

ly. — I begin to review this week the  
studies I have pursued during the  
Term. Have you heard from Otis  
lately? I have not. — Dr. Wright  
of Portland preached here today.  
He is quite a celebrated man, and  
he did preach a good sermon this  
forenoon upon the necessity of humility  
in order to become & be a Christian.  
His text was "Except ye be converted,  
become as little children ye cannot  
see the Kingdom of Heaven". This  
afternoon he gave us a history of Joseph.  
— The birds are now beginning to sing.  
It will be the pleasure of most of  
the year when I go home. I find  
if I get an idea that just after I  
enter College I shall have 3 weeks  
vacation during August. Tell Billie  
he must write soon in every letter.  
I hope you will write soon. Is it healthy  
in Leeds at present time? My sheet  
is full. I think I'll take a walk. Yours affectionately, C. W. Howard

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore.

Marmouth Apr. 15. 1855.

Dear Mother

I received yours & Billie's  
letter in due season & the 3 dollars with  
it. I did go to Brunswick & spend the  
last Sabbath, having borrowed some  
money of my roommate. I called  
on Mrs. Frost & found her & her children  
well & glad to see me I should judge.  
Rowland told me he was going home  
Wednesday or Thursday, so I will not  
write about his health & circumstances.  
It is most beautiful weather this after-  
noon, though it rained yesterday.  
Now the roads are all settled & are better,  
& it is good dry walking. No snow  
is to be seen unless I look toward home.  
(to the North.) Our school will continue 3  
weeks from next Tuesday night, so you will  
have the opportunity of sending the money



for paying my bills, by Portland.  
But I believe there has been a law passed  
from which it is safer to send money  
by mail now. Do you have any preaching  
at the Centre now? Elder Kutter has gone  
to New-Brunswick I believe. I wish  
they would get a young smart man  
to preach & live in Leeds, who would  
wake the people out of their sleep.  
I believe most who attend at the Centre  
not Church-members & very many who do  
not go to meeting at all are in a  
worse condition than the Heathen  
who have never heard the Gospel.  
And it seems to me had I the  
control of those things I would first  
& quickly send a laborious & patient  
Missionary into Leeds. Sellie must  
<sup>not</sup> give over his efforts for the prosperity  
of our Society & the promotion of Temper-  
ance. The friends of this cause are constantly  
gaining ground. In the halls of legislation  
they have helped it on by making the

law more stringent & effective.  
In Portland they have gained a glorious  
& a most desirable victory by electing  
Neal Dow, Mayor. Now it seems as  
though the cause ought not to lack  
supporters in private, which is so ably  
supported in public. If the government  
will make good laws, do let the people  
enforce them & receive the benefit.  
Tell Sellie I have not received that letter  
yet which was to be written by order of  
the Society every six weeks to me.  
I am glad Sellie is getting up & so, for  
I am in hopes he will make that body  
of his healthy & strong. Mother please  
get Sellie to read aloud to you someday  
the piece on the 136 page of "Lion's Fourth  
Reader". He must be careful in his writing  
too, and especially in spelling, which  
is not of minor importance at all in  
one's education. I saw a few words  
misspelled in his last, some of which  
I have no doubt he knew how to spell correct.



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4/15/1855

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Eliza Gilmore

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Yarmouth, Maine

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Mrs. Eliza Gilmore

Yarmouth, April 15, 1855.

Dear Mother

I received yours and Dellie's letter in due season and the 3 dollars with it. I did go to Brunswick and spend the last Sabbath, having borrowed some money of my room mate. I called on Mrs. Frost and found her and her children well and glad to see me I should judge.

Rowland told me he was going home Wednesday, so I will not write about his health and circumstances.

Our school will continue 3 weeks from next Tuesday night, so you will have the opportunity of sending the money for paying my bills, by Rowland. But I believe there has been a law passed from which it is safer to send money by mail now.

Do you have any preaching at the Centre now? Elder Nutter has gone to New Brunswick I believe. I wish they would get a young, smart man to preach and live in Leeds, who would wake the people out of their sleep. I believe most who attend at the Centre, not church members and very many who do not go to meeting at all, are in a worse condition than the Heathen, who have never heard the Gospel. And it seems to me had I the control of those things, I would first and quickly send a laborious and patient Missionary into Leeds.

Dellie must not give over his efforts for the prosperity of our Society and the promotion of Temperance. The friends of this cause are constantly gaining ground. In the halls of legislation they have helped it on by making the law more astringent and effective. In Portland they have gained a glorious and a most desirable victory by electing Neal Dow Mayor. [Note 1] Now it seems as though the cause ought not to lack supporters in private, which is so ably supported in public. If the government will make good laws, do let the people enforce them and receive the benefit.

Tell Dellie I have not received that letter yet which was to be written by order of the Society every six weeks to me. I am glad Dellie is getting sap, etc., for I am in hopes he will make that body of his healthy and strong. Mother please get Dellie to read aloud to you some day the piece on the 136 page of "Town's Fourth Reader." He must be careful in his writing too, and especially in spelling, which is not of minor importance at all in one's education. I saw a few words miss-spelled in his last, some of which I have no doubt he knew how to spell correctly.

I begin to review this week, the studies I have pursued during the Term. Have you heard from Otis lately? I have not. Dr. Dwight of Portland preached here to-day. He is quite a celebrated man, and he did preach a good sermon this forenoon upon the necessity of humility in order to become and be a Christian. His text was "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven." This afternoon he gave us a history of Joseph.

I find, if I get on well, that just after I enter College I shall have 3 weeks vacation during August. Tell Dellie he must write some in every letter. I hope you will write soon. Is it healthy in Leeds at present time? My sheet is full.

I think I'll take a walk.

Yours affectionately,  
Chas. H. Howard

[Note 1: Neal Dow was one of the founders of the Temperance Society and was responsible for the Maine Prohibition Law enacted in 1851, but repealed in 1856. He had been elected mayor of Portland in 1851, lost reelection, but won again in 1855.]

Waterbury Arsenal N. Y.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

Dear Brother Charlie,

I have just completed a long letter to Mother, and for fear I would not get time to write you this week I thought I would pen you a few words now to let you know we are well & expecting to hear from you or Scotland by every mail. I wrote <sup>Mr</sup> Howland a note and sent it some time ago. Stating that I had forwarded a package to him by the kindness of Major Symington. I want to know if he got the same. The Maj<sup>r</sup> says he left the package in Brunswick. Give our love to H. I hope you are both in the best of health. I have not heard that you have returned to Berdoin yet, but presume you have before this, as the last news from Howland showed that you were eating voraciously. I have been to Church at Troy to day. It was too wet & raining for Lizzie to go out so. I went alone. I have a party of a few at St John's Church. The Organist, Mr Temple, is a Welshman by birth. He is not what is called an elegant man, but his sermons are very simple and practical and he is a very good man, which weighs much in any man's favor. I like the man



and his services very well. Lizzie sends her love  
to Charlie & Rowland. She is writing near by & is  
looking right well. Her mother has retired for the night.  
Tell me how mother was looking and how her  
health was when you were at home.

Wm. Springtown & Mr. Boggs were both  
away at the same time the former  
to inspect Arsenal at the north & the latter  
as a witness on a Court Martial at West  
Point. As I had the labor & dignity of commanding  
Hatterdick. But both are returned and I have  
relapsed into the third in rank. I am a little  
too lazy to write more tonight.

Believe me as ever

Your affectionate brother  
Otis

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11/4/1855

*From:* Oliver Otis Howard

*To:* Charles H Howard

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Watervliet Arsenal, NY

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Watervliet Arsenal N.Y.

Nov. 4th 1855.

Dear Brother Charlie,

I have just completed a long letter to Mother, and wrote Rowland some time ago, stating that I had forwarded a package to him by the kindness of Major Symington. I want to know if he got the same. The Major says he left the package in Brunswick.

Give our love to R. I hope you are both in the best of health. I have not heard that you have returned to Bowdoin yet, but presume you have before this, as the last news from Rowland showed that you were eating voraciously.

I have been to church at Troy to day. It was too wet and rainy for Lizzie to go out, so I went alone. I have a part of a pew at St. John's Church. The Clergyman, Mr. Temple, is a Welshman by birth. He is not what is called an eloquent man, but his sermons are very simple and practical and he is a very good man, which weigh much in any man's favor. I like the man and his sermons very well.

Lizzie sends her love. Tell me how Mother was looking and how her health was when you were at home.

Major Symington and Mr. Boggs were both away at the same time, the former to inspect Arsenals at the North and the latter as a witness on a Court Martial at West Point. So I had the labor and dignity of commanding Watervliet. But both are returned and I have relapsed into the third in rank. I am a little too lazy to write more to night.

Believe me as ever  
Your affectionate brother  
Otis



bills to pay this term for which I have  
no money. One is 6 dollars for books to a Senior, Seniors.  
It is now raining a little & will not be pleasant today. I must  
mail this before breakfast, now Good Bye to all.  
My dear mother { Mrs. E. Edwards } Yours Affectionate Son  
C. H. Howard

We were very much pleased to have  
a letter yesterday, more than usually so, from the  
very long time since you had written. But I  
did not blame you at all for I know how  
hard it is for you to write amid so many cares  
and labors. I thought I had written almost every  
week & I take pleasure in writing <sup>as often</sup> as this. The  
weather is now very pleasant - tho' somewhat  
warm. I do not have to study very hard but  
yet do not have much time to read. I was  
vaccinated last Wed. (week ago) & as I did not  
wish to be exposed to the smallpox till it  
had taken effect & as I wanted to make this  
visit, I went to Augusta Thurs. & stayed till  
Mon. Otis & Lizzie seemed glad to see  
me. I carried my books with me & so kept  
my studies along. We went to Hallowsell on  
Saturday afternoon & saw at Laura Ann's Aunt  
Faunzie. She was very much pleased with the baby.  
Otis & I went over to Uncle John's & brought  
Aunt Ellen & her baby over. There is 3 weeks  
younger. It is a smart, fiery little girl with  
snapping, black eyes. Aunt came over to



tea. He seems very much pleased with  
his little baby. Little Guy looks finely & what  
is better never cries. Dizzie is perfectly  
well but Mrs Waite has been a little ill.  
She is now better. It is now almost time  
for me to go to prayer, for the bell  
is ringing. I am at home. Aunt Fannie  
thinks you are getting along very pleasantly  
now with no great family. I am real glad  
our family is reduced but I shall add  
one to it in 5 or 6 weeks. I <sup>hope</sup> you will come  
to commencement & of course father will  
come to hear Rowland. We expect him to come  
at any rate whether anyone else does or not.  
Write my love to Bill & tell him we want  
him to write often & good long letters.

Rowland & I called at Mr. Swind's last  
night, stayed an hour or more. Sort of  
a society met there. Mrs. Frost was there  
with Ann Octavia. I should like to have  
10 dollars sent in your next, as there <sup>are</sup> several



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6/19/1856

*From:* Charles H Howard

*To:* Mrs E Gilmore

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Thursday Morning June 19 1856  
Mrs. E. Gilmore

My dear Mother

We were very much pleased to have a letter, etc.

I thought I had written almost every week and I take pleasure in writing as often as this. I do not have to study very hard but yet do not have much time to read.

I was vaccinated last Wed. and as I did not wish to be exposed to the smallpox till it had taken effect and as I wanted to make Otis a visit, I went to Augusta Thurs. and stayed till Mond. Otis and Lizzie seemed glad to see me. I carried my books with me and so kept my studies along. We went to Hallowell on Saturday afternoon and saw at Laura A's Aunt Fannie. She was very much pleased with the baby. Otis and I went over to Uncle John's and brought Aunt Ellen and her baby over. Hers is 3 weeks younger. It is a smart, fiery little girl with snapping, black eyes. Uncle came over to tea. He seems very much pleased with his little baby. Little Guy looks finely and what is better never cries. Lizzie is perfectly well but Mrs. Waite has been a little ill.

It is now almost time for me to go to prayers, for the bell is ringing. I rose at five.

Aunt Fannie thinks you are getting along very pleasantly now with no great family. I am real glad our family is reduced but I shall add one to it in 5 or 6 weeks. I hope you will come to Commencement and of course Father will come to hear Rowland. We expect him to come at any rate whether anyone else does or not. Give my love to Dellie and tell him to write often and good long letters.

Rowland and I called at Mr. Sands last night, stayed an hour or more. Sort of a society met there. Mrs. Frost was there with Ann Octavia.

I should like to have 10 dollars sent in your next, as there are several bills to pay this term for which I have no money. One is 6 dollars for books to a Senior.

Good Bye to all.

Your Affectionate Son  
C. H. Howard



I have no doubt now that  
Hamlin will carry the State.  
Capt. Pottin admires  
Nevins & Winthrop's <sup>speeches</sup> at  
Boston very much.  
The other parties <sup>here</sup> hate  
the Republicans dreadfully  
, don't you think so?  
I find I have written  
considerable. I am  
somewhat tired. We went  
Haley & I & what shall  
we do to get him? I wish  
you were here to fish  
him. We had 69 for  
Hamlin & 6 opposition  
the other day at our ballot  
election. Great many  
Republicans were about  
to cast for Sumner.  
Write soon & remember  
Your Affectionate Brother:  
E. B. Howard. Chas. H. Leonard

Bath Maine  
Sat. Eve. Sept. 6. 1856

Dear Brother

You perceive I am  
in Bath & can imagine where  
I am, But I may as well  
tell you how that I came  
down this afternoon after hear-  
ing Senator Wilson at the Depot  
from 1 o'clock till the cars  
came. I was rather unexpected  
I think but Ella appeared  
really glad that I came.  
She & Mr Pottin read that  
letter of Otis' with interest.  
Ella showed me your Aug. journal  
soon after I arrived. It  
is a very good one I think.  
I went to call on Miss  
Hooper at about 8 o'  
clock. I was never there



before. I passed the time  
till 9 1/2 very agreeably in  
listening to a duet of singing  
& playing. Miss Hooper has  
a fine piano. There were 5 or  
6 girls there two of whom I  
was acquainted with. I  
found Ella in the Library  
room when I got back a  
few minutes ago. She showed  
me into this Chamber in the  
corner next to the Hall and  
when she had got here asked  
me if I wanted to write  
something to you so she was  
writing. I told her I would  
& she opened a little box  
here which contained the ma-  
terials for writing - She then  
showed me how to turn the  
gas off & said Good Night.  
There has been a touch-

light procession here  
tonight of the Republicans.  
It looked splendidly &  
the Band played well.  
It was very long - but  
I must tell you that  
we had at the least  
more than twice as many  
to hear Wilson as were  
present to hear Grover  
even the day before.  
Wilson is good looking  
but don't come up to  
Pitt Fessenden in making  
speeches. (You must be  
doing good up there  
speaking so often.)  
Brother Walter said today  
he wished you would  
come down here & speak  
for he wants to hear you.



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9/6/1856

*From:* Charles H Howard

*To:* R. B. Howard

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Bath, Maine

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Bath Maine

Sat. Eve. Sept 6, 1856.

Dear Brother

You perceive I am in Bath and can imagine where I am. But I may as well tell you how that I came down this afternoon after hearing Senator Wilson at the Depot from 1 o'clock till the cars came. I was rather unexpected I think but Ella appeared really glad that I came. She and Mr. Patten read that letter of Otis' with interest. Ella showed me your Daguerrotype soon after I arrived. It is a very good one I think. I went to call on Miss Hooper at about 8 o'clock. I was never there before. I passed the time till 9 1/2 very agreeably in listening to music of singing and playing. Miss Hooper has a fine piano. There were five or six girls there, two of whom I was acquainted with. I found Ella in the library room when I got back a few minutes ago. She showed me into this Chamber in the corner next to the hall and when she had got here asked me if I wanted to write something to you as she was writing. I told her I would and she opened a little box here, which contained the materials for writing. She then showed me how to turn the gas off and said Good Night.

There has been a torch light procession here to night of the Republicans. It looked splendidly and the Band played well. It was very long, but I must tell you that we had at the least more than twice as many to hear Wilson as were present to hear George Evans the day before. Wilson is good looking but don't come up to Pitt Fessenden in making Speeches. You must be doing good up there speaking so often. Geo Johnston said to day he wished you would come down here and speak for he wants to hear you. I have no doubt now that Hamlin will carry the state. Capt. Patten admires Stevens' and Winthrop's speeches at Boston very much. The other parties here hate the Republicans dreadfully, don't you think so? I find I have written considerable. I am somewhat tired. We want Haley Psi U [in Greek letters] and what shall we do to get him? I wish you were here to fish him. We had 89 for Hamlin, 46 opposition the other day at our College election. Great many Republicans were absent and but few Democrats.

Write soon and remember

Your Affectionate Brother:

Chas. H. Howard

To R. B. Howard