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Cold Spring, Feb. 2^d '59.

Sicut O. Howard

Dear Sir. We intend with permission
of Providence to commence a meeting at the
Falls next Sab. consequently I shall be there
in the Aft & Evening. Will you supply at the
Print? If you cannot please have the ap-
pointment recall'd. I would be pleas'd to
have you speak to us some evening next
week at the Falls if you can do so. Come
if possible Tuesday evening — let me know
on Sab. day.

Yours truly
Thomas Edwards.

M.B. Give us your prayers at Good
may bless the effort.

P.S. I shall defer it on your
for the Point every Sat evening
during the meeting at the
falls, as it will be necessary
for me to continue there nearly
all the time until the close.

Y^r S.

George W. B. Smith

Maj. Proctor

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Waterloo Arsenal

Feb'y 4/59

Dear Sir

a discharged
soldier named Henry
Seary presented himself
this morning as a
candidate for enlistment
in my detachment. He
says he was a hospital
attendant at Tampa
when you were there, &
he thinks you will re-
member him & will
give him a good character.
If you do recollect him,
please let me know what
sort of a man he is, whether
sober & well disposed -

I have not forgotten the

Man at Governor's table
whom you spoke to me
about, & shall be glad to
see him when his time
there expires, if he is a
single man -

Yrs truly

A. Modeste

L. Howard

to the "Faint" & the Academy.
Of course - you love your Saviour -
Nobody ever truly saw him
& felt him without loving
him - & to you he seems to have
revealed himself with more
clearness than to many, & I
can no more conceive of your
love's abating towards him than
I can towards your wife -
We need never think it neces-
sary to say much about that
to prove that it exists in our
hearts. So our love for Jesus
is our second nature - more
permanent & abiding than
earthly love as it is the work
of God in the higher & holier
compartment of our soul.

Both loves are the works of
God - The One of providence &
the other of Grace. O how we
ought always to be full of
thanksgiving & praise for them.

Bury Feb 7, 1855
Dear Brother

I found yours
of the 29th ult. on my table
when I returned Sat. night.
I was well enough to go
over to Bath two weeks ago
last Sat. - My housewife
kept me from preaching
the following Sabbath but
a week ago yesterday (Sunday)
I spent in Harnwell -
I did not go home at
all - but saw Charles a
No. of times in Brunswick.
I think my health im-
proved every day while I
was gone & I hope that I
will be able now to go to
work - I found Ella well
& we were very happy to-
gether - of course - Charles rec'd
a letter from Mother while

I was there & I was very
much pleased with its
spirit of cheerfulness &
faith - She has prayers
in the family every evening -
Sellee is at home now, &
he will help her - Charles
does not enjoy very good
health & sometimes I fear he
never will - but if he can
have more active habits
& out-door exercise he will
be much better - I think -

Nettie seems to have im-
proved - I found things
very encouraging, on the
whole in Harpswell. The
young converts generally
appeared well - & gave
signs of growth & expansion
in the Christian life - but
also there were some defec-
tions - There have been two
or three new cases very lately.

& I felt a great desire to
stay longer & would, if I
could - All gave me a most
heartly & cordial greeting & many
made me little presents of
small sums of money &
other things which I value
for beyond their intrinsic
worth - I got stuck in a
snow drift on the K. & P. R.R.,
on my return so as not to
make the connection to Bangor
& went into Portland & staid
all night with Frank - I
called to see Capt. Eln. Wait
& family - I found them morning
Lizzie's probable loss - but they
seemed very submissive
to the will of God - Susan was
at home & seems like a lovely
girl - I never saw her before -

I was rejoiced to hear of
the good work at the "Halls" &
only pray that it may extend

Portland July 8 1859

Lieut. O. O. Howland

Dear Sir

This is to inform
you that the interest on the
A St L R. R. is now due -

I shall I collect and forward you
the amt due on your Wifes Shares
Your Brother made us a friendly
call last Saturday on his way from
Harpowell to Bangor

we are all quite well at home
hope you and your dear family are
all enjoying the same blessing

we have heard nothing from our
dear Lizzie & Husband since they sailed
from England we fear they are all
lost - may the Lord give us grace to be
resigned to his will -

From your
Affectionate Uncle
E. White

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Portsmouth Aug 8 1829

Dear Sir

This is to inform you that the contract on the part of P. A. is now in -

I collect our former one out one on your side of the year 1828 was as a family one last Saturday on his way from

Portsmouth to Bangor

We are all quite well at home but you and your dear family are all enjoying the same blessing we have heard nothing from our dear P. A. & his family since they left for England we fear they are all well - May the Lord give us grace to be prepared to his will -

Yours affectionate friend
 J. M. [unclear]

I sincerely trust

my God please you and make you eminent
useful in winning souls, and at last crown you
in his heavenly Kingdom. Please to the paper

Your sincere friend

Joseph C. Stevens

Wm. C. C. Howard

N. Y. C.

New York

N. York -

John Stevens

Barnes Dec 8. 1859

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My Dear Sir,

I am very happy to receive your
letter a short time since, and learn of your pressing
temporal and spiritual. It seemed to me upon the
perusal of it content, that God has raised you up
to be the honored instrument in his hands for great
good at N. Y. At my desire, just that for a moment
that if the office in the Army could only become Chris-
tians, what herds of salvation would they prove to the
benighted portions of our country, as they respected the
honour of the cross? Persevere my dear brother,
and may God in his infinite mercy strengthen you
for the glorious work, and may you have the happiness
of seeing that you are not labouring in vain, or spending
your strength for naught, but rather may the good
seed you are now sowing, take root and bear
fruit an hundred fold. And is there not much
satisfaction to be derived in the reflection that
should God be pleased to accept our service, and
pardon our sins for Christ sake, we may hereafter
be permitted while standing upon the battlements
of that glorious life in company with other redeemed
spirits to point down and in the contemplation of

remembrance say then and then, God enabled me
to present the truth to such and such redeemed
souls, then I suffered such and such conflicts,
but God in his great mercy sustained me and
has brought me safely home?

Think what is going on in our Navy, the daily
prayer meetings on board the receiving ship St
Cecilia at Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the constant
conversions among ten to twelve hundred men
who must all be men a life, affected by such ocean
services, and that that these men are being distributed
on board of our several ships of war destined to all
parts of the world, and many to meet their own
nation and King. What efficient Missions is
God preparing to convert the world, and how
speedily will all the efforts heretofore put forth by man
appear. Truly it may be said as in the day of Pentecost
"How hear we say men in our own tongue wherein we
were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the
 dwellers in Mesopotamia" &c. Then the daily prayer
meetings, established on board of the U. S. ship Ohio, with
some half a dozen converts, the Mohawk with about
as many more, the St Louis just sailed with one
hundred and fifty men taken from the North Carolina

from twelve or fifteen of whom one general
convert, and pledged to continue the daily
prayer meetings. Is not God truly preparing
the world for some new, and yet more glorious display
of his sovereign power? It really seems to me so,
and who would wish to be a silent observer of such
scenes? or rather may I not wish, who would not wish
to be a humble co-worker in such astounding exhibi-
tions of God's mercy, and the fulfillment of his
recorded prophecy? We continue our 8 o'clock daily
A.M. prayer meeting, and recently a daily four
o'clock P.M. prayer meeting has been established,
each of which on first will attend, and we hope
and trust, that more religious interest is now being
felt. I see you better frequently, he is quite well,
and we are anticipating the pleasure of being with
it with yourself and family, at our house, when you
visit our City again come directly to our home,
Let my name be upon your list of correspondents, and
write me at your convenience, and when you bow
of the throne of grace do not forget me my dear brother,
It has much I need you pray that God will thro-
ughly and establish me in every good word and
work. My kindest regards to Mrs. H. in which request Mrs.

Fort Columbus, N. Y. N. Feby. 30. 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your worthy communication of the 20th Febr. 1858. and tell you my heartfelt thanks for the kindness you showed to me.

Leut. Ingraham, who arrived yesterday at this post from West Point, informs me that Major Nordcaai requested him to tell me that there is vacancy for me at Waterlot Arsenal. - I should be greatly obliged to you, if you would please to find out from Leut. Lee, in what capacity I will be employed and in what grade likely I will be mustered, and inform me of it. -

If Major Nordcaai should need my services soon, I could be easily transferred from the Artillery to the Ordnance Dept.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. C. Magee

Compy. B. 1st Artillery.

1st Lieut. O. O. Howard

Ordnance Dept.

West Point, N. Y.

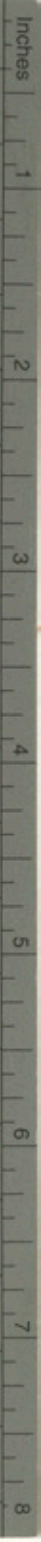
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Perry Sur

New York Feb. 12th 1859

Dear Otis

I sent you yesterday
a Box of Oranges by Express
I have had them ready to send
the last week but could not get
an expressman to come after
them and I sent them up
by a carman to the express
Office. I wrote you last
week acquainting you of my
safe arrival & coe and
have been trying to get a chance
to run up and stop one night
with you but am afraid I
shall not have time now
as I shall sail next Wednesday
again for Cumberland, harbored
the same port I came from
tell Mr Ringold if he is
going to come down Tuesday

that he need not bring any
thing with him but what he
wants to wear or if he likes
a few Apples would be very
good and acceptable &
he might buy a few.

I got Miss Jennings letter
yesterday about that boy I
should like very much to
take him but I shipped a
boy a few days ago and I do
not know how I can take an-
-other as they are very little
use on short voyages, when
I come back I will take him
if he wants to go then.

Mother's health is failing fast
she is not near as well as
when I left her last voyage
if it is possible for you to
come down, I should like to
see you before I sail as

I shall not have time to
go up to the Point.

I am in a great hurry
to day so I will close and
will write you again fully be-
fore I sail.

This voyage is not yet
settled up and cannot be
for some time as my Cheston
have failed and it will be
some time before we get the
whole amt of Cheston although
I have got most of it.

With much love to Lizzie
& the children and all friends
I remain your affectionate Son

J. P. Lee

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Baltimore Feby 14. 1859.

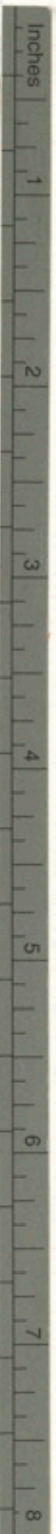
Otis Howard Esq.
West Point.

Dear Sir,

Allow me the pleasure of introducing to your favorable notice my friend G. Henry Councilman who will present this and who intends going through the course of studies at your Institution. He is a very worthy young man and one whom we esteem, and any kindnesses you may show him will be duly appreciated by your old schoolmates.

Andley J. Morton.
formerly of Baltimore Md

Murder



two councils held 353 and 355 at
Arles and Milan. Thus you see, there
was no very great majority in ancient
times held the doctrine as you hold
it. I do not mean to say that Arius
held the doctrine just as I do, but that
he did not believe in the Trinity as you
and the majority of Christians hold it.
We do not desire to replace that theory,
but we think it endeavoring to substi-
-tute itself, for the simplicity of the Bible.
We should not take anything on faith
because the great majority of Christians
do, if this were the proper method we
would all be Roman Catholics; for
when Luther separated himself from
the Roman Catholic Church were not
 $\frac{99}{100}$ believers in all its dogmas?
The theory of the Trinity, has nothing to
do with the atonement, with an all-
-sufficient sacrifice for sin; and so
far from its giving the sinner anything
sure to go to, it tends to destroy all

Sr. Cle.

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Waterbury, Conn., N.Y. Feb. 16th

Dear Howard,

Peace be to you & yours.

I am sorry your time is so very much
occupied that you are unable to enter
into the discussion which we were to have
carried on, and I am still more sorry
that you acknowledge you can't prove,
that which you state you most surely believe
for St. Paul says "Prove all things; hold fast
to that which is good"; and St. Peter, "But
sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be
ready always to give an answer to every
man that asketh you a reason of the
hope that is in you with meekness & fear."
If the doctrine of the Trinity is the doctrine of
the Bible, then most certainly you have all
the data to substantiate that doctrine in
that book itself. I feel that the Bible con-
-tains enough to enable me to maintain
my position, and I thank God that his

word is as clear as it is, and that we can fully understand all our duties to our Maker and our fellow-men. On points, where we cannot agree, we will agree to differ in Christian love and brotherhood. I am glad you are enabled to accomplish some good at West Point, and I desire that a great door and effectual may be opened unto you, and that you may soon see of the fruit of your labor in that place. — If the fact that the blind, lame, dumb &c. asked and received blessings of the Savior would justify us in prayer to the him, then the same proof would give us the right to pray to the apostles of our Lord, to Moses, to many of the prophets who existed in Old Testament times, which would at once take us further than the Catholics have ever gone, who pray to the apostles. I do not say, that there are near so many examples of requests answered by any other finite being, as by the Savior, but I say that the

argument is just as conclusive in the one case as in the other. I cannot think there is an authenticated instance of prayer to the Savior in the Bible. You state that you are rooted & grounded in Christ Jesus — so am I. I believe that Jesus is the mediator between God & man, and how can one of the parties to a difference be the mediator between those parties, as Christ must be if your belief is founded on truth. I think there is no third person ever spoken of in the Bible. You say that the great portion of the Christian world in ancient as well as modern times accepted the Trinity on faith. Now, while I do not in matters of faith, regard numbers as of any authority, still I think your remark unjust, for Athanasius, the great explainer of your faith was banished by a council of 90 bishops in the year 341 at Nicaea for holding false views; afterwards recalled 349, but again banished by

Engagement to Charles has
 I fear - led them to struggle
 too much for a "position" &
 but I don't know positively
 that such is the fact. but that
 house he built - was too big for
 his means - still he must have
 been unfortunate some other
 way - I will ask Charles about
 it - Nettie has just graduated
 very creditably to herself at
 the Mrs. High School -

Charles wrote me an excellent
 letter the other day full of good
 sense & deep piety - I hope
 his health will permit him
 to study for the ministry - I
 think he hesitates now on that
 & other acct about entering it -
 Pray for him - Love to Figgie
 & the children -

Egbert Smyth was to go to Waukesha
 next Sabbath to administer the
 Lord's Supper & receive from
 the Church. I correspond with
 the Editor - who will bring
 what you have about being

& Minister in town - Belle Washburn - good reception of Mrs. Washburn

I have recently read the biography of Bishop Leighton & R. M. McWhorter. You can't afford to live without reading them. What a privilege thing is to be a Christian! -

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the letter which I was in hopes
 to find you. but Gen. Stevens in
 the last day meeting - which oc-
 curred yesterday - alluded to
 West Point & your labors & requested
 prayer - & Dr. Shepard offered
 a prayer - When he came to
 mention "that instructor who
 is trying to teach the knowledge
 of Jesus Christ" - I could not
 restrain my tears - It seemed
 so good to have all those hearts
 going up in prayer for one I
 love! - & I felt then that the
 prayer would be answered
 & now I expect it.

I write today while this
 impression is vivid on my
 mind.

Mr. Stevens has a son

in David Cole, who joined the
Church last summer. But
from what Charles says, I
fear that he is falling into
bad Company. He has some
false "liberal" notions which
will be in danger of shipwreck-
ing his hope in Christ. I
have tried to converse with him
& pray for him & have talked
with some of the faculty about
him. I pity his mother. I
will expect to hear of some
good effects following this
course of Prayer for Colleges.
I notice in the papers two
marriages in Leeds. B. Saxe
to Hannah Knapp - & Jackson
Tops (Walter Sen) to Theresa Howard.
(Cousin Howard's oldest daughter - by
the way I met that last named
lady, can forgettable looking individ-
ual down street here the
other day - He is driving about

with his own horse as usual -
Was in Leeds three weeks
ago. & left Laura Aunt. Luedin
& family all well - I was real
glad to meet the old fellow.
& I wish that I could make
a better man of him - If I could
have seen him long enough - I
would have introduced the
subject of religion -
Feb. 25th

I conducted our prayer
meeting this evening & intro-
duced the subject of praying
for old friends & acquaintances.
which are important - We
had a real good meeting
& a no^d of earnest prayers.
I wish you could have our
prayer meetings at West Point.
Ella writes me that Mr.
Merriam (Nettie's father) is
said to have "failed" - I do
pity them - if this is so - Her

my interests into the hands of God. He
death all things well. He returned from
New York ⁱⁿ yesterday evening, but as we
took a train that stopped only at
Cold Spring in this vicinity & as the River
was full of ice we did not get home
till Saturday morning when we found
the children well & happy waiting for
their parents. Guy is fleshy & husky. He
has learned all his letters himself. He
delights in listening to stories. Says he wants
the survivors now, and asks if God will
let him gather roses in Heaven. He learns
with great readiness. I do not push him at
all. Grace is very interesting in her little ways.
She too is fat & husky. She talks everything & so that
we understand her. Her temper is excessive, but
when good she is as affectionate as you would wish.
She runs & puts up her little mouth for a kiss when
I leave the house. You would rejoice to see her seem-
ingly little face & big wide awake eyes. I hope
God will enable Sizzie & me to discharge our duty
faithfully in bringing up these little charges -
Sizzie is the same good & affectionate wife & affectionate
& faithful mother as ever. Truly God has ever greatly
blessed me. I hope the boys are well. I must believe
to Father. affectionately your son O. J. Howard

Sizzie sends love to all & says, ask Cynthia to answer my letter. We have quite a
private new set of 12 balls & conducted the meeting ^{one} these two weeks ago for the
Rev. Mr. Gray who was ill.
& last Sunday I lectured
in the evening - I am -
trying to declaim & to
prepare meetings with the
Catholics - our 100th wife
was in a walk.
I shall not be glad of
the arguments
most of the action
done by Ellen
Wesley for or from
My love to him
I'll hear I would
let you know how
being

reason of an evening when one gets
the leisure & spend the time in
reading, that I keep putting off
letter from day to day, till a
month or more has gone by without
my writing even to my dearest
friends. This evening is most gone
for it is already nearly by past
nine. I have just come in from
making a couple of calls; I go
immediately to my desk & try to
Sizzie who is making a lounge-come
to whom shall I write first? She
says to you: We went to New York
last week. Sizzie went in company
of St. Reed's young widow who went
to make her first sorrowful visit

number affectionately to the neighbors

to Governor's Island where she & her
husband spent the few months of
their married life. Lizzie went on
Wednesday with her & her friends, and
I followed early Thursday morning.
We found Ann Lee, suffering
pains of the most excruciating
nature - not every day. She says
she has her bad days & her well
days. Her breast is more than double
its natural size & a portion of the cancer
near her arm protrudes & is much
discolored. She says the pain is like
living fire bunched up in her flesh &
that it sometimes makes her faint.
She expects this soon to open & become
an offensive sore. Her appetite is still
good, as is her general health. She goes
out to ride, & to walk often; but she
cannot live long. She may die suddenly
if the cancer does not open, & if it does
her life cannot be prolonged, I fear,
for any great length of time. She

thinks she had better stay where she
is, where she has so many privileges
for one in such a terrible condition.
None of her friends can have much hope
of her ultimate recovery, though all
things are possible with God. Her mind
is calm & cheerful & she loves to hear
about Heaven & wonders if it is really
possible that so much joy is in store
for her. I read a letter to her Thursday &
Friday morning. She was able to sit
up while I read & Stephen in the Bible &
kneelt with us in prayer. Perry has
gone to the same harbor again - St. Jago
de Cuba. He had some difficulty in
getting the proceeds of his fish & voyage
but finally got the most of it. I hope
the next charter is safer. He was sick
while away & quite unwell while at home.
He could hardly tear himself from his
mother, but believed it his duty to
go. I had no particular anxiety about
the vessel while it was away. I feel