

Kent's Hill,
March, 27, 1952.

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

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

Your affectionate son,

Charles H. Howard

Eliza Gilmore.

March 27, 1882

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Rowland told you I suppose that I had purchased the right
to read library books for half of the fee for which I had
to pay 1000, and also that I bought a lamp, when we were
coming up, which cost me 15 cts. This is all the money
that I have spent. My lamp is in my trunk, Mrs. Barker has
taken the light. For one lamp and that is all that I
use she charges 1000, or five apiece. I don't think that
I could furnish my own light any cheaper than that. I
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to meeting last Sabbath all day. I heard Mr. Barker in the
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Tell Della that Mr. Eaton has got a little boy
eight years old who is in my class in philosophy and
arithmetic but he never studied philosophy before but
he has always studied Ralph's Arithmetic before this
year. Give my love to all. Was Howard pretty cold when he
got home? Life soon. Goodbye.

Your affectionate son,
Charles H. Howard

Eliza Gilmore.

Kent's Hill ,
April 3, 1852.

Dear Mother ,

Another week has passed away-----I received with much pleasure a letter from Rowland and Rodelphus in which was enclosed one from Otis. I am glad that Rowland sent it to me. I want him to consider this as an answer to him just as much as tho it were addressed to him. Rowland spoke about wearing my boots. I wear them all of the time, up to recitations and in my room just as I did at home. One morning I got up and took a run out on the crust as far as the woods, out south of the Mansion House before breakfast. Tell Dellie there was a little boy up there getting his sap and he gave me some to drink. There was also a boy here a few days ago with sap sugar for sale but I did not buy any. He sold all that he had within five minutes after the students found out that he had any to sell.

I have just been down to dinner and as it is the same day of the week as it was when I wrote before we had the same for dinner. ~~Ciphering~~ I get along well in my studies, I have got to addition of fractions in ciphering. I am some in advance of my class. I cipher most all of the time; My other studies are so easy that I think that I might have taken another as well as not; but maybe that I shall have enough when the reading and writing classes commence; I declared night before last, ~~xx~~ and to-day I suppose that I must write a piece of composition. I have not written any yet,

Tell Dellie to write me another letter and tell me if he made any April fools. The wind is blowing hard to-day but I am willing as I have a hot fire in my little stove and my room being small too, it makes it quite warm. My room is situated in the northwest corner of the house and has two windows in it, one faces the west and the other the north. I wear my old pants and vest most of the time.

***** There was a man had his arm broken and he had to have it cut off down to Fayette Mills. I believe it was in the shingle mills. His coat caught in the saw and pulled his arm on to it. He was a poor man and had a large family to support. Mr. Eaton said he was in need of each day's wages to support his family. Mr. Eaton got one of the boys to go around to the rooms here in the Mansion and get money for him and they got more than ten dollars I believe, and Mr. Eaton carried it down to him.*****

I would like to have you send me a few letter stamps in your next letter if you have any to spare.

If I write a composition to-night it is time I was about it.

Your Affectionate son,

Eliza Gilmore.

C.H.H.

Kent's Hill
April 5, 1882.

Dear Mother,

Another week has passed away. I received with much pleasure a letter from Rowland and Rodolphus in which was enclosed one from Otis. I am glad that Rowland sent it to me. I want him to consider this as an answer to him just as much as the letter addressed to him. Rowland spoke about wearing my boots. I wear them all of the time, up to recitations and in my room just as I did at home. One morning I got up and took a run out on the grass as far as the woods, out south of the Mansion House before breakfast. Tell Belle there was a little boy up there getting his sap and he gave me some to drink. There was also a boy here a few days ago with sap sugar for sale but I did not buy any. He sold all that he had within five minutes after the students found out that he had any to sell.

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Tell Belle to write me another letter and tell me if she made any April fools. The wind is blowing hard to-day but I am willing as I have a hot fire in my little stove and my room being small too, it makes it quite warm. My room is situated in the northwest corner of the house and has two windows in those faces the west and the other the north. I wear my old pants and vest most of the time. There was a man had his arm broken and he had to have it cut off down to Fayetteville. I believe it was in the single mill. His coat caught in the saw and pulled his arm on to it. He was a poor man and had a large family to support. Mr. Eaton said he was in need of each day wages to support his family. Mr. Eaton got one of the boys to go around to the rooms here in the Mansion and get money for him and they got more than ten dollars I believe and Mr. Eaton carried it down to him.

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C.H.H.

Eliza Calmore.

Kent's Hill.

April 10 1852

Dear Mother,

Time does not wait and you-fi- another week has passed and you find me again seated to write you another letter.*****

I should think that it would be a good sap day.

Tell Rowland that there was a public meeting of the Calioptian society last night. The question for discussion was Whether it is justifiable for the United States to interfere in the affairs of Hungary and Austria if Russia does, that was the imort of it. Mr. Larabee was one and French the other disputant. We had a lesson in singing this morning. I suppose that I shall be obliged to buy me a singing book. I believe that we have not yet a Dulcimer at home. I got up at five oclock and went with Mr. Hewet to hear his class recite in Gwography. It would suit Dellie to study Geography the way they do here, They have great maps so large that one state on them wou;d be as large our little atlases. There isn't any printing on them at all and some of their lessons are to sing or chant the bodies of water and others the Capes and Mountains.

I get along we;l in my studies as we;l as I can expect and that is what I came here for.

Yur affectionate son,

C.H.H.

Ken's Hill
April 10/1902

Dear Mother,

Time does not wait and few of us - another week has passed and you find me again seated to write you another letter. I should think that it would be a good day. Tell Howard that there was a public meeting of the Gallopian society last night. The question for discussion was whether it is justifiable for the United States to interfere in the affairs of Hungary and Austria if Russia does. That was the report of Mr. Larnable was one and through the other disputant. We had a lesson in singing this morning. I suppose that I shall be obliged to buy me a singing book. I believe that we have not yet a Duettist at home. I got up at five o'clock and went with Mr. Hewes to hear his class recite in Geography. It would suit Belle to study Geography the way they do here. They have great maps so large that one state on them would be as large as our little states. There isn't any printing on them at all and some of their lessons are to sing or chant the bodies of water and others the Gorges and Mountains.

I get along well in studies as well as I can expect and that is what I came here for.

Your affectionate son,

C. H. H.

Kent's Hill,
April 17, 1882

Dear Mother,

It snowed Fast day all day and all night .I went to meeting in the forenoon at which I heard Mr. Weber give a short address and also a paper read by Mr. Robinson. They organized their Sabbath school Fast Day too.

I read the whole account of the wreck in the New York Tribune. It appears that those of the passengers who have not got a chance to go to San Francisco are suffering there at Acapulco now, for I saw in the Boston Argus that they had to depend upon the goodness of travelers for what they had for they had no money.

I was glad to hear that the railroad was going to be finished, and I have always been in hopes that it would be built. Although most of the folks did not wish to have it go, most of the folks in Leeds I mean I suppose Father has more hopes of it now, that Dr. Hilbourn is turned out for he used to say that as long as Hilbourn was one of the directors that it would not go.

We have quite a large class in singing now and we sing in the books. We sing in the books now and have got so that we sing tunes in four sharps.

Kent's Hill,
April 14, 1882

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May 11, 1852.

Dear Mother,

I suppose Dellie had a good time last night for it was Maynight and there was a Maybasket hung on almost every door in the Mansion. There was one hung on our door for Mr. Hewet but he was not here. He went with several others to organize a Watchman's Club, up to Fayette's, corner.

I played ball most of the forenoon, Mr. Torsey was out playing ball.

I don't know but I wrote you before that I was attending writing school. I like Mr. Perley, the writing master very well. He gives us a kind of lecture every day while we are writing, sometimes on Perseverance and sometimes on something else. He has mottoes, if that is the right name, hung up in the room as "You can conquer by perseverance." "Excelsior." etc.

How does the railroad get along are they laying the tracks? *****

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June 6, 1852.

Dear Mother,

It is two weeks since I have been at home .
After leaving Rowland at Kent'at North Wain I came up
across the pasture and was in a few moments on Kent's Hill.

The prizes have been awarded for writing and book
keeping.

The exhibition will be a week from next Wednesday
and Thursday. Those who are to take part have not done
much besides writing and committing their pieces. I don't k
know but I am as interested in my studies as I have been at
all. We have got to cube root in Arithmetic.

June 8, 1888.

Dear Mother,

It is two weeks since I have been at home. After leaving Howland at Kent's at North Wain I came up across the pasture and was in a few moments on Kent's Hill.

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Kent's Hill,
Aug, 22, 1852.

Dear Mother,

(Several Paragraphs omitted)

I have had to study pretty hard this week to catch up with the class in algebra, in fact I did not understand it at all until I had gone back over the first part. I have now fairly caught up with the class in it. My Latin I like very much. I do not find much trouble in keeping up with the class and have got to reading some little short lessons, translating from Latin into English and from English into Latin.

Mr. Carpenter stayed here on the hill until Tuesday. He came down here to see me Sunday evening and found a young lady here that he was acquainted with by the name of Wilbur. She was about to put up her piano so he tuned it for her. Tuesday morning he went with me up to Mr. Wheelocks' and introduced me to Miss. Wheelock. And I agreed to take half a course of lessons of her on the piano, which would be three dollars and practice every day which will be about a dollar. Mr. Carpenter thought I had better take lessons. I took one lesson yesterday.

I suppose that Rowland and George are about to milk now. Tell them I hope to see them to camp meeting. You must write how they are getting along with the railroad. Have you heard anything from Otis since he left? Oh, I almost forgot to tell you it was my birthday yesterday which made me fourteen. I should like to have been at home my birthday, Write soon Mother.

Your Affectionate son,
Charles H. Howard

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Mother.

Your Affectionate son,
Charles H. Howard

Kent's Hill.
Sept. 19, 1852

Dear Mother,

Tis Sabbath day to-day and I am quite lonesome while mychum is gone. I thought of going down to Asa's (Arsa's?) Friday night and of walking home in the morning and even got already to go. Perhaps Mother you will come up to see me and bring my things. I should like very much to have you. I presume you will think I am homesick but I am not. After leaving Rowland at Camp-meeting I went and found Roscoe and found that he wished to stop the evening so I stopped and heard another sermon which closed about ten o'clock. I then started with Roscoe and another fellow to walk to Kent's Hill. We arrived here at twelve o'clock pretty tired and sleepy. Soon we went to bed and slept soundly all night and got up in the morning to go to studying to make up what we had lost.

I have just made a pause in my writing to run down the road and get the cows for Mrs. Robinson. They have been gone ever since last night.

I have received a letter from Otis written the ninth. He gave a description of his journey after leaving father and Rowland at the depot, as far as New York City, said he would finish in his next. You did not write a very long letter, the last one Mother and you did not seem very happy. I suppose that you had not got over the bad feelings that you had in parting with Otis for so long a time and perhaps you miss me a little.

I suppose the boys have begun to cut stacks and to go about the fall work. They told me that they were digging a well and I hope that they were successful in finding water for we need it much. The church has bought an Aeolian of Mr. Carpenter here at Kent's Hill. Tell Rowland "Scribere cito, et scribere multum" and tell him to translate "Latinus magnopere probo". It pleases me much that I can write some to my brothers in Latin.

I am afraid that I don't take exercise enough. It is not as it was last term. Down there the fellows would run in and tell me that I must run out and play ball or something else.

Roscoe has come but I find that you have not seen him. Please let the bad penmanship be outbalanced by the quantity this time.

Yours Affectionate Son,
C.H.H.

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Ever Affectionate Son,
C.H.H.

Kent's Hill.
Aug, 28, 1853

Dear Mother,

My journey home and treatment there restored my health excepting my cough which has become most entirely well by the help of the thoroughwort.

It is the intermission between the forenoon and afternoon meeting. I heard Elder Prince sermonize this forenoon. His text was Psalm 37, v 37. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace."

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Kent's Hill.
Aug. 28, 1883

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Kent's Hill
Sept. 23, 1853.

Dear Brother,

I was very glad to receive your letter and hope that 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, away 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, and 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 what it is to be, and your habits, the most important of all your qualities. ~~Yxxxxxxxxx~~ as regards your education and future life. You must do your best Delle, to cultivate habits of study now when you are just beginning and they will never leave you. But this is not interesting, you will be better pleased with my own affairs and Kent's Hill news. I arose this morning at half past four as I had instructed the watch to call me at that time. I suppose you know what I mean by the watch. We are all advised 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, I got out my Caesar lesson, then as some of the students wished to pitch quoits I did this awhile for the exercise. Then I wrote some on the question which I was appointed to discuss at the next private Calopian Meeting. Those who have been here before this term and are not very poor at speaking are called public declaimers, declaiming every ~~Rx~~ second Friday before the whole school. The others are called private declaimers and declaim every Thursday evening, the ladies not being present.

(On the same paper,)

Dear Orilla,

I am glad at any time to receive a letter from a friend and schoolmate. I like Kent's Hill better than Topsham, one reason is that at Kent's Hill one has the benefit of a literary society conducted by the students for mutual improvement, and a large (that is, for an academy) library. There is a public meeting of this society every other Friday evening when the ladies and citizens are present. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~. Last evening the president, Mr. Torsey being absent, the society was called to order by the vice-president. Then as usual there was a declamation by one of the students, then a dissertation by J. A. Winters, my room-mate. His subject was Socrates. He wrote fifteen pages and a half. Next in order was the discussion of the question, Should Cuba be annexed as one of the U.S.A.? At first there is a speaker on each side of the

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YOUR Friend,

C. H. H.

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Kent's Hill
Sept.30,1853.

My dear Mother,

I was real glad of the peaches. Chum and 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~~ 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 manytimes. I think number 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 rapped near the sole and so with my shoes. I think I shall come home a week from to-morrow. Has Rowland gone back to Brunswick?

Kent's Hill
Sept. 30, 1882.

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is ripped near the sole and so with my shoes. I think I shall
come home a week from to-morrow. Has Howard gone back to
Brunswick?

Kent's Hill.
October 30, 1853.

Dear brother Dellie,

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

I am glad you declaimed and write compositions for now is the time to begin. If you keep on writing often, you will get so that you can write a very good one for practice makes perfect. I was real glad to get the news you wrote and to have you write about your good times. Study, persevere, this is right, harder when you have anything hard to study, from your

Most affectionate brother

C.H.H.

Hent's Mill.
October 30, 1883.

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Kent 's Hill.
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Mr.Eaton's for board,woodetc.	\$20.00
Mr.Torseý's for tuition. about	\$ 5.00
For 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 received your letter,especiallyas we are to have a good teacher in our schoolat hñme.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 benn 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 wish to enjoy the society of my mother,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 Aeolian.I can also help my brother Dellie. And therefore at her home and my home I am contented.I now like to,have youwrite about religious subjects 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.Good-night,Mother.I must read and kneel before I retire.I suppose you remember that my Aeollan is to be earried home but the wagon can be sent with the seat as at other times. I think I shall need a cord to bind on my trunk with the Aeolian.If I get a dictionary,I shall need five dollars more.I believe Mr.Torseý has some.

From your affectionate son.,

C.H.H.

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My dear Mother,

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Kent's Hill.
March 18, 1854.

Dear Mother,

My first week at the school is coming to a close.

Did Dellie arrive at home safe and sound the same day that he left me? Did he have no trouble in driving the colt in the snowstorm? and did he get the Scions for budding the trees for when he had gone I found that I had not let him have the money. I felt sorry and ashamed of my self but to no purpose. The man told me he should ask about a fourpence, and you let me have 30 cts. and I should have let Dellie take it if it had not slipped entirely from my mind.

Dellie told you, I suppose that I found Winter awaiting me at the Mansion with the room ready for my reception though rather a cool one. I remained there with him til yesterday morning when he went ~~xxxMxxTx~~ with his sister to Mr. Torsey's to board and I moved in with Bartlett Frost, Harriet's brother. The room I am now in is the one I roomed in two years when I first came to Kent's Hill.

Frost is a good studious and steady fellow and is studying Greek with me. He is in advance of me in Latin and helps me whenever I wish very pleasantly. He has been here all winter and has been studying Greek and Latin all of the time so Greek is more familiar to him than to me til I reviewed some. But I have not found any trouble in getting my lessons yet if I have not kept them in my mind this winter. Mr. Walsh is my teacher and I like him better as a teacher than I did Mr. Robinson. He makes his classes more interesting and lively, gives longer lessons and the fellows recite better ones. I am obliged I find to pay two dollars a week whether I furnish my wood and light or not so I shall not, of course. My expenses will be more this spring than they have ever been before. I shall be obliged to buy me a Virgil and Lexicon. They cost \$6.20 here.

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Kent's Hill.
April 29, 1854

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Rowland writes about my attending school, where it shall next be, speaks of Yarmouth and says that they are to have a new teacher there in the old academy. He also speaks of Andover Massachusetts. Andover is, I suppose, a very good school but it is at a very great distance from home so that the expenses will be increased by traveling so far. I do not know but they will have a good school at Yarmouth under a new instructor but I certainly would not go there if the school is now what it was when I went there first. Then there was not much else but drinking, arousing, gambling, and playing at cards. Although there were a few it is not a good place to go to get good knowledge.

There are about sixty ladies of different ages and stages here this term but not any very young ones. I do not know very much about them as the ladies are not very apt to study Greek and Latin.

Yur Affectionate Son,
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Your Affectionate Son,
Charles.

Yarmouth,
September 9, 1854

My dear Mother,

I have been from home only about three days but it seems to me much longer. I had a pleasant ride on the cars though rather warm, having my nosegay for a plaything. I have it now but it has become rather dried. Always when my eye rests on it, it causes me to think of the morning I left, of the busy but happy time, and I sometimes wish I was back home again. I found a pretty good room. Winter came a short time after I did and is rooming with me. Charlie Haines came Thursday morning and is boarding at Mr. Wiggin's house but he has been in here much.

The students boarding in commons this term are ~~all~~ ~~xxx~~ many of them pious and all steady, studious fellows, much better than those who used to be here. Several of them will be in my class in college if we all continue to prosper. We have a blessing asked at table and are to have a prayer meeting by ourselves Tuesday evening.

There is a fair in Portland next week, I believe. Tell Lizzie perhaps I shall go and pay a visit there for the fare on the railroad is reduced.

How does Mr. Brewster get along with his cranberrying? Does he let people pick at wholes yet?

Y our affectionate son,
C.H.H.

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Yarmouth,
Sept. 24, 1854.

My dear Mother,

Otis has gone so you are left at last without a single son for company. Otis bid me good-bye with Rowland Wednesday night. I staid with Rowland a week ago to-night.

I took a bath this morning in a place prepared for the purpose in the stream below here. It is under a saw mill and ~~xx~~ there are ~~three~~ apartment s prepared. The water runs along ~~and~~ in a large spout and in each of the apartments there is a piece of tin with holes in it nailed on to the spout over a hole made in it, so that the water pours through it as through ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ a strainer constantly. I stood under this about a second or a little more three times. It did not make me cold or shiver at all but I enjoyed it much. Then giving myself a good rubbing, I came back warm and clean.

In the afternoon I went to the Baptist, heard a man from Madeira preach, His text was Isaiah 42 v 44. He read a lecture giving a description of the people, the state of the religion etc. It seems that he is a Portuguese. Most of the people are. The established religion is Catholic and the Protestants are very much persecuted. He gave us a description of the manner in which his sister escaped her persecutors when seventeen years of age and came to this country.

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Yarmouth.
December 24, 1854.

My dear Mother,

It is Sunday noon and I have just returned from church. Mr. Aiken is our preacher here in the Congregationalist house where I usually go as it is much nearer than the Baptist house and we often have someone here from Bowdoin here to preach. Professor Packard gave us the sermon last Sunday. They also have a very fine organ at this church which cost nine hundred dollars.

We are requested to get a lesson in the Greek testament to translate on Monday morning. It is the only studying we do on Sunday.

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Yarmouth,
Dec, 25, 1854

Four A.M. Christmas morning. I wish you a Merry Christmas
Father, Mother, Dellie and Roland Alger. Indeed I hope you will all
enjoy yourselves. Please write me how you are spending the
day and in what manner. You must not forget that on this day
Christ was born, on this day, the star appeared in the eastern
sky to guide the wisemen to the child Jesus. And Don't be
forgetful of Him, His birth and His death for God was and is
constantly mindful of you.

Etc.

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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 make 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. Now it seems as though the cause ought not to lack supporters in private, which is so ably supported in public. If the

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Howland 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 Howland. But I believe there has been a law passed from which it is easier to send money by mail now. Do you have any preaching at the Centre now? Rider Hunter has gone to New Brunswick I believe. I wish they would get a young, smart man to preach and live in Leeds, who would make 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 laborer and patient Missionary into Leeds. Della 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 stringent and effective. In Portland they have gained a glorious and 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

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Watervliet Arsenal N.Y.
Nov. 4th 1855.

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Bath Maine

Sat. Eve. Sept 6, 1856.

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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)"Pieced" the sleeves to my old great-coat and I think I will wear it some while here, in my room if no where else. Prof. Packard has gone to Biddeford, so we shall have no recitation next Monday Morning. I do not think Dellie's room-mate is as good a one 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 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 tact, 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.

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Bowdoin College, Mar. 9, 1857.

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-----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 \$2.50 at the Bookseller's and have money to get home with. Without
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Mrs. E. Gilmore.

Bowd. Coll. July 7th 1857.

My dear Mother

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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 Gods 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!

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Your Affec. Son

C.H. Howard

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.

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 and 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 and 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 Lexicon I think. I got a new one and have kept it covered and looking pretty well. You will want to keep it all your life. Price \$4.25.

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.

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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.

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 48 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 excited 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 learned 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.

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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.

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Brunswick Jan. 27, 1858.

My dear Mother

I ought to have written and sent you a letter Monday. The Eolian came in safety. Rowland came on the same train of cars. It was a pity Father did not go down to the Junction with it on Sat. and consign it to Rowland but you did not know he was coming thro' I suppose. It came by express and therefore cost a dollar instead of 37 cts. I guess Solomon did not mark it with the chalk for Yarmouth Junction. Howe could not find it. But while I was talking with Rowland and had just mentioned the Eolian the Express man came up and asked if there was any such a person as Charles H. Howard in these parts. He knew Rowland and spoke to him. I took it over to Mr. Meryman's where I spent my Sabbath. Since I came out to my school I have had so many things to attend to, and cares, that not till I had gone to bed last night did I think that I ought to write and let you know of the safe arrival. I had thought of you many times and of the Eolian but when I had the opportunity had not thought of writing.

No, Mother I have not heard from Otis since you have. I expected Rowland up from Bath to see me Monday night, but last night it rained. Oh what a splendid day it has been today. I have been looking for R. and Ella all day and am going out to the Village after Supper and see if I cannot find them.

He said he should come up. He looked as usual and said he saw Dellie at Auburn. -----

The term as begun and it makes me homesick to hear the ringing of the distant bell. It reminds me that College is going on but I do not and probably cannot study a mite. This house and family where I board consists of 1 room and two bed rooms and a "butry" 2 little girls and a young man of 22 that go to school and a father and mother. You see the chance of study is small. There is a hole in the toe of my new boot which I must have mended tonight. It will take my last quarter of a dollar and so I would be glad to have some more. Did not suppose I'd have to pay so much for Eolian.

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Bowd. Coll.
April 5, 1858.

My dear Mother

Saturday afternoon I was writing on my 1st Theme. I am now pretty much made up, all but my themes. Our vacation is at hand. I suppose our Examination will occur on Tuesday two weeks from tomorrow. Expect me as soon as Wednesday for my stay at home is to be so short I don't mean to delay getting there. I hope you are well mother if so it seems to me I shall have a very pleasant visit. My clothes perhaps more than usual will need your attention if you are well. I have been away a long time now. I want a pair at least of good shirts and if you could get the cloth so as to have them set about soon after I get home it would be well. I want a couple of Collars to say the least.

I have left in a condition to be worn only that pair of black pants which were Otis'. I have just put them on. Hope they will last the fortnight. The taylor is making me a pair of black Doe-Skin as I found those others wore so remarkably well. I have one shirt which sets well and I will I think have the others made by it. They told me this winter that some of my old shirts deserved new bosoms.

So much for clothes. Now I want you to tell me what you think about bringing my Eolean home this vacation. I would like to have it here during term time and it is questionable whether during this short vacation it would pay for the expense of transportation. If you think best I will pack it again. I want to read studiously while at home because I have not read a word this time owing to making up. I am not one to read fast and remember without effort and I feel as though I shall be deficient when I come to call on my mind for thoughts on the various subjects which must be treated of while here and when I have left College. -----

Tues. afternoon. I have just returned from dinner. There is a prayer meeting at this time down at the vestry every noon for a half hour. I sometimes go down. We have a meeting in one of our recitation rooms three times a week from 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

There was preaching almost every night last week at the vestry, once by Mr. J.S.C. Abbott, once by Mr. Morse the Methodist, once by Prof Packard and by Dr. Adams. Dr. Adams was up at my room this forenoon. He has never been here before and I have never known him to call on any student since I have been in College. He knocked at the door, I said "Come" and he opened the door and looking in and seeing several in here studying (as it was just about recitation time) he remarked that he would call again at some other time and retired. George Moody a particular friend of mine of my class and who rooms on this floor has just indulged a hope in Christ. There have been some out of every class.

Possibly I may come Tuesday, Mother, but if it is not perfectly convenient you needn't send to the cars. I can walk down, if I come. I have heard from Dellie. He is well. Give my love to Father. I am glader than ever that vacation is at hand.

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Chas. H. Howard.

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Father. I am gladder than ever that vacation is at hand.
Your affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard

Bowd. Coll. Mar. 28, 1859

My dear Mother

I have an opportunity of sending a letter thro' by Mr. Fuller of my class. He is going up in the cars, so I thought I would write a few lines at least.

Mr. Fuller's mother is just gone with the Consumption. His father wrote Saturday for him to come home and he will not be back this term. He has been fearing she would be worse this Spring. His sister was at the Maine State Sem. but went home last week. He looks pretty solemn. He will probably lose a most estimable parent making his home in a measure desolate. He will also lose his college privileges of the remainder of this term which is about 3 weeks and they are of more account as Prof. Chadbourne goes away at the close of this term and he will lose his lectures and other instruction.

Fuller has been with me about as much as tho' we used the same room. We have got nearly all our lessons together. We read the Mental Philosophy aloud, reading each alternate sections. Sometimes I am in his room which is by the side of mine and sometimes he is in mine. He is reading my Independent here now. He takes the Transcript and I have the reading of that. I forget whether I have written since I got my last papers or not. I will not trouble you to send any more this term as I have my part to attend to now and can have little time to read.

What a beautiful morning we have. I got up about 5 o'clock to get my Chemistry. After breakfast I went down to Mr. Meryman's as I do every pleasant morning to hear Nettie recite but we frequently go out to take the morning air. Today we went to walk and talked on the subject of the lesson with her instead of hearing a lesson from the text book.

I went to church on the Hill yesterday. Dr. Adams exchanged with Mr. Walker of State St. Church in Portland. He is a young man and a very interesting preacher. In the evening I went to the Vestry to hear the first of a series of sermons by Prof. Egbert Smyth. His subject appeared to be God as the moral Gov. of the Universe. Besides the natural evidences of this and those from the reason of the thing he spoke of the direct Communications-----recorded in the Bible. First the Prohibition to Adam and Eve, 2d the Decalogue, 3d the Transfiguration Scene when He said "This is my beloved Son, Hear ye Him."

We have every reason to believe what was communicated in the two last holds good now and will always hold good. Christ came to fulfill the Law.

I was over to Mrs. Frost's last Thursday noon. Saw Mrs. Potter there. She went out in the train expecting to meet her husband on Brunswick side and go to Bath. They came up the day before to Mr. Center's funeral. He was a cousin of Mrs. P. I believe. One of his daughters Anna Hattie was there and was going to stay till Sat. Ann Octavia was down to Bath. Has been there some time going to a private school and taking lessons in music of Ella.

Ella I suppose you know talks of going to N.York and to West Point among other places. Otis has invited her to come and spend the next winter with him. I should like to go. What do you think about it? I have a great notion of getting a school to keep this Fall. I have not heard from Rowland for some time nor from Dellie for a week. I want to get a letter from him soon. How does the wood pile come on?

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Mr. Fuller's mother is just gone with the Consumption. His father wrote Saturday for him to come home and he will not be back this term. He has been feeling the worst this Spring. His sister was at the Maine State Sem. but went home last week. He looks pretty solemn. He will probably lose a most estimable parent making his home in a measure desolate. He will also lose his college privileges of the remainder of this term which is about 3 weeks and they are of more account as Prof. Chadbourne goes away at the close of this term and he will lose his lectures and other instruction.

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What a beautiful morning we have. I got up about 5 o'clock to get my Chemistry. After breakfast I went down to Mr. Mayman's as I do every pleasant morning to hear Nellie recite but we frequently go out to take the morning air. Today we went to walk and talked on the subject of the lesson with her instead of hearing a lesson from the text book.

I went to church on the Hill yesterday. Dr. Adams exchanged with Mr. Walker of State St. Church in Portland. He is a young man and a very interesting preacher. In the evening I went to the Vestry to hear the first of a series of sermons by Prof. Egbert Gayth. His subject appeared to be God as the moral Gov. of the Universe. Besides the natural evidences of this and those from the reason of the thing he spoke of the direct communications recorded in the Bible. First the prohibition to Adam and Eve, 2d the Decalogue, 3d the Transfiguration scene when he said "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him."

We have every reason to believe what was communicated in the two last holds good now and will always hold good. Christ came to fulfill the law.

I was over to Mrs. Frost's last Thursday noon. Saw Mrs. Potter there. She went out in the train expecting to meet her husband on Brunswick side and go to Bath. They came up the day before to Mr. Center's funeral. He was a cousin of Mrs. P. I believe. One of his daughters Anna Hattie was there and was going to stay till Sat. Ann Octavia was down to Bath. Has been there some time going to a private school and taking lessons in music of Miss.

Ellis I suppose you know talks of going to N. York and to West Point among other places. Ellis has invited her to come and spend the next winter with him. I should like to go. What do you think about it? I have a great notion of getting a school to keep this Fall. I have not heard from Howard for some time nor from Delia for a week. I want to get a letter from him soon. How does the wood pile come on?

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Leeds Me.

Apr. 27, 1859.

My dear Julius

You dont know how glad I was to have such a letter from you and Melville. I did not know Melville was with you before and did not even know certainly where you was or what you was there for. I am bad enough off to be sure but after thinking and praying over the subject a good deal I cannot think it is better for me to leave College now. If I left I could not graduate in this Class and I should never want to enter another. My friends would not appreciate my case fully, no one would understand it as you and Melville would. I am no worse than I have been for four or five years that I know of. To be sure I have had three or more times during the week past but I dont expect to have another for several weeks. I am delighted at the prospect of your being Cured but dont dare to hope such an attainment for myself. Go on, God speed to you my dear fellows. I thank you so much for your interest in me. If I live till the 10th of August and you are benefitted in the meanwhile, as you expect to be, then I will go to Hill. I was intending to teach this Fall but I will give that up.

Write me what you do, say when you get up in the morning, when breakfast, what you do before and after and how you occupy yourself during the day. Dont the Doct. think you better read any? That is strange. Are there any others with the same trouble as yourselves. You said other patients but I didn't know what their ailments were.

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Affectionately yours

C.H.Howard

I go to Brunswick week from Friday. Write before if you can, if not write me just as soon as you can. I want to know how you get along. Gratify me will you?

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Bowdoin College
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You did not write when you was coming but I suppose the first train on Monday, arriving here at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. At 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ the exercises of our class day begin. You would enjoy witnessing these I doubt not. First an Oration and Poem by members of my class, then at the old tree, a class History, a Prophecy, an address to the tree, an Ode written by Fuller will then be sung by all who can sing. Then we each take one draught from a big pipe, the Calumet of peace and all our difficulties and differences vanish away in smoke. Prize declamation of Juniors Mond. Eve. Oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Tuesday forenoon will probably be the most able production of Commencement week. It is by President Sears of Brown University. Tuesday P.M. Oration and Poem before the United Societies Ath. and Penc. Dr. Holland Editor of the Springfield Republican and author of Titcomb Letters and a new Poem "Bitter Sweet" is the Orator and will give something exceedingly fine. Poem by Melville Fuller of Augusta. Concert by the Germania Band in the eve. will be the best ever listened to here it is said. They will try to out-do Dodworth as this is the first time a change has been made for several years and as they do not come so far we can afford to have 6 more pieces (instruments) than we had from Dodworth.

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Don't think, Mother, that Nettie was unhappy at Leeds. She says it was one of the pleasantest and happiest weeks of her life and she wants to go again and would after Com. if it was agreeable to you and her school was done. But she teaches a week after Com. She has never mentioned to any one what I said to you. Wouldn't have told me if I had not seen it myself and spoken about it. It was of no consequence.

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West Point Oct. 25, 1859.

My dear Mother

Errk ago last Frid. I came here and Otis wrote you a lette that might after I went to bed. Since then I have been so much occupied with choring for Otis and visiting the novelties of West Point that I could not get time to write the letters I desired to. K feel badly sometimes to do gully absorbed before when I was engaged in no regular employment. My baths take considerable -The wate is down in the entry-room of the cillar-kitchen- It has to be timpered with warm- My tub sits in my bed-room which opens out of the dining and sitting rooms- The house has two rather small front rooms with a halland front stairs between- they come up from the kitchen underneath the stairs of the front entry. But instead of taking my water through the sitting-room (when I am now writing at Otis' desk) I turn to my right and go back into a little entry on the wist or back lide of the house and that opens into "Lizzies" company bed-room"the only unoccupied room we have and through that I goto my room with the water - entering it on the opposite side from this room. They have but one chamber where Otis and Lizzie sleep with Grace in her little crib a/t the foot of their bed and Guy in a kind of box-bed Otis has made for him, in another corner of the room two "Luthern" windows open into the chamber and one small wondow at one end- There is a bedroom fo the girls partly behind the parlor and in the west by north part of the house. They like this home better than they did th other. My room opining out of this is warmed by th coal fire they always keep here. The whole house is supplide with gas. I rise at th firing of the gun at 5;30 o'clock- Go down and kindle a fire and warm some water as speedily as possible- Otis comes down before it is warm usually and gives me my morning bath in alittle kind of closet about 10 by 6 feet which is under the cillar stairs- opining out of the kitchen- He has a tub about 8 feet long made to lie down in - In this I stand and he dashes two pails fuoo of water upon me and then gives me a brisk rubbing first with towels and thenwith hes hands- I then dip out what water is caught in the tub and carry it out and go out and split wood till nearly seven when I come up and get ready for breakfast- We have prayers when B. is over and by that time it is nearly or quite 8 when Otis goes to his recitations- Yesteday we got through prayers in time for me to go out and witness " Guard-mounting" for the first time, I have ofren witnessed parad at night. Sometimes tis ad very friquently Lizzie goes with meto parade. Two or three times I have been down to Baltimore Falls. Otis makes some purchases there. He got my tub and a pail and thermometer there and at another time the went to the mill and got flout. Graham and some Indian which are almost indispensabse in my diet-I find that almost all the dishes as cooked for the family ate spoilt for me either by salt or spice or fat andgrease of somekind- But I have persisted in telling Lizzie and till I how usually get my vegetables without salt-bread and "cracker what" and even hominy in its pristine purity. The weather has been very cold since I came till yesterday when it was quite warm and pleasant- This morning the air is mild and bright the most healthful weather. My health continues to improve I think* It is at least as good ans it has been any time since I left home. I enjoy the scenery and sights of thisplace very much- Lizzie and Guy went with me up to old Fort Putman yesteday- You get a grand view from there and we had an opportunity of seeing one of the old fortresses of the Revolution- It is quite in ruins but it gave me a good idea of how forts are constructed- We can see the river for many miles- Can see where Arnold lived- Get a complete view of Cold Spring and can take in West Point

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C. H. Howard

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 soon Howard's a classmate was also there and he had a great deal
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 in the morning. Oils will soon be back from Boston. Lizzie
 --- taken my bath - since breakfast shovelled into the wood-house
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 ferry boat lands - but you also go down at 6 o'clock - Lizzie says
 we are a few steps north of the Academic building and the T.O. is
 away over by the Soldiers Barracks. This is one of my regular duties
 to go to the daily and have it done for Oils. I am going to tell
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To Rodolphus Gilmore
Half-brother of Otis & Charles Howard

Headquarters 1st Brigade
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Dear Delli:

I was in hopes to write you a good long letter tonight, but soon after Tea Perry Lee unexpectedly made his appearance and with him two gentlemen from Farmington, - Mr. Caswell & Mr. Pillsbury the Editor. They were here last night and today went to Mt. Vernon having stopped with the 4th Me. last night they will stay with us tonight. (torn out) has returned to the 3d Me. with one of the Sergts. who came over with him. John is making up the beds for the entire Company. Mr. Whittlesey will quarter with the Dr. who has a tent near by. You will have received my second letter telling you that directing the 1st to Brunswick was a mere slip of the pen. I directed it very hastily. Today I have been on duty, attending drills in forenoon and afternoon. Brigade drill this P.M. in which I usually take some part. I never drilled any before. I frequently carry orders or repeat them, sitting upon my horse nearer to one of the extremes some 3 or 4 rods from the General. Lt. Miles always attends the drills too. I feel pretty tired and sleepy tonight. I have a grey horse peculiarly marked. Some call him a Zebra, others a Leopard. I call him "Dick." He is large, was thin, but is fast getting on good flesh. He has a good deal of spirit, but is not very well trained, yet the only thing I have to fear about him is that he will not have courage enough. He sometimes runs skittishly. He belongs to Otis. I have not yet got my commission, but have been appointed and wait the pleasure of the New York Governor. I took this paper because it lay on my table and I thought perhaps I might fill even this. The rest are "fast retiring" and I must follow suit. My fox-skin robe is very warm, if it was only a little longer so as to cover my feet a little better I should not be cold at all. We had prayers just now. Sewall read from N. Testament & Mr. Whittlesey offered the prayer. We have some rumors afloat tonight which would alarm less experienced soldiers but we have got used to them & being always ready do not get alarmed. We had to have the countersign changed throughout the whole army owing to its being found out by some rebel.

Your letter came this P.M. and gave me much pleasure, especially as it told of your prosperity. Good night. Otis says, "Charles, when are you going to get done."

Friday Morning. Otis has gone out and the bugle sounds. I hear it echoed from the various regiments and the drums begin to sound (?) I must go down to Reveille. I was very glad you were having a good union prayer-meeting. I hope you will get great good by this means of Grace, if others do not. Again we have had prayers. Mr. Whittlesey strikes up a hymn usually. "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name" this morning. I found, much to my surprise that Howard Randelett was connected with the hospital of the 8th N.H. of our Brigade. He saw me and called out the other day just as I was coming from the Dr's tent. He enlisted as a private but gets extra pay for being in hospital, so that his wages are \$21 per month.

Prof. Whittlesey seems to think highly of you, says he has had occasion to speak well of some of your accademical performances, but he was not aware you were any relative of ours, much more a brother. Do you like it as well as at Falmouth? Having a good boarding place adds greatly to your comfort.

If Burnside's expedition makes an attack down river upon the batteries I think likely we may have something to do soon. If that does happen (?) I don't know but we will winter here. It matters little to us for we had as lief drill as not, but most of the troops are impatient for an action. Implicit confidence, however, continues and soldiers learn to await orders.

I got a good letter from Mother a few days ago. Lizzie and family I expect are at Auburn. Now for breakfast. Remember us in your prayers.

Very Affectionately Yr. Bro. C.H. Howard

P.S. I was pained to see the death of my classmate King.

P.S. Otis sends his love and hopes you will do well & do your duty.

Head Quarters
1st Brigade
Dec. 29, 1861

My dear Mother

Since our Prayer-meeting this evening I have been sitting while the rest for the most part have carried on the conversation. Mr. George Patten, brother in law of Mr. Whittlesey came over from Third Maine today. He was at tea tonight with us and went to our meeting which was holden in a new hospital tent of the 61 Regt. which had not been occupied.

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Before "Church" I sorted some tracts, etc., attended services with 61st N.Y. Mr. Whittlesey began the exercises (text, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness") but had for an assistant Rev. Mr. Stone of Conn. who had friends in the Regt. and came out to spend one Sabbath. We stood during the service, the men formed in a hollow square. Afterwards I visited the hospitals and distributed some copies of the Christian Banner to our Regt. Otis started with me but we went in opposite directions. He went finally to a hospital at a home near by and had prayers and by that time our dinner was ready. We expected Mr. Patten and so had some extras today, first oysters and then beans and chickens. The last were "well put together" as we have it out here. The beans took the place of potatoes which cannot be procured now. We have excellent bread and this made out our dinner. After dinner Otis took a sleep and I was rejoiced to have him do so for he frequently loses some sleep and rarely makes it up. He slept till nearly three o'clock, - meanwhile I carried some religious reading to the hospital Otis had visited before dinner. Mr. Patten, with the two Bath Capts. that were (now Sampson is Lt. Col.) arrived about this time. They soon went up to Ft. Worth just above us, Mr. Whittlesey with them and Otis and I rode over to Clermont which we have taken for a hospital. We have a good many such now. Clermont is a perfect picture of depredation and desolation, but they are trying to patch up the windows and doors to make it comfortable for a hospital. Otis talked to the men in four different rooms, offering prayer in each. We left some books and tracts in each of them. There are many cases of measles. We had a pleasant ride over and back and found Rev. Mr. Adams of 5th Maine here with his son who is from Yale College. They did not tarry long. I ran around and delivered the countersign to the different Col's and then came to supper. Our prayer-meeting was very good. Mr. Stone conducted. Mr. W., Otis, Capt. S. and many others took part. There were a dozen commissioned officers of the 61st N.Y. present. We hope to have a log chapel built by another Sabbath.

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