

Levell says that your college  
classmate Luell lies hopelessly  
sick of consumption or his father  
in being - He is not able to  
write but can read - I say  
he seems to be without hope in  
himself - he has written him on  
the subject - Aunt Martha  
is no better - Laura, too desper-  
ately - John & Helen expect to go  
to Lewis in a month or so.

A great deal of love to dear  
Lizzie - I almost always think  
of her when I pray. Will she  
remember her, me? Kiss the little  
ones for "Uncle" - give me  
a place, my dear brother  
in your own prayers

Very affectionately  
Yours

Wm. C. C. Howard

[April 1859]

There are no indications of relig-  
ious interest in Lewis - but  
I live in hope - Johnathan Adams  
now near a Freshman in college  
When you were Sen. & this is a Sen.  
here - has been home to see  
Lola this vacation - He says  
there is no house without its  
inquirers & not many without  
their new born ones - About

15 have been hopelessly con-  
verted there within a few  
weeks. Oh how I would love  
to find such a state of things  
among our old neighbors -

Father has no boy & the family  
seemed very small at home -  
He is unable to collect anything  
of the R. B. Co. & is very short for  
money just now. Sallie wants  
a suit - but I can get  
along well enough for the



present. as I have till 8150 -  
to draw upon. I hope Father  
will be able to supply Sellis  
some way. Charles will have  
plenty when he gets thro' his  
School. but the times are very  
hard for everybody. But, it  
does my heart good to see  
Mother so cheerful & uncomplain-  
ing. She seems to feel with  
me that God will provide for  
us all some way -

If you are sick. After I do  
wish to know if - or Lizzie - or  
either of the little ones. But  
write to Mother first. O Helen  
is so dear. I could have cried  
that day I was there to hear  
her speak in that heartless  
way about Religion - Poor John!  
I hope he is often in his closet -

Helen seems to love me best &  
can't get her to feel any about  
her Saviour. O strange perversity  
of the Natural heart! -  
The thought of the Missionary  
work has been much in my  
mind of late & I have tried to  
give myself all up even to  
go where & do what the Spirit  
points. I think - I know Ellen  
will shrink from nothing that  
seems to be duty. We have  
a perfect understanding about  
it - I do not - decide to be  
a Missionary yet - I do  
decide not to resist if God  
sends me. - How can we else  
be better off, than helpless.  
Wretched - obedient - in the  
hands of a holy, all wise &  
perfect God. - How little  
life seems! How great Eternity!



F.S.

One day of Annual  
Fasting & Prayer for<sup>232</sup>  
Colleges & Literary Institu-  
tions occurs the last of this  
month & I would like  
to have you prepare a letter  
similar to that of last  
year giving some acct.  
of the religious state.  
opportunities & wants  
of the Military Acad. -

It can but do good.  
& I give you all this time  
to prepare it. I would not  
write more than a sheet  
of letter paper - but write  
just as much and as you  
think best.

Statistics. ~~Whole~~ No. Cadets.  
Profs. of religion. religious Meet-  
ings. Officers - profs of religion.  
State of religious interest &  
the means employed to induce

it - &c - all these names  
be interesting, & need  
give particulars - & point  
to the prayers offered.

No one will be made  
of the letter but to read  
it to the Christians assembled.

I thought you might  
like to read the enclosed  
letter from that holy man  
Rev H. G. Storer who was at  
Keapmell awhile with me -  
& of whom I have written  
you. Will you please to  
return the letter? I value  
it & wish to preserve it -



other voices come feebly out till  
there was silence, on Earth, &  
one more voice in the Heavenly  
Choir -

Charles is at home for two weeks  
vacation - He writes that Mother  
seems very well & begins to im-  
prove slowly - He seems to incline  
to teach this fall & then to  
spend the winter with you rather  
than me - If his health was  
firm I should think the sooner  
he was here, the better - But, as  
it is, perhaps our life is too  
sedentary for him at present -

I shall hear from you often &  
all about you when Ellen gets there -

He is a splendid letter writer !!!  
(Of course my opinion is disinterested)

This is a long postscript  
& written in a hurry & it  
is now time to close - So  
overlook the imperfections &  
believe me always  
Yours truly  
Wm. R. Howland

[April 1853]

I will not close my letter,  
Ois, without expressing my  
heartfelt satisfaction at what  
you wrote of that Cadet Concert -

O that we might hear of more!  
Miss Marsh has done more  
to reconcile us to Episcopacy  
than all the learned arguments  
in the world could - Were I  
to visit England - I should  
esteem her acquaintance more  
desirable than that of the  
Queen! The manner from the  
spirit displayed in her  
books be a truly lovely character -  
One of those "temples of the Holy  
Ghost" which are the most beau-  
tiful & worshipful of any  
on Earth - the clearest man-  
ifestations which we have of  
Christ himself -

The details of your visits & con-  
versations with the high are



also grateful to me - The General  
& Mrs. Stevens & also Dr. S. (your  
West P. acquaintance now at home)  
wish to be affectionately remem-  
bered. Gen. S. has written lately.  
He is very constant at the  
morning prayer meetings & is  
evidently being led by the  
spirit of God.

I heard at Harpswell from  
Mr. Meriam a Baptist Minister.  
living in the town of China -  
Mr. West. Aunt Aurelia -

Everett & his wife have lately  
been hopelessly converted!  
Blessed news! He spoke of  
the cases of the women as being  
very encouraging & said they  
were soon to be baptized.

How much longer will our  
Leather & Elias hold out? O  
God send down thy converting  
grace upon them - Capt. P.  
seems often "almost persuaded".

Poor Aunt Ann! I can only  
pray for her - I can never have  
any hope for Silas till he  
a new heart - O that his  
mother's prayers might be  
answered in his behalf -  
A lady who has been a frequent  
subject of prayer in our  
meetings has died this week  
sweetly triumphing in redeeming  
Love. Just before she died she  
sang in a sweet clear voice  
the following words - Ella will  
sing you the words - if you think of it -

"Come sing to me of Heaven  
When I'm about to die  
Sing songs of sweetest ~~rest~~stasy  
To waft my soul on high -"  
"There'll be no more sorrow <sup>there</sup>!"  
" " " " " " "

In Heaven above where all is love  
There'll be no more sorrow there!  
When her voice ceased from nearness  
her lips moved & whispers of the



know there were many kind friends that  
offered me a home; still I could not bear  
to leave this; now I feel as though I had  
a good home and a friend that has always  
been very kind to me; I do look forward  
to this summer that I shall enjoy you and  
Otis society here you stay part of the time  
with me it will be so pleasant. I have  
written to my folks they are pleased that  
I am going to have a home of my own.

Victoria Turner is married to night to  
~~Stephen~~ Dean who is just as old again.  
~~as~~ she is 21; I was over Thursday to see  
her showed me all her wedding fix which  
was very nice. Amanda Seth wife is just  
ready to be confined. Sturge Jennings  
wife has got another girl both of their  
other babies are the same age of your  
little girl kiss the little children  
for me Otis too. Uncle E sends his love  
John Thellen they are well; I am boiling  
down soap have made 3 gallons of syrup  
Your affectionate Cousin Laura

Laura

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Leeds Apr 3 1859

My Dear Cousin Lissie

I received your very  
kind letter last week, how glad I am you  
are going to spend the summer here, what  
good times we shall have; if no sorrow befall  
us, how glad I am that Ella is going to  
visit you. I know she will have a pleasant  
time wish I was going too. but if we  
are all spared; I shall go to commencement;  
with you; Dear Lissie you will be surprised  
to hear me say that I am going to be married  
next month to Mr Otis. I have prayed  
that I may be directed in the right way.  
I feel that he has done every thing for  
me now he has offered me a good home  
and I am very happy in it; he thought  
as Ann and Sarah were coming on here  
this summer, that I had better take the  
head of the family; but what Otis  
wrote his Mother it is quite doubtful



if they come, & do pity her, she wrote  
me a beautiful letter. and if she gets  
able to come I will try to do all I  
can for her, Sarah wrote that she  
was very anxious her mother should  
come to Leeds and spend the summer  
with her here but would not be  
able to start from Nassau. till April  
as her children were both having  
the whooping cough, this letter was  
written some four weeks ago, we  
have not heard from Ann since  
Otis wrote. we are feeling quite  
anxious about her, we did not realize  
her situation before, Oh what a blessing  
is health how little I prize it. I have  
spent a very happy winter boarded  
the Minister and a very good man he  
was I miss him. they talk now of  
trying to get Elder Gurney of Auburn  
the one that preached here two years  
ago, Oh I hope the Lord will incline  
his heart to settle amongst us. our circle

have seemed to wake the folks up & are in  
hopes we are going to see better times. at  
their society meeting there were fourteen  
young men joined, and they agreed to  
raise \$280 dollars towards fixing the  
church, that with what the ladies have  
raised <sup>at the circle</sup> will make quite a different look  
ing house of it; it met here week before  
last although the going was very bad  
there were 75 they adjourned it till the  
second Wednesday in May, then I attended  
singing school two evenings. that with  
the social parties has made the winter pass  
very pleasantly. Oh how different from last  
then I see nothing but trouble and sorrow  
it has been sometime since I saw your  
mother we have no meetings the traveling  
so bad I cant get there, none of our friends  
here know that we are going to be married  
perhaps you and Otis will not approve. but just  
as I am situated I think it for the best  
he could not bear to break up house. I could  
not leave him in his deep trouble &



Leeds, April 7<sup>th</sup> 1859.

My dear son and daughter, I hope  
this will find you all well and happy.  
I have been to Kirkstall just now they  
have a ~~new~~ daughter 9 days old a fine  
healthy babe, I think they are very  
much pleased with it, Cynthia does not  
gain much yet, but I hope she will this  
week, I have not seen any of Uncle  
Onsign's folks for a long time but pre-  
sume they are in general health I  
have not heard from Ann since you  
wrote, I had a letter from R. B. H. written  
the sixth of Apr: says his health is good  
says he has written a letter to poor suffer-  
ing Aunt Ann, his whole <sup>letter</sup> breaths of  
of the prophetic spirit, says Lydia Parker  
has been up to see him not long since  
a letter of date 2<sup>nd</sup> of Apr: from Delle  
says he is well, and he went to Brauns-  
wick and stopt over the Sabbath of  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Apr: found Charles and Nettie  
both well, your father says I have written

to since he found Mr Whitmans note  
wrapped in another but I do not recollect  
that I have written you since the  
reception of your last letter of March  
11<sup>th</sup>. is it so? have I written a letter and  
forgotten it, I do not hear anything  
from Lissie's relation this spring, there  
has been some effort put forth to  
repair our meeting house, and get  
a minister, which seems more spirited  
than I have known for some time  
I hope the people of Leeds will get  
waked up, to their duty some way  
Cynthia feels rather lonely as none  
of her family have been able to  
come to her yet the traveling is so  
bad, those who have been obliged to  
go out say it is awful, the large snow  
banks are sloping toward the center  
of the of the road and other sides  
much so the horse ball up with  
mud and snow and travels on  
the sides, aslope and falls,



Laura was so kind as to send your  
letter to me, where I read from  
your own hand your expectations  
in looking forward to the time  
when we shall be together again.  
I almost felt that you are here  
already, your father has obtained  
money on his bonds since the first  
of ~~the~~ sufficient to pay up the  
boys bills, and I have written  
a letter to R. B. H. and one to Charles  
to enclose money to them. The  
first mail I have not attended  
meeting much of late, but I have  
felt as though it would be a  
privilege to meet with a dear  
Christian and tell them my joys  
but I can tell them to my  
God and Saviour, it is about  
sunset and I will draw to a  
close, now I do recollect writing  
to tell you about the size of  
the carpet, this is a curious letter  
you must think so, but I thought  
you would like to hear from  
Cynthia why I ~~thought~~ ~~wrote~~  
wrote you to day, Yours,  
Olivia Gilmore

O. P. Howland and wife

~~Howland~~



minister who has been laboring there has moved into the neighborhood - into Mr Bailey's house I believe. It seems you are still occupying your time & talents in special labor in the Lord's vineyard. God will give the increase in his own good season. I am glad you are so engaged & I trust you will not feel discouraged for want of visible fruits.

There are indications of good progress with us here in college. One of my Claps has been quipped & in a measure restored - He had fallen away. We have dismissed two from the church one of them Prof. Chamberlain's brother. He had acquired the habit of drinking. - We have a meeting in the Senior Rec. room Thursday noon.

Fuller a classmate of mine a very fine young man from Gay has lost his mother. He went home week ago Monday & will not return this term. He & I were side by side & have been together a great deal this year. He is President of the Praying-circle. He reached home before his mother was gone - She died in the Lord & seemed happy in view of the change which she knew was close at hand for some days.

Give my love to Lizzy & to Master Gay & little Grover. I do not think of or pray for you less for not having written. Pray for me that I may live nearer to Jesus & enjoy his presence more constantly.

Your Affectionate Brother C. H. Woodward.

Bowdoin College  
Apr. 9, 1859 -

My dear Brother

It has been some time since I received your letter - much more than I intended should elapse before answering it. I had waited a good while and I fear had got into the habit of not expecting a letter but I did not want you to do so. My part has been pressing me badly and this will pass for a better excuse with you who know by experience the situation. I have just got the first copy done ready to hand in to the Prof. I could not seem to write till last Wed. and that was a week or two behind the proper time. I am not intending to perform so it will make little difference. My subject is Elements of Strength of Romanism. Not ~~an~~ extraordinary <sup>good</sup> subject to write upon. I don't like it - I suppose it is because I have done so poorly. Since I rec'd your letter there has been quite a stirring movement <sup>here</sup> in the Temperance Cause. On this of course I have been actively engaged - 112 have signed the pledge many of them hard-drinkers - It is during the College Course - We have had a lecture from Prof. Chamberlain on Temperance. We have one, week from Tonight from Mr Webb of Augusta. Pres. Woods is going to deliver one the first of next Term. - We have been favored (!)



with a good deal of rain this spring - It has certainly done one good thing that is the removal of the heap of snow with which we were almost buried down here in Maine.

We have been having cold weather since the beginning of April. Today it is warm & pleasant.

I suppose very likely the grass has begun to start with you. I was pleased to hear about the little man (as it seems Guy is getting to be much very fast) and sweet little Grace - Hope to see them before many weeks. You mentioned that you expected a visit from Ella - It was news to me but I have seen Mrs. Patten since at Topsham & she told me about it. I had a letter from Ella Monday and shall go down to Bath to spend the Sabbath week from tomorrow. Ella seems to be in a very good state of mind religiously. She is striving & praying for higher attainments in grace now - seeking the second Change. She had been reading the life of Hester Rogers who was the wife of a Methodist Preacher. Rowland wrote me not long since. Ella expects he will come to Bath before the first of May - She expects Albert home then and cannot start for N. Y. till after that.

You wrote that you would like to have me spend the winter with you at West Point. I should enjoy doing as much I know. Hope it will be so that I can. I need to have my

body strengthened as you say - If we adopt this plan I would do my best as a traveling Companion to Lizzie. If I do go to N.Y. I think I better teach a school this fall to earn some money. This school is not very plenty down here - Father don't seem to have an abundance. I haven't paid this term's bill yet at the Seminary. Rowland speaks favorably of my going to West Point if you are desirous to have me.

Dellin was here at B. & spent last Sabbath with me. He likes Yarmouth very much. Thinks Mr. Randall is a first rate man & a thorough teacher. He is all interested in the Philologist of which he is president. Think he enjoys a greater degree of interest in religion than he has done for some time past. We spent Sat. evening with Nettie. Stephen Young a deacon ~~the~~ whom you perhaps will remember as a sort of brother-in-law of Gilman - (you talked with him a little) was with us and as he is a beautiful player we had plenty of music.

Dellin stayed with Nettie Sabbath afternoon as it rained so she could not go to meeting. I went to hear Mr. Morse preach. He was earnest as usual. I received a letter from Albert a day or two ago - It told the news of the gift of a little girl to Roland & Legathen - born April 1st. Legathen was quite feeble. Mr. Holt the Methodist



By O.D. Howard  
West Point  
N.Y.

152 Maiden Lane  
New York Apr 13. 1855

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My dear friend,  
Your favour of 11<sup>th</sup> inst is rec<sup>d</sup>  
with the enclosure - I am happy to learn  
that Mrs St. got home safely & well, and  
that she is to have the benefit of a  
better light in her house - We were all  
much pleased to have her make the  
visit and our sad to regret that it could  
not be a longer one - We have not heard  
from your Aunt Lee since she went to Port  
Charter - Her case is in the hands of Him  
~~who~~ who does all things for good to his disci-  
ples; and those who come from great tribulation  
are finally highly exalted - and we must be  
reconciled his will -

We all unite in rejoicing that the work  
of the Lord is prospering with you, and we also  
pray that a great blessing may attend your  
labors of love -

We shall always be glad to see you and  
Mr St. on either at our home -

With our best regards to Mr. St -

Remaining as ever, Dear Brother

Yours faithfully

H. Pepper









April 17<sup>th</sup> 1859

Prof. J. Howard,

Sir,

I suppose you will be surprised to receive a letter from me, but as I am very anxious about the health of my son, that will be the only apology you must <sup>make</sup> an excuse for a Father's affection for a child. Johnny writes to me rather desponding, says his health is not very good and appears low spirited about his health and his studies for fear he will not be able to keep up with his class. Now I wish you to write to me definitely whether you think it anything serious or not. You could consult a physician and let me know what he thinks about him. If his health prevents his studying would he be allowed a furlough to recruit his health.

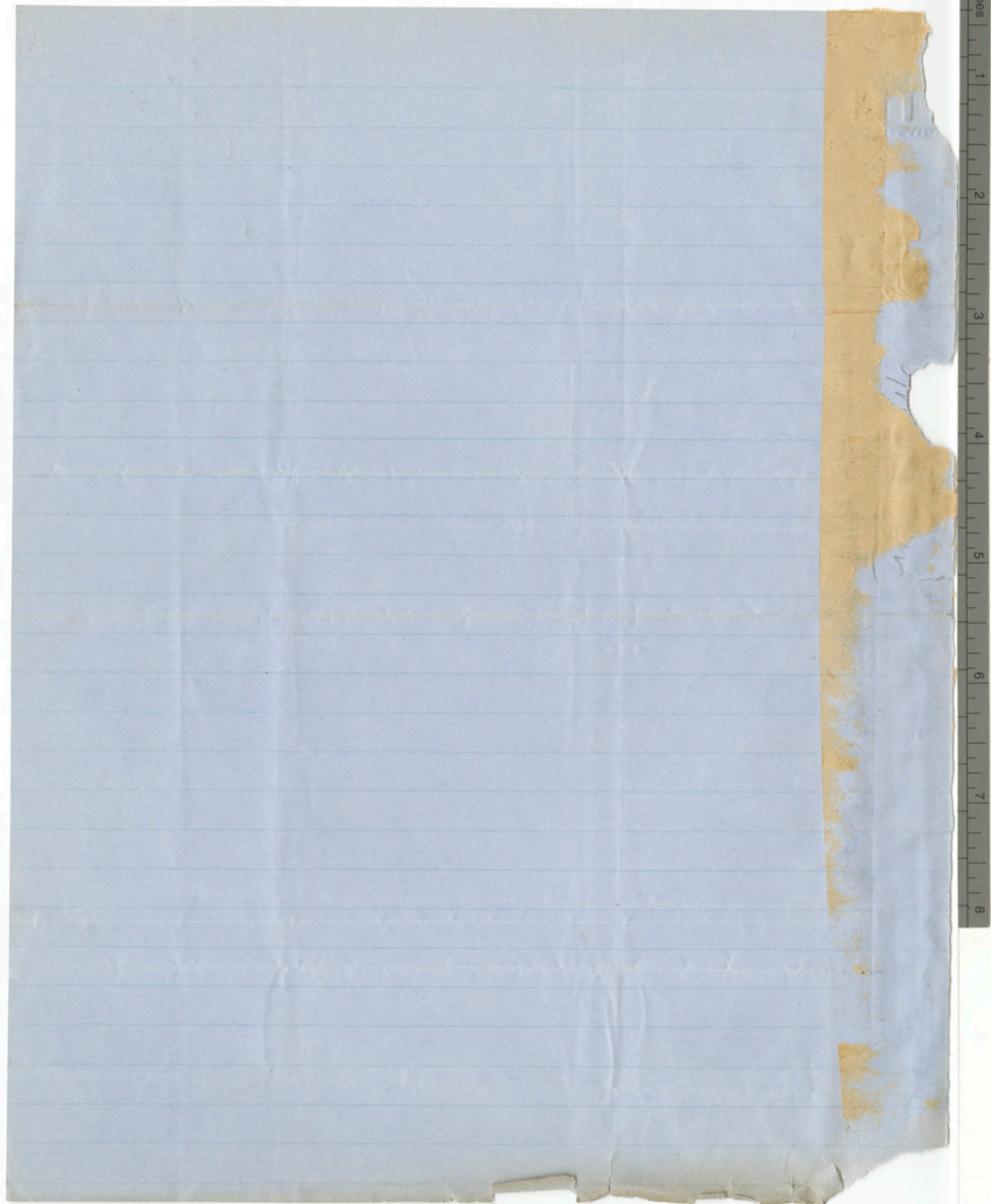
I wish you to write to me and let me know, but not let him know that I wrote to you. Let me thank you for your attention to him since he has been at West Point and any kindness shown by you will be gratefully received by me. I remain your friend.

N. Blocker

P.S.

Do you think that Johnny will be able to pass the examination Direct your letter to Mr. B. Blocker - Lowndesboro, Lowndes Co. Alabama where I am now on a visit.







to me about a school yesterday & if  
she don't get that i.e. if it is enjoyed  
perhaps she will not look for any more.  
I spent the Sabbath with Ella  
before I came home. She is antic-  
ipating a good time in N. Y. She  
expects to start by the middle of  
May I believe if not before. She  
is waiting for her brother Albert  
to come home. Cyathia is getting  
well rather slowly - Has a fine  
little girl mother says - I am no  
judge, I am so young at my rate.  
John H. was down here Sat & bought  
father's oxen - He agreed to meet father  
at the depot yesterday <sup>to</sup> give him some  
R.R. bonds as security with his note  
but father was there & looked in vain  
for John - Guess he couldn't find the  
bonds - Mother thinks & says a good deal  
about you & your family & often speaks  
about Aunt Ann - She wonders you don't  
write - Tell us what you know of Aunt.

My pen is rather  
poor & my hand  
trembles today  
but I trust you  
will be able to  
make out what  
I have written  
I hope to have  
a letter from you  
very soon - Give  
my love to Diggie  
& the little ones. I  
hope to see them all  
in June -  
Wm. Effect  
John  
Charles  
Deeds.  
Apr. 26, 1859 -  
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We are waiting for a letter  
from you. I have been at home almost  
a week - Found Mother as well as usual  
and seeming to enjoy life more than  
at sometimes - She will not have to  
work so hard now that they have  
"let out" the farm. Father met me  
at the depot Wed. The roads were very  
bad then but have improved somewhat.  
I spent Sunday night with Dellie  
in Yarmouth. He is doing pretty well  
in his studies I should judge. Mr  
Randall is a good teacher. But  
Dellie don't "stick to his books" as  
he says to I fear. He attends to Phils.  
meetings & making calls - Is saving his  
eyes this ail by not studying evenings -  
or I am inclined to think he will  
not make a scholar. I talked with



about getting his lessons more thoroughly. His religion seems to be a good deal on the outside. And yet perhaps I judge too much by appearances. And as to his piety I cannot with any consistency judge him with regard to it because my own heart & life is so far out of the way.

Next day after I came home was Fast day but we did not know of it. R. preached in Hopewell every meeting till Warren Mover came next Sabbath Day. He will be down in afternoon & said there was a Prayer meeting on the Ridge in the forenoon. Mother & I walked up to meeting Sabbath day & heard Old Elder Prescott of Monmouth preach. It didn't seem much like preaching but yet he said some things profitable for me to hear & remember. It was such bad travelling few were out to meeting. Mr. Holt is expected to move into Mr. Bailey's house soon. He will preach help

the time here this Summer. They are repairing the house at the Center & will have no preaching for several months at least.

Warren told us Louise was not as well as usual on account of a cold. He brought up "Plutarch" which I have since read & found very interesting & encouraging. Rowland sent it home next Sabbath Day. He will be down immediately to Bangor & about the 20<sup>th</sup> has a vacation of about a week when there is some chance of his coming home - tho' he may preach in Oldtown or not for from 13. & not come here at all. I go back with him next Friday. Nettie thinks of teaching this Summer but I am rather in hopes she will not get a school near home if not she will not teach. I fear she is hardly strong enough for teaching now. She was going



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New York April 25<sup>th</sup> / 9

Dear Oth

Your note was just received  
for which please accept my kind thanks  
I have been very successful this voyage  
and am chartered to return to the same  
port and shall sail the last of next week  
I will go up to see you tomorrow night  
and spend the night with you.

Please see Mr Winson and tell him I  
want him to go with me.

Mother is quite comfortable at Port Chester  
but I have no hopes of her recovering she  
may remain comfortable for a few months.

Sarah & Children arrived last week  
she is quite well.

With much love I remain yr  
affectionate Cousin  
H. Lee

Let O. O. Howard

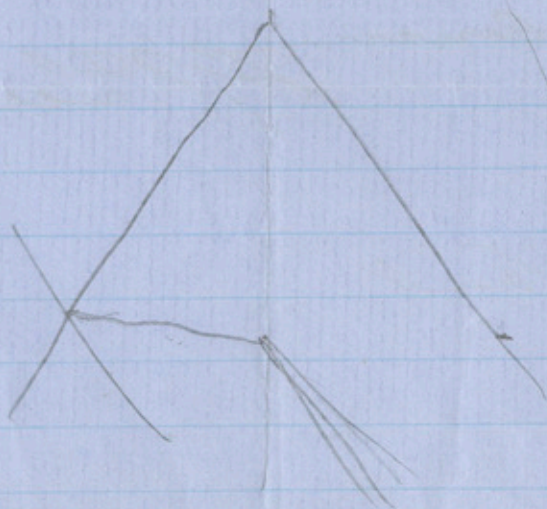
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rejoicing, bringing his shovels  
with him."

I hope my dear brother  
that you will keep me informed  
of what God is doing in your  
midst. that I may rejoice  
in your prosperity. "Knowing  
that you have not believed in  
vain now spend your strength  
for naught."

Remember me my kind regards  
to Mr Howard, and let me  
know how you do for common  
Mr. Thomas would join with me  
in kind regards of present  
I trust we are not forgotten in  
your prayers -

My kindest regards to  
my dear brother in bonds I trust  
never to be broken  
J. C. Sterling

Gen Stevens 82

Barye Apr 27. 1859 -

My dear Friend -

I have been intend-  
ing to write you for several days  
but one thing after another has pre-  
vented to the present moment when  
I have resolved to clear the pigeon  
hole - I trust I need not tell you  
how much good you had better  
did me breathing or it does push  
a spirit of confidence and perseverance  
in that Master and cause me pro-  
pely to love - I am very glad to know  
that the life of Capt. Vinton is to be cir-  
culated among the Cadets. I trust  
it may be the means of doing much  
good. I see that the Hudson H. mu-  
sing from the subject of the Military  
Academy before them. This is a very  
improvement feature. The owner  
to those prayers have been truly



astonishing. Her daily morning  
meetings are continued and very  
interesting. A few evenings since  
your brother sent to me a letter  
from you wherein you speak of the  
hopeful conversion of a cadet.  
(May we not hope and pray that this  
is but the commencement of a glo-  
rious display of God's power in your  
midst?) After some remarks in our  
meeting this morning respecting the  
encouraging indications in our Navy  
I felt that I must request the prayers  
of our meeting for the Army and espe-  
cially for West Point and all the ef-  
forts being made by you for the ac-  
complishment of such glorious pur-  
poses. Let us have faith my dear brother  
great faith in prayer, believing that if  
we pray right God will answer our  
prayer and prove us not a blessing.  
Yes let us "pray without ceasing" -

Your brother has left the City  
to be absent about a week I  
think, over at Harpswell where  
the good work is in progress,  
and when you may know that  
he spent some time last season  
with much success -

What encouragement for perseverance  
when we hear such assurance  
that "in due time we shall reap  
if we faint not." Let us give all  
"diligence to make our calling and  
election sure, for if we do these things,  
we shall never fall." "For Christ is not  
entered into the holy places made with  
hands, which are the figures of the true;  
but into heaven itself, now to appear in  
the presence of God for us." Let us believe  
that if we use the means God will glo-  
rify himself in the result. "He that  
goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious  
seed, shall doubtless come again with



her - a little visit. Some time - but  
she will go up to West Point  
just when you think best & she  
can come down again some time -  
She will hardly get thro her  
visits in time to return with  
you & Lizzie - I fear. She says  
"it is a good way & she don't  
know as she will ever go again  
if Mr. Little in Maine" - & she  
wants to "do it all up" now -  
I enclose Mr. E's address as near  
as I could get it. Probably Ella  
would get a note directed to  
his care in N.Y. He is a Commission  
Merchant in the City somewhere -  
I would like to have Ella go up  
the river some pleasant morning  
in a Steamer - as Lizzie & I once  
did. The Scenery is so magnificent -  
but she had better take the cars  
if more convenient - If you  
don't all learn to love each other  
dearly from this closer acquaintance  
you are not like us! My  
best love to Sister Lizzie & the  
children - don't "wobble" any on  
Ella's acct. dear Lizzie, but treat  
his little wife just as you would  
your own affectionate bro.  
Rosalind

Ranzen Apr. 30, 1858

My dear Brother

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I received your  
very welcome letter last  
<sup>week</sup> Friday - just as I was starting  
for "the Kennebec" as they say  
here - I returned Wednes-  
day - but have had no good  
time to write till now. Thank  
you from the heart for the bible  
& may God assist me to use  
it right. I preached in  
Harpwell Mr. Leman's - addressed  
the School & attended a  
prayer meeting - It was a precious  
visit to us & I humbly hope  
not without profit to them -  
Ten new ones are proposed  
to the Church & I hope ten  
more will be. If so the  
increase of that Church will  
be 37 - nearly doubling it  
since my first visit - &



quite a no- of the hopeful  
converts have former members  
in the Baptist- & Methodist-  
Churches - Some, alas, that  
promised well have fallen  
away - but numbers & labor,  
it seems to me, beautiful  
evidence of the seed & fruit  
of Jesus Christ. The growth  
of a soul is a less striking event  
than its birth - but to me  
it is as sweet & precious an  
evidence of the love & power of  
Jesus - If such as I feel so  
deeply the apostasy of some  
who promised well - how Jesus  
must feel when his own  
children forget, disbelieve &  
disobey Him - O my awful  
responsibility! "Woe is me if I  
preach not the Gospel"! I  
went over & stayed with Ella  
till Weds- morn - Her health  
is very poor & she is so driven

with work for herself & especially  
with that of a Society of Misses  
who are at work for our Chapel  
here & who are to have a "fair"  
May 4<sup>th</sup> - that I fear she will  
be fairly sick by the time  
she starts on her journey. The  
girls of the Soc. are so young  
that all the care & a good deal  
of the work of the Soc. falls on  
her - This with the dispepsia &c  
is about as much as the poor  
girl can bear. She expects to  
leave Bath in the Boston boat  
Thurs- next - May 5<sup>th</sup> - she will  
go by one of the Lennet boats  
& arrive in N.Y. Sat. morn. She  
goes with a cousin of hers a  
Mr. Stinson & will go with him  
directly to a sister of his - a  
Mrs. Ellwell in Brooklyn - unless  
she sees or hears from you - She  
would like to make Mrs. Ellwell  
& Mary Sprague - who lives with



great mercy that chose  
us to serve Him on Earth  
& in Heaven. Blessed work!  
Glorious occupation! O that  
I might forget myself in  
my Saviour's his work.

I am glad to hear that you  
are all recovering from your  
colds. Always say something  
about Fay & Grace. Uncle  
Rowland loves them. Ella sends  
her love to you & Lizzie. She  
is thinking of going to N.Y. City  
in the Spring (I don't know  
what time) & also of going  
to a wedding somewhere in  
the Center of N.Y. State - a cousin  
of hers is to be married. I  
believe - I should be delighted  
& I know she would to visit  
you there.

I have grown somewhat fa-  
miliar with the Episcopalian



arguments. but I have not  
informed myself sufficiently  
to reply to them. All matters  
of Church Government belong  
to our next year & my time  
is now fully occupied in  
doctrinal & exegetical studies.  
We have just finished the  
perplexing subject of the  
Will. but owing to my  
Sickness I have not done  
it half justice. I found  
my little School flourishing  
on my return to it yesterday.

There is a revival in progress  
in the next town above here.  
Vezie. Ben Stevens inquired  
for you this morning. Love  
to Lizzie & the children.

Yours aff. Brother  
Amos

Lieut. A. Q. Howard