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West Point Mar 26, 1860

My Dear Mother

By a letter from Dellie rec'd last Thursday I learned that the Legislature had risen and that you & father were probably at home before this [John Gilmore had been elected to the Maine Legislature from Leeds in 1860]. The session closed sooner than I anticipated. But I felt glad that you could go home this early for I knew & Nettie wrote me that you were beginning to have a little anxiety to be back again.

Dellie wrote in a cheerful spirit - mentioned Ella's going to Portland to see her sister Lizzie. Rowland wrote that he was at Bath & Bruns since you were there. Has been at Skowhegan two Sabbaths & was to be at Lincoln for exchange with the min. there so that he could be at Island Falls to administer communion yesterday.

While it is in my mind I will mention that Dellie write that the Worcester's Dictionary - Library Edition - for which I subscribed was ready for me at <Brk>. It was to be delivered at Leeds by Jackson of my class if I desired it but Dellie said he could just as well take it home in his trunk and I would like father to send him \$7.50 to pay for it. I suppose he better send him the \$8.00, however. He will be waiting for it.

Now Mother for a new proposition. Perry has a new vessel to be launched this week & ready for <some> cargo & all by the 15th of Apr. He has written me twice & the last letter came Saturday. He offers to take me out to Nassau & back (including my board during 3 weeks out there) for \$40.00. The ordinary fare is \$35, i.e. \$70 in all & not including board out there which is \$2.00 or \$2.50 per day. Perry says he would like to give me a free passage but he does not own an entire 1/4 of the vessel & he cannot afford to pay out the money now - indeed I wouldn't allow him to expend anything for me. At the hospital here they have advised me to take a voyage & considering that such a chance will rarely if ever occur for me & that I never shall be so at leisure again.

I have some inclination. At his first offer which was \$1.00 per day all the voyage round I decided not to go fearing it would be too expensive. Indeed the length of a voyage will probably be very nearly 2 months. He has written me to come out & back at Inagua [Bahamas] but they only pay 5 or \$600 a year & that would little more than pay expenses as board &c would be \$250 & then there is the fare out & back & clothing. I think I have not written you of this offer of Mr Danl Sargent. Only 17 scholars - I suppose if I was positive it would cure my throat to spend a year there I should not long hesitate even to give up going to the Seminary this next fall.

Perry says I may go out to N. & then if I decide to go to Inagua I can do so & return with him at some future time. I was thinking that if I could arrange to teach 3 months & have \$150 & return with Perry thus getting a cheap passage out & back, perhaps I would do so. Now I should like to go out & I want you to write me immediately whether you approve of the idea or not. If I come back directly I shall be here in season to return to Maine the 1st of June or with Otis.

I have had from time to time about \$40.00 of Otis. He thought I had better not send home for the money as his was not on interest, i.e. all that I would need. And he is willing to let me have the requisite amt. for going to Nassau. But I hope it would be convenient for father to send Otis the money if I should, so write in my next letter. I enjoy staying here much more than I did having got used to the manners of the Post to some degree.

Miss Hellen Sands came from Deposit, where she had been teaching, last Saturday & Lizzie wants her to make a long visit. She suffers considerably from a lower back but looks about as usual. She will stay a few weeks at least. Otis & I went up in the mountains last evening & he delivered one of his religious discourses in the school house where we have been before. We went before tea, which we took at one of the farm houses near the place of preaching. It reminds us of some recollections of Maine families. Otis was reminded of Uncle Barney's very forcibly. The house was well filled & all seemed attentive. We walked back among homes a little after 10 o'clock.

My health has been quite good of late - sometimes had a touch of the soar throat but you know that is nothing very serious with me. What was much more severe was a blister <> outside caused by binding on some mustard for about ½ hour a night. You know how sensitive my skin is to such applications. It was really laughable that I could not bear it long enough to get to sleep when Otis make no account of putting mustard all over him for the rheumatism at times. I took off the bandage from my throat but next day found that it was effectual.

But I am reminded of a very sudden death, by a kind of throat distemper we are having here, of a young lady member of our Mission Sabbath School - the daughter of a Sergeant - she was sick but 2 or 3 days & the first news we had was that she was dead! The funeral occurs today at 2 o'clock. There have been towards a hundred sick with this disease in this vicinity, but it is getting to be past the season now. The medicine I am now taking seems to be beneficial but not entirely effectual for a cure.

I want to hear from home very much. How you found the house & affairs there & how are Cynthia & children & Roland? [Roland Gilmore is Eliza's stepson who married Cynthia Lothrop] Does the new minister meet with success & seem contented to remain? My love to Roland & Cynthia & their little ones. Who has been doing your chores? Wonder whether Silas or George Bates are engaged in the grand "Strike" in Mass. How was Vaughan when you left? [Vaughan could have been the son of Eliza's brother John Otis, who lived in Hallowell. He died in 1861] Rowland spoke of riding to Augusta with him when at H. week ago.

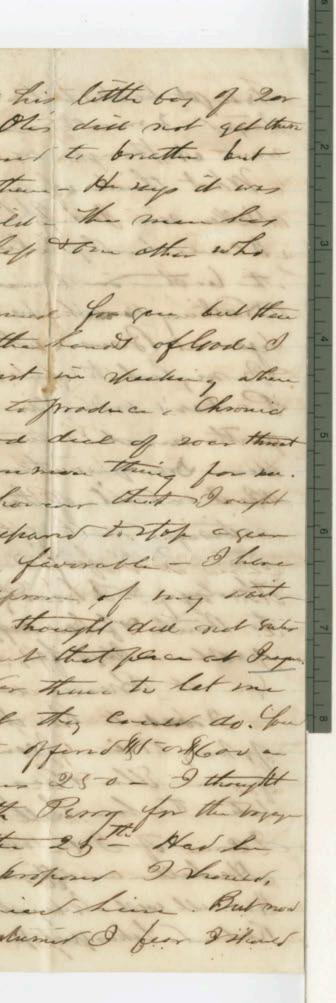
All are well here - children at play. A little calf is a great source of interest to the children. I take care of him. The butcher will have him in 4 weeks. Have you any little lambs or calves? If you will write me Wed night & mail it Thursday I shall get it Saturday. Miss Hellen wishes to be remembered to you. She is writing to her mother.

Your Affectionate Son C.H. Howard

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West Point April 11, 1860

Dear brother Rowland

Your letter enclosing Dellie's and the extract from Prof. Smyth's came in time and I have since got one from Dellie. His came Thursday the day of the Fast in Maine. Lizzie, Hellen Sands, Guy & myself went up to Ft Putnam that day. I took his letter with me & leaving them there, I went in search of "Mayflowers" - "Epigaea" they call it here. When I had reached the summit of a hill to the south west not having found any signs of flowers and being rather tired I sat down & read my letter & remembering that it was the day of Fasting & Prayer in Maine, I tried to remember in prayer the College & my friends. After that I extended my walk & hearing some sounds from a farm yard I went on till I found some settlements. It was "Stony Lonesome". I had heard of the place before but never seen it. Otis says you wandered up there he believes. When I came back another way I found some flowers but the ladies had got home long before me. I was greatly rejoiced at the contents of the letters you sent me. Nettie had mentioned that a work had begun - <Lara> Fessenden united by baptism with the Episcopal Church week ago Sunday. I have since heard of one man from the Soph & one from the Freshman Class. Wish Dellie might get his whole heart in the work. Miss Sands came here 2 weeks ago Sat on her way home from Deposit where she has been with Rev. Mr Wilde teaching. But her back troubles her a great deal so that she has not been out a great deal here & the walk up to Ft. P. was quite a task but she took it by installments & got along very comfortably.

We were sorry to learn that your throat was troubling you. There having been two deaths on the Post in as many weeks by a disease of the throat. There have been many cases at the Falls. One little boy in Mr. Wells' store whom I saw a day or two ago perfectly well was found dead in his bed yesterday his mother having come up to the Post to wash for an officer. He seemed unwell in the morning but was in the store the day before. Sergeant Rose's daughter about 17 years old - a very pretty & blooming young lady - member of our S. School was sick but two or three days. The first we knew she was dead. The Sergeant is the most active & efficient Christian we have in that community & has been nigh unto death himself this winter. Otis sympathizes deeply with the afflicted family.

One of the bandmen lost his little boy of 2 or 3 years in the same way. Otis did not get there till the little one had ceased to breathe but he prayed with & comforted them. He says it was an unusually beautiful child. The man has since attended the Bible Class & one other who has never been before.

Sometimes I have felt alarmed for you but then I remember that you are in the hands of God. I do hope you will not persist in speaking when your throat is sore so as to produce a chronic trouble. I have had a good deal of sore throat of late but it is just a common thing for me.

It almost consumes me however that I ought to go out with Perry prepared to stop a year in Inagua if all seems favorable. I have thought you would disapprove of my wasting another year & such a thought did not enter my head till I heard about that plan at Inagua.

The last I wrote was for them to let me know at Nassau the best they could do. You may have known that they offered \$500 or \$600 a year & 17 scholars. Expenses 250. I thought then that I should go out with Perry for the voyage at least. He sails to N the 25th. Had he gone the 15th as he first proposed I should, I think, have accompanied him. But now it is very doubtful as if I returned I fear I should not get back till after Otis was gone or if I stayed 3 months could not attend your Commencement at Bangor or the one at Brun'k. What think of my going out for a year, Rowland?

Hellen said Jos Chamberlain had entered the Senate. I could hardly believe tho' she got it from his sister the teacher in music at "Laurel Bank" - Mr Wilde's. Nothing could give me more satisfaction than to have you at Brewer when I should be at Bangor. In my last to you I meant to have mentioned Parker's ordination at Hartford. We have read with much interest those articles in the <>. Do you think Parker strictly orthodox? Is it on acc't of their theology that your plans get criticized or only the manner or arrangment of them? I fear I have no very clear ideas in Theology & I hardly dare to think Jesus so

liable to think & feel different from most orthodox people.

Is it for a year that they want to engage you at Brewer or for a longer period?

I was at Rev Mr Gray's yesterday - called with Johny Weir. Jennie has recently rec'd a letter from Ella & has given me her miniature to take to her. Tell Ella I will bring it safe when I come if I do not send it before.

Haskell - an officer - is quite attentive to Jeannie. We are all well - Guy always wants to get a word from Uncle Rowland. Takes great pride in having his hair parted like him.

My pen is unusually poor. I hope you will not get impatient with my writing. If I don't go to N. I shall probably remain here till June. Otis & the ladies go to N.Y. this week. The grass is very green here.

Affectionately yours, Charles

Perry offers to take me out and back for \$40. You asked us to join with some prayer. I have done so every day since, besides at our family prayers.

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5/15/1860	From: Charles H Howard	To: Mother	
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West Point May 15, 1860

My dear Mother

The thought just struck me that you would like a line by "Wassau" as we still call him although his still great stature & military honors entitle him to a little more ceremonious title I suppose. He has come into the yard & now sits down by the "Arbor" in front of the house talking. It is almost 2 o'clock the time for dinner, immediately after which he will start in the cars for N.Y. on his way to Maine. Little Grace just came down stairs from her mother all ready for dinner, hair combed, face clean, draped in a little red frock with a white muslin tire which shows the red through its textures. The children play out of doors a good deal & it is beneficial to their health such charming weather as this. We had some thunder showers yesterday & they left the air pure & the grass & trees looking beautifully fresh & green. I suppose Guy is undergoing the process that Grace has got thro' with & will soon be down <primp> & pleasant. The latter he almost always is. He reads to me nearly every morning. Hopes to get thro' his book before going to Maine. When told I could not come back to West Point Guy said he would stay too & not return till next summer. He cried to have Miss Helen go not to come back. He can't seem to bear that idea of not coming back.

Last Sabbath I delivered another discourse at the Methodist Church at the Falls writing it the previous week. I was occupied in writing part of 3 days. The minister has often solicited another sermon from me but I did not think it best to prepare one but he was obliged to go away & Otis had none that he had not delivered then & so I consented to supply his place. And Otis had to write one for Sabbath evening up here in the Soldiers Chapel where the Meth. minister usually preaches Sabbath evenings. I seemed to be aided & blessed on this work dear mother so that I felt encouraged that I had not mistaken my calling. I think it awful to enter the ministry just like many other professions without any reason to believe we are called to the work.

The day you will remember was splendid. The trees were all in leaf & the fruit trees in blossom. I walked down after dinner beginning the meeting at about 2 ½ o'clock. I enjoyed the hymns which were sung by the Congregation in good old familiar tunes. I feared for my throat but it seems to be feeling as clear after I got thro' as when I began. Otis gave an earnest & practical discourse in the evening upon "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap". My text was "Not knowing that the greatness of God leadeth thee to repentance" Rom 2, 4. I would rather you would not mention my preaching out of the family.

Dinner is ready & I must close. I enjoy West Point much now. Am with a young artist, son of Prof <Pierson> good deal. Perry has probably sailed ere this. He was going last week. The name of his brig is "Lucy Darling". Mr D's wife is now of Nassau. We have heard from Philad. once since then - all well.

Much love to Father & to Cynthia, the little ones with Roland. We often remember you in our prayers & hope you do the same by us.

Your Affectionate Son C.H. Howard

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West Point, NY

West Point June 11, 1860

My dear brother, [This must be to Rodelphus since both Rowland and Otis are mentioned in the third person]

I have neglected to write you rather for long I think. It is a very busy time here since the examinations began. They have a board of visitors of one from each state - from half the states each year. I have attended the examination of the first class a good deal since the beginning of June. They are through with it now & the other classes are brought before the august board. But what has particularly occupied my time during the last week & kept me even from writing to Nettie which I intend to do as often as once a week was the writing of a discourse for yesterday. I delivered two at Mr. Gray's - the Presbyterian church at the Falls - one in the forenoon the other at 8 o'clock.

Do not suppose I do not think of you often and a great deal because I do not write. I have not forgotten to make mention of you morning and evening in my prayers since I have been here I think. I hope that I am not forgotten at these seasons by you.

William Merrick and Maria with two children - the oldest and youngest Sam and Sallie and a girl - came Saturday eve and will stay till Thursday.

It is rather crowded in our little house but we keep very comfortable. I sleep on a temporary bed in the parlor.

The cadets are examined in studies each day from 9 till 3 without interruption. And after 5 o'clock they have some military exercise such as: riding by the first class artillery drill - battalion drill - firing at the Siege Battery & Seacoast Battery or Mortar drill.

There was a very full house last evening for me. I felt greatly blessed in the work I had undertaken of preparing & delivering a discourse.

William & Maria are going on to Maine to spend a month.

We now intend to start from here about a week from Wednesday. Otis & Lizzie may stop in Boston a day or two & Mrs Hazard has invited me to come & stay a month but I doubt if I stay as long as Otis.

Billy Nowell has visited me here since I was with you and I would like to see him in Cambridge as I go on. Prof Woodman from Dartmouth College is one of the Board of Visitors. He tells me they like Prof Wm Packard very much & that he himself is particularly pleased with him as a man. He spoke of having met with Prof Packard at Bowdoin. He is a Christian man & attended & took part in our Cadet prayer meeting.

Nettie mentioned seeing Rowland & Ella not long since. We are rather pleased with Farmington as a place of settlement for Rowland. Mr Hamilton Abbott & wife - of the Abbott school there - who visited West Point not long since seem very desirous to have him settle with them. You mentioned Yarmouth. I should think a hornets nest would be rather preferable if one had his own quiet & the peace of the community at heart. They have quarreled for many years.

How are your meetings this term? I suspect however you will not be likely to answer this before I go, though if you would mail me a letter Saturday I should like it very much.

It is a delightful day today. We are to have a skirmish drill on the plain after 5 o'clock. We have music by the band every evening out in front of the Supt's house from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ till 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. It is delightful to go out & sit upon the iron settees & listen to such sweet music. Gen Scott is here - they fired a salute of 15 guns on his arrival a few days ago but I have not yet seen him. I should have opportunities enough. In

fact he will be at a very large party given by the Supt for the benefit of the band tomorrow evening & I have an invitation. They are to give him a review tomorrow. I have had the pleasure of seeing several of these "Reviews" as they had one or two for practice & then one before the Board.

I look forward with great pleasure to seeing you & my other friends at home before many days. This is hastily written but I hope you will find no difficulty in making it out. If so you will have a chance soon of shewing it & inquiring its meaning of

Your affectionate Brother C.H. Howard

P.S. I have some notion of taking a boat direct from Boston to Bath. If I do I shall visit you before going to Leeds C.

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Bangor, Maine

C.H. Howard 1860 H Bangor Nov 15,

My dear brother [This letter must be to Rodelphus, as both Rowland and Otis are referred to in the third person]

My school closed last Frid and Sat forenoon I came here. I expected to hear from you before I left tho' I suppose you consider it settled that you are to teach the school out there at \$21.00 per month & boarded. You had better write to Mr Wm Rogers as to the time when he will meet you here in Bangor. You probably won't want to go out before the Frid or Sat previous to the 1st Monday in Dec. Are you making good progress in French. My class read the 1st 4 fables in the last part of Fasquelles. I hope you will get knowledge enough of it to be able to read with the two or three who desire to study it this winter or hear them recite it with profit to you both. They expect to pay something extra & thus make up 2 months.

In a letter from Rowland rec'd last night he invited me to come & preach for him either before or after Thanksgiving & thus visit him for the fare one way. Don't you intend to be at home Thanksgiving? If I go I think it better be to preach before in order that I may return with you to Bangor. If I don't go I shall be glad to see you as soon as you can come. If at home Thurs you would get here Frid eve & might go out to Holden Saturday stopping on your way to be examined or to arrange for it if you chose. Rev. Mr Southworth is one of the <Gove>. Dr. Fogg is another & Mr. Freeman the other. They are fine men & Mr S is one of the warmest hearted Christian men. Do you feel as tho' the Lord had given you the grace & the preparation you need in order to go into a community where He has been working a work of grace?

None of the converts made before I left will attend your school but may we not hope that some of them who do attend may become converts thro' faithful prayers & the blessing of the spirit upon humble Christian effort?

The election has resulted much to your gratification doubtless as it has for the greater part of my friends. Mr Southworth is quite an earnest Republican. But he regards the winning of souls to Christ as something requiring more attention from us all - give everything its due attention seems to be his motto & this I would desire to do. Write me whether you have been feeling any different in view of the position you are going to occupy for you told me you partook some what of the indifference which characterizes college. If you continue to go in faith to the Lord Jesus He will give you a sense of your sinfulness & dependence upon him and also a exact sense of forgiveness - only go in real good earnest.

Mrs. Newcombe had a good deal to try her & often I have had hardly faith enough to believe fully that she would persevere to the end. Mr N is a second husband & with no refinement or socialization yet a good natured & talkative man quite self-satisfied. Trades horses good deal. Do you think you can be of help to Mrs N in leading a Christian life. If you are only near to Jesus & will conduct family prayers, it will be a great help, I used to have her lead in prayer first, often reading at night. I have written much upon these subjects because so much seems to depend upon your state of mind. Yet all is with Christ & I will trust that you shall find him a very precious help to you in this & every time of need & that I shall seek & find him the same.

I have a very high & pleasant room here in the Chapel building. Fuller came Monday. Rowland mentioned having just heard from Mother & Otis - all well. Write me soon, this week if you can, send to Theo. Sem. Bangor, Me. Regards to Mr Foot & family when you see them.

Affectionately C.H. Howard

P.S. Please tell Nettie that you will see me & I would like to have you bring my Shakespeare & if you have room some other books with my class album. Not important however.

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CHH-043 Bangor, Maine

Bangor Dec. 5, 1860

Dear Brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I am going down to make the purchases for you. I found the throat bandages that eve & thought you would want them. I meant to have sent some word to Mrs Newcombe. You did not say anything about your boarding place. My kindest regards to Mrs N. All I could ask for you would be that you receive as much kind treatment as I did while a member of the family. Ask Mrs N for me to read the X Chap of Hebrews beginning with the 16th verse. Tell her I find great riches in that chapter. Have read it considerably lately & last night read a portion of it to my class as they met for a prayer meeting in my room. We had a very good meeting. I hope we are united by one bond - the love of our Lord.

A letter from Rowland came with yours. One from Otis came the night before. (I will enclose them requesting that you return them to me without fail at the first opportunity). I think I will not send them. Perhaps they would not be of so much interest to you as some of your own. I will add that they were all well tho' Lizzie & Guy have had bad colds. Otis has got so as to translate some Hebrew Psalms & is also studying some other theological books. Rowland heard the Meth min Rev & Mrs Fuller on Thanksgiving day. Mrs Alice Wing is with Otis.

Who are your young lady scholars? My regards to Miss Eliza Rogers & Miss Caroline Hart also to Julia if you have an opportunity to speak with them separately. Hope you will make yourself familiar with my old scholars & find them good friends. If you
brook> no pretention to more knowledge than your class you might read a little French with them, seems to me. If you only will be simple - I mean unaffected you will succeed in all relations I have no doubt. This is especially needful in Religion where pretention & affectation are sins.

How do you like the "big boys" as it is sometimes expressed - the young men? I feel very anxious that you get along well, & agreeably to yourself & others. Just be yourself, unsophisticated (in a good sense) & I trust you will be liked. I never found anything bad in you so I conclude that with the grace of God, you will exhibit nothing bad by just being yourself. The fear is of trying to show something for self-glorification. We should never try to show off self. It is not agreeable to others nor profitable to us. In one word magnify Christ and even this unostentatiously. I am in hopes you will enjoy much of his presence. Some time of every day spent in private devotion & meditation is a fruitful source of spiritual growth. In fact it is essential to spiritual life.

Have you got your glasses yet? I must hasten to close. Write me soon. Mr Southworth was here & took dinner Monday. How did you pass examination? I need advice as much as anybody. Constant counsel & I talk to you just as I want my brothers, all to address me, frankly & freely. It is not so much advice as brotherly suggestions that come up as I write.

Very Affectionately Yours C.H. Howard

Great wedding here last night - my chum attended. Six hundred invitations a Miss Brown to <Goodenuw> Esq of Lewiston. A snow storm close in the wake rather before my wake, I should say.

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CHH-044 Bangor, Maine

Bangor Dec. 15, 1860 [Saturday]

Dear Brother [Rodelphus Gilmore]

I got your letter last night. I had heard of just what you wrote about Wm & Fred by Mr Hart of whom I bo't two cords of wood. He told me Thursday. He hauled the wood yesterday [Friday] but bro't no further news. I felt very sorry to hear that every thing was not going smoothly but I don't see how I can go out.

Rev Mr Southworth intimated (between you & me for the present) that he would want me to occupy his pulpit week from tomorrow & I don't want to be gone two successive Sabbaths. I hope still you may ride out today tho' it is very cold.

I have thought much & prayed about your school & this difficulty. I feared something in that direction.

I have decided that without doubt the best thing for you is to see both the Mr Rogers & talk with them about their sons. I would previously have a good talk with each of the boys alone telling them there is no need of any trouble, ask them what they want & tell them you intend to do just what is right with them. Get them to talk & then reason with them. Ask them if any of your requirements are unjust. Tell them that it will be a very easy matter for them to make the school useless or nearly so to themselves or they can make it profitable & you are ready to give all the assistance in your power.

Perhaps even now you can get on the right side of both of them. If this succeeds I would call quite frequently at their homes, make myself as sociable & agreeable as possible, assisting in studies when practicable. But if they continue intractable, as I before said, I would talk with their fathers telling them just how they are doing. As they are under good discipline at home probably they would come around. Finally if you can't keep them straight by your own nor their fathers means - having first in private informed each of them & their parents of what would be necessary, then speak to Dr Fogg or Mr Southworth about it.

Mr S will probably set all right either by talking to them or by expelling from school. I had to ferule Wm but afterwards he was a pretty good boy. I came near doing the same to Fred but I finally got to be pretty good friends by seeing them a good deal out of school. Treat <Almira> Rogers like a lady, full grown, & perhaps you will get along well with her, but that family are very sensitive. Better call on them if you can make friends.

Nettie inquired where she should send your spectacles. So I hope you have them ere this. Rowland wrote Dellie he would be up to the <> meeting next Tuesday. Otis' baby's hair is black. He sent a lock to Mother. The writing books were \$100 per doz. I put the address on your wrapper - outside of the package with a pencil. Whole came to \$1.99 I believe. You are of course welcome to all I can do for you in any respect. Just tell me what you want.

I called on Miss <Fairfield> week ago - tell Mrs Newcomb. She was taking lessons on her melodeon. Do you have family worship & do you enjoy it? Have you been to any prayer meetings? Rowland wrote that Hibbard (who was a model of piety) made it a point to take part of minutes in every prayer meeting in case the <hour> was very fully taken up by others. Not more than this. Great difficulty is in being too lengthy where we take part. Speak brief & to the point is my motto. People are always apt to be too long in remarks. Pray much & expect the Lord to lead you thro' all difficulty if you love Him for "All things work together for good to them that have least".

How goes the French? Have any difficulty in Algebra or Arithmetic?

Secr'y Cobb [Treasury Secretary under President Buchanan who resigned and started the secessionist Confederate States of America] has resigned & Gen Scott calls for a strong defense of Ft Moultrie. Secession seems inevitable. Hope there'll be no sacrifice of principle.

Write me soon if possible. Mr Hart is coming here Tuesday - start early - send me a letter by Rufus. Wm would take it home Monday night. Nobody <has left> school without some trial & some trouble I guess.

Affectionately yours Charles