

much for my good luck & business tact:  
for they did not know much more about  
me - nor any - than about I add.

He is in my class & a better scholar  
in our studies than I am. In other  
things & in general knowledge like most of  
my class, he pulls below me.

I am in good season on the ground  
this year. Mrs. Grew's son - Lieut. -  
has got home I believe. There have  
been several deaths of young people  
in Falmouth by consumption this  
winter & last fall. How is the  
health of Leeds folks? Mrs. Merrill  
seemed to be attached to me. She  
looked carefully to my health & comfort  
& found all the holes in my stockings &  
that she could, in order to mend.

I hope this cold weather will not inconven-  
-ience you & father. I cannot tell how you are  
or what you are doing tonight. Let us trust

in God alone to serve & obey him.

Mrs. C. Merrill

Your Affectionate Son  
Chas. H. Howard

Brunswick Jan. 24, 1857

My dear Mother

Another Saturday night has  
arrived and the coldest day that I have  
ever witnessed has passed & finds me in  
my old room with a comfortable &  
cheerful fire - contented but all alone.

I have just finished my first letter  
to Ohio & now begin one to my mother.  
These letters with those to Gellie & Rowland are  
the only ones I feel much interest in  
writing & having answered.

My school closed last night. My scholars  
were sorry to have it close apparently. It  
has seemed very short. I have derived ad-  
-vantage from it. They did not expect  
the Master to visit so much at Falmouth  
or at Vopalboro. I have secretly been out  
of our room there except to the Lib. meeting  
on Wed. night. 66 dollars were paid me by the

appet and I hope all teachers take as much  
pleasure in earning that amount as I have.  
If it was not for my throat I should like  
teaching quite well. My throat just  
looked dreary, but I have had a pain  
from the dry wood of which my closet  
was full. Prof. Cleveland says this is the  
coldest day ever known in this climate.  
Thermometers stood from 36 to 42 all  
over the country from Augusta to Pitts.  
How did our thermometer stand today?  
I can always tell better the degree of  
the heat & cold by that because I have  
watched it & can compare the present  
with the past. I was almost all day  
in coming from Falmouth on account  
of the irregularity of the cars on the  
Kennebec Road, owing to the cold weather.  
Mrs. Susan Merrill (Melville's sister-  
in-law, whose husband is in California)  
"pieced" the sleeves to my old great

coat & I think I will wear it some  
while here, in my room if no where  
else. Prof. Packard has gone to Bidd-  
ford, so we shall have no recitation next  
Monday morning. I do not think  
Dellie's roommate is as good a man as  
some would be but Dellie says he gets along  
well with him. Merrill says he has a  
pretty good faculty for looking out  
for No. 1, notwithstanding our views to  
the contrary, but when I remember that  
it was apt to be the case with the rest  
of us (i.e. to look out for No. 1) I do not  
wonder that he should be able to do the  
same. Seems to me our Aqueduct must  
have frozen up this bad weather. I had  
a school last Monday, so that I did not  
lose a day, but I had only 8 scholars  
out of the 58. I add who taught  
in Vassalboro when I was last winter has  
returned & says he had a good school.  
He had 20 dollars & had last winter 28. 10

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1/24/1857

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs E Gilmore

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Brunswick, Maine

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Brunswick  
Jan. 24, 1857

Mrs. E. Gilmore

My dear Mother

Another Saturday night has arrived and the coldest day that Maine has ever witnessed has passed and finds me in my old room with a comfortable and cheerful fire, contented but all alone. I have just finished my first letter to Otis and now begin one to my mother. These letters with those to Dellie and Rowland are the only ones I feel much interest in writing and having answered.

My school closed last night. My scholars were sorry to have it close apparently. It has seemed very short. I have derived advantage from it. They did not expect the Master to visit so much at Falmouth as at Vassalboro. I have scarcely been out of our room there except to the Club meeting on Wed. night. 66 dollars were paid me by the agent and I hope all teachers take as much pleasure in earning that amount as I have. If it was not for my throat I should like teaching quite well. My room at first looked dreary, but I soon had a fire from the dry wood of which my closet was full.

Prof. Cleveland says this is the coldest day ever known in this climate. Thermometers stood from 36 to 42 all over the country, from Augusta to Portland. How did our thermometer stand to day? I can always tell better the degree of heat and cold by that because I have watched it and can compare the present with the past. I was almost all day in coming from Falmouth on account of the irregularity of the cars on the Kennebec Road, owing to the cold weather. Mrs. Susan Merrill (Melville's sister in law, whose husband is in California) "Piecened" the sleeves to my old great coat and I think I will wear it some while here, in my room if no where else.

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Seems to me our Aqueduct must have frozen up this cold weather. I had a school last Mond., so that I did not lose a day, but I had only 8 scholars out of the 88. Ladd who taught in Vassalboro where I was last winter has returned and says he had a good school. He had 20 dollars and I had last winter 28. So much for my good luck and business fact, for they did not know much more about me nor any than about Ladd. He is in my class and a better scholar in our studies than I am. In other branches and in general knowledge like most of my class, he falls below me.

I am in good season on the ground this year. Mrs. Grow's son, sea captain, has got home I believe. There have been several deaths of young people in Falmouth by Consumption this winter and last Fall. How is the health of Leeds folks? Mrs. Merrill seemed to be attached to me. She looked carefully to my health and comfort and found all the holes in my stockings, etc. that she could in order to mend. I hope that this cold weather will not inconvenience you and father. I cannot tell how you are or what you are doing to night. Let us trust in God and love to serve and obey him.

Your Affectionate Son  
Chas. H. Howard

P.S. It takes two days for a letter  
to go home now.

Bowd. Coll. Mar. 9, 1854.

My dear mother

I would not take this  
little sheet but I must put this into today's  
mail for the reason that I have delayed answer-  
ing yours too long. I meant to have written  
last week but did not get time.

Rowland has not been here yet. He  
went thro' Wed. I have been disappointed in  
not seeing him make his appearance  
every. Yet I shall have to excuse him as  
a young woman engrosses his attention  
and it is the way with all the world  
to yield to the claims of woman.

I don't believe in it however.

I have fully recovered from my sickness &  
my appetite was restored without more  
medicine than some pills which I took  
just before I got your kind letter.

The money came all safe & was com

in the hands of another.

I was at the Baptist yesterday. Prof. Packard preached there. Mr. Moore of Portland - the man who is now so popular there & preaches at the new Church called Union Church preached here on the hill all day & I heard him in the evening.

He is a fine looking man & preaches according to my views the gospel in its purity. Do not Annetinal.

Dr. Sheldon of Bath former president of Waterville College preaches at the Unitarian. As you know has changed his views & written a book called "Sin & Redemption".

I went in & heard him awhile in the afternoon.

To get my lessons well now I have to study pretty much all of the time. Do not need any books.

There is some interest in Religion in college now so that

proper meetings are held in different rooms out of the stated periods. I hope there will be a work of Grace here such as has not been seen for many a year. - I was glad & surprised to hear you were to have some additions to the Church in Gods

Mrs. Brewster is not quite gone. Our neighbors are flying away but we are thus far spared. We are monuments of mercy.

Give my love to Father. I hope the papers containing an acct of the trial of Knight will be preserved. I had a long letter from Ohio the other day to my great satisfaction.

Remember me especially to Roland A & wife & to Rebecca if he be with you.

Your Affectionate Son Chas. H. Howard

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3/9/1857      *From:* Charles H. Howard      *To:* Mother

CHH-025

Bowdoin College

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Bowdoin College, Mar. 9, 1857.

My dear Mother

Rowland has not been here yet. He went thro' Wed. I have been disappointed in not seeing him make his appearance. Yet I shall have to excuse him as a young woman engrosses his attention and it is the way with all the world to yield to the charms of women.

I don't believe in it however. I have fully recovered from my sickness and my appetite was restored without more medicine than some pills which I took just before I got your kind letter.

The money came all safe and was soon in the hands of another.

I sang at the Baptist yesterday. Prof. Packard preached there. Mr. Moore of Portland, the man who is now so popular there and preaches at the new church called Union Church, preached here on the hill all day and I heard him in the evening. He is a fine looking man and preaches according to my views the gospel in its purity. Is not doctrinal.

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To get my lessons well now I have to study pretty much all of the time. Do not read any hardly.

There is some interest in Religion in College now so that prayer meetings are held in different rooms out of the stated periods. I hope there will be a work of Grace here such as has not been seen for many a year. I was glad and surprised to hear you were to have some additions to the Church in Leeds. Mrs. Brewster is almost if not quite gone. Our neighbors are passing away but we are thus far spared. We are monuments of Mercy.

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Remember me especially to Roland A. [Gilmore, step-brother] and wife and to Roscoe if he be with you.

Your Affectionate Son  
Chas. H. Howard

Thuesday Morning - I have but a few moments to spend to write this morning. I am at Mr. Chapman's - came down after breakfast & saw heart. After quite a good deal of time to have a lecture from Prof. Chubbuck it being 8 1/2 o'clock. Nothing had been said about the offering to Secoy till you wrote - I was glad you wanted her to come but it is uncertain whether she will be able to do so. I doubt if she comes to Secoy. Dr. Hester - I am your affec. Son  
C. H. Woodward

Rowden College  
Apr. 11, 1855

My Mother

I received your brief letter with the money today and your other letter in due season. I was good pleased by my part last week or I should have answered your letter before. It went before the President today - It will have to be rewritten once more and then I am done with it. That was real news from Robert's family - glad to hear Cynthia was getting up. Hope she will not spend such a miserable summer as after Johnny was born. Her father is cutting the wood without help. Perhaps I may be of some use at home this vacation. I shall I think be there Wednesday week. Della wants me to spend the night with him & I think of doing so if I can get away Tuesday. I enjoyed having him to see me very much. Rowland wrote me just before Della came and I have not answered him yet. Ella writes she thinks R. will come to Baska the first of May. A society of the girls here have at work to raise money for the Seminary at Bangor & they are to have a sale or fair at that time. Albert is also expected as soon as the first of May. I saw Mrs. Patten at Mrs. Frost's some time as I may have mentioned to you she enquired about you and so did Mrs. Frost. I took dinner there. Anna Patten

Mrs. Patten's youngest girl & "sis Putnam" Dr P.'s daughter who married a sister of Mr. Frost were there at "Aunt Jane's" stopping for a few days. They walked over to Brunswick with me on the R. R. to get the N. Y. Ledger. They had got interested in reading a story "The hidden hand" - Probably you know more about it than I do. I showed them the Book-store & they started on their way back. Ann Octavia is at Bath taking lessons of Ella & going to school. I received a letter from Ella a day or two ago - the first I have had this term. I believe it was my turn to write at least she reckoned so but she wanted me to come down and as I have been there for a long time I think I shall go next Sat. & spend the Sabbath.

Yesterday was the day you wrote your letter. It was a fine day and a fine sermon. They had preaching at the Baptist by a minister from Boston - An Evangelist - something like the one who was here last summer.

He told a good many anecdotes & some of them calculated to drive away all serious thoughts - in fact they set the whole house upon a grin or titter. I don't like such things in the pulpit on Sunday. But he is smart - got a thundering voice & drew a great crowd to meeting. He is going to preach every night during the week & hold a Union Prayer-meeting for one hour every afternoon. He will also preach next Sabbath.

The house was crowded. They have no preaching at the Baptist in Topsham now. Mr. Robbins has resigned. There was trouble about his second wife when he married

during last year under suspicious circumstances. I feel in hopes some sinners will be awakened by this Mr. Burdick's preaching notwithstanding his peculiarities. You have probably learned ~~the~~ that of the death of Fuller's mother. She died Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 o'clock A.M. He wrote me that morning. He won't be back till next term.

I wonder if the R. R. is completed to Torrington - It has been fine weather for them & finished at Hattis but today it snowing again. It was a splendid show-shine morning but darkened up before noon. I hear Holbrook recite now at 1 o'clock. Probably he will pay his tuition at the close of the term - it will be \$1.00 as he will have been here two weeks. With this I can pay Mr. Leavitt's (Diogenes) for bringing up my load of wood & mending my pants & another bill of 25 cts at the Bookstore & have money to get home with - without this I can let those bills go till next term & then I shall have 30 cts left provided I go to Bath next Saturday.

It is now almost 10 o'clock in the evening. I passed at this point & read over my Chemistry lesson for this morning, and now it has got to be my bed time & I will finish my letter in the morning. I hear Nettie recite every morning. She had just finished washing this morning. Her girl went away last week. Nettie is attending a singing school now Monday & Tuesday nights. It is an association rather than a singing school & will give a concert next week.

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4/11/1857      *From:* Charles H. Howard      *To:* Mother

CHH-026                      Bowdoin College

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Bowdoin College  
Apr. 11, 185? [probably 1857]

My dear Mother

I received your brief letter with the money today and your other letter in due season. I was hard pressed by my part last week or I should have answered your letter before. It went before the President today. It will have to be rewritten once more and then I am done with it.

That was real news from Rowland's family. Glad to hear Cynthia [Gilmore] was sitting up. Hope she will not spend such a miserable summer as after Johnny was born. [John Gilmore, b May 30, 1856 to Roland and Cynthia Gilmore] Then Father is cutting the wood without help. Perhaps I may be of some use at home this vacation. I shall I think be there Wednesday week. Dellie wants me to spend the night with him and I think of doing so if I can get away Tuesday. I enjoyed having him to see me very much. Rowland wrote me just before Dellie came and I have not answered him yet.

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You have probably learned ere this of the death of Fuller's mother. She died Apr. 1st at 4 o'clock A.M. He wrote me that morning. He won't be back till next term.

I wonder if the R.R. is completed to Farmington. It has been fine weather for them to finish it lately but today is snowing again.

I hear Holbrook recite now at 1 o'clock. Probably he will pay his tuition at the close of the term. It will be \$1.00 as he will have been here two weeks. With this I can pay Mr. Curtis (Diogenes) for bringing up my load of wood and mending my pants and another bill of 25cts at the Bookseller's and have money to get home with. Without this I can let those bills go till next term and then I shall have 30¢ left provided I go to Bath next Saturday.

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Tuesday Morning. I have but a few moments to spare to write this morning. I am at Mr. Meryman's. Came down after breakfast and have heard Nettie recite and now must return to hear a lecture from Prof. Chadbourne, it being 8 1/2 o'clock.

Nothing had been said about Nettie going to Leeds until you wrote. I was glad you wanted her to come but it is uncertain whether she will be able to do so. I doubt if she comes to Leeds.

In haste, I am Your Aff. Son

C.H.Howard

then when I left home. She had  
not heard from Quads for some  
time. I seemed very glad to see us.  
R. read her this letter.

It was a pleasant day & we  
had a pleasant walk but it was  
rather warm for us - to me as  
I am not used to walking. We re-  
turned & took tea with Aunt  
Ellen. R. expects to go there to  
live very soon I believe.

After supper we called at  
R. G. Simpson's to see Prof. S. He was  
not in & I went home & not to bed.  
I have told you about the Sabbath  
it was a very interesting day to us  
both. We went to L. Jordan Hill to  
a prayer meeting after meeting. I  
left at 5.20 in the morning.  
That this may go today I will do  
I cover it down. - Yo. Wm. Son L. H. Howard

Mrs. E. Gilman  
P.S. We saw Mrs. Mulliken but not Charles  
He is well & his family. Her & his sister 1854.  
Two young ladies were with her.  
Dorset. Coll. July 7<sup>th</sup>

My dear Mother

Thought I have not time  
now to write long yet believe I will begin  
a letter to you & I am well & as happy as I  
ever want to be - perhaps happier than usual.  
There has much occurred of late to make  
me happy. I returned yesterday morning  
from Hallonell. We united with the Church  
as contemplated. Prof. Shephard preached  
& most excellent sermon in the German  
from Galatians 2<sup>d</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> verses. At  
its close those who had been proposed  
were invited to come forward. We stood  
before the pulpit - another young man  
named Atherton & two young ladies.  
Rowland & I & 1 young lady were bap-  
tized. It was a solemn occasion to  
me & I think attended with a blessing

to my soul. I never shall be sorry that  
I visited no longer. It was a good op-  
portunity & I had settled in my mind  
that this Church conformed nearest to  
my interpretation of Gods word  
& dispensation. I do pray that I may  
be as willing to do what I feel to be  
his will in all things.

Oh I was so much rejoiced to  
hear about Lizzie. This life is now  
worth living & when she is done with  
it she has the assurance of meeting  
her much loved Saviour & <sup>being</sup> reunited  
again to her dear Mother.

How can we thank enough Our  
Father in Heaven for his Mercy &  
Love to us? I am determined to try always  
to show forth my gratitude by my  
daily life. May His Spirit aid me  
and you. Our hearts are still filled

to sin but Our Redeemer will forgive  
& receive us to himself & this is our  
ground of hope. It is foolish to suppose  
we can live free from sin but it  
requires only a willing mind to repent  
& ask forgiveness. If the Lord never  
withdraws his Spirit it will always  
enlighten our hearts, our consciences  
as the sin will appear to our  
view. Oh that a hatred of sin  
might possess me & a love of holiness!  
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Mr Webb of Augusta preached in the  
afternoon. I think I like Prof. Shepherds  
best but Mr Webb was preachers  
excellent discourse. Rowland & I  
walked to Augusta Sat. afternoon &  
called at Mrs Turners & Charles Mulli-  
kens. We saw Mrs. Turner Theres  
Capt Turners wife. She is far better

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7/7/1857

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* Mrs E Gilmore

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Bowdoin College

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Mrs. E. Gilmore.

Bowd. Coll. July 7th 1857.

My dear Mother

Though I have not time now to write long yet believe I will begin a letter to you. I am well and as happy as I am wont to be, perhaps happier than usual.

There has much occurred of late to make me happy. I returned yesterday morning from Hallowell. We united with the Church as contemplated. Prof. Shepherd preached a most excellent sermon in the forenoon from Galatians 2d 19th and 20th verses. At its close those who had been propounded were invited to come forward. We stood before the pulpit, another young man named Atherton and two young ladies. Rowland and I and 1 young lady were baptized. It was a solemn occasion to me and I think attended with a blessing to my soul. I never shall be sorry that I waited no longer. It was a good opportunity and I had settled in my mind that this church conformed nearest to my interpretation of God's Word and dispensation. I do pray that I may be as willing to do what I feel to be His will in all things.

Oh I was so much rejoiced to hear about Lizzie. This life is now worth living and when she is done with it she has the assurance of meeting her much loved Savior and being united again to her dear Mother.

How can we thank enough Our Father in Heaven for his mercy and love to us? I am determined to try always to show forth my gratitude by my daily life. May His Spirit aid me and you. Our hearts are still liable to sin but the Redeemer will forgive and receive us to himself and this is our ground of hope. It is foolish to suppose we can live free from sin but it requires only a willing mind to repent and ask forgiveness. If the Lord never withdraws his Spirit it will always enlighten our hearts, our consciences so the sin will appear to our view. Oh that a hatred of sin might possess me and a love of holiness!

Mr. Webb of Augusta preached in the afternoon. I think I like Prof. Shepherd best but Mr. Webb also preaches excellent discourses. Rowland and I walked to Augusta Sat. afternoon and called at Mr. Turner's and Charlie Mullikins. We saw Mrs. Turner Capt. Turner's wife. She is far better than when I left home. She had not heard from Leeds for some time. Seemed very glad to see us. We returned and took tea with Aunt Ellen. F. expects to go there to live very soon I believe.

After supper we called at R. G. Lincoln's to see Prof. S. He was not in and I went home and went to bed. I have told you about the Sabbath. It was a very interesting day to us both. We went to Lowden Hill to a prayer meeting after meeting. I left at 5.20 in the morning. That this may go today I will close and carry it down.

Your Affec. Son  
C.H. Howard

Mr. R. B. Widmore

1857  
Board. Coll. July 25.

My dear brother

I received your last letter with great pleasure as usual. Our glad you got me regard a bargain in the lamp. I had bought one here for \$4.00 which I ought to sell for the same. I have not yet paid for nor taken it from the person I had it of.

I have not done quite so well for you but have got a Greek Lexicon, very good one, for \$3.00. Price of a new one is \$4.50 + sometimes \$5.00 I think. I shall want you to remit the \$3.00 to me as soon as you can as he wants his pay between this & commencement.

I suppose I could not get a

second hand Latin Lexicon  
for no one wants to sell their  
Latin Lexicon. You would like  
to have a good clean Andrews  
Latin Lex. I think. I got a  
new one & have kept it covered  
& looking pretty well. You will  
want to keep it all your life.  
Price \$4.25. —

I received a letter from  
mother day before yesterday & she  
had lately heard from Rowland  
& Olio. Olio was in search for  
Indians. R. at Keelwell & doing  
well. All well at home.

I got letters to show my love letters  
while at B. last Sunday. I was  
much pleased with them.

Admire not with me. — Remember me when  
you pray. Your Affectionate Br. C. H. Howard

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7/25/1857

*From:* Charles H. Howard

*To:* R H Gilmore

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Bowdoin College

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To R. H. Gilmore

Bowd. Coll. July 25, 1857.

My dear brother

I received your last letter with great pleasure as usual. Am glad you got me so good a bargain in the lamp. I had bought one here for \$4.00 which I ought to sell for the same. I have not yet paid for nor taken it from the person I had it of.

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I received a letter from Mother day before yesterday and she had lately heard from Rowland and Otis. Otis was in search for Indians. R. at Hallowell and doing well. All well at home. I got Ella to show me your letters while at B. last Sunday. I was much pleased with them.

Cannot write more. Remember me when you pray.

Your Affectionate br.  
C. H. Howard.

Comes to me at the rate of about  
6cts for the Winter or a cent for  
every number sent to him. I've  
read some aloud to the thoughtless  
piece of paper on the brow of a grey  
head - another the Christian's present  
but I am hoarse now, I have a cold  
& do not talk or read much. I went  
to the village, Let. O'Connell & was  
comforted & happy, Sunday. Heard two  
Sermons from Mr. Reed & listened to  
his providential call to the Ministry &  
his Christian experience in the evening.  
I sang in Church - attended Choir meeting  
Let. night & selected every time to  
suit my own taste. I sing also in the  
evening selecting & giving the pitch of  
every tune. I got cold but shall soon  
be free from that. Had a letter from  
Richard & Alice & from Lillie during

Shrewsbury Dec. 14. 37

My dear Mother,  
Two weeks have  
slipped away very rapidly & I have  
not written to you. I meant to have  
written before but in writing to Lillie &  
Richard & Alice & to several of my class-  
mates at my leisure left me, by keeping  
school & touring round has been con-  
sumed. I came tonight to a new place  
to board. I have been for the whole  
two weeks at one place, Mr. Agnew's  
Mrs. Green's. My school consists of 46  
all told. Not very hard, not very  
easy, larger than I had anticipated.  
Most of the time I have enjoyed  
myself tolerably well. But some days  
when I don't feel very well I am  
a little cross than the scholars are

out of sorts & all your wrong. You  
perhaps will agree however that  
I am not very apt to be cross. &  
hence that the most of the time the  
school goes on pleasantly. Last  
week ended up pleasantly. Today has  
gone away in the same way. I was  
strict today but it set well on  
them. One boy of the last week caused  
me some trouble as he has all the mis-  
ters I hear. I told him to stop after  
school & he did not. Then he found  
to come to school till the next aft.  
at recess when he came in after much  
persecution by his folks, the boys & others.  
I told him to come into the floor &  
he did so. I asked him if he was sorry  
he disobeyed me. He said he was.  
I asked him if he would do it again.  
He said "no". I told him to say "no sir".

and he said it & took his seat &  
has been a good boy ever since.  
At Mr Snows when I've been  
boarding they had 6 children but was  
rather noisy. Mr Snows a great talk-  
er & I couldn't read much. I like  
him much it is still. His main name  
is Snow. He has two children one  
22 a man - the other 18 or 20 a  
young lady both go to my school &  
are quiet & agreeable. Mr & Mrs  
Snow about 60 years of age are quiet.  
I've been reading the N. Y. Independent  
all the eve. which I have to read  
from the kindness of a Capt. near  
Mr. Howe of Lowell. He let me  
I could have the reading of it & I  
offered to read it to him afterwards  
by the New York Independent & edited by  
H. W. Beecher, his sister, Dr. Chubb & others

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The last half of the week. They  
are all well & apparently very  
well contented. Bill is doing  
well in his studies & has about  
made up the idea of coming to  
College next Fall of which I am  
glad as it will give him a chance  
to keep school next winter & earn  
something & also the chance of getting  
a good job. Eliza is prospering.  
Lizzie has two girls but the care  
of the children weighs upon her some.  
The little girl is bound to have  
a red head which I was aware  
of all the time tho' I did not men-  
tion it before Lizzie but now.  
Roland is about his Master's  
work. Is engaged in a flourishing  
S. School which he & E. of Hullwood

(cant tell the name.) have just estab-  
lished in the Suburbs of Bayon.

His preacher on various portions  
of the Lords Prayer every <sup>Wednes</sup> ~~Weeks~~  
night. — I am a mile from the  
school house now but I have  
my book to take my dinner  
down twice very near the school-  
house. Oh I hope you are happy  
I should think this winter will  
always be so as long as you live  
which I hope, God willing, may  
not be many years. I stop at  
Mrs Merymans when I go to the  
valley — have been wryed by Profs  
Packard + Chamberlain to spend  
the Sabbath with them. Write me  
now nothing for nothing can give  
me more ease of mind than to hear  
often that you + father are well + prospering.  
It is but just now - Goodbye - Ye Affectionate Son C. M. Warren

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12/14/1857      *From:* Charles H. Howard      *To:* Mother

CHH-030                      Brunswick, Maine

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Brunswick Dec. 14, '57

My dear Mother

Two weeks have slipped by I came tonight to a new place to board. I have been for the whole two weeks at one place, the Agent's Mr. Snow's. My school consists of 46 all told. Not very hard, not very easy, longer than I had anticipated.

Most of the time I have enjoyed myself tolerably well. But some days when I don't feel very well and am a little cross then the scholars are out of sorts and all goes wrong. You perhaps will agree however that I am not very apt to be cross(?) and hence that the most of the time the school goes pleasantly. I was strict today but it sat well on them. One boy of 16 last week caused me some trouble as he has all the masters I hear. I told him to stop after school and he did not. Then he feared to come to school till the next afternoon at recess when he came in after much persuasion by his folks, the boys and others.

I told him to come into the floor and he did so. I asked him if he was sorry he disobeyed me. He said he was. I asked him if he would do it again. He said "No." I told him to say "No Sir" and he said it and took his seat and has been a good boy ever since.

At Mr. Snow's where I've been boarding they had children and it was rather noisy. Mr. Snow was a great talker and I couldn't read much. I like it here much as it is still. This man's name is Snow too. He has two children, one 22 a man, the other 18 or 20 a young lady. Both go to my school and are quiet and agreeable. Mr. and Mrs. Snow about 60 years of age are quiet. I've been reading the N.Y. Independent all the Eve. Which I have to read from the kindness of a classmate Mr. Howe of Lowell. He told me I could have the reading of it and I offered to send it to him afterwards so the New York Independent, edited by H.W. Beecher, his sister, Dr. C <> and others comes to me at the rate of about 6 cents for the winter or a cent for every number sent to him. I've read some aloud to them tonight, a piece of poetry on the honor of a grey head, another The Christian Merchant but I am hoarse now. Went to the village Saturday afternoon and was contented and happy Sunday.

Heard two Sermons from Mr. Reed and listened to his providential call to the ministry and his Christian experience in the evening. I sang in Church, attended Choir meeting Sat. night and selected every tune to suit my own taste. Sang also in the evening, selecting and giving the pitch of every tune. I got cold but shall soon be free from that.

Had a letter from Rowland and Otis and from Dellie during the last half of the week. Dellie is doing well in his studies and has about given up the idea of coming to college next Fall of which I am glad as it will give him a chance to keep school next winter and earn something and also the chance of getting a good fit. Otis is prospering. Lizzie has two girls but the care of the children wears upon her some. The little girl is bound to have a red head which I was aware of all the time tho' I did not mention it before Lizzie but once.

Rowland is about his Master's work. Is enjoyed in a flourishing S. School which he and E. of Hallowell have just established in the Suburbs of Bangor.

Otis preaches on various portions of the Lord's prayer every Wednesday night. I am a mile from the school house now but I have my luck to take my dinners warm and nice very near the school.

Oh I hope you are happy and cheerful this winter and will always be so as long as you live which I hope, God willing, may yet be many years. I stop at Mr. Meryman's when I go to the village. Have been urged by Profs. Packard and Chamberlain to spend the Sabbath with them.

Write me soon Mother for nothing can give me more ease of mind than to hear often that you and Father are well and prospering. Good Bye

Your Affectionate Son,

