 53 South St. N. Y.
I had a letter from Sarah dated
the 30th Dec - they are all well.
Had a letter M. H. James a day
or two ago they are all well - I.
their families are well - my own
health is about as when you was
here - My James increases fast I
suffer very much - Please write
me as soon as you get or
tell date to write for I want
to hear from you - I
great haste I am your affec
dunt friend

West Point N.Y. Jan. 21/59

My dear Mother,

I will direct this letter to you, for the Corps may both be gone before this gets home. I received Charles' last letter nearly a week since, but as he wrote on the outside of the one directed to me that mine to him had just arrived I did not think it best to reply immediately.

I am sorry that you have anxiety on account of me - I have been very actively engaged all the time and really was not aware that so many weeks had slipped by between my two last letters home. We have been generally in good health. Guy & Lizzie have had pretty bad colds, but I think we are all quite well now. I have not been expecting Mary till since the 15th inst. with any anxiety. I don't feel any with reference to the property. God will take care of us. He giveth and he taketh away, and we must rejoice for He doeth all things well. I have been to Mr Gray's (Presbyterian) Church at "the falls" considerably evenings. I have delivered three formal lectures there and spoken informally at other times. Mr. Mr Gray, has had a protracted meeting for three weeks and quite a revival. The Rev Mr Hawley of Peekskill (at first I heard he was from Poughkeepsie) initiated the good work. Some of our soldiers are interested. I saw one who used to attend my Bible class rise for prayers Tuesday night last. He has been serious a good while.

But being of the Unitarian Stamp he never has learned
to put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have one private
scholar now, a son of the leader of the Band, Mr. Apples. The
prayer meetings with the Cadets are still kept up twice a
week, on Monday and Thursday evening. We generally have
a chapter read, sing a hymn, unite in repeating the Lords
prayer and then have one or two extempore prayers. Then
I read some selection that I think will give interest, and be
of some use. The Wednesday evening meeting with the Soldiers
continues well attended. The Methodist Minister will not come
now but half of the time on Sunday evenings, so that
I shall read some discourse or deliver one of my own on
Sunday nights also when Mr. Edward does not come.

The Examination lasted three weeks. My sections got off
pretty well. Two members of the lower one were found
deficient. These failed on what I gave them. Grace
waked this morning at five but she has now gone
to sleep again (7) Guy has come down and is being
dressed. He says he was sick in the night, but God made him
well. Guy is a very good boy. He knows his letters by himself
from my newspaper, and is getting to be quite an intelligent
lad. Grace talks all the time. She is our sunbeam. She
looks at your picture and calls it "Damma" and said
last night I think it was "Damma me to tea" i.e. Gramma come
to tea. Love from Lizzie to all. Remember me to
the neighbors. and give much love to Father -
Lizzie has written to Cyathia - Love to Black Ensign's family
May the best blessings be Yours, Affectionately Yours

O. V. Howard

"Who writing to papa?" "Gramma" - "Send a kiss"
and to Uncle Charles & Aunt Harriet & Uncle Sallie
and Grandmother

New-York
July 29/50

Dear Sir,

Yrs at hand; The
St: pm Massaw is just
in and I have only time to
say that it is all right about
the \$25 - pay it when it reaches
you - I hope to see the Goodell
here before Monday. There is
\$1200 yet unincurred on the
half owned by Mr K & yourself
but I have today written to
Boston to try & get it done
there. The application to
Hemburg failed - With
kind regards I am
Yrs Truly
J. R. Bacon

My dear Mr. [illegible]

I have been thinking of you very much lately. 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. 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.

Christmas eve Priscilla brought me
a letter from you with a one dollar bill
in it. I took the bill and divided it
equally among my children, they knew where
the money came from.

The children learn
the best this winter, they are happy, we are a happy
a good school. I can see Christa has improved
this winter.

Novellie is over to the shop this
winter Oscar & Abbie with them I have not
write much of interest this time I will try
to write you more next time. We are expecting
a new meeting house next summer, I
think (Mr Adams) our minister is a fine
man, and every body I am acquainted
with is good. my love to this kiss the
children for me in best love.

Monday morning I sent you to work in the shoe shop for
me back the children to school Mary a washing her clothes
I have washed mine, Loretta has been to Auburn and
spent one week I did not see her.

My dear Lizzie,
I feel that
a year off at
all
I have no
you, oh no,
there are no
a family
but so much
star for the
as you have
done for me
and still
I ask for
more if they
are left with
one of these
little books,
I have received
one about
these things
how comfort
my heart
It seems as
if I were
lost - I am
not gone
and if you
will write
me soon

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My dear Lizzie.

What shall I first say
I thank you for your kind and aff-
ectionate letters, and many of its sugges-
tion are in strict accordance with my own
feelings, the last letter in particular, and
those little books are beautiful, may my family
receive much good from them, you may think
why do I say family, I have nothing but
my dear children, for I have a husband,
he is with us once more, he says never to leave
me, untill death, He came home three weeks
ago last night, I had not heard from him
but once after you left me, untill the day
he came, I felt the prediction he was not a
young man to be so long in leaving me

living. The last letter described how great change
in him, Now if he is a changed man, I
think I shall be the first one, that knows
it.

One week has past since I commenced
this sheet, I had to leave on the account of
sick headache, today not much better,
I ask myself, What ~~are~~ my sufferings compared
to our blessed Saviour, I am happier now
what I have just through, than I once was
when every thing looked bright to the world,
I wish all of my friends could feel the hap-
piness which I now enjoy ⁱⁿ Christ Jesus, he has
^{done} much for me, I have done nothing in return
I have promise myself this forty fourth year
of my age shall be more given to his service
my house shall be a house of prayer, if
some of the inmates can not - let us pray they
may be, before to late,

Mary Noys & her children bowed
with us. you can see I have something
to do, but nothing to what I have done for
the year past, I hope my friends will
never know, I hope not but one change
more, and may that be the happyest one,
in my whole life. I would like to see
the conversion of my whole family,
may this year, be a year of interest in the
Lord,

It is a getting dark, I cannot
write much more, you will excuse me
when I see you, you mentioned about
coming to Auburn before this, I am
in hope you will. I imagine I see the
children now. Grace with her nightgown pinned
up as she sometimes had it before going
to bed, is she as beautiful as ever, do not think
too much of them, did you ever think those
never was two such children, I never see the sis-

were invited then to tea. Iellie did not spend all the evening but went home to study. Before going home I read a chapter & tried to pray. They both seemed very glad to have me do so tho' they did not request it. This was but a few days before I left home. I think I wrote you of Solomon King. I have not heard from him since I left.

The interest at the lower part of this town is that I believe to have been awakened in connection with the preaching of a Mr. Phillips of the Junior Class. He preached with great acceptance to quite a full audience at the Poor House last term. Mr. Penney of the Junior Class also preaches occasionally in the Free-will House at Grows Town - West Brunswick. Mr. Morris of my own class preached at the Baptist here in town during the winter. He was teaching at the same time.

I do not feel as tho' it would be my place to preach now & I don't know as I ever shall. I am thinking somewhat of teaching a year after leaving college.

Father has hard work to furnish me the means to pay my expenses just now. I don't know how it will be next October. Portland is a little troubled to get means. Father has let him have money once this winter.

I was particularly pleased to hear about Gay & Grace always tell me about them, won't you? Hope you & Suzzie will find your communion with the Episcopal Church conducive to ~~your~~ abundant growth in grace. I must now take my button,

Brunswick Jan. 31, 1839 -

My dear brother

My last letter to you was written just about the time of the one I received from you a day or two afterwards. I was glad to learn you were enjoying your ordinary prosperity and that mother's fears were not realized. I have been in Brunswick almost two weeks. Found my room as I left it and soon had a comfortable fire from the wood I had stored in the fall. For the first two nights however I did not stop in college. We met Prof. Chadbourne in the old Laboratory on Friday morning & have since had a lesson every morning. I like him much for a teacher of Chemistry. He makes the recitation interesting. Gets quite enthusiastic on different subjects as they are brought up in the lesson. He will lecture next month.

We have now Upland on the Sensitivities and are just beginning Butter, which requires of me considerable study.

Nettie is well and is now attending school. She gets thro' the High School in two weeks. She & I went to Lewiston last week on Thursday. It was a beautiful day & the sleighing was good so that we could not fail of having a pleasant ride. Found Iellie in good condition boarding with Mrs. Herrick who is a daughter of Mr. Thomas Little

Pray you will write me often. This I am sure you will do.
I remain
Affectionately Yours
C. W. Howard.

It is a new place but he likes much. We spent the night there. The house is situated opposite the Academy on Auburn side. We went in the evening to hear a Syracusan Lecture by Mr. Edlie of Boston. We went up mostly on account of this lecture. The subject of it was the True & the False. He treated it as regards manhood - patriotism - philanthropy - religion.

Our return on Friday was not so pleasant as it began to snow in the night & we had a storm to ride in. We had a good horse & sleigh & robes however so we did not mind the snow much.

Rowland came from Bangor Sat. week ago. He had been intending to spend the following Sabbath in Caspewell but found his health would not permit. He went to Bath after shopping and saw with me & did not return till last Sat. Said he had been gaining every day but still feared he would not be able to preach at H. yesterday. He rode down there Sat. afternoon - Will return tomorrow.

Ulla came up with him from Bath but I did not see her. I forgot to say they came up Frid. & spent the night at Mrs. Frost's. I did not see him till Sat. when he came to my room.

I heard from home while at Auburn. Father had been down to Caspewell two days before. Dillie will go home in two weeks. He came down to Auburn when I came along to Brunswick but the term was then almost done. He had kept along his studies while at home with me.

I was glad you wrote as you did to him in my letter. He thinks too much of worldly vanities ever to

attain to eminent piety. His mind is all absorbed in subjects which he imagines connected with his intended profession. For he would as soon or almost as soon omit reading his chapters in the Bible as the daily newspaper.

I do not feel like dwelling upon his religious languor however as long as my own heart is so out of place as I know it to be. I do not enjoy that daily communion with Jesus that I ought to have. I desire a deeper work of grace. Pray that I may have it Oth.

You ought to read Mr. Howe's letter to Rowland in answer to one written him about the "Higher Life". He had not read the book but would do so at the first opportunity. He believes in the "Second Conversion" & thinks the Christian life should be a "constant series of conversions." He would not be back where he was before his recent change "for a thousand worlds" - would not remain where he was for a million worlds! He believes "knees well-calibrated with prayer" the best preparation for a minister.

Cyrus Carleton of Rowland's Class came to town a day or two ago. He was in my room this forenoon. I saw him at Mrs. Wood's last evening before parting. He has been a year & a half at Newton. Thinks of preaching for a few weeks - perhaps in Brunswick as they are destitute. There has been some interest at the lower part of the town this winter & considerable in Lefebvre with the Free-Will Baptists.

You inquire about Roland A. He has been quite steady of late. Appeared very kind to me while I was at home. I was often in there. One evening Dillie & O