

Charles  
March 23/1852

Went's Hill March 27th 1852

Dear Mother,

I now sit down to tell you how I  
get along, away from all of my friends. for I believe  
that I never have been away before except that some  
one of my brothers have been with me, but I don't  
know but that I get along about as well so far, as though  
some one of my friends ~~had~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~been~~ with me.  
I am situated in a pleasant room with a pleasant  
roommate. I was lucky enough to "get in" ~~in~~ with Mr-  
Hewet whom I was acquainted with before. This I suppose  
Rowland informed you of. Any one would hardly think  
but that if I am situated so pleasantly I ~~must~~ might  
be happy. But although I said I did not know but I ~~get~~  
prospered as well, <sup>so far</sup> without my brothers with me, yet  
I do not feel so well. I feel sometimes some ~~humors~~ <sup>humors</sup>  
but not much. But this is nothing. I can't expect to be  
at home with my mother always though I would like to be.  
My health is ~~the~~ main thing for my sake. It is as  
good as it was when I left home I think. My cough is about  
the same. I take some of my Syrup once in a little  
while about a swallow at a time. I have taken half that  
I brought with me I don't know what I shall do when it  
is gone. I like Mr Torsey well as a teacher. I have not  
spoken with him since I saw him with Rowland  
There at the Mansion we have a blessing asked before eating  
always, & every night and morning Mr Eaton reads in the

John Gibson

Got fine  
of books  
etc



Bible and asks some one to pray or does himself. I attend the singing school, ~~at the~~ ~~the~~ the bill is so small that I think <sup>it</sup> will not make much difference. I believe it is but 50 cts per 80 evenings. We have had two or three snow storms since I have been here one pretty large one. We had quite a good <sup>one</sup> last evening. There was a public meeting of the Calistoga society which I attended. The question as to whether we

Resolved that Rail Road corporations are an injury to this state. I do not think that the Androscoogin R.R. has been much benefit yet I don't know what it may be. I should like to hear how Roland et. is getting along, is he getting <sup>well</sup> fast as usual? I have just been down to dinner, we had fish and rice today. It is Saturday today, we do not have to recite or study any Saturdays, many of the students go home. it would be much different if I could go home every week. I have declaimed once since I have been here. Roland told you I suppose that I had purchased a right to read Library books for a half of the term, for which I had to pay 12 cts. and also that I bought a Spatula when we were coming up, which cost me 25-6 17 cts. this is all the money that I have spent. My lamp is in my trunk. Mrs. Eaton furnishes the lights for our lamp, and that is all that we use, she charges 10 cts per week or five cts per day. I don't think that I could furnish my own lights any cheaper than that. I have not been any ~~place~~ <sup>place</sup> than the meeting house since I have been here. I went to meeting last Sabbath all day. I heard Mr. Hawks

and Mr. Kelso in the forenoon and Elder Webster in the afternoon. Tell Delle that I want him to write me how the horses are, if the grey one is growing fat fast, whether he gets much sap. &c.

I suppose you will have to do without Mr. Gilbert soon. has he gone yet? & do you know who is coming on to our farm next year?

Whose farm have they purchased for the fever? I want you to write soon and tell me all about it. Was Uncle J. Leadbetter moved into Mrs. Woodson's house yet? Is Grandmother with you now? if she is give my love to her. I find the study of Philosophy very interesting. Mr. Gorsy has examples to show us, of everything that our lesson is about.

Tell Delle that Mr. Eaton has got a little boy eight years years old who is in my class in philosophy and arithmetic but he never studied philosophy before, and he has always studied Smith's arithmetic before this term. Give my love to all, Was Rowland pretty cold when he got home? Write soon. Good bye

Eliza Gilmore. From Your Affectionate

Son Charles H. H. Howard



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3/27/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

CHH-001

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kent's Hill,  
March, 27, 1852.

Dear Mother,

I now sit down to tell you how I get along away from all of my friends, for I believe that I have never been away before except that some one of my brothers has been with me but I don't know but what I get along as well so far as though some one of my friends had been with me. I am situated in a pleasant room with a pleasant room-mate. I was lucky enough to get in with Mr. Hewet whom I was acquainted with before this I suppose Rowland informed you of. Anyone would hardly think but that if I am pleasantly situated I might be happy. But although I said I did not know but I prospered as well so far without my brothers with me, yet I do not feel so well, I feel sometimes home sick but not much. But this is nothing, I can't expect to be at home with my mother always, tho I should like to be. My health is the main thing for sure. It is as good as when I left home I think.

I like Mr. Torsey [Henry P. Torsey, Headmaster of Kent's Hill School] well as a teacher. I have not spoken with him since I saw him with Rowland at the Mansion. We have a blessing asked before eating always, and every night and morning Mr. Eaton reads from the Bible and asks someone to pray or does himself. I attend the singing school, the bill is so small that it will not make much difference, I believe it is but 50 cts. for 36 evenings.

We have had two or three snow storms since I have been here. There was a public meeting of the Calliopean Society [A literary and debate society founded in 1828] which I attended. The question was "Resolved; that railroad corporations are an injury to this state". I do not think that the Androscoggin RR. Co. has been much benefit yet. I don't know what it may be.

I should like to hear how Rowland is getting along, is he getting well fast or not? I have just been down to dinner, we had fish and rice to day. It is Saturday, we do not have to recite or study Saturdays, Many of the students go home. It would be much different if I could go home every week. I have declaimed once since I have been here. Rowland told you I suppose that I had purchased the right to read library books for half of the term for which I had to pay 18 cts, and also that I bought a lamp, when we were coming up, which cost me 17 cts. This is all the money that I have spent. My lamp is in my trunk, Mrs. Eaton furnishes the light, for one lamp and that is all that we use she charges 10 cts or five a piece. I don't think that I could furnish my own light any cheaper than that.

I have not been any further than the meeting house. I went to meeting last Sabbath all day. I heard Mr. Hawks in the forenoon and Elder Weber in the afternoon.

Tell Dellie that I want him to write me how the horses are, if the one is growing fat fast, and if he is getting much sap, etc. I suppose you will have to do without Mr. Gilbert soon, has he gone yet? and do you know who is coming on to our farm next year?

Whose farm have they purchased for the poor? I want you to write soon and tell me all about it. Has Uncle J. Leadbaetter [Jabez Leadbetter was the husband of Lucretia Howard, Charles's aunt] moved into Mr. Woodson's house yet? Is Grandmother with you now? If she is give my love to her.

I find the study of Philosophy very interesting. Mr. Torsey has examples to show us, of everything that our lesson is about.

Tell Dellie that Mr. Eaton has got a little boy eight years old who is in my class in Philosophy and Arithmetic but he never studied Philosophy before but he has always studied Smith's Arithmetic before this term.

Give my love to all. Was Rowland pretty cold when he got home? Write soon. Goodbye.

Your affectionate son,  
Charles H. Howard



that he went up into his chamber in the evening with  
a light, after some liquor and soon after his store  
was all on fire. They did not save anything but a  
little grass seed, there was no insurance on the  
goods, but the house was insured for a little.

I would like to have you send me a few letter  
stamps, if you have any to spare, in your next letter.  
When is Rowland going back to Brunswick? I wish he  
could (if he is not going away very soon) come up here  
and see me and bring up some more syrup, but I don't  
suppose that he can. It has got to be April now  
but the weather has not advanced as fast as time.

I believe that it is colder today than it has been  
this <sup>long</sup> while, the windows rattle like <sup>winter</sup> ~~spring~~.  
I want you to write me a long letter soon mother  
about every thing at home, I was really glad to get  
a letter from my brother, that evening as it was  
just as dark I felt some lonesome before I got a  
letter from all of my brother, I think it must be  
quite a laughable ~~laughing~~ thing to see a drawing of  
Rowland Bailey drawn by Otis. If I write compe-  
sition to night it is time I was about it. I  
will conclude by saying Good Bye

To Mrs Eliza Gilmore

From your Affectionate

Son Charles

C. H. Homan

1851-1852  
29th 1852  
M. J.

Rowland Hill

Seeds. Apr. 3d 1852

Dear Mother

Another week has passed away. But  
I don't know as it has changed my circumstances  
so much, if any. I rec. with much pleasure a letter  
from Rowland & Bedulstus, and in which was enclosed  
one from Otis. I am glad that Rowland sent it to me.  
I want him to consider this as an answer to him  
just as much as though it was addressed to him.  
He did not say anything about Rowland, Otis's health  
so I suppose that he is getting well. I should  
like to know how your health is too.

I am as well as usual. I do not take my syrup  
so often as I did. Rowland speaks about wearing  
my boots I wear them all of the time, up to  
Irish potatoes, and in my room just as I did at  
home. I do not go <sup>secretly</sup> anywhere besides up to rect.  
One morning I got up and took a walk or rather  
a run out on the street, as far as the woods, out  
south of the Mansion-house before breakfast,  
there was a little boy up there getting his soap, and  
he gave me some to drink. He was about as  
large as I am. There was also a boy here a few  
days ago with some soap sugar for sale but  
I did not buy any. He sold all that he had  
within five minutes after the students passed out  
that he had any to sell, I have just been down



to dinner, and as it is the same day of the week  
as it was before when I wrote we had the same  
for dinner. I get along well in my studies; I have  
got to Addition of Fractions, in ciphering,  
I am some ~~time~~ in advance of my class. I skip  
her most all of the time; my other studies  
are so easy that I think that I might have taken  
another as well as not; but maybe that I shall  
have enough when the reading class and writing  
classes commence; the reason why, that the  
reading class did not begin before was because  
so Mr Gorsey had such a bad cold.

I declined night before last; and today  
I suppose I must write a piece of composi-  
tion, I have not written any yet.

Charles Hutchinson was at home last Sat-  
-day. He told me that Uncle Frank's wife was  
dead. I believe her death was expected before  
I came away. The two boys will go and  
live with their Uncle again I suppose.

I should like to know who was going to take  
Mr Gilbert's place on the farm.

I am sorry that Fister is so sick I am afraid  
that she will never recover her health again.  
Tell Delle to write me another letter  
when you write and tell me if he made  
any ~~extra~~ fools. The wind is blowing hard  
today but I just as well as am willing but I have got

a hot fire in my little stove, and my room  
being small too. it makes it quite warm.  
My room is situated in the north west corner  
of the house, and has two windows in it one facing  
of the west and the other the north. There is  
a little <sup>closet</sup> ~~room~~ built in one corner of it. The  
Furniture is 4 chairs, and a washstand, a table, and  
which there is a bookcase, and a little stand  
before the looking-glass. I wear my old pants,  
and vest, most of the time. It ~~was~~ snowed here  
yesterday, and cleared off in the evening before I came  
from singing school. There was a man had  
his arm broken, and he had to have it cut off.  
down to Fayetteville. I believe it was in a shin-  
gle mill I cannot certain, his coat caught in the  
saw and pulled his arm in to it. He was a  
poor man and had a large family to support.  
Mr Eaton said he was in need of cash every  
week to support his family. Mr Eaton got  
one of the boys to go around to the rooms here  
in the Mansion to get money for him and they  
got more than ten dollars I believe, and Mr Eaton  
carried it down to him. We heard that George  
Smith & his son was in jail, or Mr Eaton said  
that they were. This I suppose you heard of as I  
did, And I suppose you have heard before this  
that John Smith <sup>of Read field corner</sup> has had his store burnt, <sup>it happened</sup> before  
I wrote last week, he sold rum and they said



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4/3/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

CHH-002

Kent's Hill, Maine

Leeds, Maine

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Kent's Hill,  
April 3, 1852.

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore  
Leeds

Dear Mother,

Another week has passed away. But I don't know as it has changed my circumstances much, if any. I rec with much pleasure a letter from Rowland and Rodelphus in which was enclosed one from Otis. I am glad that Rowland sent it to me. I want him to consider this as an answer to him just as much as tho' it were addressed to him. He did not say anything about Roland Alger's [Gilmore, Charles' step-brother] health, so I suppose he is getting well. I should like to know how your health is too.

I am as well as usual. I do not take my syrup as often as I did. Rowland spoke about wearing my boots. I wear them all of the time, up to recitations and in my room just as I did at home. I do not go out scarcely anywhere besides up to recitation. One morning I got up and took a walk or rather a run out on the crust as far as the woods, out south of the Mansion House before breakfast. Tell Dellie there was a little boy up there getting his sap and he gave me some to drink. He was about as large as Dellie. There was also a boy here a few days ago with sap sugar for sale but I did not buy any. He sold all that he had within five minutes after the students found out that he had any to sell. I have just been down to dinner and as it is the same day of the week as it was when I wrote before we had the same for dinner.

I get along well in my studies, I have got to addition of fractions, in ciphering, I am some in advance of my class. I cipher most all of the time; my other studies are so easy that I think that I might have taken another as well as not; but maybe that I shall have enough when the reading and writing classes commence; the reason why that the reading class did not begin before was because <> Mr. Torsey had such a bad cold.

I declaimed night before last, and today I suppose that I must write a piece of composition, I have not written any yet,

Charles Hutchins was at home last sabbath. He told me that Uncle Frank's wife [Fanny C (Gould) Howard, second wife of Benjamin Franklin Howard] was dead. I believe her death was expected before I came away. The two boys will go and live with their uncle again, I suppose.

I should like to know who was going to take Mr Gilbert's place on the farm. I am sorry that <Tister> is so sick I am afraid that she will never recover her health again. Tell Dellie to write me another letter when you write and tell me if he made any April fools. The wind is blowing hard to day but I am willing, as I have a hot fire in my little stove and my room being small too, it makes it quite warm. My room is situated in the northwest corner of the house and has two windows in it, one faces the west and the other the north. There is a little closet built in one corner of it. The furniture is four chairs and a washstand, a table over which there is a bookcase, and a little stand before the looking glass. I wear my old pants and vest most of the time. It snowed here yesterday, and cleared off in the evening, before I came from singing school.

There was a man had his arm broken and he had to have it cut off down to Fayette Mills. I believe it was in a shingle mill I am not certain. His coat caught in the saw and pulled his arm on to it. He was a poor man and had a large family to support. Mr. Eaton said he was in need of each day's wages to support his family. Mr. Eaton got one of the boys to go around to the rooms here in the Mansion and get money for him and they got more than ten dollars I believe and Mr. Eaton carried it down to him. We heard that George Smith and his son was in jail, or Mr Eaton said that they were. This I suppose you heard as quick as I did, and I suppose you have heard before this that Mr John Smith of Readfield Corner has had his store burnt, it happened before I wrote last week, he sold rum and they said that he went up into his chamber in the evening with a light, after some liquor and soon after his store was all on fire. They did not save anything but a little grass seed. There was no insurance on the goods, but the

house was insured for a little.

I would like to have you send me a few letter stamps in your next letter if you have any to spare. When is Rowland going back to Brunswick? I wish he could (if he is not going away very soon) come up here and see me and bring me some more syrup but I don't suppose that he can. It has got to be April wood, but the weather has not advanced as fast as time. I believe that it is colder today than it has been this long while. The windows rattle like winter.

I want you to write me a long letter soon, Mother, about every thing at home. I was really glad to get a letter from my brothers, that evening, as it was just as dark I felt some lonesome before I got letters from all of my brothers. I think it must be quite a laughable looking thing to see a drawing of Rowland Bailey drawn by Otis. If I write composition to night it is time I was about it. So I will conclude by saying good Bye.

From Your Affectionate son, Charles  
C.H.Howard



Charles  
Apr 10 1852

Col John Gilmore  
South Lead  
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Col John Gilmore

South Lead

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Went's Hill Apr 10th 1852

Dear Matthew

Time does not wait, and another week has passed on, and you find me again seated as you would find me were you to stop in here now, at my table ready to write you a letter. I have not rec'd a letter from you yet. I think that it is about time. but I don't know how it is with you, <sup>you</sup> may have so much to do that you cannot get time to write and you may be sick. It is quite a pleasant day today the wind blows some but it is not cold, the sun shins brightly and melts the snow some. I should think it would be a good day. My health is and has been this week as good as usual. There is but little left of my syrup & few swallows, I wish I could get some more up it. Samuel Perley is here to school and I did not know it until last night. I thought he looked a great deal like Peleg, but I did not speak to him until last night. <sup>When</sup> he was quite surprised ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> find who I was. He said his folks were well, he said his father had sold his farm. Today Samuel has come up to his uncle's, he lives up in Fayette about three miles from here. Tell Rowland that there was a public meeting of the Caliopean Society last night. The question for discussion was whether it is justifiable for the United States to interfere in the affairs of Hungary and Austria if Russia does, that was the import of it.



I cannot repeat exactly the words, Mr Luribe was  
one and I renish the other disputant, We had a  
singing school this forenoon in singing this forenoon,  
I suppose that I shall be obliged to buy me a singing  
book, had I better buy one? I believe that we have not yet  
a Dulcimer at home, besides Elizabeth's do Rowland  
& Elizabeth sing much? I thought that the time  
would pass very slowly here and that it would be a  
long time to stay here the whole term. But it don't  
seem but a little while ago when I was sitting  
here in this same place a week ago.

I got up this morning about five o'clock and went  
with Mr Jewett to hear his class recite in Ge-  
ography. It would ~~not~~ suit Dellen to study Geog-  
raphy the way they do here. They have great maps  
so large that one state on them would be as  
large as our little atlases, there isn't any printing  
on them at all, and some of their lessons <sup>are</sup> to sing  
or chant the borders of water, and others the lakes  
and mountains. There are two boys here that went  
to school to Otis up to Livermore their names  
are Baldwin I am some acquainted with one  
of them he is a real clever fellow, Tell Rowland  
that I saw Mr Leunt last night, he told me  
to tell Rowland not to eat too much sap or claffes  
for it might hurt him, Mother I want you to  
write me if you are well, if you are sick of <sup>any</sup> <sup>sort</sup>  
course you or someone else will. Give my love to all tell Dellen to write <sup>soon</sup>  
Charles

Dear Mother

I thought when I left off, that I should  
not write any more, but I have some time now, it  
being Sunday eve. The sun has just set, It has  
been quite warm today, and the snow has gone off fast  
it seems like spring, to see the bare ground. We don't  
see any sleighs. but waggons there is not many of either,  
I have been to church all day, Mr Jago preached a  
man from Winthrop, whom Mr. Eaton changed  
with, It has got to be so dark that I can't see the lines,  
and I must stop. I should like very well to be at home  
a little while tonight, or hear from home, I get  
alone well in my studies, as well as I can expect  
and that was what I came here for, Give my love  
to father R.B. and Dellen, Tell  
Mrs Eliza Gilman R.B. that Mr Jewett is busily en-  
gaged in writing Compositions

From your Affec son  
P.S. I have not written so well as C.H. Howard  
common I believe this time



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4/10/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

CHH-003

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kent's Hill.  
April 10, 1852

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore  
Dear Mother,

Time does not wait and another week has passed on, and you find me again seated as you would find me were you to step in here now, at my table ready to write you a letter. I have not rec a letter from you yet. I think that it is about time, but I don't know how it is with you, you may have so much to do that you cannot get time to write and you may be sick. It is quite a pleasant day today the wind blows some but it is not cold, the sun shines brightly and melts the snow some. I should think that it would be a good sap day. My health is and has been this week as good as usual. There is but little left of my syrup, a few swallows, I wish I could get some more of it.

Samuel Perley is here at school and I did not know it until last night. I thought he looked a great deal like Peleg, but I did not speak to him until last night. He was quite surprised when he learned who I was. He said his folks were well, he said his father had sold his farm. Today Samuel has gone up to his uncle's, he lives up in Fayette about three miles from here.

Tell Rowland that there was a public meeting of the Calliopean society last night. The question for discussion was Whether it is justifiable for the United States to interfere in the affairs of Hungary and Austria if Russia does, that was the import of it. I cannot report exactly the words, Mr. Larabie was one and French the other disputant. We had a lesson in singing this forenoon. I suppose that I shall be obliged to buy me a singing book, had I better buy one? I believe that we have not got a dulcimer at home, besides Elizabeth's. Do Rowland and Elizabeth sing much? I thought that the time would pass very slowly here and that it would be a long time to stay here the whole term, but it don't seem but a little while ago when I was sitting here in the same place a week ago.

I got up this morning about five o'clock and went with Mr. Hewett to hear his class recite in Geography. It would suit Dellie to study Geography the way they do here, They have great maps so large that one state on them would be as large our little atlases. There isn't any printing on them at all and some of their lessons are to sing or chant the bodies of water and others the Capes and Mountains. There are two boys here that went to school with Otis up to E. Livermore. Their names are Baldwin. I am some acquainted with one of them he is a real clever fellow, tell Rowland that I saw Mr. <Levant> last night, he told me to tell Rowland not to eat too much sap molasses for it might hurt him, Mother I want you to write me if you are well, if you are sick of course you or someone else will. Give my love to all. Tell Dellie to write.

From your affectionate son Charles

[New page]

Dear Mother

I thought when I left off, that I should not write any more, but I have some time now, it being Sunday eve. The sun has just set. It has been quite warm today, and the snow has gone off fast it seems like spring, to see the bare ground. We don't see any sleighs, but wagons there is not many of either. I have been to church all day Mr. Yager <preached>, a man from Winthrop, whom Mr. Eaton changed with. It has got to be so dark that I can't see the lines and I must stop. I should like very well to be at home a little while tonight or hear from home. I get along well in my studies, as well as I can expect and that is what I came here for. Give my love to father R.B. and Dellie. Tell R.B. that Mr. Hewett is busily engaged in writing compositions.

From Your affec son,  
C . H . Howard



P.S. I have not written so well as common I believe this time.



Charles  
April 18 1852

Wentz Hill, Apr 1852

Dear Mother

Another Saturday has arrived and nearly  
passed, for it is now the last part of the day. Quite  
a pleasant day it has been, for the sun has shone bright  
all day. Although it has not been very pleasant for  
a few days back. It snowed fast day all day and all night  
so we did not have a very pleasant time. I went to meet-  
ing in the forenoon, at which I heard Mr. Weber  
give a short address, and also a paper read by Mr. Rob-  
inson. They organized their sabbath school fasting too.

I rec two letters from home last Tues-  
-day one from you and the other from Rowland.  
I was very glad to get so long a letter from home.  
Rowland wrote me considerable news.

I did not have very pleasant news from Addison  
nor so bad as might be, for his life was much  
endangered, but I believe there was no one injured.  
I read the whole account of the wreck in the N.  
Y. Tribune. It appears that ~~they~~ those of the passengers  
who have not yet a chance to go ~~to~~ go to San Juan since  
are suffering there at Acapulco now, for I saw in the  
Pto. Argus that they had to depend upon the good nature of Trav-  
elers for what they had if they had no money.

I was glad to hear that the Rail Road was going to  
be finished, and I have always been in hopes that it  
would be built. Although most of the folks did not



wish to have it go. most of the folks in Leeds I mean,

I suppose father has more hopes of it now, that Dr  
Hilbourn is turned out, for he used to say as long as  
Hilbourn was one of the Directors that the road would  
not go, I am sorry that <sup>father</sup> ~~you~~ can not get any body to come  
on to the farm, for it will make hard work for you, & I  
guess rather hard work for him to do the work on both  
farms,

My health is pretty good now I do not say  
in a great deal although I do some, I had a pain in my  
side last Wednesday & Thursday, and I got some  
Bayonne pepper and rubbed it after which it felt better  
and I got some molasses and mixed it with camphor  
and water & took some of it when I coughed.

This forenoon I went to singing & I went to hear Mr. H. Hunt  
Geography Class recite, We have quite a large class in si-  
nging, we sing in the books now and have got so that  
we sing tunes in four sharps, I have bought one a sing-  
ing book, I hope you will send me some syrup as you  
spoke of, for mine is just about all gone, Tell R. B.  
the Club here on the Hill have gone over to East  
Readfield to organize one ~~over~~ there, You asked  
if the students enjoyed very good health, they do not  
very they must all have colds, My Churn has had  
a bad headache these two or three days, It is now  
growing dark and I will stop I hope you will write  
me soon and write as long letters as you did before  
Give my love to Della, father & the rest of the family  
remember me to Silas & the girls, From your Affection  
Charles  
A. C. Gilman.



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4/17/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs E Gilmore

CHH-004

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kent's Hill,  
April 17, 1852

Dear Mother,

Another Saturday has arrived and nearly passed for it is now the last part of the day. Quite a pleasant day it has been for the sun has shown brightly all day. Although it has not been very pleasant for a few days back. It snowed fast day all day and all night so we did not have a very pleasant time. I went to meeting in the forenoon at which I heard Mr. Weber give a short address and also a paper read by Mr. Robinson. They organized their Sabbath school fast day too.

I rec two letters from home last Tuesday one from you and the other from Rowland. I was very glad to get so long a letter from home Rowland wrote me considerable news.

I did not have very pleasant news from Adison nor so bad as might be, for his life was much endangered, but I believe there was no one injured. I read the whole account of the wreck in the N. Y. Tribune. It appears that those of the passengers who have not got a chance to go to San Francisco are suffering there at Acapulco now, for I saw in the Bst Argus that they had to depend upon the goodness of travelers for what they had for they had no money.

I was glad to hear that the railroad was going to be finished, and I have always been in hopes that it would be built. Although most of the folks did not wish to have it go, most of the folks in Leeds I mean, I suppose Father has more hopes of it now, that Dr. Hilbourn is turned out for he used to say that as long as Hilbourn was one of the directors that the road would not go. I am sorry that father cannot get any body to <work> on to the farm, for it will make hard work for you & I guess rather hard work for him to do the work on <both> farms. My health is pretty good now I do not cough a great deal although I do some. I had a pain in my side last Wednesday & Thursday and I got some cayenne pepper and rubbed it after which it felt better and I got some molasses and mixed it with sassafrassum and water & took some of it when I coughed.

This forenoon I went to a sing & I went to hear Mr. Hewett Geography class recite. We have quite a large class in singing. We sing in the books now and have got so that we sing tunes in four sharps. I have bought me a singing book. I hope you will send me some syrup as you spoke of for mine is just about all gone. Tell R.B. the Club here on the Hill have gone over to east Readfield to organize one over there. You asked if the students enjoy very good health. They do not very they must all have colds. My chum has had a bad headache this two or three days. It is now growing dark and I will stop. I hope you will write me soon and write as long letter as you did before. Give my love to Dellie, father & the rest of the family. Remember me to Silas & the girls.

From your affec son  
Charles

Mrs. E. Gilmore



Charles  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Went's Hill May 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

Dear Mother

I once more take my pen and sit at my table on a Saturday afternoon, to address a few words to you. I have not written since two weeks ago. I thought that I would not write home last Saturday, for I had not had any letter from home since I wrote before, but I rec a letter day before yesterday from Rowland. I was glad to hear how things were passing at home he said that Mr Benjamin Gilbert was coming into our old house, I believe that I don't know him. I suppose that Delia had a good time last night for it was May night. There was a May basket hanging on most every door in the mansion, there was one hanging on our door for Mr Hewitt but he was not here. He went with several others ~~here~~ to organize a Watchman's Club up to Fayette Corner. ~~he~~ ~~all of the way up and back~~ started away from here just after praying. There was ~~some~~ twelve that were organized into a Club, I believe that I wrote you about his going over to East Springfield to organize a Club. Tell Rowland that Mr Hewitt is trying to write a piece for the Californian. I wrote a letter to Otis last Saturday. I should like to hear from him much. It has been a great while since I heard from him directly. Mother I am afraid that you will have to work very



hard this summer, for you had to work so hard last  
summer that you didn't have any time to go  
anywhere, or say anything. My health is pretty good. I get along  
well in my studies. I enjoy myself pretty well, for  
there is a good lot of boys here. I suppose that  
I don't study enough but I like to play some for  
exercise. Tell Rowland that Henry French  
has got married and is going out West to live.  
I forget the name of the <sup>lady</sup> ~~man~~ ~~of the~~ lady that  
he was married to. I played ball most all  
of the forenoon today. Mr. Gossy was out playing  
ball. It was quite pleasant weather this forenoon  
but it rains this afternoon. It seems more and more  
like Spring. The snow is gradually melting away  
and the roads are becoming dry. It will soon be good  
waggoning. I saw a Swallow today for the first  
time this year. I don't know but I wrote you before  
that I was attending writing school. I like Mr.  
Perley, the writing master very well. He gives  
us a kind of lecture every lesson while we  
are writing. Sometimes on Perseverance &  
sometimes something else. He has Mottoes of  
that is the right name, hung up in the room, as you  
can see by perseverance. Excelsior, I will try &c.  
Monday Morning. It was cloudy yesterday but did  
not rain. I went to church all day. Mr. Eaton  
Preached in the forenoon and Mr. Clough in the  
Afternoon. I went to prayer meeting last night

There is quite a revival in religion here on  
the Hill. There was a usual service for prayers  
last night. There was quite a number that came  
and prayed. These prayer meetings here do not  
seem much like those down on the river. They  
don't need Mr. Brewster to tell them to improve  
the time. The sun is rising quite pleasant  
this morning. It is not very cold although.  
Mr. Hewitt is whittling some shavings for a  
fire. Tell Della that we have grand times here  
playing ball. Mr. plays with us when we play he  
can run faster than any fellow that there is  
here. I have got into Circulating Decimals in  
my Arithmetic. I don't know as you know exactly  
how far that is. Rowland will know. I have been  
here six weeks and have written five letters to  
you Mother & have no more, but I suppose you  
don't have time. Tell Della to write when  
you write. Give my love to the boys and  
girls at home and to all. How does the Rail  
Road get along are they laying the track.  
Tell Rowland to write often. I like to hear  
him write he tells all the news. I must  
now leave off and go to studying. They are getting  
up a subscription among the students to buy  
a book to present to Mr. Gossy. Write soon  
Mother. From Your Affection  
Charles H. Howard

To Mrs. Eliza Gilman



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5/1/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

CHH-005

Kent's Hill, Maine

Leeds, Maine

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May 1, 1852.

Dear Mother,

I once more take my pen and sit at my table on a Saturday afternoon, to address a few words to you. I have not written since two weeks ago. I thought that I would not write home last Saturday, for I had not had any letter from home since I wrote before. But I rec a letter day before yesterday from Rowland. I was glad to hear how things were passing at home. He said that Mr. Benjamin Gilbert was coming into our old house. I believe that I don't know him.

I suppose that Dellie had a good time last night for it was May night. There was a May basket hung on almost every door in the Mansion, There was one hung on our door for Mr. Hewett but he was not here. He went with several others to organize a Watchman's Club, up to Fayette's corner. He started away from here just after praying. There was twelve that were organized into a Club. I believe that I wrote you about his going over to East Readfield to organize a club. Tell Rowland that Mr. Hewett is trying to write a piece for the Calliopean.

I wrote a letter to Otis last Saturday. I should like to hear from him much. It has been a great while since I heard from him directly. Mother I am afraid that you will have to work very hard this summer, for you had to work so hard last summer that you didn't have any time to go any where, or say any thing. My health is pretty good & I get along well in my studies I enjoy myself pretty well for there is a good lot of boys here. I suppose that I don't study enough but I like to play some for exercise. Tell Rowland that Henry French has got married and is going out west to live. I have forgot the name of the lady that he was married to. I played ball most all of the forenoon today. Mr. Torsey was out playing ball. It was quite pleasant weather this forenoon but it rains this afternoon. It seems more and more like Spring, the snow is gradually melting away and the roads are becoming dry. It will soon be good waggoning. I saw a Swallow today for the first time this year, I don't know but I wrote you before that I was attending writing school. I like Mr. Perley, the writing master very well. He gives us a kind of lecture every day while we are writing, sometimes on Perseverance and sometimes on something else. He has mottoes, if that is the right name, hung up in the room as You can conquer by perseverance, Excelsior, I will try, etc.

Monday morning, it was cloudy yesterday but did not rain. I went to church all day. Mr. Eaton preached in the forenoon and Mr. Clough in the afternoon. I went to prayer meeting last night. There is quite a revival in religion here on the Hill. There was several rose for prayers last night. There was quite a number that spoke and prayed. These prayer meetings here do not seem much like those down on the <river>. They don't need Mr. Brewster to tell them to improve the time. The sun is rising quite pleasant this morning. It is not very cold although Mr. Hewett is whittling some shavings for a fire. Tell Dellie that we have grand times here playing ball. Mr. <H> plays with us when we play he can run faster than any fellow that there is in here. I have got into circulating decimals in my arithmetic. I don't know as you know exactly how far that is. Rowland will know. I have been here six weeks and have written five letters to you mother & have rec one, but I suppose you don't have time. Tell Dellie to write when you write, give my love to the boys and girls at home and to all.

How does the railroad get along are they laying the track. Tell Rowland to write often. I like to have him write he tells all the news. I must now leave off and go to studying. They are getting up a subscription among the students to buy a book to present to Mr. Torsey.

Write soon mother.  
From your affec son  
Charles H. Howard

To Mrs. Eliza Gilmore



Charles  
H. Wells, June 6, 1852.

Dear Mother

It is two weeks since I was at home. After leaving Roland at North Wym I came up across the pasture and was in a few moments on Wind Hill. I got here in time to recite in Philosophy, but not in Suthme- tie, which made me two lessons behind the class; but which I have about made up now. I lost the two last lessons in writing by going home, but they were not of much consequence. The prizes have been awarded for writing and Book-keeping. The one for writing was given to a fellow by the name of Hawks, from the town of Glenbee. The one for Book-keeping was given to a Mr Scribner from Rome. Mr Torrey & Mr Bailey were the committee for examining the books. They could not decide who should have the prize in Book-keeping, for there were two fellows whose improvement was so nearly the same that they could not give it to either, and so they ~~they~~ had them draw lots to see who should have it. There is a great time here now in <sup>preparing</sup> preparations for the Exhibition. Those that are to take a part have not done much besides writing and committing their pieces. I was troubled almost all of last week by a stye on my eye was swelled so that I could hardly see and of it some of the time I could not see any at all and so I couldn't study for it hurt the other one but I went up to my recitations, I don't know certain



as it was a sty. It was a very bad one if it was. After it broke it began to heal very quick. It is now intirely well. I have been to meeting today both in the forenoon and afternoon. I have just been reckoning up my expenses. I will put them down so that you can see. I don't know exactly how much my bill is for board and tuition. but I can guess pretty near. I thought that I would put them down in this letter for I don't know as I shall write again.

Expences for Board	813.50
" " " Tuition	1.25
" " " Books	1.36
" " " Wood	.50
" " " Sights	.60
" " " Singing school	.51
" " " Writing school	1.50
A. Present,	.29
" " " Cards	.10
" " " Glass	.12
" " " Lamp	.17
" " " Attending costs	.20
" " " Library	.12
" " " Envelopes	.02
" " " na better	.15
Total	828.14

and Thursday they expect to have a king of party the night before Exhibition. I don't know but I am as interested in my studies as I have been at all. we have got to take Root in Arithmetic. I have never been so far before. Give my love to Mr. & Mrs. Howard  
 To Mrs. C. Gilmore

You see that the whole of my expenses since I have been here is \$28.14. I wish you to send me \$25.00. I would like to have you come up after me if you could. you and father I think you would both enjoy yourselves, but I don't suppose you can come off there is no one but 125 comes I should think. Della might come with him if you can spare him. The Exhibition will be a week from next Wednesday

Charles H. Howard



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6/6/1852*From:* Charles H. Howard*To:* Mrs E Gilmore

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Kent's Hill, Maine

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June 6, 1852.

Dear Mother,

It is two weeks since I was at home. After leaving Rowland at North Wayne I came up across the pasture and was in a few moments on Kent's Hill. I got here in time to recite in Philosophy, but not in Arithmetic which made me two lessons behind the class but which I have about made up now. I lost the two last lessons in writing by going home. But they were not of much consequence. The prizes have been awarded for writing and bookkeeping. The one for writing was given to a fellow by the name of Hawks, from the town of Kennebec. The one for book-keeping was given to a Mr. Scribner from Rome, Mr. Torsey & Mr. Perley were the committee for examining the books. They could not decide who should have the prize in book-keeping, for there were two fellows whose improvement was so nearly the same that they could not give it to either, and so they had them draw lots to see who should have it.

There is a great time here now in making preparations for the exhibition. Those who are to take part have not done much besides writing and committing their pieces.

I was troubled all of last week by a sty on my eye I was swelled so that I could hardly see out of it some of the time. I couldn't see any out of it and so I couldn't study for it hurt the other one but I went up to my recitations. I don't know certain as it was a sty. It was a very bad one if it was. After it broke it began to heal very quick. It is now entirely well.

I have been to meeting Sunday both in the forenoon and afternoon. I have just been reckoning up my expenses and I will put them down so that you can see. I don't know exactly how much my bill is for wood and tuition. But I can guess pretty near. I thought that I would put them down in this letter for I don't know as I shall write again.

Expenses for Board	\$19.50
" Tuition	2.25
" Books	1.36
" Wood	0.50
" Lights	0.60
" Singing school	0.50
" Writing school	1.50
" A present	0.20
" Cards	0.10
" Glass	0.12
" Lamps	0.17
" Mending coats	0.20
" Library	0.12
" Envelopes	0.02
" A letter	0.15
Total	\$28.14

You see that the whole of my expenses since I have been here is \$28.14. I wish you to send me \$25.00. I would like to have you come up after me if you could you and father. I think you would both enjoy yourselves, but I don't suppose you can come. If there is no one but R.B. comes I should think Dellie might come with him if you can spare him. The exhibition will be a week from next Wednesday and Thursday. They expect to have a king of <poetry> the night before exhibition. I don't know but I am as interested in my studies as I have been at all. We have got to Cube Root in Arithmetic. I never have been so far before.

Give my love to all.

Frm yo aff son Charles H. Howard

To Mrs. E. Gilmore



Charles.  
Aug 21/852

Went's Hill Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Mother

I will now take my pen to write you for the first time since I left home. With gladness I rec'd a letter from you and Rowland <sup>Friday</sup> ~~Thursday~~ morning and thereby found that you were all well. There was two dollars enclosed in your letter which I did not know that you was going to send, but ~~it~~ I am glad that you sent it for I may need it. I said to Rowland that I would write if I wanted any. As for the shoes I have concluded not to have any this time. The dinner bell has rung, I will pause. — I have been to dinner we have very good eating as good as any one could wish for. This is a very good boarding place, I like it very much. We have a comfortable little room here. It is a west room and in the afternoon the sun together with the cooking stove make it very hot here. The chimney pipes up through and sometimes it is so hot that you can hardly bear your head on it, but this will be a fine thing in cold weather. You spoke of Koller Jennings, said that he was coming up here. but the time that you wrote that he was coming has passed and he has not as yet arrived. If he should come and wish to come in with Roscoe very much I would find some other place. but Roscoe says that he don't think that he would wish to ~~be with him~~ <sup>be with him</sup> very much, if he could roam near with some good boys. You spoke of some writing paper, that was forgotten in the hurry that I was in when I getting my things ready, but I have bought a half quire of such as I am writing on which cost me 20 cts.



You tell me if there is anything that I wish for that I can have it by writing. I think that I have got all that I need. I did not put in a tooth brush, and I would like to have you put it in my bundle if you send any more. Now you was going to send me a shirt and a pair of stockings but I don't know as I shall need them. — I went to church this forenoon but there was no meeting this afternoon. ~~There would not have been any this forenoon if Mr Robinson had not have read one from a book.~~ — We ~~have~~ had a long storm here this last week and I suppose it rained with you too. It began to rain I believe Wednesday night and rained untill Yesterday morning. I think that the rain was needed very much. Mr Robinson's Quakers were all willing for want of rain. Last Wednesday I was about sick, when I went to bed the night before I did not feel very well and when I got up in the morning I found that I had a very bad cold and my head ached pretty badly all day, but I slept all away that night, and my cold is some better now. — It did not stop my recitations any. I have had to study pretty hard this week to catch up with the class in Algebra it was pretty hard for me to get along in fact I did not understand it at all untill I had gone back over the first part. I have now fairly caught up with the class in it. My Latin I like very much I do not find much trouble in keeping up with the class and <sup>now</sup> I have got to reading some little short lessons Translating <sup>from Latin</sup> into English & from English into Latin.

P.S. I love the top of my cotton stockings these morning stockings when you can tell me about it — I have no doubt that they don't get much when you give them to me.

Mr Carpenter stayed here on the Hill untill Tuesday. He came down here to see me Sunday evening and found a young lady here that he was acquainted with, by the name of Milber. She was about to put up her Piano and so he turned it for her. Thursday morning he went with me up to Mr Wheelock's and introduced me to Miss Wheelock and I agreed to take half a course of lessons of <sup>on the Piano</sup> which will be 3 dollars and to practice every day one hour which will be about a dollar. Mr Carpenter thought I had better take lessons. I took one lesson yesterday. She is quite a pleasant lady. It has been raining some this afternoon but I believe it is clearing off. I should like to be at home a few hours to night and see my mother and the rest of them. Give my love to Delli & Rowland & tell them to write. Tell Delli he must write me good long letter to put in your next which I hope will come soon. There is quite a breeze tonight the sun went down a few minutes ago. I suppose that Roland John & George are about to milk now. Tell them I hope to see them to camp meeting. Delli must write what they are doing. You must write me how they are getting along with the Rail Road. Have you heard anything about Frank Otis since he left. Oh! I almost forgot to tell you that it was my birth day yesterday which made me forget. I should like to have been at home my birth day. Write soon Mother. From your affectionate son  
Elihu Gilman Charles H Howard



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8/29/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Eliza Gilmore

CHH-007

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kent's Hill,  
Aug 29, 1852 [Sunday]

Dear Mother,

I will now take my pen to write you for the first time since I left home. With gladness I rec a letter from you and Rowland Friday morning and thereby found that you were all well. There was two dollars enclosed in your letter which I did not know that you was going to send, but I am glad that you sent it for I may need it. I said to Rowland that I would write if I wanted any. As for the shoes I have concluded not to have any this term.

The dinner bell has rung & I will pause.

I have been to dinner. We have very good eating as good as any one could want for. This is a very good boarding place, I like it very much. We have a comfortable little room here. It is a west room and in the afternoon the sun together with the cooking stove make it very hot here. The chimney passes up through and sometimes it is so hot that you can barely have your hand on it, but this will be a fine thing in cold weather.

You spoke of Rollin Jennings [from Leeds, age 15, brother of Charles' roommate Roscoe], said that he was coming up here but the time that you wrote that he was coming has passed and he has not as yet arrived. If he should come and wish to come in with Roscoe very much I would find some other place. But Roscoe [age 19] says that he doesn't think that he would wish to room with him very much, if he could room near with some good boys.

You spoke of some writing paper, that was forgotten in the hurry that I was in when getting my things ready, but I have bought a half quire of such as I am writing on which cost me ten cts. You tell me if there is anything that I wish for that I can have it by writing. I think that I have got all that I need. I did not put in a tooth brush and I would like to have you put it my bundle if you send any. You know you was going to send me a shirt and a pair of stockings but I don't know as I shall need them.

I went to church this forenoon but there was no meeting this afternoon. There would not have been any this forenoon if Mr Robinson had not have read one from a book.

We had a long storm here this last week and I suppose it rained with you too. It began to rain I believe Wednesday night and rained until yesterday morning [Saturday]. I think that the rain was needed very much. Mr Robinson's turnips were all wilting for want of rain. Last Wednesday I was about sick. When I went to bed the night before I did not feel very well and when I got up in the morning I found that I had a very bad cold and my head ached pretty badly all day, but I slept it all away that night, and my cold is some better now.

It did not stop my recitations any. I have had to study pretty hard this week to catch up with the classes. In Algebra it was pretty hard for me to get along or in fact I did not understand it all untill I had gone back over the first part. I have now fairly caught up with the class in it. My Latin I like very much. I do not find much trouble in keeping up with the class and we have got to reading some little short lessons translating from Latin into English & from English into Latin.

Mr. Carpenter stayed here on the hill untill Tuesday. He came down here to see me Sunday evening and found a young lady here that he was acquainted with by the name of Wilber. She was about to put up her piano and so he tuned it for her. Tuesday morning he went with me up to Mr. Wheelock's and introduced me to Miss Wheelock. And I agreed to take half a course of lessons of her on the piano, which will be 3 dollars and to practice every day an hour which will be about a dollar. Mr. Carpenter thought I had better take lessons. I took one lesson yesterday. She is quite a pleasant lady. It has been raining some this afternoon but I believe it is clearing off.

I should like to be at home a few hours tonight and see my mother and the rest of them. Give my love to



Dellie & Rowland & tell them to write. Tell Dellie he must write me a good long letter to put in your next which I hope will come soon. There is quite a breeze tonight. The sun went down a few minutes ago.

I suppose that Roland Silas & George are about to milk now. Tell them I hope to see them to camp meeting. Dellie must write what they are doing. You must write me how they are getting along with the Rail Road. Have you heard anything from Otis since he left? Oh, I almost forgot to tell you that it was my birth day yesterday [28 August 1838] which made me fourteen. I should like to have been at home my birthday, Write soon Mother

From your Affectionate son,  
Charles H Howard

Eliza Gilmore

P.S. I tore the top of my cotton stockings this morning putting them on. I believe you cautioned me about it when you gave them to me.

I have no envelopes but they don't cost much.



Sept 19 1852  
Sept 19 I then I went to church and slept alone & soundly all night long. They had their quarterly meeting here to day, this forenoon our minister Mr Primer preached his text was the 2<sup>d</sup> verse (or a part of it) of the 23<sup>d</sup> Chap of Exodus. This afternoon the presiding elder Mr Kendall preached his text was the eighth verse of the 3<sup>d</sup> Chap of the Philippians. I suppose the boys have begun to cut-sticks by this time & to go about the falls work, haven't they. They told me they were digging a well, I hope they were successful in finding water for we need it much. If father has it as he speaks of it will be much better than to haul it from the spring so far. The Church have bought an Edition of Mr Carpenter here at Hunt's Hill. He came and brought it - but did not call on me nor did I know that he had been here at all until two or three days after. I got along very well in my studies. Have yet to transposition in Algebra. Tell Rowland. Scribe cito, et scribe multum. and tell him to translate [Latinus magnopere probat] It pleases me much to think that I can write soon to my brothers in Latin. Give my love to father are they going on well with the N. K. Give my love to the boys Silas wished me to write him but I don't know if any thing that would interest him, if there is any thing happens which I think he would like to hear I think I will write if I have time. One thing this morn I am afraid that I don't take exercise enough. It is not as it was last term down them the bellows would run in and tell me I must go out - and play ball or something else. As I had exercise enough, it is getting late. & I must leave a little room to write up the Record tomorrow night. [Monday morn] Horace has come but I find that you have not seen him, he could not go to meeting.

his folks over almost all sick. I think as I have said that I will come home  
Saturday If there is nothing happens to prevent me. He says If I had gone with  
him I could have reached as far as Jeffers Mills with a man who was going to visit.  
Dear mother: It is sabbath day to day and I am quite lonely  
while my chum is gone. Especially since meeting. I suppose  
there is no need of my writing while Rescue has gone for  
it is likely you have seen him by this time. I should not  
have written to night but I thought he would not tell you  
all that I wished to. If I had have thought that I was not  
going home myself I would have sent a letter by him, but  
I thought that I should go until it got to be too late  
to write a letter. I thought of going down to Arza's Friday  
night & then of walking home in the morning and even  
got all ready to go, but changed my mind and con-  
cluded not to go. One thing why I changed my mind was I had  
not written to you anything about it & I thought you would  
not expect me home so soon after seeing Rowland at camp  
meeting and not saying <sup>anything</sup> to him about it. Another reason  
was I thought I should want to go home again before the  
close of the term if I want home now. One reason why  
I wished to go home now was to get my flannels & great  
coat. for it has been very cold the past week until yester-  
day when it was quite warm & pleasant and it has been  
warm today. If it is as warm next week as it has been  
today I certainly shall not want any more clothes, and if  
is not I can do without them as well as not, until next  
Saturday when I will come home if I do not hear  
any ~~from~~ the contrary from you by Rescue or by letter  
in answer to this or something else prevents. Supper has  
been run, — I have eaten my supper of bread & butter &



fire, we have good living here. Perhaps mother you will come up  
to see me and bring my things as you speak of before I come away.  
I should like very much to hear you. I suppose I shall hear by  
Roscoe about that, but you may not see him, if you don't. I hope  
you will write, but after all I don't know as you can mail it  
so it will get to me before Saturday. Well, mother I  
don't think you will care if I come home Saturday. But I should  
think I had said enough about coming home, I presume you  
will think I am homesick, but I am not. I am as well as last  
this term as I was last. I don't play so much but study  
more. — I believe you have not heard from me since I  
left Rowland at camp meeting at least I have not heard  
from you. And so I will tell you how I got back to  
Kent's Hill, after leaving Rowland I went and found  
Roscoe & found that he wished to stop the evening &  
so I stayed & heard another sermon, which closed at about  
ten o'clock. I then started with Roscoe and another fellow  
to walk home, or to Kent's Hill. We arrived here at about  
one o'clock pretty tired & sleepy. Soon we went to bed  
and slept soundly all night & got up in the morning  
to go to studying to make up what we had lost. — I have just made  
another pass in my writing to run down the road to get the  
cows for Mrs Robinson. They have been gone ever since last Fri-  
ght or yesterday morning I believe Mr R. has been & is now  
out looking for them, he didn't know that they have come.  
It makes me think of our losing our cows this summer. There  
is a great many things which transpire every hour which we  
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so long a time & perhaps you missed me a little too. At any rate  
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but could get none. I then came back and wrote till  
two which was but a little while & then went up to take  
another lesson on the Paine. The Misses had called  
then and so I waited & when I got back it was four o'clock.  
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week, I came back from meeting, wrote in my journal (which  
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9/19/1852

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mother

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Kent's Hill, Maine

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[written in a different handwriting at the top of the last of 4 pages]

Charles Sept 19, 1852

Kent's Hill.

Sept. 19, 1852 [Sunday]

Dear Mother:

It is Sabbath day to day and I am quite lonesome while my chum is gone. Especially since meeting. I suppose there is no need of my writing while Roscoe has gone for it is likely you have seen him by this time, I should not have written tonight but I thought he would not tell you all that I wished to. If I had have thought that I was not going home myself I would have sent a letter by him, but I thought that I should go until it got to be too late to write a letter. I thought of going down to Arza's [Gilmore] Friday night and then of walking home in the morning and even got all ready to go, but changed my mind and concluded not to go. One thing why I changed my mind was I had not written to you anything about it & I thought you would not expect me home so soon after seeing Rowland at Camp meeting and not saying anything to him about it. Another reason was I thought I should want to go home again before the close of the term, if I went home now. One reason why I wished to go home now was to get my flannels & great coat for it has been very cold the past week until yesterday when it was quite warm & pleasant and it has also been warm today. If it is as warm next week as it has been today I certainly shall not want my warm clothes. And if it is not, I can be without them as well as not until next Saturday when I will come home if I do not hear any to the contrary from you by Roscoe or by letter in answer to this or something else prevents.

Supper bell has rung.

I have eaten my supper of bread & butter & pie. We have good living here. Perhaps Mother you will come up to see me and bring my things as you spoke of before I came away. I should like very much to have you. I suppose I shall hear by Roscoe about that, but you may not see him. If you don't I hope you will write, but after all I don't know as you can mail it so it will get to me before Saturday. Well now mother I think you will care if I come home Saturday. But I should think I had said enough about coming home, I presume you will think I am homesick but I am not. I am as well <suited> this term as I was last. I do not play as much but study more.

I do not believe you have heard from me since I left Rowland at Camp meeting. At least I have not heard from you. And so I will tell you how I got back to Kent's Hill. After leaving Rowland I went and found Roscoe and found that he wished to stop the evening so I stopped and heard another sermon which closed about ten o'clock. I then started with Roscoe and another fellow to walk home on to Kent's Hill. We arrived here at twelve o'clock pretty tired and sleepy. Soon we went to bed and slept soundly all night and got up in the morning to go to studying to make up what we had lost.

I have just made another pause in my writing to run down the road and get the cows for Mrs. Robinson. They have been gone ever since last night or yesterday morning. I believe Mr R- has been & is now out looking for them. He doesn't know that they have come. It makes me think of our losing our cows this summer. There is a great many things which transpire every hour which make me think of home.

I have received a letter from Otis. It was written the ninth the day that I went to camp meeting he did not write but that he was well. Perhaps you have heard from him since that. He gave me a description of his journey <on> there after leaving father & Rowland at the depot. He did not describe it only as far as N.Y. city said he would finish in his next. I was quite glad to hear from him.

If you have heard from him since, mother, I shall learn if I come home or if I do not come home. I want you to write to me. You did not write a very long letter the last one mother and I believe the only one that I have had. And you did not seem very happy but I hope you are now. I suppose you had not got over the bad feelings that you had in parting with Otis for so long a time & perhaps you missed me a little too. At any rate I miss my mother if she does me or not.



It seems to me that I can see Dellie tonight - laying on the back side of the bed as you wrote that he was the night after I left. How is Dellie and what does he find to do all of the time! Give my love to him & tell him he must write and answer for himself to put it in your next letter. I wrote a long letter to Otis yesterday as much as I could get on to a sheet. I studied until about eleven o'clock yesterday and then wrote to Otis until noon when after dinner I went up to the P.O. to see if I could not get a letter from home but could get none. I then came back and wrote till two which was but a little while & then went up to take another lesson on the piano. She (Miss W) had callers then and so I waited & when I got back it was four o'clock. I then finished my letter, went into class meeting (which viz I never did but once before in my life & that was when I stopped down to Warren's that long time you know a whole week) I came back from meeting, wrote in my journal (which viz I do every day) I have averaged a page a day ever since the first of Sept. Then I went to bed and slept alone & soundly all night long.

They had their quarterly meeting here today. This forenoon our minister Mr <Rimer> preached his text from the 2nd verse (or a part of it) of the 23d chap of Exodus. This afternoon, the presiding elder Mr Randal preached. His text was the eighth verse of the 3d chap of the Philippians. I suppose the boys have begun to cut stacks by this time & to go about the field work, haven't they. They told me they were digging a well, I hope they were successful in finding water for we need it much. If father has it as he spoke of it will be much better than to haul it from the spring so far.

The Church has bought an Aeolian of Mr Carpenter here at Kent's Hill. He came and brought it but did not call on me nor did I know that he had been here at all until two or three days after.

I get along very well in my studies have got to transposition in Algebra. Tell Rowland Scribere cito, et scribere multum. And tell him to translate <Latinus mayniperre probo>. It pleases me much to think that I can write some to my brothers in Latin. Give my love to father are they going on well with the R.R.

Give my love to the boys Silas wished me to write to him but I don't know of any thing that would interest him. If there is any thing happens which I think he would like to hear I think I will write if I have time. One thing this term I am afraid that I don't take exercise enough. It is not as it was last term down there the fellows would run in and tell me I must go out and play ball or something else so I had exercise enough. It is getting late & I must leave a little room to write after Roscoe comes. Good night.

(Monday morn) Roscoe has come but I find that you have not seen him, he could not go to meeting. His folks were allmost all sick. I think as I have said that I will come home Saturday If there is nothing happens to prevent me. He says If I had gone with him I could have rode as far as Coffins Mills with a man who was going to Lewiston.

Please let the bad penmanship be out balanced by the quantity this time.  
From your affec son, Charles H Howard

I heard from Rowland through Roscoe. Rollin saw him going to the Scot & Groken club, but is all that I heard. Write mother if you can get a chance to send it so I can get it before Saturday.