
29 1/19/1845 *From:* Oliver O. Howard

To: Mrs John Gilmore

OOH-0027

Hallowell, Me

South Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

Hallowell Jan 19th 1845

Dear Mother

I sit down this evening to write you a few lines. Our term of school is past. I wish you had been here at our examination. We had a very good one indeed. We were examined in our english studies and classics during the day time and in the evening each of us read a piece of composition and all the boys declaimed. I finished my Latin Reader and began Virgil last term and got two Bucolisks in it. I commenced Goodriches Greek lessons, and went through the second declension. I like it very much. It went most through Greenlif's Arithmetic last term.

I have considerable to say to you when you come down. Which I shal not write about. I have almost concluded to continue at school instead of going out to the farm, becaus I hate to leave off my Virgil and Greek just begun. It seems as though I had just commenced my education. The more I study the more ignorant I seem to my self. The more studies I attend to so much the more are opened unto my view. Algebra, Geometry and History and many other elementary studies I have not commenced. Therefore I think it will be for my advantage to continue at school where I am another year for the tuition will be only four dollars for the whole year. Having thought it all over I have made up my mind that it was the best chance I could have for attending school, notwithstanding a few troubles I may have to experience. And if I went to school and did not work I might not have so good health as I do. And nothing is so desirable as health, but I will not say much more upon this to night.

I expect you down a week from tomorrow, and I hope you will come for I want to see you very much. How do you all do. I hope you are all well, and I suppose you are, becaus I have heard nothing to the contrary. I have not written to Lauren yet. I have attended meeting all day. Grandma is very well and went to Meeting today. All the rest of the family are well I believe. Although Addison has been unwell. Our examination was last Friday, and now our vacation has commenced and will continue a fortnight.

When you come you must bring Rodelfus and Rowland or Charles. I suppose it is Rowland's turn to come, becaus he has been disappointed so much, but they have not either of them been here for some time, but you will do best about it. If Rowland does not come with you tell him he must come as soon as he can, but he must write to me when you come. If he wants me to write first that he may answer, I will for it is rather hard for one to compose a letter without some head or something to help a little. For I find it easier to answer a letter than to compose one for another to answer. I have my writing to night for it is nine o'clock and my bed time.

Give my love to all.

Yours with Affection,

Oliver O. Howard

[Envelope]
[From]
O O Howard
Jan 19th 1845

[no postmark]

[To]
Mrs John Gilmore
South Leeds
Me

30 3/5/1845

From: O. Otis Howard

To: Mrs John Gilmore

OOH-0028

North Yarmouth, Me

South Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

N. Y. March the 5 1845

Dear Mother

Having got a little settled I have now seated myself to the pleasant task that you conferred upon me. There is not a single person that I know otherwise than by name. There is a little more expense than I thought there would be, wood is not included in commons, therefore I was oblig to purchase it & there were a great many little articles that were necessary to make my room comfortable that I did not think of before I came here. not withstanding these I have a very pleasant room, well furnished, including bed, table, stands, wash stand, chairs, pail & wash bowl & a good looking glass, stove &c.

The seminary is a very large building, consisting of 4 stories with about 30 rooms including lecturing, dining & wash rooms. The building stands in the Eastern extremity of the vilage. You can by looking to the south see the salt water about a half mile distant. & the other scenery around in every direction is beautiful & it seems to me that it must be charming in the summer season.

Warren & I got here about half past two, and being shown where Mr Weld resided I found him at his house. He greeted me very pleasantly. He is a very pleasant & agreeable man in his appearance. About middling height & he has a bright & expressive countenance. He showed me my room &c. I felt a little awkward at first but began to be a little more at home. I wish you could be here and see what a pleasant room I have got & what a pleasant place it is. They are not classified yet therefore I can not tell where I shall be put. What I have seen of the students I like very much.

Give my love to my brothers.

The commons commenced to day noon, but there was a woman here who got my supper & breakfast for I ate two meals before the commons commenced. They have coffee for breakfast, & cold water for dinner & supper. They have two girls to do the cooking & washing. The Seminary is a very hand some Brick building & the Academy, a little to the east, is smaller & made of wood

Excuse shortness. I will try to write more next time.

Your affectionate son
O. Otis Howard

[Envelope]

[Postmark] North Yarmouth Mar 5

[To] Mrs John Gilmore
South Leeds
Me

31 3/8/1845 *From:* O O Howard

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

OOH-0029

Yarmouth, Me

South Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

North Yarmouth, Wed. March 8th 1845

Dear mother

I again have seated my self to call your attention to a few lines after returning from meeting. I attended the Congregationalist. They had a very good sermon this after noon (text in Psalms).

The students met in the recitation room Thursday; and to my great surprise (having joined the first class) he gave 150 lines in Virgil & the next lesson 200. & I have not been accustomed to take more than 50 but I made out to accomplish the task & Monday Morning next I have got to get two pages in greek to & in the afternoon I shall be obliged to get 150 lines in Virgil. I find Mr Weld very strict & thorough.

On Thursday John Pettingill came here & I was very glad to see him for I had not seen anyone that I knew before since I came. Mr Harvey has not arrived yet. I shall expect him tomorrow. George Carr from Winthrop came here yesterday. I have not been acquainted with him before but have heard of him. He appears to be one of the finest young men that I ever saw. He is sick, & by his voice you might know his longues were affected. He has been sick all winter, but is rather better now. Pettingill is going to room with me until Harrison comes. I shall have to study very hard. But I think I can get along with it.

The students were oblige to pay 5 or 6 dollars in advance, but I not being prepared was excused a fortnight. I will give you a list of my expenses, Lamps, 4, oil, 2, lamp filled 10, ball of wikin 10, 2 brooms, one large & the other the small brush you told me to buy, blacking & brushes, 25, ink & pens, 30, maches & match box, 07, 6 feet of wood 2.35, & this my roommate will have to pay for half of & a knife for 20 cts, half of which I might have brought from home, if I had known what I would, but I did not so there it is. Lawyer Wells son is here, who used to live in Hallowell. I should like to have you send 5 or 6 dollars or I will try to get along without it but just as you please.

Give my love to my brothers. How does Charles get along with the hooping cough & Rodolphus. The board will probably be about 10 dollars. Mr Weld says we have coffee in the morning, cold water at noon & tea at night. They live very well as well as I wish to. There is not at present but about 20 scholars in the institution or rather the commmons.

Your affectionate son
O. O. Howard

Mrs Eliza Gilmore

[Envelope]

[Postmark] Yarmouth, Me Mar 9

[To] Mrs Eliza Gilmore

South Leeds

Me

32 3/22/1845 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

To: O O Howard

OOH-0030

Source: Bowdoin

March 22th 1845

My dear boy,

I have written to you once by mail and once by Brother. You have not let me know whether you have received either of them or not. You can send Rowland's grammar by his father if you have not sent it and if you don't want it and his shoes he left to his Aunt Lee's. Put them in the shay. He would like to have them.

Write how you like your pants. I am making your shirts. Write me whether you need them at present and send me your old clothes that you cannot wear. Be sure and send your old shirts.

Do write a few lines.

My love to all. Be a good boy. I shall come down when the term is out. Write exactly when that will be. In haste.

Eliza Gilmore

P.S. Your Aunt Philena [Gould, the wife of Benjamin Franklin Howard died Apr 12 1845, age 36] will not continue but a short time.

E.G.

[To:] O. O. Howard

33 3/22/1845 *From:* O O Howard

To: Mrs E. Gilmore

OOH-0031

Hallowell, Me

South Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

Hallowell, March 22d, 1845

Dear Mother

I sent a letter to you by the mail day before yesterday. I went up to Augusta on Monday the day Col. Lothrop came down and got my pants becaus father said he should have a pair ready and send them by him, but I did not receive your letter until Tuesday or Wednesday. I intended to have sent Rowland's things by Uncle Ensign, but he went away before I thought he was going. My clothes set very well indeed & I need some new shirts to.

Give my love to all

Yours in haste,
O.O. H.

[Envelope]
[From]
O O Howard
Mar 22 1845

[no postmark]

[To]
Mrs E. Gilmore
South Leeds
Me

34 12/28/1845 *From:* C. H. Mulliken

To: Mr. Otis O. Howard

OOH-0032

Hallowell Roads
Hallowell, Me

South Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

Hallowell, Dec 28th 1845

Dear Friend Otis,

This being the only leisure day I can get, I thought I would improve it. I rec'd your paper and letter a few days ago, and was much obliged to you, but I want you to send them oftener, and to write every opportunity. I am glad you have obtained so good a boarding place. How do you like Algebra. I go to school and study Algebra, Arithmetic, Parse, Sc. Sc, but as you say it don't seem much like Monmouth. I have not been at Monmouth since I left there, but I am a going the first chance I can get and see the folks. I may call and see the Parson, I don't know certain. I had a paper from Frank Swift the other day, and also from S. T. H. both are well, and flourishing. Charles Thomas went up to Monmouth a week ago. I suppose there was great doings then. I have not seen him since he has got home. I want to give him a curtain lecture and to do your errand. Give my love to Harvey. Tell him I should like to see him, also to send me a paper. I am almost angry with you for not calling at the house when you went to Hallowell. You might just come up to the School House and you would have found me. If ever I come up there I will pass bye the same way that you did. Do you ever see John Otis? If so give my best respects to him. You have not altered your mind about going to Monmouth in the spring have you. I don't know whether I shall go or not. Write often and send me lots of papers.

From your most affectionate friend.

C.H. Mulliken

think of me. I do of you a great deal. Parrings bees Sc Sc.

[Envelope]

From C. Mulliken

To South Leeds

December 29th, 1845

Hallowell Roads

Dec 29

Mr. Otis O. Howard

South Leeds

Me

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