

From J. Browne  
to Seeds Jan 28<sup>th</sup>  
1846

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B. Bangor Jan 18/46

Friend Howard

I hope you will excuse me  
for neglecting to write you for it is nothing  
but negligence and you know that I am  
extremely fond of leisure and idleness.  
Your short but friendly epistle was received  
a few days since by the kindness of my  
Brother also two from Harvey one directed  
to Bangor. I am happy to hear that you  
and Harvey are enjoying yourselves so well  
this Winter for it always gives me pleasure  
to hear of the good success of my friends  
for it is seldom that we find a friend that  
will think of us when absent. But contrary  
to my expectations I find two old Abolitionist  
friends that yet remember there is such a  
person as Brown in existence. I was happy  
to hear from you just at that time for  
I had had some trouble in my school about  
that time which made me feel rather bad  
but it is all over with there was a fellow  
that came into school and used some  
Profane language which injured my feelings.  
I am a perfect Methodist and have unswerving  
Fidelity in good earnest without joking.  
As my intimate friend Bill Shakespeare  
would say, "All is well that ends well."

J. H. O. C. Howard  
Bangor Me



I have not quite so pleasant a place either to board or teach as I wish I had although it is not so bad as it might be my school is about 5 weeks longer. Probably I shall be at Monmouth in about six weeks from today (ie) if nothing happens.

How does dear little Francis get along I would like to see her Harvey writes you write her twice a week. That's right stick to your text and always do so. She is a little Dutchy. Darling daughter I suppose dear. Do you see any of the rest of them women that belong down that way. Tell Harvey that I cannot think as he does about some things he will know what I also tell him if a person injures me once I always remember them especially if they do it without cause. I hope to God that I may live to seek sweet revenge on those that tried to do it last fall. If I live to have a family I will threaten them to do the same. You may say this is not right but I cannot help it.

Thomas comes, <sup>to me</sup> Sarah according to your tell he has got just about as much spirit as I expect. — Friend Howard you are aware as Othello says that I am a poor plain spoken man and have not words to grace my cause. I almost have every thing that is earthly there is nothing but deceit and vanity in this world. If a person happens to turn a side from popular opinion he is branded as a miscreant and a worthless fellow.

But I hope such sentiments are fast being erased from a civilized world. Already have I written longer than will be interesting to you. But you are aware that <sup>it</sup> is not my disposition to be affectionate neither do I cultivate such a feeling any other way than by outward appearance. Deception is the watch word and plan ~~and~~ the intention of all in this section. Neither do I cultivate my mind to writing such matter as will be interesting to you. I am capable. But believe me Howard I am as capable of appreciating the affection of others as ever yes when I read those short but friendly letters from you and Harvey I was satisfied that there was an exception to the rule that I had made. I shall ever esteem you as one of my best friends do not take from this that that I am low spirited for I have had these feelings for more than a year. And with this I will close by wishing you prosperity and success until I hear from you or see you and requesting you to submit this to the printer as soon as you read it.

Yours with respect

J. F. Brown  
P.S. I say to Harvey that I will write him soon and shall be happy to receive communications from either of you any time you can make it convenient. J. F. B.



Dixfield March 9th. 1846.

Dear Howard

Unwillingly do I take my duty to  
inform you, that however unpleasant it is to  
me to forego the pleasure of attending school at  
North Dartmouth as I intended: Yet I am obliged  
to. By bad health my health which as you know  
has not been good the past winter, it rather worse  
of the two, owing to too much exercise of the  
Lungs, and, the physician tells me if I do not  
omit study for a while, Consumption will ensue  
And tell you it is a great disappointment to me  
you know such is the case: But however much  
I am turned from my purpose: I most sincerely hope  
it will be no detriment to you, though an unexpected  
disappointment, fondly had I hoped to be able to  
travel with you dear Howard, "hike by hike" and "hand  
in hand" up the "hill of Science". Many were the happy  
hours I had anticipated spending with you  
covering the pages of "ancient lore" in the "animated  
debate", or walking over the pleasant fields of "Germania"  
and viewing its "Beautiful Island Secrecy".  
But alas: That pleasure for the present I must omit  
And do sincerely hope that you will find a room<sup>m</sup>mate  
who will be more agreeable, or as much so as  
I can possibly flatter myself I could have been

From W. Harvey  
March 12th  
1846

March 9. 1846

Charles W. Howard

North Dartmouth





You have my best wishes for your success  
Which I have no reason to doubt both in the Academy  
In College or in Life. May your path brighten  
as you advance. may the blessings of providence be  
yours on every hand. Life be happy and all things  
prosperous. Perhaps you may want to know  
something of my future course. I will say  
that to tread the rugged though pleasant path  
of Service is still my aim. and wish. That when  
my health is improved sufficiently I shall renew  
my studies. With You if possible. till my health  
is better I shall be at home in Dixfield  
Morning that I am not with you.

Do Dear Howard write to me frequently won't you?  
But if you do not. if you forget poor Harvey  
He will never forget thee. But though you  
forget me. your remembrance shall not  
fade from my heart. but shall be cherished  
there while it continues its pulsations.

I shall return to Leeds and stay a few days  
after which I shall be in Dixfield ~~where you will~~  
~~please direct your communications~~

You will direct your communications  
to "Canton" "Point" as I am nearer that  
P. O. than to Dixfield P. O.

If you write immediately as I hope you will  
direct it to Leeds.

With the most sincere wishes for  
your success and happiness and sorrow  
for my "ill luck" in being unable to join  
you I am dear friend. yours  
humble friend and servant.

H. Harvey

D. Howard



Alb Howard  
Mar 14. 1846



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"Bro Robert T. Palmer Esq"  
South Leeds  
Me

Alb Howard Esq  
March 14th 1846

Dear Mother

I have not yet rec'd a letter from you  
but I suppose you cannot get time to write. I am very  
well & get along with my satisfaction in every thing but  
late I have met with a disappointment Mr Warner  
is not coming here this term his health will not  
permit of it. he says that the physician told  
him if he did not leave his studies that he would  
have a violent consumption, & I think it is  
for his best good to leave off studying but I can  
hardly feel reconciled to his not coming at all.  
How is your health? I suppose the boys have got  
most over there cough, write me every thing  
new when you can get it in my best respect to  
Jane, Roland &c Give my love to Roland, to  
Charles & Alfred plus, I think now that, if my  
health permits, I shall enter college in the fall  
tell Roland & Harry if he will study English to hard  
in a year or two he can come here & have an excellent  
to study Latin Greek &c, Mr Pottinger is here  
now with me & will be here all the term,  
Did you have much of a rain storm in Leeds  
Yesterday we had quite a heavy rain here



Have you seen Mr More since he got home from  
Yarmouth if you have tell me what he said  
about the place Mr. Weld &c  
I see that come to be here & have my Rooms done up  
that they do not look as they do when my mother  
takes care of them, but anyone cannot expect home  
& a kind mother to be found in every place, I hope  
things & done better by, makes us enjoy what is done well,  
Mr John Ellis at home this spring? How does Aunt  
Martha do? Mr Harry, said he was coming to Leeds, if he  
come did he come to your house, if so did he pay for  
the hat & cap I hope he did not in a moment when  
I shall see him if he comes there after you rec'd this  
letter please give him 2 dollars, I would better if you have  
not send me four dollars, that I may pay what is  
required in advance, but not without your then best  
The board will probably amount to about 10 dollars,  
I had a paper from Dr. O'Connell, speaking the other day,  
he is very well & says that Mr. True from Monmouth  
is attending medical lectures there & says the his great  
desire to what he used to be, I must stop now &  
get my Greek lessons, <sup>often</sup> I think of you, & the more  
I am away from home, the more I consider & think of my mother,  
& contrast the cold kind nesses & formal friendships of others  
to the kindness & affection of a mother by whom every virtuous  
son is governed

Very affectionate & loving son

Chas. C. Edwards

Wm. More  
Mar 14 1840





South Leeds, Mr  
March 24

Walter Oliver O Howard

North Yarmouth

Sermony, Me

For Thomas Jack  
March 24/1846

My Dear son, Leeds, March, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1846.

After receiving these communications from you I have at last attempted to write you, I never parted with you when parting seemed so hard as when you left home the last <sup>time</sup> for Yarmouth, I knew you <sup>would</sup> feel what it is to be among strangers but I have long learned to trust my all in the hands of One who seesest as not man sees, you little think how many conflicting feelings your Mother has to combat with. I wish you to always bear in mind that a virtuous life is what your Mother desires for you, I know that youth in the time one is more subject to the vanities and indiscretions <sup>of this life</sup> than after <sup>the first</sup> after I wish you could feel the presence from time to time of the kind and protecting care that is over over you. I hope you will happy and your happiness will consist in ~~the~~ improving yourself in every respect for good and virtuous actions. I expected your spring term of lessons would be hard but am in hopes your health will be equal to the task, perhaps the summer term will be less arduous I very much desire you to value your health, and pursue such a course as will promote your health, do be very careful how you venture about vessels too much as you have never been vaccinated, I heard before you wrote that Mr <sup>and</sup> Henry was not going to North Yarmouth I understood he has been in Leeds but did not see him, he had a lecture appointed for him on Saturday evening and I intended to have heard it but we had a very heavy rain on the day and spoiled the travelling



I understand he lectured the next Tuesday evening I hope  
he will yet be a useful man, and not be consigned  
to any early grave. I went <sup>to</sup> Hallowell last Wednesday and  
returned on Thursday, went out by Monmouth center  
and called at S. Blake's to warm as Mr. Gilmore had some  
business with S. B. I found all our friends well at St.  
Serafina Laura St. Headbetter was engaged to be mar-  
ried to Henry Wingate the wedding is to be next fall  
I did not see L. L. L. she was gone <sup>to</sup> Montville you  
cant tease her any more for being an old maid  
she will be Mrs. Wingate. To day is the Sabbath but the  
traveling will not admit of attending meeting at the  
center we have Methodist preaching at the schoolhouse  
on the ridge to where Esters, Rowland, & Co. and R. B. H.  
are gone, the rest of us are at home, Mr. Gilmore has a bad  
cough is coughing now, Charles gets along with his  
hooping cough tolerable well and Rodolphus mends  
but a little about it, we have begun to make  
some preparation for moving into the other house I  
suppose we certainly shall move, as Mr. Gilmore  
has let a part of the farm and the dairy to a Mr.  
Washington Jones who is expected here the first part of  
Apr. and I have cleared the sitting room and my  
bedroom for Betsey to move in tomorrow to give  
us a chance to paint the inside of that house  
before we move into it. It is very quiet here today  
but tis the last quiet day I have here as Betsey's  
children are such rowdies, we shall reserve the parlor  
chamber and keep it furnished as we have a lock on

on the door so as to have it completely ours, and a key on  
the the parlor door near the top so that it need not be  
common, all this I write to let you know a little how  
home is getting along. The funeral of Olive Berry was atten-  
ded last Tuesday the young girl who has been confined  
through the winter near where you boarded, I shall  
enclose a five dollar bill in this to you as you desired.  
I have been to Green and seen Warren since he came  
home and all about your days Journey R. Charles and  
Rodolphus have just been into the room both delighted with  
the prospect of finding eggs Charles has got thirteen and  
R. has brought in one, I want you to be punctual to  
write to me if I dont write always to you and write how  
you get along I wish I was acquainted with your room  
mate but he has my good wishes for his welfare  
Rowland Bailey has just drove down the hill from  
yesterday he undertook to prepare a paper to send  
you but did not get it to look to suit him and  
gave it over next time I will assist him tis a  
charming day. I should like to live in a village in  
~~the spring~~ <sup>the spring</sup> so that I could attend public worship  
~~on the Sabbath~~ <sup>on the Sabbath</sup>. Warren said where he stopped  
in Yarmouth the people spoke highly of the  
Institution where you are, I understand the  
young Mr. Pearley is no better and his friends  
are discouraged about him more than ever I want  
to see you very much in May it will just suit  
a journey as I should like to take but altogether  
uncertain how it will be. Your affectionate Mother O. Gilmore.  
A. E. Howard.



W Howard  
Mar 25 1846



Bro Eliza & Eliza  
Don't forget me

Dear Mother

I have been waiting with much expectation to receive a letter from & I cannot conjecture any apology for my not receiving one excepting that it must have been miscarried, for I have been here now three weeks & have not once heard from you. You are promised if you could any way to answer my letter if I would write every week, & this is my fourth. I am getting along very well, studying and resting & exercising with my Greek reader, reciting Stanzas a day, I had a letter from Harry when he came to Newmouth after his things he said he was not so well as he, has been through the winter he wished me to let you know the particulars which I believe I related to you in my last letter. I was sorry that he did not come, but I must reconcile myself to things contrary to my wishes some times, I hope you are well, write me if anything takes place that I do not know of, my health admits of harder study than I should have thought it would, the more I study the more appetite I have for my victuals, which are nothing but wholesome. Brown bread & meat, we have twice a day, & can rid enable many savages, but as a general our nourishment is rushed & coarse, but



as I think well appropriated to those who study  
to give them health & strength, a cleaving of both body  
& mind. I think that I can, if my health permits, enter  
college without the least trouble. John Pettungill rooms  
with me, he is a very accommodating & pleasant looking  
man, I said that I never sat still five minutes to study  
study, but now I am obliged to sit an hour & one three  
hours without getting up, as soon as I return from  
the recreation I am obliged, then to prepare for the next  
before I have any recreation what ever, all the recreation  
I have had is to walk about 20 rods to the post office twice  
a day, & I have been to the corner twice about half  
a mile since my come to Bowland, Charles & Rodolphus  
to Roland & Alger, father & all the rest, tell Rodolphus he  
must write to me & I will answer him, I suppose  
then, enough as yet he will by this time are they not  
I received a letter from Seth to day he talks of coming  
home in the summer, he is attending school at Mount  
I hope I shall receive a letter from home before  
long for I have not heard from you since I came here  
& I am very anxious to hear, I suppose Power told you how  
I am situated, & all about the place &c., how does our Martha  
do? writes in haste, I like Mr & would very much, the  
more I get acquainted with him the more I like him,  
I have been learning to sit still, when I come home perhaps I  
shall have the task so well practiced that I may sit  
still five minutes.

Yours most affectionately  
C. Howard,



to send many since that new law (making me pay  
three cents for every paper I send & that in advance,  
Write as often as you can, & tell me all the  
news, I have joined the Ath' soc<sup>y</sup> and went to the soc<sup>y</sup>  
& after the same after their yearly anniversary, which  
was held a week ago to night, & I have joined another  
soc<sup>y</sup> called the Theological, as you know, I am very  
pious

From your affectionate brother

Oliver, A. Howard

Oliver A. Howard  
to R. B. Hanson  
Mar 25 1846

Bowdoin College, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Brother Rowland,

I am very happy to receive  
your short epistle, althoug so long after you wrote - And am  
glad (as mother says in ~~it~~ that following yours) that you are attending  
school at Wayne to Mr Harney. He is a fine young man & excellent teacher  
which I can testify from the short, but pleasant association & acquai-  
ntance with him, I wish to learn (dear Brother) & you may acquire many  
laurels by his instruction, Excuse a Brother's advice, But if you would  
make a scholar, althoug scholar, you must have fixed & good  
habits, & prepare well but not long <sup>each</sup> lesson, for I regret much to  
think that I have so poorly traversed so much ground, if I had got  
well one half of what I have huffed over I should be a much better  
scholar, or at least be conscious to myself of knowing something &  
that for certain, One principle fixed firmly in the mind & memory  
is worth hundreds of superficially scolded over, with an obscure  
idea of each, Also shun the bad company & companions which I  
know Wayne always affords. I do not wish you to follow my  
example, for I have been much in the wrong, But it is easier  
for me to point out errors, after I have experienced the bad effect  
of them, & to warn my younger brothers not to tread the same thorny  
& erroneous path, than it was for me to select the right



without an adviser, You may say my mother should have had an influence on my conduct: she did, & continues to, but there are many things to which we & every youth are exposed of <sup>which</sup> a mother without the experience necessary can form no idea, she may advise us to shun bad companions, commence our associations with the intention & firm resolve to do so; firstly we are apparently welcomed with a cordial greeting, & hope wish for our prosperity & welfare by the pleasant exclamation that we ever said, when on the other hand there is one who scarcely speaks to us, & when he does it is formally & seemingly coldly, therefore we should naturally be drawn into the society of the former, & even intimate, and are too deeply ensnared, before we perceive our error, & regret our want of consideration, wishing our steps retraced, that we might become a friend of the latter, who is not so enticing, & prepossessing in his appearance at first, but will make a true, lasting & beneficial friend, — It is invariably the case that he who is the most bland & cordial, at the first meeting, (B) the least stable, if not a disolute character, Therefore be not too hasty in your choice of companions, for as is the maxim and a true one, "we are judged according to the company we keep" .. Mother says you will not take up any thing new this spring, when you do, should you resolve to study the languages, I can furnish you with books, If you think of going into a store when you are old enough, something else may be of more advantage to you than Latin & Greek, but <sup>they</sup> would not be without advantage.

— Place yourself in whatever situation you may, for they serve to discipline the mind, the barely having patience to study out the dry, hard & uninteresting "stuff" as some of it is, will & prepares you to "stick" to whatever you may undertake, for <sup>you</sup> cannot always expect pleasure or pleas and agreeable in life, & By perseverance we may overcome every obstacle, the study of language is the best thing to fix & establish the habit of perseverance To say the best of authors, besides it gives us a knowledge of our own language, a clear idea of the meaning, of the words that compose it, & the knowledge of their derivation, — Mathematical you hear some say that, that they are of no use in practical life (that is the higher branches), But do not believe them, for so much the more you study the higher branches of mathematics, so much the better you understand the lower, it is true you may learn the rules of arithmetic & do its sums, but can you tell the why's & wherefor's of those rules? you may be conscious to your self of having done the sum right or according to the rule, but you have no principle by which you may do those similar sums, should you perchance forget the rule, we must go to the foundation, if we would understand mathematics, the same as with the languages. Give my best respects to Harvey tell him he must write me, when he has an opportunity, & also my respects to Allen & Arza, I have not that Bankers Dollar paper you spoke of. but have the next best one, I think I shall not be asfit



Mar 26<sup>th</sup> 1846  
1848

May 6

S. Lucas M.D.  
Mar 28

Ms Oliver Howard

Bourneville Maine

My dear son,

Leeds March 22 1826.

This is indeed a very pleasant morning, and I hope it finds <sup>you</sup> in health and cheerfulness. it is now five weeks since you left us, Minerva went home soon after, and our family have had the measles Robt. has and Charles & after taking them from Betsey's Children, and Robt. & Rodolphus, took them from ~~them~~ <sup>Robt. & Rodolphus</sup> they have had a hard time especially Robt. he could not have been any sicker it is now a week since he gave up to them and awoke this morning. he put on his pants himself, and I think he is in a good way I thought of you much while standing over him (for three days his father and I kept by him all the time) how much gratitude I ought to have for your narrow escape situated as you are Robt. now keeps his room dark, and yet suffers much with his eyes, Mary has returned and is now doing my work, I have had no help while she was gone, I find my nervous system much shattered, I can hardly collect thoughts to express myself to you this morn- being broke of my rest so much nights, I recollected after you left I did not stop the little hole in <sup>the pocket</sup> of your pant, which might cause you many little troubles which in process of time would amount to something more than a little, your letters gave me much comfort write as often as you can I felt truly thankful that you found your



studies, not as hard as you imagined write to me in  
your next whether you have got ~~off~~ through with your  
back studies or not, after R.B. & L.M. recovered from the  
m-ple I took a walk up to Mr Bailey's and Mr James  
Wings & enquired of Mr Bond wife about your friend  
Bryner they never heard of him, but they said that  
Temple did not belong to their monthly meetings  
but they have delegates from one monthly meeting  
to another and they <sup>would</sup> find out whether there is such  
a man I have not seen them since they returned  
I have ever had my doubts whether there is such a  
man or not the letter was too particular, and the hand  
writing did not look like a man of business, it is of  
no consequence whether there is or not, we have not  
much news in Leeds, Mr Augustus & Mrs Caroline Bate  
were married since you left, I had a handsome  
slice of wedding cake together with a card Mary  
Wing has been to James Boulton's, went Thursday P.M.  
and staid until Saturday night, Harriet Bates is  
published, so much for Leeds, so much for ~~the~~ <sup>them</sup> forgot  
to tell you she went with Orrin Bates, and he staid with  
her through the visit when I was at Mr Wings he talks  
about you and your school he said you kept the  
best school we ever had, in <sup>the</sup> district and Mr  
Bailey said the same, that sounded well to  
me as I thought you <sup>deserved</sup> it, and I think ~~you~~  
the majority of the district take pleasure in  
giving you your just dues your father is the agent  
this year I expect Lewis & Elderton will teach  
next summer which promises well

I hope your days are bright and happy I desire  
very much they should, I have not written anything  
that I anticipated, I write with considerable  
hastily suffering to day. I was looking over your  
father's paper to find a deed transferring the  
farm where your uncle Frank lived from  
deacon Bridgman to your father, in consequence  
of your Aunt Amelia's demanding her  
share of that farm, I took up a letter from his  
Brother Nathaniel <sup>written by your father</sup> just arrived in Lexington  
describing his journey and his arrival and  
his prospects, these it reminds me very forcibly  
of my youth, and how hard it is for young  
persons to struggle with poverty, how much  
I desire you to profit by the experience  
those who have gone before you, I wish I  
could talk with you more when with me and  
you took pleasure in talking with me,  
but I must stop for this night hour give  
my love William, and Mr Pease, I under-  
stand, Miss Elmina Parker is riding about  
with Jont Boulton, <sup>tell my dear</sup> he must not get too  
much in love there.

From your affectionate Mother Eliza

B.O Howard.



Albany  
March 27 1846

Wm, Charles Gilmore,  
South Leeds,  
Me



35  
North Farmington, March 29. 1846

Dear Mother

excuse me for writing so soon, but why  
I do it is because I wrote the other day before I received  
yours. & I did not know but you would think that it  
had stopped by the way & I should not receive it or the  
money but I received both. I began to think you had forgotten  
me, but it gave me great pleasure to hear from you & likewise  
to learn that you are well. I was quite surprised when  
that Spiera lady was so soon to change her situation  
but I am glad that she is about to rid herself of that  
detestable name, detestable especially to the possessor, I  
go with you now? if so all her I hope she will meet  
with as good Luck. What did the folks say at Wallows  
about my coming here? No, Uncle especially I do.  
William intent to enter College this fall, W. How  
did grandmother do? did she receive any injury from  
being thrown in to the snow that day I carried in to Uncle  
Consign's. I am glad to hear that Charles & Rodolph  
get along so well with the hoop ring cough.  
Tell Rowland Bailey he must not get discouraged, the  
first time but he must try again to send me a paper  
I wish I could have the paper very much if father is  
willing. I wish you would send it a week after it is rec'd.



and I will keep them all being blessed, I should like to hear  
the news, then if you could not get him to write <sup>at all</sup> very much  
you might write a little on the paper letting me know  
how you did, When I can get a paper I will send Bowland  
a paper one, but he must write, not it only to write  
to his brother, but to practice writing, & he had better  
begin by writing to ~~his~~ me than to any one else, for I  
know how I used to make mistakes, when by a little practice  
I soon over came them Give my love to Bowland & Alger  
I must leave my writing now & go to meeting & after meeting  
I will write more I hope Peleg & Parly will get better, but  
not Del. Man do him any good? Mr & Pottingill sends  
his best respects & thanks for your good wishes, Seth Brown  
talks of attending school here this summer, I had a letter  
from him the other day, his health was very good, excepting  
his eyes one week, Frances Turner attends school there  
this spring, what is John Otis' doing this spring  
& how does Aunt Martha do? The snow is all gone  
& the stream that runs past here into the bay is all  
broken up, So Bowland & Alger going to attend school  
this spring, I have attended Meeting this fore noon  
we had a very good sermon, Delivered by a man not  
accustomed to preach here, I begin to like to study, & it  
comes easier to me to get good lessons than it did,  
The place appears much more pleasant than it was when  
I first came here, the ground is bare, and begins to dry soon  
& makes a very pleasant place before the Oct, when the  
the students play ball between sunset & dark, to day is a

very fine day, the sun shines brightly from a cloudless sky making every thing sparkle with its penetrating rays, and to the north a few steps is the stream flowing over the dam & the sun shining directly upon it makes its white foam appear very beautiful. The Congregationalist Church, is situated but about 20 rods to the east of the seminary, which, the path being dry, makes it but a very pleasant walk together with 20 or 25 students, the law of the school obliges every one to attend meeting some on the sabbath, and the presiding officer, Monday of each week, whether that one be a member of church or not. & therefore all the students attend meetings if they are well, such as the meeting they or their parents chose I have been to the congregationalist every Sunday since I have been here, if you attended meeting to day tell me who you see & all about my acquaintances, & the center. Does Elder Lattin preach now or has he settled in here? I am afraid it will not seem much like home to me ~~when~~ when I come to find you & all the family all up there but then it will seem like, or it will be home wherever another is. Is Abner at home now, if so what is he doing? is he going in to trade this spring at Wayne

Yours affectionate & obedient Son

"Mrs E. F. Moore,"

J. N. having rec<sup>d</sup> the money I paid \$ dollars to the commission  
but the remainder I shall reserve in case I should want it.



Old Howard  
Apr 11<sup>th</sup> 1846

Mr John Edmunds

South Scituate

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South Scituate Sept. 1846

My Dear Mother,

I wish you could be here one sabbath & attend the Congregationalist Church, You would say that there was a wide difference between Mr. Leighton's preaching & Mr. Phelps's, between the singing & <sup>your</sup> size of the congregation, but still there are many endearments to a church that any one has been accustomed to attend from infancy, and every sabbath meeting those with whom he has always associated that cannot be felt nor enjoyed in attending public worship among strangers, where every face is unknown except a few of short acquaintance, <sup>It</sup> there is more to be loved and desired, to prepare for meeting at home, ride three miles, and sit beside one's parents, brothers and friends, to have what is said beautify nature & happyfy the soul, It begins to seem pleasant here, there is no ice or snow, but the river is open & the frogs begin to croak which makes it seem like summer, I know that in one sense I should enjoy myself at New month better than at New month for I should be more amongst my equals, for nearly all here are lawyers sons and thorough scholars and aristocrats a little with all, although I am treated with respect

I got George's box this morn and found it much more comfortable than the last



But there are some who being educated in the country  
and having rusticated habits & manners for a while are  
made fun of as it is termed, although I say nothing about it, I will not repeat it, I have not bought any cigars  
here yet I think it is because they do not wear, so easily  
a suit of broad cloth, & connected with this I institution  
(including the red) there are three flesh men & among  
Spaniards, all of which are very pleasant & going men, there  
one of which I had seen common, I had better get  
some thing (what you think best) for my summer suit, so  
that when I come home it may be cut & made, & I suppose  
then I can choose what I shall have, for I shall see  
what the students in general have, I have worn my  
grey pants, that I have worn all winter every day  
& the others to me they, that my coat and pants have not  
come so mending, except a few buttons have come off  
from my coat & my Chum (who under stands it quite  
well) has replaced them again, Give my love to  
my brothers & the rest of the family, Mr. Wadsworth  
informed me that you were about to move, I suppose  
you have moved by this time, perhaps my expenses  
will be a little more than they were at menmouth but  
I can leave more in one term than I have at  
Menmouth in two, my board will be cheaper, but  
there are the problem many small expenditures, I  
have bought 1 book only as yet, but I ought to buy  
a large one & a lexicon, but I believe I shall try to do without  
until I enter college, I have tried to be as prudent  
as I could, & shall try to be prudent during my college  
course, if I can get along for 20 dollars I shall send me a paper once in a while

I there as any thing you see (that I have bought) that  
was unnecessary I wish you would tell me & I  
will not repeat it, I have not bought any cigars  
but one, & then was when I had the colic than long did  
Wadsworth a long stay at St. Louis & how was his health I  
hope he will soon get better as as to come here next  
did he look sick, the overseer of this Institution  
came in to the recreation room & said that it was a law  
of the Institution for the students to settle in a room  
for tuition & room rent, which is 6 dollars, my room  
mate paid for both himself & me, I paid 3 \$ to  
the commons for board, & kept the rest of the fine which  
is two, You can do as you please about sending the money  
before I come home or not, but if you do you  
better send enough to settle for the whole, the commons  
about 4 \$ more tuition & room rent, 6, or 4 to Mr. Wadsworth for  
furnishing, 1,00. The amount is 14,00, I have read 8  
letters, since I have been here, 40 etc, I hope you are  
that well, how does little Rodolphus & Charles do?  
will you please write to me whether you will come after  
me, or I shall come in the stage, I am about five weeks,  
Mr. Wadsworth said he & Arza had been catching up  
did they take my things, has Betsey moved down to  
your house yet? Will Donald Bailey go to school  
this spring, I wish he could attend school with me  
but from menmouth, I think, is but as good an English  
school as this, but when he studies the languages if he does,  
that would be far preferable, Write all the news, I wish you would  
course, if I can get along for 20 dollars I shall send me a paper once in a while

Your most affectionate Son,  
Chas. C.



Leeds April 12th 1846

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Dear Brother

Mr Barry was here last week he says his health is improved some since he found his school. We have moved into the house that Francis occupied. I have happily gone into ones, by the name of Jones they have eight children. We had quite a frost here when the ice left the river, the grass looks quite green we intend to go to F. longhing tomorrow. We had considerable of a thunder shower last night, how is your health do you like as well as you did when you first went there when are you coming home we are not going to have any hired help on the farm this summer Francis & Frank came home last Friday. Mary is going in to trade at Wagne in company with Mr Charles. Also a young man he lived with when at Porten, the measles are pretty thick around here but we are all well. Charles & Rudolphus have got over with the hooking cough. Es are very well. We are all well, I send you a paper by this mail you must send me one when you can I went to meeting today on horse back & you must write me a letter as soon as you can. Mother says she will fill this up. I do not know as you can read my letter but you must do your best.

Yours in haste

R B Edwards

South Leeds  
April 14

Wm B

Charles Edwards

John H. Garrison



My dear Son,

One Saturday has passed and no arrival of letter from North Yarmouth I was in hopes you would be punctual in your letters I prepared a box for them, and have put them in as fast as I had read them, I hope sickness is not the cause of your delaying writing the last week you desired me to write all the news about town we have nothing new that is worthy of note our house is in rather an unsettled state we staid here for the first night last Tuesday night and have been moving ever since Jane Jennings and Julia Gilbert are with me I have good help John Pitt is in the grips of the measles not very sick his father said a number of others in that neighbourhood have been and are now sick with the same. I have attended meeting to day I find Mr Lawton an interesting man the traveling is very bad, at present Anna will leave for Boston in a few days to purchase goods for trade in Wayne Mr Allen has been here and stopped from Saturday to Wednesday assisted us very much in moving we keep one chamber furnished in our old house I hope you are getting along well with your studies and happy with the teachers and students I have had some idea of coming for you at the end of the term but more of that in future I want very much to see you in the vacation be sure and come home if any thing should happen that you should not hear from me take particular notice to know what summer clothes you will want give my love to your Chum I hope you are happy in him

yours affectionately C. Gilmore

Tuesday 11.0.1846

Dear boy, we are all in good health to day, it is bitter cold, the wind sounds as it used to where we once lived. Eliza has gone as far as Winthrop with Owen to carry him to the boat he will a bad night I think I intended your father should have written some to day to you but he is not here and mail hour is fast arriving ~~fast~~ don't neglect writing to your mother that is your duty.

Your affectionate Mother,  
Elizabeth Gilmore

Wm. Howard.

Wm. Howard.



Seeds Me

April 18<sup>th</sup>

Wm. C. Howard

North. Garmouth

Me

Seeds April 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Cousin I do not know  
but you may think me neglectful in  
not answering your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult.  
sooner, but I think you will not blame me  
when I tell you the whole story. On the  
morning that I recd your letter I returned  
home from Monmouth on the account of  
ill health and weak eyes, and have been  
unwell ever since. but I am better now, so well  
that I have undertaken to answer your letter,  
but how I shall make out, I cannot yet tell.  
I presume it will be bad enough however,  
as my hand trembles very bad. I have nearly  
concluded not to go to school again until fall,  
to stay at home and work part of the time and  
study the rest, until my health becomes good  
again. You need not engage a room for me at  
present. I think it a fine thing, that you have  
no females at N. Garmouth for I think if you  
did you would not study much however I am  
glad to hear of your good progress in your studies.  
My folks are as well as usual, and I presume yours  
are I have not seen them however since I came



home, but if they had been unwell I should  
have heard of it. In your last letter you  
wished to know if the Tilton Girls, Mary Robinson  
& attend ~~at~~ School this spring. I perfectly  
understand what the "Q" means, and will answer  
it, Frances does not attend school this spring.  
I suppose this is all you wished to know by this  
question. Charles, Muliken, does not attend  
school at the Acad. John Otis is sick with  
the measles, and I intend to call on him this  
afternoon if I am able, write me soon  
and tell me how you do, hope you are blessed  
with good health &c. excuse this, (as I told  
you before), written with an uncontrollable hand,

Your ever affectionate Cousins,  
A. Howard  
Seth



North Farmington Apr. 19th 1846

Dear Mother

A week having elapsed I have again seated myself to write you a few lines. I can hardly tell where the time has fled, it seems but yesterday since I came here with Warren but it is 4 weeks & in four weeks more the term will be ended, such a after week passes without my knowledge almost & soon three months will be past, and then with pleasure shall I return home to meet my mother and my brothers, and enjoy a sweet recreation in leaving my studies for a while and in traversing the fields enjoying the beauties of <sup>nature</sup> ~~spring~~ so elegantly displayed in the spring of the year when the grass with its green hue and the trees first putting forth their buds, together with the singing of the birds, serve to make every thing so delightful. When I was at home having all these beauties before me then I did not know how to appreciate them, but to be shut up to <sup>ones</sup> studies then can he look back upon them and nearly ~~hold~~ the delight they afford, I will seem rather odd to me at first to find you on the hill, today is very pleasant indeed, pleasanter than we have had before this spring last night we had a very heavy shower with considerable thunder more than we are accustomed at the time of year, I hope you are well, How do you like living where you are now?

Wm. Chas. & Edward  
South Lee Maine



Wm. Chas. & Edward  
Apr 19 1846



I received Yours & Rowland's letter with much pleasure and I must direct the latter part of this to him, I have attended meeting all day to day! this after noon at a converted Jew preached born & brought up in Poland. My expenses will be a little more than I expected, they will be about 15, 20 more including a book I was obliged to get before I entered college & my post office bill and paper of which I have been obliged to get a great deal, having to write Greek & Latin every day. My expenses next month Term will not be so much for I shall not have to get wood, & I have got all the other things necessary to furnish my room. As for my summer clothes I shall want a waist coat, coat & pants, You had better if it is convenient get the cloth (such as you think best) and when I come home I can have them made the vacation being a fortnight. Please write, & you had better send the money so I can pay as I go along rather than to wait until I come home, for they require the most to be paid in advance, they may think I am negligent if I put them off until another term. Give my love to father, tell him he must write part of the letter with you, then does his cough get along?

Your affectionate & obedient Son,

D. D. Edward

Wm. C. Elmord

Wm. C. Elmord

Sabbath Eve. 11 April 19th 1846

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Dear Brother Rowland

I was very much gratified to receive a letter from you. and with much pleasure will I recapitulate, How do you enjoy yourself this spring, I wish you were here to attend school with me so I could see you every day. go to meeting with you, have you begun to work any on the farm yet? You must not work too hard this summer. perhaps you can attend school next fall. write me every thing new. How does John & his get along with the measles, I suppose you will be obliged to have them but I hope not, because do not want to catch them when I come home, for it might hinder me a year in my studies by keeping me sick four weeks & perhaps longer, if any of the family have them please write them, this is a very pleasant place much pleasanter than when I first came here, what is Poland doing this spring give him my best respects, I should not think it would appear like home-sickness, Give my best wishes to all that you see of my acquaintance, say love to Charles & Rodolphus, be kind & good to them for me, excuse bad spelling if there is any

Your Most affectionate Brother



From Home, Leeds  
March 29<sup>th</sup> 1846

South Leeds, Wm  
March 29

W. Oliver & Howard

North Yarmouth

Mr

Leeds, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1846 446

My Dear Sir,  
How are you this morning I hope in good spirits  
and pursuing your studies in good health, the date of my  
letter brings to mind one of the pleasant months in the year  
full of life and animation. I am sensible I do not enter  
into the beauties which this season of the year brings to view  
with that gratitude and delight which such real  
loveliness deserves. I feel bound down under a weight of  
care and gloomy feelings, which I am always telling myself are  
unprofitable for me at the present and equally so for the  
future good and well being of every object which I desire to  
promote. I have thought I should come to North Yarmouth for  
you myself at the end of the term, but I have concluded  
not to think anything more about it <sup>for nothing</sup> ~~our convenience~~ are so  
out of tune that I could not think of ~~sending~~ taking  
so much of <sup>your</sup> time or even to show them out of town.  
The measles have not been in our neighbourhood yet  
I am in hopes we shall escape this time for there are 21  
individuals in three houses to take them, and we do  
not know how to afford time to attend to them this spring  
if any accident should bring them among us. I will  
let you know in due time. John & his wife were here yesterday.  
he has mostly recovered from the measles his eyes are  
very weak yet. Mr Harrison Gould's buildings were all  
burned down last Monday morning his wife sick in  
bed. I saw the fire and thought about its being our  
old buildings, concluded there never would be any rebuilding  
on that ground again.



in one of your letters you spoke of the superiority of the  
advantages North Yarmouth has over Leeds I am well satisfied  
of that, nor am I so much attached to this town that I could  
not enjoy society any where else but I wish to live as  
happy as possible in whatever place or circumstances.  
I am pleased I know that riding over hills three or  
four miles to attend meetings is more labor than to walk  
a few rods into a well regulated meeting, ~~but it is~~  
~~xxxx~~ ~~disagreeable~~ but I hope I shall not covet that which is not  
for me. B.B. is in the room and desires me to say to you  
if <sup>you</sup> have the yankee blade that comes next to that you  
sent, you will send it to him, we have all had good health  
this spring. Warren and Louisa were here last Sabbath L.  
health is poor she is taking medicine which relieves her  
and I hope will finally benefit her. Warren has a fine  
flock of lambs to tend which is pleasant you know  
Mr Gilmore will enclose eighteen dollars to you to  
pay all the bills of this term and bring you home  
you must secure all your things in the seminary before  
you leave with care and write <sup>where</sup> <sup>where</sup> B.B. will  
meet you at green I suppose. I shall not purchase  
any cloth until I see you. I shall not know what to buy  
and I think we had better talk about it. we shall have  
a plenty of time in the vacation I think.

Your affectionate Mother Eliza Gilmore

Oliver J. Howard

Dear Mother  
March 28th 1844

Received of Oliver J. Howard

March 28th 1844  
C. J. Gilmore



Alt Howard  
May 2<sup>d</sup> 1846

Mrs John Gilmore  
Leeds Me



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North Portsmouth May 3<sup>d</sup> 1846

Dear Mother

You must excuse me for not  
writing last week. I did not feel much like  
writing on Sunday & could not get time to write  
during the remainder of the week. Tell Rowland  
Baileys that I received a paper from him & have guessed  
all the riddles except a few, & or 6, I'm leaving to  
tell him & shall be at home a fortnight from next  
Friday. I should like to have you come after me here but if you  
cannot, you must come or send to New mouth for me Friday or  
Saturday. If you do not send money to pay my expenses  
you must send me to come home with, but you had better  
send a part for Fettingill paid our tuition & down  
rent, & he will want it to pay his. Give my love  
to Roland & Charles & Odolphus, I hope they  
are well, I should feel bad if I should come home  
and have the measles, & by that be hindered from  
entering college this fall. Please write me if the boys  
have got the measles or if there is any danger of their  
having them, how do you like your new situation



I suppose you have got settled by this time,  
what is Rowland & Rowland doing nowadays,  
of late I have been obliged to study very hard, Mr. Weld  
gives us such long lessons, at next term I must study  
just as hard as I have this, You must come after if  
you can I look forward with pleasure when I can  
return home & spend the vacation, I am  
been to meeting since I wrote this morning I have  
again resumed my seat to finish my letter  
I attended the Baptist Church this fore noon  
we had a very good sermon, The Baptist House is  
about a half mile from here and it is quite a  
pleasant walk, There has been quite a  
refreshing rain this fore noon but now it has  
ceased & I think it will be pleasant this after  
noon, There has been considerable excitement about  
the rail road now it is decided that it will go through  
I suppose from what I can learn that is going through  
Dixville, I do not know but it ~~will~~ would  
be better for me to leave my studies & learn to  
farm it, so as to go up there, I am very well, &  
have been expecting a letter from you for some time  
past, Give my love to father, How is his cough?  
Excuse bad writing for I have written in haste,  
& my pen appears to be unusually bad,

Eliza Gilmore

Your most obedient Son  
O. Howard

Rowland  
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From Mulliken  
to Garrison  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

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Monmouth N.J.  
May 12

Mr Oliver O. Howard

North Camden  
N.J.

Monmouth, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Dear Old Shipmate

As I have a few  
leisure moments now, I thought I would  
improve them, by scribbling a few words  
to you, I fulfilled your requests as far  
as possible, about giving your love to the  
women, They are very glad that you  
are coming down to see us once more,  
I saw the Gilton girls the other day,  
they were well, and flourishing, they  
wanted to see you very much indeed.  
Kathalena is in town I tell you, she  
is a pretty girl ain't she? We get  
along first-rate with our School, only rather  
few of us, Brown & Turner stick by  
yet, There are only 16 scholars now.  
Oh how I wish you were here to go, Frank  
has got a Beau so I understood so  
you are lost for this world, you might  
as well give up the ghost, we are  
all in town I tell you! we adjourned  
the Clionian to the first Monday in  
next term, One of the Gilton girls  
is going to keep this School here  
by Mrs Fogg's this summer I be-



love, I don't know whether I shall be  
here when you come here, or not if I ain't  
here I want you to come down and see  
me, if you don't, I will whip you  
the first chance I get You know don't  
you, Brown & Garner send their love  
to you, and want to know what you  
don't write them, But I must  
draw to a close.

You must excuse this miserable writing  
& Composition.

Not any more till death

Your friend C.H. Mulliken

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Dear Mother

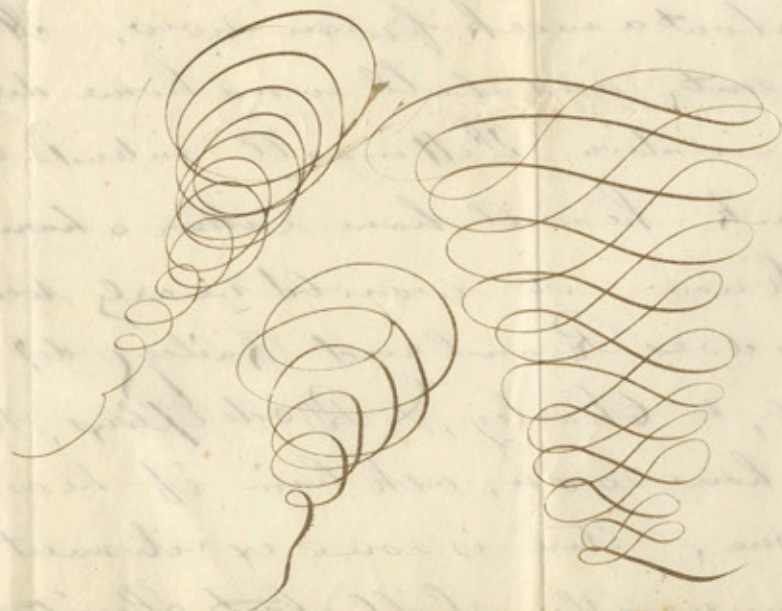
I have again seated myself to write you a few lines after another week has past which in fact seems but a day, and now we have the pleasure to enjoy a <sup>beautiful</sup> pleasant beautiful because it makes every thing delightful around, the trees I had & the grass springs up, green and surpassing in verdure, I hope you are well and are equally happy in beholding the beauties of nature so delightfully displayed in May, with my self, I have studied hard this week our class has been in a review I expect our examination will be in about a week from now, I received the money you sent, and shall come home directly after the examination, Putting all intends to walk home, but I think he will have rather a hard time but I do not know, it would nearly wear my hat out, How does Rowland and Bailey do? Give my love to him, to Charley, & Rodolphus, tell Rodolphus I shall come home soon, ask him if he will not be glad to see me, there is some excitement in the commons to know when they shall elect President, For <sup>me</sup> the business



Presenting among ourselves to keep order, & to procure  
food, wood, & various other things necessary for  
convenience and use, Give my love to Roland & Ger and  
father. Has Olga got settled at Wayne's Village  
yet? Have you heard from Mr Harvey of late, if so  
how does he do, I hope he will come next term, but I  
suppose it is uncertain, I hope I shall see  
you before I write again may you ever be happy  
& enjoy all the pleasure it is possible with your  
many cares.

Your most affectionate son, C. F. H

Mrs. Elias, Palmer.



Wm. H. H. H.  
May 10 1846

Received  
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C. F. H.