

myself, & to them.  
 You remember we went into it, - that I liked  
 it a little better than the one that I liked  
 but could not leave it - because I wished  
 to have a place for Koseo & self this  
 room was spoken for. Well Koseo  
 left yesterday in the afternoon. We  
 had made no arrangements as to changing  
 rooms then. but both Winton & I were  
 agreed as to remaining together if circumstances  
 would permit. I went to Mr. Wagoner's  
 with some other boys, to a Temperance  
 meeting to hear a speech from Mr. Marshall.  
 Came home soon after K left & when I got  
 it was raining & after dark. I sat by the  
 fire, & after changing my clothes & did not get cold.  
 When we, boys, who were interested, had a consultation  
 as to changing rooms. & Winton's choice, whom we  
 like. is Lathrop from St. Albans a Nephew of Dennis.  
 Lathrop is kind enough to go into my room &  
 let me come in with him. When I now am, this is  
 a much pleasant room in the morning than  
 my old one. Delle told you I suppose that she  
 & I made out first - act in riding  
 with the Polecat. I hope he had as pleasant a  
 ride back as we had coming up. Is Delle going  
 up to J.B.'s school? Write me if Lizzie & brother have  
 gone & if so, how & when, & is Lizzie going to West Point.  
 Remember me to our family.  
 From your affectionate  
 E.H. Howard  
 P.S. Delle write to put in yours &  
 you write as soon as you can. Mother.

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore.

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Went's Hill Sun. Aug. 28. 1853

Dear Mother,

The day that I named for writing you a  
 letter has arrived. You were fearful when I left home as  
 to my health, so I will assure you at first, that it is  
 not often better than at the first time. My journey  
 home & treatment there restored my health, excepting my  
 cough, which the day that I left was rather bad, but has  
 become more entirely well by the help of the thorough work.  
 It is the intermission between the afternoon & forenoon  
 meetings. I heard Elder Prince sermonize this forenoon.  
 His text was the 37 verse of the 34th Psalm, "Mark the  
 perfect man & behold the upright; for that man is  
 peace." He showed the upright way to become a perfect  
 man & how to remain so; said a man could not be  
 perfect unless he performed the requirements of  
 God, that a man would not remain & was not a  
 perfect man unless, if he had no necessary excuse, he  
 attended the Sabbath Conference & prayer meeting  
 & also public meetings for worship, & if he did not  
 have family & also secret prayer. But the bell  
 has rung & I must delay the continuance of my  
 letter till after afternoon meeting. - Here I  
 am seated again to continue my letter, having just  
 returned from meeting. It is about 3 o'clock. I wish  
 to write a letter to Otis & also Karelund tonight, for  
 I have lately rec'd one from each. Otis' Thursday & Karelund



Friday. Otis says, "my health is pretty good." He was fat-  
minded - Eight-days ending on Friday.  
The Reason. Otis was Officer of the day, & then was  
a party, he could not go owing to his duty as officer  
& one of his classmates did not wish to go for his  
sister & mother were there, so he (Otis) spent the eve  
with them. Just as the Commandant was return-  
ing from the party there was some land ing  
ing in one of the Camps & Otis was punished for  
allowing it. - Rowland says he shall be at  
Lancaster I suppose you have heard of this, wrote  
from yesterday, & wishes me to meet him at  
that time & stay over Sabbath with him as  
he expects to go to N. Y. the first of the following  
week. But he does not know of my being at  
home so recently. I should like very much to  
see him before he goes to New York, but  
I shall write him tonight - I think, that I have  
so lately been at home that I shall tire you  
all if I go again next Saturday. Though I should  
like to go home every Saturday - I think I ought not  
to. It being so far as it is, I must always leave Monday  
recitations & it is some trouble to ~~leave~~ be back again.  
I hope that Rowland getting home Sat. will come  
up here just after dinner Monday, if at no other  
time, & stay all night, going down again Tuesday  
in forenoon. by doing which, he will not lose much  
time & I shall be able to see him more than at any other

time as he will stay with me all night. When  
I got back last Tuesday I found that Roscoe in  
my absence had agreed to go to Belfast to  
teach the Grammar School of that City, which  
is to commence the first Monday in September.  
His wages are \$40. a month & board himself. Board  
is from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a week at that place. He was  
engaged by Mr. Lewis formerly of Keidfield.  
who has been & is to teach this Fall the High School  
of the same City. - I have just returned from Lefter,  
it was early to night - on account of a Tem-  
perance Lecture at Redfield Corner. But I  
was writing of Roscoe. So I found when I got back  
(I did not think to tell Nellie) that I must have  
my chamber. I went down then & talked with  
Mr. Eaton, he told me who I was to have for a  
chamber when Roscoe left. He was what we some-  
times call a clever fellow, but not one whom  
I should like to have for a roommate. And I  
resolved secretly not to room with him, if  
in any way I could make a change for the better,  
which I thought I could effect. Mr. White  
a good scholar & pious young man of 22 years of  
age had, as we studied the same Latin, & agreed pretty  
well in every thing, before this, expressed a desire  
of leaving & there is no other one in the Mansion who  
would rather room than him, me for a chamber.  
But he had a chamber & roomed in the East end of the



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8/28/1853

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

CHH-009

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Kent's Hill Sun. Aug 28th 1853

Dear Mother,

The day that I named for writing you a letter has arrived. You were fearful when I left home as to my health, so I will assure you at first, that it is not often better than at the present time. My journey home & treatment there restored my health, excepting my cough, which the day that I left was rather bad, but has become most entirely well by the help of the thoroughwort.

It is the intermission between the afternoon & forenoon meetings. I heard Elder Prince sermonize this forenoon. His text was the 37 verse of the 37th Psalm. "Mark the perfect man & behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." He showed the right way to become a perfect man and how to remain so, said a man could not be perfect unless he performed the requirements of God, that a man would not remain & was not a perfect man unless, if he had no necessary excuse, he attended the Celassce Conference & prayer meeting & also public meetings for worship if he did not have a family & also secret prayer.

But the bell has rung and I must delay the continuance of my letter till after afternoon meeting. Here I am seated again to continue my letter, having just returned from meeting.

'Tis about 3 o'clock; I wish to write a letter to Otis & also Rowland tonight, for I have lately rec'd one from each. Otis' Thursday & Rowland's Friday. Otis says "my health is pretty good." He was put under arrest Eight days ending week ago Friday. The Reason. Otis was Officer of the Day, & there was a party, he could not go owing to his duty as officer & one of his classmates did not wish to go for his sister & mother were there. So he (Otis) spent the eve with them. Just as the Commandant was returning from the party there was some loud singing in one of the camps and Otis was punished for allowing it.

Rowland says he shall be at home (as I suppose you have heard ere this), week from yesterday & wishes me to meet him at that time & stay over Sabbath with him as he expects to go to N.Y. the first of the following week. But he does not know of my being at home so recently. I should like very much to see him before he goes to New York, but I shall write him tonight, I think, that I have so lately been at home that I shall tire you all if I go again next Saturday, though I should like to go home every Sat & yet I think I ought not being as far as it is, I must always lose Monday's recitations & it is some trouble to come back again. I hope that Rowland getting home Sat. will come up here just after dinner Monday, if at no other time, & stay all night, going home again Tuesday in forenoon, by doing which, he will not lose much time & I shall be able to see him more than at any other time as he will stay with me all night.

When I got back last Tuesday, I found that Roscoe in my absence had agreed to go to Belfast to teach the Grammar school of that city, which is to commence the first Monday in September. His wages are \$40 a month & board himself. Board is from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a week at that place. He was engaged by Mr Craig formerly of Readfield, who has been & is to teach this Fall the High school of the same city.

I have just returned from supper, it was early tonight - on account of a Temperance Lecturer at Rdfd Corner. But I was writing of Roscoe. So I found when I got back (I did not think to tell Dellie) that I must choose my chum. I went down then & talked with Mr Eaton, he told me who I was to have for a chum - when Roscoe left. He was what we sometimes call a clever fellow, but not one whom I should like to have for a Roscoe mate. And I resolved secretly not to room with him if in any way I could make a change for the better, which I thought I could effect.

Mr Winter a good scholar & pious young man of 22 years of age had (as we studied the same studies, & agreed pretty well in every thing), before this, expressed a desire of having (& there is no other one in the Mansion with whom I would rather room than him) me for a chum. But he had a chum & roomed in the East end attic room - you remember we went into it - that I liked it a little better than the one that I took but could not have it because I wished to have a place for Roscoe & half this room was spoken for.

Well Roscoe left yesterday in the afternoon. We had made no arrangements as to changing room then. But both Winter & I were agreed as to rooming together if circumstances would permit.

I went to North Wayne on foot [about 4 miles] with some other boys, to a Temperance meeting to hear a speech from Mr Murrel cand. for Gov. [probably Anson Peaslee Morrill] Soon after R left & when I got [back] it was raining & after dark. I eat my supper (was warmer after changing my clothes and did not get cold)

Then we boys who were interested had a consultation as to changing rooms. & Winter's chum, whose chum (viz) is Lathrop, from St Albans, a nephew of Veranus [Veranus Lathrop was a resident of Leeds in 1850]. Lathrop was kind enough to go into my room & let me come in with W where I now am. This is a much pleasanter room in the morning than my old one.

Dellie told you I suppose that he & I made out first rate in riding with the Aeolian. I hope he had as pleasant a ride back as we had coming up. Is Dellie going up to Y.B.'s school? Write me if Lizzie [Elizabeth Waite whom Otis married in 1855] & her mother have gone & if so where & when, & is Lizzie going to West Point.

Have Dellie write to put in yours & you write as soon as you can, Mother.

Remember me to our family, each one.

From your Affec. Son  
CH Howard

P.S. It did not take me long to make up my studies by applying myself snugly to them.



that is for a reading library. There is a public meeting of this  
society every other Friday evening, when the ladies & citi-  
zens are present. The private meetings are also held Friday eve-  
ning, no one is admitted to these but members of the society.  
Its name, by the way, is the Calliopean, which is usually short-  
ened by the students when speaking of it to Calliope.  
We had an interesting public meeting last evening, perhaps  
a description of it will be as interesting as any thing I  
might write. First the society was called to order by the  
president or rather the vice president - the president - Mr.  
Dorsey being absent. There is usual then was a declamation  
by one of the students, then a dissertation, this, last  
night, was by J. A. Winter, my roommate, his subject  
was Socrates. He wrote 15 pages & a half. Next in order was  
the discussion of the question, should Cypar be made crown  
of the U. S. A. At first there is a speaker on each side  
of the question who writes his piece. Then the discussion  
is carried on extemporaneously, this question was decided  
in affirmation by four majority. After this we had  
a paper. Putting over paper here it far exceeds the  
one at Goshen, though there were some good pieces  
in that; & here they have a Gentleman's paper  
which is read by one of the Editors (for they have three)  
& the Ladies paper is read by their editors. Then the  
Calliopean was closed by another declamation. And  
this is the usual manner of procedure. I write  
this among much comparative Avicula, & very fast  
so you must not expect it to be well written or any thing  
else. I should be pleased to hear you write again soon.  
Your friend  
C. Howard

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L.H.H.

Went's Hill Sept. 24, '53  
[1853]

My dear brother:

I was very glad to receive your letter  
last Monday afternoon. I hope you will continue to  
write, first because I am so glad to hear from you, how you  
prosper for the first time away from home, from your kind  
mother; do you not miss <sup>unfiring</sup> ~~something~~ attention! and second  
because I wish to hear how fast you advance in your  
studies, how you like to study, & how you study, since all you  
acquire now, even this term at Thomas' school, will never have  
to be learned again, since your taste is an important index  
by which we are to judge of your education or of what it  
is to be, and your habits the most important of all  
your qualities as regards your education & future life.  
You must do your best, Lellie, to cultivate habits of study now  
when you are but just beginning, & they will never leave you.  
But this is not interesting, you will be better pleased with  
my own affairs & that's still more so, no wonder, so should I.  
These thoughts were suggested to my mind so I have written them.  
You see by the date, that today is Saturday, you know we  
have no recitation, Sat. & we usually devote this day to  
writing composition & letters, committing to memory  
pieces for declamation, reading, exercising & getting lessons  
for Monday morning, and besides these I ought to devote  
3 hours to practicing on the Harp. My teacher says so but I  
never get near so much time. I find that it is now after



11 o'clock, and I certainly have not practiced and yet  
I am not likely to this forenoon as I wish to finish my  
letter to you. I rose this morning at half past 4 o'clock as  
I had instructed the Watch to call me at that time. I suppose  
you know what I mean by the Watch, as I wrote all about  
it in my last to mother. We are all obliged to take our turn  
in watching. By speaking to the person who is to sit up  
through the night you can get up at any hour you please.  
In the morning before breakfast I got out my lesson-  
book. When some of the students wished to recite quills, I  
did this a while, for the exercise. Then I wrote some  
on the question which I was appointed to discuss at the  
next public halliaper meeting. Thus passed the forenoon  
with what I have written to you included. For now I have eaten  
my dinner. I must try & get time this afternoon to write  
a composition. We, like you, must have before us, in person, you  
are obliged to declaim & write composition. Mr. Govey  
keeps & trains us in declamation. Mr. Robinson takes  
our compositions. There are two general divisions  
of the declaimers & two subdivisions. Those who have  
been here before this term & are not very poor at speaking  
are called "Public declaimers" & declaim every second  
Friday before the whole school, just before prayers (which  
we have every afternoon at the close of the recitation).  
There is a "Public declamation" every Friday, because there  
are so many that they are obliged to make a subdivision  
rather than have "come on" at a time. The others that speak  
in the other general division, are called "Private declaimers"  
and declaim every Thursday eve. The Ladies not being present.

Those whose names begin with letters before H. are right  
& all names after that the next. And all who are not  
in the rhetoric class or do not write other compositions  
are obliged to write the same, alternately, as they declaim.  
No one is exempt from this regulation, <sup>except the ladies</sup>. The names are  
given to the Robinson corrector, then returned. Tell him, give  
my love to William. Tell him if I could get time I should  
like very much to correspond with him, my love to Sarah.  
Thank also Mr. Harrows & wife. When you write again, please tell  
me the result of the law suit in respect to S. Lathrop. I  
hope you will ever time to write that you are getting on so well in  
your studies. You see I have written this very poorly for fastness.  
You have more time, that is why you can do, & will take more pains & try  
to write better. You must write much better than I. Please write  
as often as you can. Suppose you are at home today I shall fill  
the sheet to Harilla. Remember me as your Affectionate brother Charles

Dear Friend, Harilla:

Saturday Afternoon

I was very much pleased to have  
you add even a page to Bell's letter, & should have been glad  
to have had two. I am glad at any time to receive a letter  
from a friend & school-mate. I am glad you are enjoying  
good health & spirits & are liking <sup>your</sup> school this fall. But I  
suppose you have some advantages that you would have at Jop-  
ham or Kent's Hill. Of course you would have if you had  
your heart & life spared at another time. There are some  
reasons why I like Kent's Hill better than Jopham. One  
is, at Kent's Hill one has the benefit of a literary society  
conducted by the students for mutual improvement & a large



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9/23/1853

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Brother [Rodephus  
Gilmore] & Aurilla

CHH-010

Kent's Hill, Maine

Thomas School

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Kents Hill Sept 23, '53

My dear brother: [Rodelphus]

I was very glad to receive your letter last Monday afternoon. I hope you will continue to write first because I am so glad to hear from you, how you prosper for the first time away from home, from your kind mother. Do you not miss her untiring attention! And second because I wish to hear how fast you advance in your studies, how you like to study & how you study, since all you acquire now, even this term at Thomas School, will never have to be learned again, since your taste is an important index by which we are to judge of your education or of what it is to be. And your habits the most important of all your qualities as regards your education & future life. You must do your best Dellie, to cultivate habits of study now when you are just beginning & they will never leave you.

But this is not interesting. You will be better pleased with my own affairs & Kents Hill news &, no wonder, so should I. These thoughts were suggested to my mind so I have written them. You see by the date, that today is Saturday. You know we have no recitations Sat. & we usually devote this day to writing compositions & letters. Committing to memory pieces for declamation, reading, exercising & getting lessons for Monday morning, and besides these I ought to devote 3 hours to for a blowing on the Aeolian. My teacher says so, but I never get near so much time. I find that it is now after 11 o'clock and I certainly have not practiced any yet & am not likely to this forenoon as I wish to finish my letter to you.

I rose this morning at half past 4 o'clock as I had instructed the Watch to call me at that time. I suppose you know what I mean by the Watch, as I wrote all about it in my last to mother. (We are all obliged to take our turns in watching.) By speaking to the person who is to sit up through the night you can get up at any hour you please. In the morning before breakfast I "got out" my Caesar lesson. Then as some of the students wished to pitch quoits, I did this a while, for the exercise. Then I wrote some on the question which I was appointed to discuss at the next private Calliopean meeting. Thus passed the forenoon with what I have written to you included for now I have eaten my dinner.

I must try & get time this afternoon to write a composition. We, like you, as I have before informed you are obliged to declaim & write composition. Mr Torsey hears & trains us on declamation & Mr Robinson takes our compositions. There are two general divisions of the declaimers & two subdivisions. Those who have been here before this term & are not very poor at speaking are called "Public Declaimers" & declaim every second Friday before the whole school just before prayers (which we have every afternoon at the close of the recitations.) There is a "Public Declamation" every Friday, because there are so many that they are obliged to make a subdivision so that one half "come on" at a time. The others that speak in the other general division, are called "Private Declaimers" and declaim every Thursday eve. the Ladies not being present. Those whose names begin with letters before H one night & all names after that the next. And all those who are not in the Rhetoric class or do not write other compositions are obliged to write the same, alternately as they declaim. No one is exempt from this regulation, except the ladies. The pieces are given to Mr Robinson corrected, then returned.

Dellie, give my love to William. Tell him if I could get time I should like to correspond with him. My love to Larch Krank also Mr Barrows & wife. When you write again please tell me the result of the law suit in respect to L Lothrop & C. I hope you will have time to write that you are getting on so well in your studies. You see I have written this very poorly penmanship. You have more time, this is why you can do & will take more pains & try to write better. You must write much better than I. Please write as often as you can. I suppose you were at home today. I shall fill the sheet to Aurilla. Remember me as Your Affec brother. Charles

Saturday Afternoon

Dear Friend Aurilla:

I was very much pleased to have you add even a page to Dellie's letter & should have been glad to have had two. I am glad at any time to receive a letter from a friend & school mate. I am glad you are enjoying good health & spirits & are liking your school this fall. But I suppose you lose some advantages that you would have at Topsham or Kents Hill. These of course you will have if you have your health & life spared at another time. There are some reasons why I like Kents Hill better than Topsham. One, at Kents Hill one has the benefit of a literary society conducted by the students for mutual improve & a large (that is, for an Academy) library. There is a public meeting of this society every other Friday Evening, when the ladies & citizens are present. The private meetings are also held Friday even. No one is admitted to these meetings but members of the society. Its name, by the way, is the Calliopean, which is usually shortened by the students when speaking of it to Calliope. We had an interesting public meeting last evening. Perhaps a description of it will be as interesting as any thing I could write. First the society was called to order by the President - or rather the vice-president - the president Mr Torsey being absent. Then as usual there was a declamation by one of the students. Then a dissertation. This last night was by J. A. Winter my room-mate. His subject was Socrates. He wrote fifteen pages & a half. Next the discussion of the question Should Cuba be annexed as one of A - U.S.A. At first there is a speaker on each side of the question who writes his piece. Then the discussion is carried on extemporaneous, this question was decided in the affirmative by four majority. After this we had a paper. Taking our paper here in general it far exceeds the one at Topsham, although there were some good pieces on theirs; & here they have a Gentleman's paper which is read by one of the editors (for they have three) & the Ladies paper is read by their editoress. Then the Calliope was closed by another declamation. And this is the usual manner of procedure. I have written this evening, much confusion, Aurilla, & very fast so you must'nt expect it to be well writtn or any thing else. I should be pleased to have you write again & soon.

From you friend, C.H. Howard

P.S. I am glad to hear that Temperance is increasing & prospering in Leeds. I believe it has triumphed in the election.



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C.H.H.

Kent Hill Sept 30, 53

My dear mother

I have but little time this morning, as I have a lesson to get, but if I did not mail my letter this morning you would not get it tomorrow, I have thought I should go home to day but am appointed to discuss the question of going to the Anti-Slavery meeting so I cannot. I should like to go home, for some news that I would rather tell you than write. It is this. I have been seeking to have my sins forgiven, seeking to get religion, & I have faith that God has forgiven them, through Jesus our Lord, & I mean to live a Christian life. I wish your prayers mother that I may do so. I have not been under the influence of excitement nor any very deep conviction for I have for long time been thinking of the subject. But I prayed & in the eleventh hour asked that the Christian friends would pray for me. Last Sunday I began to believe & since then my faith has increased. The Saviour says seek & have faith & ye shall receive. Write me soon mother what you think of this. — I should like to have gone home also to hear about N.Y. & Ohio. But at the close of my Greek recitation last Monday



Mr Robinson handed me a bundle & said  
my mother gave it him, told me that  
Rowland came Saturday from N.Y. that  
was well, that you were all well. I was  
glad of the packages. Chas & I eat the  
meat yesterday. Chas is going to leave me  
next Monday. Then I shall not have a pair  
over. I have got to have a pair of thick  
boots, this is one reason why I wished to  
come home. I don't know but Melvin could  
make a pair without measuring my foot  
he has measured so many times. I think Mr.  
Giles would suit. If he thinks so I  
wish he would make them. I can run  
them next Saturday, as my thin boots are  
of the is ripen under the sole & so with  
my shoes. I think I shall come home <sup>next</sup> <sup>week from</sup>  
<sup>Wednesday</sup> before if nothing happens to prevent. Has  
Rowland gone back to Brunswick. I rec'd a  
letter from Dullin & Annette last week  
& answered it Saturday, so I did not hear  
him to write you. I hope you will write Sunday.  
& mother give my love to Dullin & tell him  
if it comes to put in help that is I suppose  
you will fill one whole one. How did Lissi  
withstand her journey & did her mother go  
too. Give my love to all the family. I cannot  
write any more. My health is good. It's pretty cold  
now, we had a fire yesterday. I am your affectionate son, C. Howard



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9/30/1853

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mother

CHH-011

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kents Hill Sept 30, '53

My dear Mother,

I have but little time this morning, as I have a lesson to get but if I did not mail my letter this morning you would not get it tomorrow. I have thought I should go home to-day but am appointed to discuss the questions of tonight's Calliopean meeting so I am not.

I should like to go home for some news that I would rather tell you than write. It is this I have been seeking to have my sins forgiven, seeking to get religion, & I have faith that God has forgiven men, through Jesus our Lord, & I mean to live a Christian life. I wish your prayers Mother that I may do so. I have not been under the influence of excitement nor any very deep conviction for I have for a long time been thinking of the subject. But I prayed and in the class meeting asked that the Christian friends would pray for me. Last Sunday I began to believe & since then my faith has increased. The Savior says Ask & have faith & ye shall receive. Write me soon mother what you think of this.

I should like to have gone home also to hear about N.Y. & Otis. But at the close of my Greek recitation last Monday Mr Robinson handed me a bundle & said my mother gave it [to] him, told me that Rowland came Saturday from N.Y. Otis was well, that you were all well.

I was real glad of the peaches. Chum & I ate the best ones yesterday. Chum, is going to leave me next Monday. Then I shall not have a pious one.

I have got to have a pair of thick boots. This is one reason why I wish to come home. I don't know but Melvin could make a pair without measuring my foot as he has measured it so many times. I think no. five would suit. If he thinks so I wish he would make them so I can have them next Saturday, as my thin boots or one of them is ripped near the sole and so with my shoes. I think I shall come home next Sat a week from tomorrow if nothing happens to prevent.

Has Rowland gone back to Brunswick? I recd a letter from Dellie & Aurilla last week. I answered it Saturday, so I did not have him to write you. I hope you will write Sunday, & Mother give my love to Dellie & tell him if at <home> to put in half sheets as I suppose you will fill some whole ones. How did Lizzie withstand her journey & did her mother go too. Give my love to all the family. I cannot write any more. My health is good. It's pretty cold now. We had a fire yesterday.

From your Affec Son  
CH Howard



J.S. Shaw & Esther Green Oct 30 - 31.33

In div. by 144 I get  $472\frac{1}{2}$   
 $472\frac{1}{2} \div 9 = 52\frac{4}{9} = 52\frac{1}{2}$  Ans.  
 I am glad you declined to  
 write compositions, for now  
 is the time to begin, if you  
 keep on writing otherwise you  
 will soon get - so you can  
 write - on any good one,  
 for practice makes  
 perfect. I was real glad  
 to get - the news you wrote  
 & to hear you write about your  
 good times, but - for one  
 thing I was sorry & that was  
 that I should find in your  
 letter that Mr Barrow  
 is sick, but I hope this  
 well by this time. I will  
 not ask you about anything  
 for, my term closes next  
 Friday night - so I shall  
 go home Sat. & see you. Study  
 Perseus. This is right  
 border where you have  
 anything hard to study. I am yours  
 J.S. Shaw

Wm. H. Hill Oct 30. 33

Dear Brother Nellie:

It is half past

three o'clock in the morning &  
 I have risen to answer your good  
 long letter, before that I shall be  
 obliged to study. I rose at 3. by  
 requesting the Watch to call me,  
 & I find it has taken me a half  
 an hour to get dressed & build  
 a fire, so I have but about a  
 half an hour to write you, for  
 I shall be obliged to study Greek  
 at 4; but you know that I  
 write pretty fast. I think Nellie  
 you are advancing excellently in  
 your studies. you did not say  
 when school will finish. I hope  
 it will last a week or longer.  
 I will now answer & perform  
 your questions in Arithmetic  
 if I can. - The first one you  
 say is the Henderson Sec XXII but



I suppose you mean under  
 $1 \times 1$  about the box for there  
is no less 22 in vulgar fractions.  
It is a fact - that if you mul-  
tiply three sides of a box together  
it will give the solid contents.

Then  $10 \times 8 \times 6$  the 3 sides will give  
the solid contents of the first  
wood box which you find is  
480 ft. & the con. of the second  
is found in the same way.

the three sides of this measure  
& put each at  $8 \times 8 \times 8$  = the solid  
contents of the second which is  
512. Then are subtracted from  
the other of course will give  
the difference of the size.  
 $512 - 480 = 32$  Ans.

Now the 12<sup>th</sup> XXVIII. Dr. Tree.  
is a more difficult question  
but I have harboured it.  
First it is a truth that  
if you multiply the <sup>length of</sup> two

sides of a square it will  
give the Area or contents of  
the surface. In the operation  
first reduce the length, width  
& height of the room to inches  
for convenience, then you know  
there is 4 surfaces to the inside  
of a room 2 ends & two sides.  
the contents of these you wish  
to find, the length of the room  
& therefore of a side is 174 inches.  
& the height is 105; these multi-  
plied together gives the contents of  
one side = 18270 & there are two  
sides to be measured so multiply  
this by two = 36540 inches. Multi-  
ply also the width 130 by 105  
= 13650  $\times 2$  because there are  
two ends = 27300 <sup>inches</sup> + 36540 =  
68040 inches the cont. in inches  
of the whole room, divided by  
144 & then by 94 is. will give  
the Area or contents of all the  
sides in Grds = 52.



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10/30/1853

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* R. H. Gilmore

Brother Dellie

CHH-012

Kent's Hill, Maine

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R.H Gilmore  
Kents Hill Oct 30th 53.

Dear Brother Dellie:

It is half past three o'clock in the morning & I have risen to answer your good long letter, before that I shall be obliged to study. I rose at 3 by requesting the watch to call me, & I find it has taken me a half an hour to get dressed & build a fire, so I have but about a half an hour to write to you, for I shall be obliged to study Greek at 4; but you know that I write pretty fast. I think Dellie you are advancing excellently in your studies, you did not say when school will finish. I hope it will last a fortnight longer. I will now pause & perform your questions in Arithmetic if I can.

The first one you say is the 22 under Les[son] XXII but I suppose you mean under XXI about the box for there is no Les[son] 22 in Vulgar Fractions. It is a fact that if you multiply three sides of a box together it will give the solid contents. Then  $10 \times 8 \times 6$  the 3 sides will give the solid contents of the first named box, which you find is 480 ft. & the con[tents] of the second is found in the same way. The three sides of this measured 8 feet each so  $8 \times 8 \times 8$  is the solid contents of the second which is 512. The one subtracted from the other of course will give the difference of the size.  $512 - 480 = 32$  Ans.

Now the 13th XXXIII Dec[imal] Frac[tion] is a more difficult question. But I have performed it. First it is a truth that if you multiply the length of two sides of a surface it will give the Area or contents of the surface. In the operation first reduce the length, width & height of the room to inches for convenience. Then as you know there is 4 surfaces to the inside of a room 2 ends & two sides. The contents of these you wish to find. The length of a room & therefore of a side is 174 inches & the height is 105. These multiplied together gives the contents of one side = 18270 & there are two sides to be prepared so multiply this by two = 36540 inches. Multiply also the width 150 by 105 = 15750 x 2 because there are two ends = 31500 inch + 36540 = 68040 inches the cont. in inches of the whole room. Divide by 144 & then by 3 & it will give the area or contents of all the sides in yds = 52. In div. by 144 I get 472 &  $72/144 = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $472 \frac{1}{2} \div 9 = 52 \frac{4\frac{1}{2}}{9} = 52 \frac{1}{2}$  yards.

I am glad you declaimed & write compositions for now is the time to begin, if you keep on writing often you will soon get so you can write a very good one, for practice makes perfect. I was real glad to get the news you wrote & to have you write about your good times, but for one thing I was sorry & that was that I should find in your letter that Mr Barrows is sick, but I hope he's well by this time. I will not ask you about anything for my term closes next Friday night - so I shall go home Sat. & see you. Study persevere. This is right hardest when you have anything hard to study.

From your most affect bro  
C.H. Howard

P.S. I had a letter from Otis a short-time since. He is well





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Went. Hill Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

My dear mother

I have not a great deal of time to spend in writing you a letter but then I am obliged to write, for it is to go out in the mail tomorrow morning. I was very glad to get so long a letter from my mother last Thursday, it is the first long one for the year & the second letter of any kind, but then I have been home so often that you have not had need to write. First; before replying to any of your letter I will tell you when I shall come home or when

I wish you to send for me. School will finish next Friday night, so I should like to go home Saturday. Perhaps if nothing happens to prevent, whoever comes for me can get home early enough to go back at four or Wayne before dinner. I wish Father to send money to pay the following bills.

Mr Estlin's for Board, wood &c.	20.00
Mr Torrey's " Tuition about	15.00
" " Books " "	2.00
Miss Wheelock's " Music & lessons "	6.00

This is my estimate. Total \$3.00

I had about concluded not to take a school this winter before I recd your letter. especially



We are to have a good teacher in our  
 school at home. I received a letter from  
 Otis a few days ago. He thought I better  
 not send this winter. This was the first  
 I had heard from him since I wrote him  
 about experiencing religion. He was very  
 glad. He said he had been his prayer. When  
 I think of it - I wish to be at home  
 this winter one reason for it is while  
 I have an opportunity I want to spend  
 all the time in the society of my mother  
 that I can, another I can study common  
 branches & keep them familiar, & read  
 considerable of which I have much need. &  
 can practice considerable on the Colman.  
 & I can also help my brother William  
 some. - I always enjoy the society of my mother  
 & therefore at home & my home I am contented.  
 I now like to hear you write about religious  
 subjects, perhaps more than ever before.  
 I think we should submit to the will  
 of God in all things, & when we ask any  
 thing try & ask anything in conformity  
 with His will. I must go to bed so I cannot  
 write any more. Good night mother I must  
 read & pray before I retire. I suppose you will  
 answer that my Colman is to be carried  
 home but the Wagon can go next with the  
 rest the same as the others. I am  
 Yours affectionately  
 John

I shall need  
 I think  
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11/1/1853

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

CHH-013

Kent's Hill, Maine

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Kent's Hill.

Nov. 1st, 1853.

My dear Mother,

I have not a great deal of time to spend in writing you a letter but then I am obliged to write, for it to go out in the mail tomorrow morning. I was very glad to get so long a letter from my mother last Thursday. It is the first long one for the term and the second letter of any kind but then I have been home so often that you have not had need to write. First before replying to any of your letter I will tell you when I shall come home or when I wish you to send for me. School will finish next Friday night so I should like to go home on Saturday. Perhaps if nothing happens to prevent, whoever comes for me can get here early enough to go back as far as Wayne before dinner. I wish Father to send money to pay the following bills;

Mr. Eaton's for Board, wood, &c.	\$20.00
Mr. Torsey's for Tuition. about	\$ 5.00
“ Books “	\$ 2.00
Miss Wheelock's for music lessons	\$ 6.00
Total	\$33.00

This is my estimate. I had about concluded not to take a school this winter before I recd your letter, especially as we are to have a good teacher in our school at home. I received a letter from Otis a few days ago. He thought that I had better not teach this winter. This was the first I had heard from him since I wrote him about experiencing religion. He was very glad, he said it had been his prayer.

When I think of it I wish to be at home this winter, one reason for it is while I have an opportunity I want to spend all the time in the society of my mother that I can, another, I can study common branches and keep them familiar and read considerable of which I have much need and can practice considerable on the Eolian & I can also help my brother Dellie's history course. I always enjoy the society of my mother & therefore at her home and my home I am contented. I now like to have you write about religious subjects perhaps more than ever before. I think we should submit to the will of God in all things and when we ask any thing try and not ask anything incompatible with his will.

I must go to bed so I cannot write any more. Good night, Mother. I must read and kneel before I retire. I suppose you remember that my Eolian is to be carried home but the wagon can be sent with the seat the same as at other times. I think I shall need a cord to bind on my trunk with Eolian.

From your affectionate son.,  
C.H.Howard

P.S. If I get a dictionary, I want \$5.00 more. I believe Mr. Torsey has some.