West Point, N.Y.
Sept 2nd 1859

Dear Mother,

After I wrote you in New York, I went to the "Thomas Powell" where Lizzie with Susan & the children met me. We had a pleasant passage up the river reaching here just at dusk. We soon got the keys & opened the house, found wood enough to build a fire & have a cup of tea - our beds were all ready - Guy was a little mean & slept in a room by himself, where he has continued - The next day we found a fine garden, with corn, lettuce, potatoes, okra, beans, peas, tomatoes & pumpkins all in good order - Everything looks quite inviting here. Some ten officers are ordered away & their places filled by new ones - I have the 1st & 2nd Sections of the new class & am Librarian, which

gives me ten dollars per month more pay - so that this year my pay is 19 dollars per month better than last. A young officer travelling through Virginia (I think) met Mr Hazzard, who was returning from the Black & White Sulphur Springs Virginia. Mr Hazard told him that Cousin O. Woodman had had another attack of paralysis and could not live but a few days. He wasn't expected to live from day to day. Poor Oliver, I hope he has found peace in believing before this. I have not heard from any of you directly since we left, Perry wrote that he saw you.

I have written to Rowland & Charlie, and sent a Cutter Register to Dellie as he desired - shall write him soon.

Lizzie joins me in love to all -

Affectionately your Son
O. O. Howard

Cousin O. O. Woodman is at the Black & White Sulphur Springs in Virginia where Mr Hazzard had been to see him.

"Diamond" had grown to be quite a respectable dog. & the children have a fine playmate in him.

O. O. H.

I received your letter from Leeds in due time – Miss Mason was down with Charles yesterday – & I ought to have conversed with her hour & let my Hampswell affairs & my dismal fear of man keep me from it – Mother writes well – Her hand the complaint of – but her heart seems to be getting nearer & nearer where we moved have it – She seems greatly pleased with Nettie –

Best love to Sister Lizzie & the little ones – I pray for Lizzie that the feel lips come & testimony of it on him who has said "Come unto me all ye that are weary & heavy laden & I will give you rest" – Remember Lizzie, that Our Saviour is a present help in every time of need – that he sees all our secret cares & troubles & sympathizes in all our little feelings from hour to hour – & it is there that we must cast as a burden upon him – Yes, Christ can come nearer unto our heart than the dearest friend on Earth – yes, may "formed within us" –

Charles presented me with the Vol of Sermons which I have been reading to me – Give about Perry & John Harrison & then did you find all

Hampswell Sept. 2nd 1859 [1859]

My dear Brother

There are times when I feel too stupid to write or write an a Sermon when a few moments spent in writing a letter will really rest me but "gets my hand in" & I can go on better afterwards – So it is this morning – I had a letter from Mother written Sabbath day & was very glad to hear that Lizzie was a little better at Portland. I shall feel anxious for her until I hear again.

Charles & Nettie rode down yesterday afternoon – Our S.S. had a Tea Pic in a grove by the shore – there were over 200 & all seemed to enjoy themselves in a quiet, cheerful way – Mr McKean – J.S.C. Abbott – & Rev Mr Dunham (Baptist) Charles & I spoke to the children & people from a temporary stage – The object of the meeting was to give a new stimulus to the Sabbath School & I hope it has succeeded – Our prayer meetings are still crowded but still something

seems to hold the people back. Last Sabbath the Kellogg preached two excellent sermons & I conducted the Bd meeting. The attendance, attention & tears of many indicate feeling, but O for more, deeper, more pungent, & heartfelt conviction & living faith. Some times I am a good deal weighed down by the thought that this revival, or my own efforts may be a savor of death unto death, for if these anxious souls now refuse, when can we hope again!

Thomas is a doubting, hesitating character. O that he might see Jesus & touch him as did the apostle & be constrained to cry out "my Lord & my God"! I shall preach all day next Sunday. Pray for me. I have formed a new class of young men in the S.S. I did not feel that I could teach them & attend to three services but I could not bear to see them sitting in the back part of the house doing nothing. I am still less pleased with Nettie, but I have still hopes that her mind & heart are much better than her manner. I must say that Nick often seems to me supremely silly, & poor Charley is catching a little of it I fear. But I wonder if Ella & I need to act about so.

"O wad some power the gifte gie us
To see ourselves as others see us"

They had a nice time. I went to tail with them after the exercises. There are two or three things that I wish you to write me about. I want only your opinions in regard to the religious impressions of Seth Deming, Aunt Lucretia & any others that you saw & conversed with, whom I may be able to reach in some way. If Aunt Ann is with you give her my love & tender to her my warmest sympathy in her affliction. I can but hope that she may be spared to us, but let it turn as it may, I pray that she may feel a cheerful trust in that Saviour who is able to save unto the uttermost. I should think that the no. here who have asked prayers is about 20.

Ella doesn't seem to be very well in body, but in heart. Her letters are a constant encouragement & stimulus to me, full of love to the Saviour & always pointing me to Him & not myself for strength & wisdom

Leeds, Sept. 4th 1859.

Otis, my dear Son, 258

You will perceive by my date, that this is the Sabbath, and is now even in the morning, I think I have been led by the spirit of God in foregoing more the week part than usual, after placing my materials for writing on the table, my desire was, to read a portion of Scripture, and then ask aid from above in forming my thoughts in this letter, when I took your letter in my hand to read I said to myself how good this is to write so soon, and let me know of their health and how they went through their journey, I am glad you met Peleg on your journey, because it enlivens your feelings, I was sensible from appearances, that you had a foggy night, we had a heavy fall of rain, Thursday here commencing early in the morning

I hope ere this you are comfortably settled for the ensuing year and all in good health, We heard of the going to pieces of the vessel in which you are in part owner before your letter came, leaving no doubt but it was then a trial on your mind, it is all past now and cannot be recal'd but I have been led particularly in prayer to God in your behalf that this trial, might through grace be the means of uniting your spirit more closely than ever with the spirit of gems, The portion of scripture, which I read at the commencement of this letter was the 124th Psalm, it struck me as peculiarly adapted to your connexion with Perry, I do hope you will close up with him now, although I am not informed how it stands with you as to the vessel, yet I cannot but think that Perry's best principles are the present ones that they are no deeper rooted than for the present purpose. I think from what I can learn, that it makes no difference how much he makes, it all goes like the wind, and that he does not stop to see the consequence I have learn'd through his own family that he has been to Boston and Back to New York three times since his vessel came into Port, he was here at John this P.M. making presents to Susan Jane Tole and the like, when Mr Sargent read the news of the disaster, of his vessel, I call'd at Ensign, and John, Friday evening and saw Perry, a few minutes, Silas call'd here and took tea Wednesday evening before he left the next day, Mr Vaughn pays them, sixteen hundred dollars each Mr Sargent and wife and one of the children call'd last evening and took tea with us, they are to come next Tuesday to stop a few days with us we do not go to Massachusetts untill 15th

I found Elder Holt, on Wednesday getting a tent covering done, or made by the ladies the day I went to Class meeting, he intends having a tent in the Campmeeting at Poland Hannah, poor Child, has been trying to write a letter to her sister and has brought it to me to read, I feel almost indignant to think such a bright little girl should be kept in ignorance, where there are such excellent schools as at Winthrop, O what a tenable thing it is to let one rule a whole family, every thing remains about the same as usual, mother Cynthia has been to see Doct Gaslin to ha cut gahong tongue and give Cynthia some medicine he dont think there is any deformity in her stomach or shoulder, but gave her strengthening medicine. from your affectionate mother

Eliza Gilman

Oliver, Otis, Howard

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Henry Hingate and wife and Sam Call round and made us a visit, I will tell you what I know of Oliver & Woodmans death (perhaps you know already) he started from New Orleans with some friends to come to the South when at the hot springs on Virginia, a telegraphic dispatch came to Mr Howard to tell him Oliver was dying he went to Virginia and found him still living, a Memphis Ohio telegraph it to Lewis that the funeral of Oliver O. Woodman would take place yesterday at Cambridge, I am glad that his remains can be laid at Mountvernon as it will be so gratifying to Mrs Howard, it was ten days from the time of the first dispatch before the funeral, this all I know concerning his death, surely we can say of him and of his accumulations of wealth all is vanity, he was born Oct 18, 1[illegible]

I have received a good, and long letter from Rowland B. he says if the Holy spirit is only with him tis enough he says How sublime, and beautiful to be traveling under those magestic old trees that have stood the test of time, the day you left here he walk'd seven miles, on his way to visit the Pionoeers that are cutting down the forest in a new township and camping out he said he was going in there again, I have sent his letter to Charles, as he directed and a letter from Charles came soon after he you left full of encouragement concerning his health, Nellie has written that he has furnish'd his room comfortably and is now under way in good earnest, do remember him in faith at the throne of grace Otis, you who know more of the temptations of College than those who have not been there he mention'd receiving the package you entrusted to Mr Neill, I shall write to him to day I walk'd up to the Class meeting Wednesday at five O'clock and enjoy'd it very much, I felt that I had Christian sympathy and felt the need of it, I look back with pleasure to the time that you were with us, Lina has my best of wishes, and dear Guy I hope is well and happy, and Grace dear child what a treasure she is I hope she is happy and healthy as ever, kiss them both for me, give my love to Susan, now I think she is happy she has accomplish'd her journey and returned to West Point, Henry Brewster is Married to Angelia Bishop Lavernia's sister and your father has accepted the nomination of the republican party to run for the representative, the 12th. of Sept is election day, the democrats have not nominated a candidate yet.

of the particulars of your business.
How long do you think the war is likely to continue? Will you be obliged to stay in Florida until the close of the war with the Indians.

There is a young man in my class from Florida but I do not know from what part of Florida.

Since I wrote the above I have ascertained that the young man I spoke of came from "Western Tennessee." Rowland has gone home with Lizzie, Mr. Waite & Master Guy. I received a letter from him day before yesterday saying that he was in Bath and was going to Brunswick the next day. I am now running alone; my chum has left me and gone in with some one else as he could have a great deal better room where he has gone. I do not hear

from home very often. I wrote a letter
to Charles last sunday and one to
Mother at the same time. 259

My term closes in one week from
next monday then I shall prepare to
start for home. I shall go home through
Boston in the boat stopping one
day in Boston and then I shall go
to Falmouth where I shall stop one
day more and get home on Thursday.
Monday I shall go to some town where
I think I can do best selling paper
Last Saturday I went from this
place about horn and got back
before supper time and sold in that
time over $5.25. and made over $3.00
I went only two miles. It is now time to
make my letter. Remember me as
Your affectionate
Brother R. H. Gimmy
O. O. Howard. U. S. Army Leeds
Me

up before next August. Mr. Randall thinks I shall have the best "fit" of any one in the school that is going next Aug. I hardly think I shall have anything in Greek that I shall be proud of. But I will do my best and trust to good luck & common sense for the rest. We have had a pleasant time; the most so of any I have ever attended since I began to grow away to school. We have had a ~~large~~ good and largely attended prayer meeting all the time. I do not know that it has resulted in any manifest good yet I hope it has, at least I think it has done no injury. Most of those who took an active part seemed to be actuated by the spirit of God. I know I have received a great amount

of good by them. God seemed to be present with us most of the time and I think that by trusting in Him always and ~~our~~ remembering that we are weak in ourselves great results may be expected. We shall continue the "Young Folks prayer meeting" next time as ~~th~~ there seem to be a large number that are very much interested. The division of the church at that place has not contributed to advance the cause of religion a great deal but on the contrary. I think I wrote you about the church troubles at Yarmouth in my last, but if I did not I don't suppose it will be of sufficient interest to relate here as you were out of it so long ago. There are yet some people at Yarmouth who remember you and speak in the manner always that would be expected to not having seen you for so long a time. Mr. Rondell knows all about your history from the time of your entering College down to the present time. I have heard him speak particularly of some of your gymnastic performances while at College. He was a ~~Sop~~ Sophmore when you graduated. I would write more but it is time to go to the cars. I was intending to speak of religious matters here in town and some other things but let me go. No more today. My love to Lizzie. Kiss Guy and Grace for me. Your own brother

R. H. Gilmore

A letter will be expected immediately upon my arrival at Yarmouth next Monday.

We have ripe apples on the table — Baked beans which I now relish without butter or salt — Of course cooked separate from meat — Green Corn — beets &c — If I can have good Graham bread & vegetables & fruits there will be need of little else. You see that I shall have to have a dish of my own. To, if there are not your hours, a meal-time of my own & then the morning bath requiring your assistance & besides perhaps twice a week a "pack" sometime towards the middle of the day. Now, my dear brother, I want you to consider whether I better come & visit me now. October is half a course & my money will hold out till then — I have thought somewhat of going to Maine before I go to N.Y. if I do go. There are several inducements — To settle with father & get the $500 put aright is perhaps the greatest — Might I not leave at home my bed comfortably & the blankets? or should I need them to take my pack in — One blanket gets

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Sept. 5

Hill N.H. ~~Aug.~~ '59

My dear brother

I was made happy by receiving a letter from you and one from Mother inclosing Rowland's last Friday night. I thought I would write you just as soon as you got to West Point but I was exceedingly glad to find you did not need a letter to remind you of me. Good fortune seems to attend you on the one hand & misfortune on the other. Mother wrote that your ship had been wrecked — It is all the Providence of God and I doubt not will result in your best good. Seems to me it is a privilege to be Librarian & have an increased salary and the highest divisions to instruct.

You wrote for me to hurry & get well & come to you. If I wait till I can

perfectly well it will take some time. I was pleased to learn that you had something for me to do. The use of my muscles will do me as much good as anything. I am busy most of the day here. Work 3,4 & 5 hours a day - mostly sewing - Have just been shelling beans & a little while was hoeing Cement burkes. I had gained 5 lbs at the end of a fortnight & I am otherwise better than I was - My greatest difficulty will need a long & persevering struggle to be overcome but the secondary one is fast disappearing.

Do you want me to come on to you, Otis, at the end of 6 weeks from the time I came here, say the 2d week in Oct. or the 1st?

If you want me to & I can carry out the treatment I receive here I think I will come. I should only want your assistance at the 1st to in the morning at 5½ or 6 o'clock to throw a couple of pails of water upon me. I should want a chance to heat a little water then & at 10½ & at 1 P.M. & at 7 P.M. o'clock. And could I take two meals a day 1st at 7½ the other at 2½?

I want you to answer me these things & I want to tell you all the trouble I should make in order that you may answer me understandingly. I have a good appetite - I can make a good meal of potatoes & brown bread (warm or cold) without butter or salt - But I could not eat any of the pies or cakes or bread that you ordinarily have so it would be considerable work to get my meals - Have you a cook? I can get a cook-book of such things as I can eat. We have blackberries every meal here & have had them since I came & I eat a good many with milk & sugar. We may eat milk moderately.

We have started a young folks prayer-meeting here. Had 14 last Wednesday — the 1st Eve. Hope to see more next Wed — Come you pray that the young may not only flock to our meeting but be gathered into the fold of Christ.

I shall rejoice to keep little Lizzy company if I come to West Point tho' I may want a border bed than he at night. One room is enough for two or three such peaceable young people as we. — Have you Irving's life of Washington in the library? I have it in Maine & want to read it now. I need scarcely say — think it best to be out stirring most of the time — I have the Melodeon which belongs in the Church. I sing & as they gave me the use of it. I feel in some degree thankful that my health seems to be amending. Hope my spiritual strength may be greatly increased too — Pray for me. Give my love to Sophie & to each of the little ones. I never said children in the prayer. Write me soon — Affectionately Your Charley

wet in taking a pack but it is not next to my body & so can be used again without washing — My two sheets I will take. I might get my boots to come in & a pair of pants & coat as the ones I wear here to come in will be pin to be shabby — I might also see the "Great Eastern" as she will be in Portland by that time if nothing befalls her on the passage. I think Nettie would meet me in P. and go to East & make mother a visit as mother wants her to this Fall. But then it will cost me 6 dollars to go to Maine & back from Boston & I shall be delayed a week in going down. This will do to consider after I hear from you whether taking all things into consideration you think it advisable for me to come to West Point.

I found a letter here from Portland where I returned from New Hampton yesterday morning. I went up there to visit Albert Howe who is there studying theology. George has not yet

gone up. There have been a good many in College who felt their of my acquaintances & I was desirous also of seeing the place. It is about 11 miles up there 6 of which I travelled by cars & the other 5 by stage. It is simple & homely getting there as it is all about here in N. H. but the village is quite level & pretty. One street runs parallel with the river - has some ornamental trees & good looking cottage houses for the most part - there are a few large houses & stores. The new Seminary is a very handsome building & there is a brick building of 3 stories & 3 entrances on the side, for rooms. One end is occupied by the Theological students. Albert seems very glad to see me - said he was lonely since he left College. Their father is recovering from his sickness. Last afternoon we had Communion service & it was conducted in a very interesting manner by Prof Fullerton & the minister Rev. Mr. Grant. I walked with Albert & Prescott (an old schoolmate of mine who is there studying for the ministry) about two miles to a school-house & attended a Sabbath school & Prayer meeting towards evening.

Rowland seems to be in a good spirit & deeply engaged in his work. He has probably written you about going to Presque Isle to the Conference next Thursday. He wrote he had obtained an inquiring meeting but no body came.

When has ever other than the Spirit of Jesus crept into even that little Church at Potter it seems they have been quarrelling for years ~~with~~ one another. The love of God alone can overcome their divisions & their bitterness towards each other. It seems that time will not do it. Mother wrote that Henry Wright & Laura Ann had been there.

60. attend Sabbath meetings there & 30 prayer meetings & there is a better state of feeling there than here (Patten) = You must enjoy a week there very much not less on acct. of the Sociality & hospitality of the men Letters - many of young men from Portland & Boston thrown out of Employment by the late reverses in business: Then because of the excellent "fishing" = I have succeeded finely both times I have tried it - but shall reserve my great "trout story" till next time I go in = The only way I can "get at" the people is to share in their pastimes =

It looks like rain tomorrow (Sabbath) - that will be a "trial" = But -

"Trials make the promise sweet
Trials give new life to prayer
Trials bring me to Thy feet
Lay me low & keep me there" =

If God will be more glorified by my preaching to a few than to many - He will so order it =

I start on my journey to Presque Isle to attend our Conference next Thursday & expect to be gone a week - two days Each way on the road (100 miles) = Mr Haynes: with

Portland

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Patten Sept. 10. 1859

My dear Brother

I was very glad to hear from you & your dear family by your N.Y. letter = I do certainly pray that the changes that have taken place at N.Y. "may not interfere with your usefulness" & may all redound to the glory of God = which is after all the End to be subserved by Everything:

You will never know till all the accts. have been rendered up how much God has seen fit to bless your labors on furlough - It may be greater - it may be less than you anticipate: but it is now with Him - there we leave - we trust it: we pray for it = I have had letters from both Charles & Dellie - I presume I can tell you no news of either = I suppose Ella got home from Brookline Mass. today = She was there a fortnight mostly among gay & irreligious people: Otherwise she enjoyed her visit - going into Boston almost every day: & then the unsettledness of

her friends - he says - fairly drove her to Christ for help & strength =

God has granted me some very refreshing seasons since I wrote but he still seems to withhold his converting grace from this people = Our prayer meetings are not very full = but our meetings on the Sabbath are - tho' that I fear may be accounted for by the "new brooms sweep clean" = I have not studied or written at all hardly - I have made about 50 pastoral "calls" = conversing, reading & praying as I go among all sorts of people - chiefly irreligious - now & then my soul is refreshed by meeting a soul that loves Jesus & our prayers go up together = I need as much Grace in these "calls" as in the pulpit = today a woman called to see me who lives 1½ miles from here & ½ miles from any other family & she is the only "professor" in her own = she was greatly pleased to have me read & pray with her & give her some tracts = Such cases are frequent = the stories of longing after christian conversation & sympathy are heart moving = How thankful ought a wife or husband to be that God has not left them divided =

I have no difficulty in pleasing men = or at least I need have none if I can conscientiously use the means = but O to make them pleased with my Master - to preach Christ plainly = to declare against sin boldly = to preach repentance & faith simply, as the means of quickening & saving = this is hard = and is uninteresting to the sinner = I do not wonder that so many ministers have been led to preach on morals & reforms - manners & politics = when the hearts of all are so measured in sin as to shun the truth of the Gospel as an oilcloth sheds rain = But if God prepares the heart - how sweet - how precious is his truth! Mother has not yet written me = I see that Mrs E. Emmett came in to Concord - Ordination in Bangor = was taken sick with lung fever & died there - Moved to God that her son would preach Christ = I notice the marriage of Lizzie Biggs of Augusta to a Mr Dana of Bad-

At Island Falls where I am half the time = the community is quite primitive - only 7 families - but a good many "camps" in the woods of recent emigrants =

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Dear Sir —

Your welcome communication was duly received and I embrace this early opportunity to reply — Both Amelia and myself recovering from an attack of the intermittent fever, outside of this one affliction we have enjoyed good health since we were in Maine one year ago, at which time, as you probably have learned my wife was very ill — That sickness of hers was the reason of our not returning by West Point on our way home as we had intended, the physicians thinking it would be prudent in her to seek a Southern climate without any delay ——

As for the profession in which I have engaged, I must say, I admire it very much, although it must be considered that my experience has been limited I think in time I will make what I am aspiring to make, —— a good Country Editor; it is all I can aspire to here on account of my location ——

Do you take much interest in politics? if so, I suppose our convictions upon national affairs would not conflict much although I never heard you express an opinion relating to the subject in the remotest manner possible in our conversations,

simply proving my Yankee origin by "guessing" —

I ~~the~~ can think of nothing that would interest you except that there has been large revivals in this section of Ind during last Winter, Spring and Summer, the prospect does not look auspicious at present, the shepherds are becoming to laggard or in other words lazy and of course the sheep wander far and wide — I have not been happy in my metaphor but excuse it —

Amelia sends her love with my own and says she should esteem it a great pleasure to receive any communication from Lizzie and believe me I can say the same to you

Yours truly
W H Timberlake

I have not heard from Rufus since he went to Prairie Isle to the Conference. — I am getting along very well now & I almost dread to leave. I work so as to earn $1.50 per week & 4 & 5 hours Sunday — Have 5 cts per week for hearing Dieper recite in Sotus — This leaves me $3.00 per week & pay more than this till Oct. — If it was not so expensive & I had not so great a desire to come — see I think I should be contented to stay. Part of the day I have been digging clay — post-ing water to the garden — shelling beans — spent an hour "in pack" the first I have taken. I was very comfortable & felt the better for it. We have plenty of tomatoes & apples now but frost has come & the former will soon be gone. We have had blackberries till within a week — I never saw so many before — The Dr. fed them to his chickens — After dinner I read daily Capt. Sears' life aloud to Merrill & Dieper for 30 min. I have just been reading Memoir of Adelaide Newton — mentioned in the "Higher Life." Hope you have A. Mother wrote that Lord & Husband had spent some time with them last September, left & intended not return to Kansas till Nov. If I hear from you again I will write again — perhaps so if I do not. I expect I better go up the river in a steamboat [illegible] I not? I shall stay Now Sept. Conferences & the Lgt. School commence next mon. Mill Sept. 19, 1859 —

My dear brother

Your letter came last Friday night. I expected you would tell me to come & I hope you will enjoy my visit as much as I anticipate I shall. If I was not a "patient" it would be much pleasanter for all parties. We must not complain however, I suppose. I still believe you do not realize half the trouble I am going to make if I keep up my treatment or else knowing it you are too kind.

I thought I should have from home & I should have written the next day after getting yours and so on. Lot. I received a letter from Mother written in Portland depot, I mailed in Boston the 17th — same day I rec'd it. She & Father were on

Affectionately, C. H. Howard —

their way to Easton. They will be in Boston on their return next Thurs. & Mother wrote that if I thought best they would be glad to have me met & go home with them. If I had gone to Maine Nettie wanted to have gone up to Lewiston with me. I was there but I believe, God willing, I will start for West Point week from next Wed. morning. Believe I will go to Boston & Fall River arriving in New York week from next Thursday Morn. Wish you had some business to take you to N. Y. that day but your business rather confines you at home than sends you away.—Mother wrote that father had been elected to the legislature by 36 maj.— I heard from Nettie & she from Dellie that mother had adopted a girl by the name of Gould.— Mother did not allude to it & this is all I know about it. Dellie has had the drop prayer-meetings in his room. Nettie says he don't like the Y M very well.— If this is the case I fear they don't fancy him. I am sorry & yet it may be the better for him in the end. If the students don't "make much" of him his self-satisfaction will not be increased. There is a little danger of discontent & discouragement however. I hope he will now give himself up more entirely to Christ & that his life & conduct may be regulated by His Spirit. I have tried humbly to pray for him & I hope with some degree of faith of late.

I made rather (infinitely more and I prefer) to see him zealous for the Lord Jesus & his Cause there for any society. I fear the energy of Christians in College is too often spent in the advancement of purely worldly concerns to the neglect of that which is higher & nobler.

they used to pour in there on Sunday afternoons he says. He was quite willing to go to prayer-meeting when I told him all he was required to do was to sit & listen. He came into the room, while the Dr. was praying yesterday morning & being unkneeling - took his place by our side on his knees. He is used to the former prayer he may have the spirit. - One of my jobs I write is to attend & perform the 3 baths except the morning - he soon are done getting breakfast. I today I noted down the manner of making the different kinds of bread without using saleratus &c - The Dr's "chemical white bread" is a new idea to me & I think a most excellent one as we get first rate bread. I was occupied about an hour in making a stick for a curtain this forenoon - All sorts of business crowd. It has been warm yesterday & today & now looks like rain but we have had real cold weather for the week previous.

I seem to fill the sheet without writing much that is worth the reading - If I had any one to visit or to show me round I would like to stop a day in New York, but I shall get transferred to the boat & from the boat & keep on my way till I reach your home on Thursday 29th till the Sunday afternoon. I bid you adieu - Goodby

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Mill Sept. 20 - 1859

I wrote you one of these little sheets full yesterday, dear brother, but missed of getting it into the mail in season this morning. I thought at first I would throw that away & write another letter but my letters are neither so frequent nor so full to you as to ~~require~~ hinder my writing another sheet full in addition to that.

I rec'd a letter from Ella last week. She has not been whirled from Brookline long. Found their house & their home greatly changed for the better. Her father has his old room at the head of the stairs for an office. The room has one at the left of the stairs forming a window opening out into the yard toward Dr. Putnam's. But probably she writes to you so I will not

upset her letter. Since dinner & since reading my letter in Capt Kay I have been out shoveling for an hour — We are digging clay to put upon the sandy land to improve the soil. Julius (Jesper) was at work with me. I should have been lonely up here I think if I had not had good Companions. Julius & Melville are devoted Christians compared with the greater part I have met. Our young people's prayer-meeting had my present last Sabbath night, Neil, of whom I think I have written you — who is still teaching tho' with very few scholars — is a graduate of Lenox College & a native of Goshen Orange Co. New York — attends & letters sent with us & there is one young man in the place like our Neil Lot, who prays with us. Two young ladies sometimes offer prayer. It is too dry — We need a shower of divine grace. The Methodist young man who has been two weeks here in our hall with us attended prayer-meeting last Sunday night with us for the first time in his life. We are praying & laboring perhaps rather unwisely for his Conversion. I have talked with the inquirer so little of late about their eternal interests that I am very awkward. May the Lord put words in my mouth & thoughts in my heart & may He touch the poor lad's heart with the influences of his Spirit. He is Irish — His parents are not living — During the past season he has been in the worst of places — the bar-room of a watering-place hotel — Chelsea beach not far from Boston. He is not very communicative but is very good-natured & kind I think. His business was to pour out liquor — brandy, whiskey & wine — at 10 cts a glass.

New Burgh, Sep. 25th 1859.

Dear Friends,

Allow me to present to you the Rev. C. C. Townsend, Missionary - who will tell his own story, which I know you will listen to with christian interest. You will gratify me, by extending politeness to him for the short time he will be with you - Cousins desire to be kindly remembered; we hope you reached home safely.

Yours very truly.

M. N. Williams.

Mrs Williams

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Wright Mrs

New York
Sep. 25th, 1859.

My Dear Friend:

I am truly grateful to you & your kind Lady for the interest & pleasure manifested, upon my being so successful in my appointment — I pray that I may so live that the good will of such friends may ever be with me — and so discharge my duties through life as to serve our Master in Heaven in all that may be done —

I was glad to learn that you enjoyed your trip & were safely returned to your field of labor —

Your kind favor was duly rec'd. & would have been answered ere this, had it not been that I

was on the eve of starting
for my post—
I hope to see you soon,
& will not weary you with
this—
I expect to be at the
Point Tuesday Evening—
I hope that Mrs. Howard
& all are well— & how is
Miss Jennie?
My Compliments to all—
Yr. Sincere friend
Lieut. O.O. Howard W.H. Wright—
U.S.A.
West Point—

P. S. Nothing into a hungry mood, I assure you it is Breakfast out is I think most of mine upon Rye pudding with milk sugar & stewed apples with some Indian bread (finely masticated) I came "through" in time to add a word before the mail goes. I am to work all I feel like doing if I remain the same as I have done. Mother has not received a letter from Berlin on her way home from Easton. You have probably heard that Father was chosen Representative by 36 maj. over Hillman L. Howard. I have not heard from R. since he went to Prairie Dale. Nettie has a fine situation to teach in the near school-house in the Village - boarding at home. She is also taking French lessons of M. Leon - she has studied French a little before. She has the lower room of the Primary School with an assistant teacher who also resides in the room above. We not heard from Dellie any lately. My time is fully up - Well I have a letter my own!

James Albert Harris preached here yesterday afternoon! Good H. H.
Nettie asked me to send her love.

Hill Sept 26. 1859 -

My dear brother

Dr Noil made a proposition to me last night when I went to consult & settle for the last time which causes me to write to know if you have any special reason why you desire I should come to you now. He is very anxious I should stay another fortnight & invited me to stay entirely free of expense. I shall gain by staying 8 days a week by the recitation I hear. The Dr. thinks I shall improve more these two weeks - There is still great need of it with regard to my principal difficulty. I can hardly make up my mind not to be in the bosom of my brother's family before next Thursday night & more if you

have any special reason for my coming & think I had better I will do so with the greatest pleasure. One thing which has made the idea of staying another fortnight less obnoxious — is that we seem to be on the eve of a revival of God's work — There was a very full & interesting prayer-meeting last night. There is one young man here with whose soul God gave me an opportunity & boldness to converse on the interests of his soul last night — he seems to be almost persuaded if not quite. The Catholic boy, Edwards, who shares our hall with us has exhibited no personal interest for the time attending Church all day yesterday which he has not done before. There was deep feeling manifest at our young people's prayer-meeting & I trust the Spirit was with us. Last night at the prayer-meeting in a neighbor's house there was a very full attendance & some of us felt a precious influence we trust came from on High. These things make me more contented to stay & thinking it will be better to have the Dr. to consult with a little longer & to use a surgical instrument a few times more & for me to continue the diet & treatment unchanged — I shall I doubt not overcome for the present the disagreeable feelings which always follow giving up a favorite idea or a sudden disappointment — or as is perhaps equally true & more practical "hope deferred" if I hear from you by an early letter that it is your pleasure for me to wait two weeks more or one. It is now my sixth last time & I must close this very hastily written letter — with a request that you would continue to remember us at the throne of grace

Your unworthy but affectionate brother

C. H. Howard —

My Dear Son Leeds Sept 6th 1864

We received the few lines you wrote by mail due, and was glad to hear of your good fortune in reaching West point in safety, and that your family were well and hope you are also well, I have written to Rodolphus about the handbox, two letters came in the Mail to you from Florida one of them in Lizzie's hand writing, Mail'd at Auburn 4th of August, the other from Sampson Florida, We opened that one, it proved to be a letter from Maine, and remailed, I read it and it coincides so much with my feelings I could almost say, amen, to the contents. Lizzie's I will send if you say so. Your father thinks he will not mail it to day, I have noticed a number of articles that you left, I fear'd you would be sorry not to have, a number of books, Capt. Pierce has them and some others I can make a package of them and have them sent to Auburn to go with Lizzie's things when she sends for them

write to me, as often, as you can, so that I can know, when, (if you do send) you send for your things. my regards to Lizzie, and the Babes, in haste from your ever affectionate Mother

Eliza Gilmore

O. O. Howard,