My dear friend,

I am greatly pleased to hear from you, and ask to hear such good news as you are happy enough to add at this time of health and freedom. I am always grateful to see the good health and happiness of those I love, and I hope you are both enjoying the friendship and companionship of each other.

I hope you will be able to return soon, as I am eager to see you again. Until then, please take care of yourself and enjoy the company of your loved ones.

Mr. Woodman

Ever yours,

Mr. Woodman
Dear Mother,

It has been about three weeks since last we met; I should be glad to see you and make a visit, are you well? I did not know but you had made yourself sick by taking care of the baby, how does he do, is he sick? Briefly, what is Charles and Rowland well, you must let Rowland come and make my school a visit. William commit going to Mr. Barrows's school Monday that I did, we have a very good school. I like it very much and the teacher, he told me to give his best respects to you, and tell you that I was a very good boy, but whether it is so or not you must come and see the day that I came down. I rode from the post of the road here, I got to grandfather's about 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon, I went to school, the same that was at Winthrop. That Charles and Richard went to, if you would like to know how much money I have spent and in what way I will tell you, for going to Burnham 50, slate 12¢, and of 40¢ you and verse 6¢, 20¢, (shells of paper 60¢), Arithmetic 8¢, Latin grammar 6¢, 60¢, all added to get a total amount 2¢5, asked Mr. Burnham school tupee and a stick of 2¢1/2, had better take it off.
me that I had better take Satin, week ago
wednesday, I went to wander... and yesterday
George Pollard and Rowland's friend, Charles Pollard
he said he should take to see Rowland very
much, yesterday we went down to the
wharf to see a Brig of War, where they take
of practice, execel mistakes, your affection.
son
Oliver, Ch. Howard
October 26, 1848

Dear mother,

I take this opportunity to write you a few lines. Uncle Enough is nowhere, and is going to leave soon. He said that you were all well then. That is when he came from home. My shoes are most gone, they have two or three holes in them. I cannot wait a fortnight for my shoes or else I shall have nothing to wear. I should like to have you get my boots made as soon as you can, and send them. Uncle Enough brought the news of Oliver Cashman's death and said that he died the day before you got home; give my love to my brother. Tell them I am much obliged to them for the apples, and also you my love to all the rest. Roland,ansom, and Fees. I owe yours affectionately,

O. O. Howard
To Rowland, B.

Dear Rowland,

I write a few lines to you. I am thankful to you for the apples, as I suppose you sent them. I should like very much to have you come and see me, and your concern gives me a lot of love to little Charlie. I went to Mr. Patterson's one afternoon. Charlie and he should sick very much to play with you. He said he should like to go out to look and make you a visit. I would like to have you come here and make my school a visit.

Yours affectionately brother,

C. O. Howard
My dear boy,

London, November 5, 1849.

I need not tell you how much I think about you, and how much I desire that your time may be spent to advantage. You already know that, nothing else could have induced me to let you go away from me, but for your own benefit. I want to have you think of this often, so that you go to bed at night and look over the past day in your mind, and ask yourself the question whether you have spent the day properly, not only in thinking whether another would be satisfied, I do not think I am hard to be satisfied, I do not consider it only because you are wrong, I see other that do not get their lessons well, or any other good conduct. I say of you my son, let not, have any influence on your conduct, you are to me they do not have to write composition but once a fortnight at the other school now the I thought much of what you said, because that seemed to say to my dear mind, I want to get along easy, I don't think so much of my future agreement as of my present case. I hope for the best and so must you. Don't think lightly of your mother's views.

[Signature]

[Date: 5/12/49]
I am ever mindful of you and think of your letter that is nearest my heart. It is a great comfort to me that you have always been so good and I have always to have that satisfaction, all of our family seem to cherish as good feelings towards you and think of you. As the weeks come to see you and would be glad to come with b. paper to see you but I do not think it likely for how to come now the weather is so cold. Charlie will surely he could come to Thanksgiving and want me to tell you he can tell down town and put up his snowboard has been quite a help this fall, he was all the help. Snow had been not gone home but down town.

Mary has begun to work on the farm again now and you will perceive that your books are not made up yet and mother has been very much engaged since she came home so that he could not attend to getting them, as being out of the way and Boston too I am sorry but you must have patience they will come soon as the book is quite handy now and expect he will get the set of you. I should have been glad to had seen you some how in the vacation but on the whole I thought you had better keep on with your work as it would change things to come away and go back I eat and make your point. I hope they will fit well I shall get the set of your clothes as soon as possible. I have had great deals to be since I came home. Mrs. Gilmore will come to Sunday again before long, you have a little time with you.

That I want to finish a pair of shoes. I have begu for you it is paper weather I am off hand. If you would come it will not make it and that is some of the same. I can send you some more for your shoes, the shoes be sure and rest it up and have done. But it in the pocket I cannot finish them until I have it till grandma the small bunch of spain I did not. In the near Ann Lee sends I shall get your clothes as fast as I can. Give my love to William, Maria and Vaughn I should be glad if they would write me a letter to remember me from your Uncle and Aunt and Mrs. Vaughn all the kindness you receive from are remembered with gratitude by me.

Every ever your affectionate

E. Gilmore

O. R. Howard.
Mr. Lowell, Nov. 6th, 1849

Dear mother,

I thought I would write a few lines to you as I expect Father down to stay. I write you that I am well and all our folks. But it is very dull in this place, there has been one or five persons died since I have been here. The private terms of Mr. Burnham closed last Saturday and the vacation is about four weeks. I am going to stay at home and write to Mr. Burnham that he just began this week but his father came and he went home and his wife was very sick and when your husband says it was going to spend part of the winter with you I think it will be as well for her and that she will enjoy it as well or better than she would hear your father is very unwell and it is difficult to get along. He can't hear any music and thinks one more in the family will be to much. It is much better. I think for Sarah to stay here and go to school, and her mother there with you as is concluded I want to have her come and make visit if it is convenient I think your father is no better when the week he is better but not so well now. I want to say goodbye but have not time give my love to all write to me soon. Otis is a good boy. Mother & Eliza
Dear Mother,

I write you a few lines because father is here and can send the letter by him. Our vacation has now commenced. Uncle thinks I had better get my lessons as usual now at home for Mr. Burnham says I will hear all the lessons I could get and bring to him; I think he is very kind. As for my duties I do not think it is hard to perform them. As for my composition I like to write it and I have written once a week. I only speak of them writing them to the Academy. I am very much obliged to you for your advice and will at try to obey you. I get along very well. I have got the wood now and my chores are not so heavy as they were. I will not go to school for the want of shoes, and I am very sorry that I could not have my books but however I shall try to make the best of it. I should like very much...
it come home in the vacation
but as you think best for not to I shall
not give my love to them all, do not
have a thought that I do not
mean to do right dear mother.
please and take for same in
a hurry give my affectionate
love to my brother, your affectionate
son in Law

E. Gilman