

Ms. George Clinton
South Leeds

Dear Mother

After having got a little settled I have seated myself to comply with your request. I arrived here about 3 o'clock yesterday, I had a very pleasant ride in the stage. There were six passengers of us, one arrived at Buffalo about 4 o'clock and I waited about an hour and there was a boy who was coming down this way, & he brought me my trunk. I paid him 20 cts. The stage driver took his pay out of the note. Pittingill has not got here yet, but I expect him every minute. There were a few students here when I got here but since then has quite a number more come, some that have not been here before from Washington City & three from other places. I got Miss Mason, the Cook of the Commons, to wash my floor, petitions, windows & furniture of the new room that I occupy. I have two tables in this room, upon the one

I put the table cloth that you let me have,
& on the other that large red shawl make
a beautiful tablecloth. I sit the later,
in one corner of the room, opposite the bed
and upon the back side of it I put my book
case, the room is papered, & I don't think
you have a handsomer room, it is the west
side of the building, & in the after noon
can put down my curtains which make
it cool & comfortable, I have paid Mr Bork
& Mr Harrington, but I have only just ~~paid~~ Mr
Weld yet, Give my love to Charly & Rodolph,
tell Charles he must try and learn all he can,
this summer, How does Roland feel since he
was had sheep tell him I saved myself a
bit of sickness without any ligour.

Excuse but writing too I have
a poor pen Give my best respects to father
& Roland, My health is good & I feel in
good spirits.

Yours affectionate Son,

O O Howard

Leeds June 15th 1846.

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My dear son

Two weeks have past since you left home out of the eleven that you were to be gone, scarce an hour I think has passed away without ^{my} thinking much of you, how it was going with you whether you were happy or not, and in what you could be most happy, my thoughts pass round and round and view you over and over, and why is it that your mother finds herself so often engaged in thought about her dear son, perhaps you too think mother need not trouble herself so much about me, but I do, how much I regret your loss of proclivity and pure oh! how much pleasure it would give me, if I thought you felt a contempt for that light mindedness which I perceive you have great share, and how much consequence you attach to what you call pleasure I recollect you said while at home the students were thought nothing of at Garmouth (what matters it) whether they are thought much or little consequence ~~at the academy~~ there, if you conduct yourself properly and have clear conscience as your object in attending that institution is wholly to press your studies forward as fast as possible and not to resent other people's feelings every body has there aim and object in what they do, yours in being where you are, is

Dear Mother
June 16

Walter Oliver
Garmouth
Garmouth

June 18th 1846
Garmouth

study, and if you persevere in them and obey the
laws of the institution I have no doubt you will
be thought as much of as you deserve, now I will
leave this subject, but one thing more when you
study have your mind free from cares of every
kind give yourself wholly up, to your lesson &
oh! how much I desire to be capable of directing you
and I think I am in many respects however lightly
you may think of your mother's advice, when you have
lived as many years and had as much experience as I
have, you think how ^{will} anxiety my mother has had about
the welfare of her children and now I know, and feel
it myself, the sabbath after you left home I was
thinking how you would spend the day it was a
beautiful day, I thought it is has hired a seat in the
^{subject} meeting house and gone into the sabbath school
and will be happy to day and I was happy in the
thought, and I ~~was~~ happy I attended meeting
that day myself and enjoyed the day well I
found a letter in the office for me from Lydia
Martin, and the day you left home a paper
came into the office for you from Limington, I
shall mail it tomorrow for you. I saw John Otis
at meeting he was astonished that he did not
have a visit from you, last sabbath I heard your
friend Harvey was to lecture ^{on the subject temperance} at the town house
and I went out there to hear him, he delivered
quite a learned lecture on perseverance in the
cause, and brought a great many evidences to

prove what great achievements had been attained by
perseverance, I spoke with him after the lecture was
over he told me he was going out to Lewiston
and was on his way now, he regretted very much
not seeing you when at home, he looks very
pale and thin and became so ~~thin~~ because the
fore he got through he was hardly intelligent
there was quite a full house to hear him,
Rowland ~~B. M.~~ came home when the time expired I
that he was to come and ~~now~~ is helping Roland &
how his corn, after Gilmore has been to Lewiston
and brought your great coat home, I like my
girl well, Charles and Repdolphus attend school
every day, I sincerely hope you will get along
well this summer, I cannot conceive it necessary
to join in all the folly there is going on among
the students oh! Otis there are precious moments
to you and I presume you well consider it so
the Bible tell us ^{to} seek first the kingdom of
heaven and all the rest shall be added unto
you, if you could feel to give yourself unreser-
vedly to God every day your unhappy feelings
would be done away in part, the little boys are
playing horse their favorite play, and the two
Rowlands are milking the cows and singing
and Rowland has touched upon as much as ten
tunes in in ten minutes and Rowland ~~B. M.~~ L.
breaks out now and then to try his tune.
it is getting quite dark, I must stop good
night

North Garmouth June 15th 1846

Dear Mother

It grieves me to think what anxious feelings you give way to for me, and your expressing your fears in regard to my delight in frivolous conduct, But believe me dear mother but few spare moments are there for frivolity, nor have I since I came here engaged in any sport, nor do I desire to, what recreation & exercise I take up in walking, you must not give your ^{self} necessary trouble in regard to me, although I never can be under any too much obligation to my mother, for her constant & watchful care, and for her deep & constant interest in the welfare of her son, yet it gives me unhappiness to think that I am such a source of grief and trouble to her, I do not regard sport & short time pleasure, When I spoke of pleasure, I intended happy feelings, and inward consciousness, that would give me delight while I was passing my time at school, a consciousness that I was not a burden to my mother, And my unhappy feelings that I gave way to when I was at home were from my not having been more economical as regards my pecuniary affairs, and for my being obliged to be under so much extra expense for clothes while attending school, than when at home, in fine, for constantly spending, & not gaining, although I am gaining in one respect, yet I may never be able, if I

Miss Eliza Gilmore
North Garmouth



W. McDonald
June 15 1846

live,
to repay you, As regards your advice, I think mother you
do me injustice, to say or rather to harbor a thought that I am
disrespectful & regardless of a mother's advice, What an opinion
you must ^{have} formed of your son, can any one but he ~~see~~
who is plunged into the deepest degradation & debauchery,
regardless of both moral and intellectual, reverencing
neither God nor the opinion of man, prone recreant to
a mother's counsel and admonition, although I am frivolous, boresome, heedless and indifferent,
in every thing else, but save me from depreciating my
mother's opinion and counsel, Do not, dear mother, be
too any way, but get along well and am as happy as any
can be away from his parents & home, young & unaccompanied
me to care and responsibilities of any kind. I saw
son saw Harney & he looked very hale is he any worse
than he was, for what is he going to New York for his
health, please send me a newspaper once in a while or
ask Rowland Bailey for me, give my best respects
to every member of the family, Did Harney say any
thing about my books, my eye has got as well
as it was before, and I am in perfect health,
Our first class gets along very well indeed,
Mr Weld has given us our stand between now & the
fourth of July, and we have taken our lessons so
that we may get done about a week before the
fourth in which time we have to our selves and I
intend to spend mine in reviewing, I have resolved
to remain here the fourth of July, most all are going
to Portland, but I tell them that if I need

I should be so tired the next day that I could
hardly stand, and that I shall feel better in the end
to stay at home and study, tell Charles & Rodolphus
that I send my love to them & desire them to be good
boys & learn as much as they can, and likewise to
Rowland Bailey, tell him not to forget to send
me a paper & the first interesting one I get I will
send to him, I supposed you excused my not
going to see John, I wished to go but had not time
or it rained when it was convenient for me
to, give my best respects to all my acquaintances
if any you see, ask Rowland Bailey how the \$0
well paid office of Clerk suited him, It is a very
pleasant day & it is nearly school time, I must bid
you good bye this time, I hope you will be well
and not have so much anxiety that it will make
you unhappy, I do not think I am uncommonly
frivolous, and foolish, I hope I may, if I have
not, treat all your wishes with respect & regard,
and comply with, for I know you do not wish
or require of me any thing unreasonable, you
must excuse had shelling, for I have written this
in less than half an hour,

Yours affectionate son,

Mrs Eliza Edmore

Ed Howard

Ol Howard
June 16 1846

Mr Eliza Colver
South Lead
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North Farmington June 18, 1846

Dear Mother

I hope you are still as well
as you was when I came from home, Has
Richard returned from Wayne yet, If
he has tell him he must write me a letter or
send me a paper, give my love to all, at home,
how do you like Cynthia, is she well, how does
Charles & Rodolphus get along at school, do they learn
well? Tell Charles he must be a good boy & not
play too hard & stud up. It has now been over a
week since I have written, I attended meeting last
sabbath, that I think shall not today my eye
looks & feels so bad, I have got two styles on
one of my eyes, and I expect I have got cold
in them, for it has ~~swollen~~ ^{and} swollen up all round
the eye so that it makes it difficult to
open the, but it is getting better now, it is
some pleasant here now than it was last
Spring since the trees have leaved out, and
the grass has grown up, my room being on the west
side of the building makes it very cool in the
forenoon but towards night it is considerable
warm, but I have got green paper curtains &

My room mate has got some very dark cloth ones
which when they are put down makes it very
comfortable when the sun is on this side, I
have studied quite hard since I have been
here this term. I must endeavor to do so
if I expect to get into college this fall. He,
which I expect to do. if I can any way pass
but I expect to have some to make up, but I
do not get in at the end of this term. There will be
six weeks for which I can make up what I am
deficient in. Vellingill is not coming this
term, so a young man said that came from
Wadsworth because his father is very sick.
Therefore, I have got a room mate, belonging to
the first class, perhaps you have heard me men-
-tion him. He is the father of Livingston me, if I
enter college I shall before I come home, our
class talks of writing down to Brunswick & have
a private examination before the customary
time. I am considerably anxious about going
but I think I shall get in well enough.
I shall try, I do not like to have shyness come
along to plague me but they will in spite of
me. These are the first I have ever had. Give
my love to all, Write soon, I all the news, I
paid all the expenses of last term as soon
as I arrived, which were about six dollars
then I paid 3 dollars to the Government

and shall pay two more soon. I have
not spent a cent this term I believe not
but that I was obliged to. I have not rec'd
a communication from any one this
term, except a letter from ~~Ed. Turner~~,
from Augusta from Charles. Turner,
Give my love to father, Whitehall.

Your aff. devoted son,

Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, V. D. Howard

next winter it will be attended with some perplexity and
I had rather you would spend the vacation with
me than if you are behind in any of your studies
you can devote your time to study at home
I think our house will be quite convenient when
it is finished, I shall be obliged to leave to a
close by subscribing myself your

Affectionate Mother

Eliza Gilmore

From Leeds, 24/6/46
June 24/6/46

Received
June 24

May 6

Mother Eliza Howard

South Weymouth

be sure and fill your letters, full you cannot write anything
that is not interesting to me E.G.

My dear boy,

Leeds June 21. 1846.

We are very well now and have ^{had} not
ill health worthy of remark since you left home, the
three last mails I could not help looking for a letter
from you, and was relieved from anxious looking when
I saw ^{receive} R.B. a letter from the mail carrier, thinking it was
from you, and I was not disappointed, I regret exceedingly
your eye should become inflamed, if it should continue to
gather matter be sure ^{and} have your ears boared and silk
drawn into them that will turn the course of the
humour, if your eyes continue bad don't strain them
to study come home and cure them I had
my fears when you were at home how it would
be I noticed your eyes were swollen more than
natural, you had better take salts, buy two ounces
and take one tea spoonful three mornings in succession
and then go three and not take them and follow
in that course untill you have taken them nine
mornings, you cannot be too careful of your health
I am glad your room is so satisfactory to you,
do not be so anxious about entering college this
fall you are young enough yet, if you do not go then
untill another fall, consider well what is best I am
not able to say what is best, and I know there is no
one in this world that feels that heart felt interest
that I do, and I desire to feel it candidly
I know you must have perseverance and patience
and a great many words might be added to

express what are needed to carry forward our undertakings in every situation) but to climb the hill of science is slow and often impeded in its course in various discouragements, but if that is your determination keep a steady and cheerful course, don't let small matters disturb you, never estrange yourself from your mother no body can sympathize with you as she can, yesterday afternoon Mrs. Capt. Turner and Joshua's wife took tea here. I spent ^{the} afternoon very agreeably and at night received a communication from my only absent son, those are temporal blessings in which I delight much the little boys are all well, Charles and Rodolphus begin to show some improvement in their studies Rodolphus is as uneasy as ever he is turning the room a fl about now, he just now was on one foot and fell against my table and spoiled one of my ell's, and now is fretting with being hurt, Charles has read three little Books through of late and certainly improves in reading he is very much pleased when you notice him in letters, M. and R. are having the corn B.B.S. reading every minute he can get, watching congress and the state legislature in all exciting questions I believe he likes very well to get home again and enjoy his old customs, (Cynthia says in very soft manner Oliver is ready) I return again to my pen determined to set an example of filling up my sheet, it being so disagreeable to me to find a blank spot in a letter from those I love or to say the least of it, I will regret when a letter finishes

Borsa came home last Sabbath day on after meeting, he feels the anxiety of business very much, in going into wayne and underselling the other traders has created a feeling of competition all around him which was what I expected, perhaps it will do him good, by arousing his energies not to be outdone, His health is better than it was I sincerely hope he will have good health I have not seen him since his return from Boston, give my respects to your ~~to your~~ room mate I must feel interested in one who studies sleeps and eats and indeed receives all his daily comfort with my dear son, however do as you please about saying other wishes to be remembered to you, This is indeed a rainy Sabbath, the rain has fallen incessantly through the day until this hour, which is 4 o'clock, it is a week since I have heard from your dear eye, I know it would indeed be a privilege to be near you and know how you are getting along, write me how you spend your sabbaths I hope you will be particular in observing the laws of the institution, there is nothing like being particular in small matters as well as great ones to get a good name, I do not wish you to be sycophantic to obtain favor, a person can observe maintain an independent spirit and still keep in the path of rectitude I have not seen nor heard anything from any of our hollow ill friends since you left home, one subject I intended to mention that is your keeping school next winter you need not think any more about keeping school this I do not want you to keep school

Wm. C. Liza, Eldmore,
South Leeds.

Dear Mother

It gives me as great pleasure to receive a letter from home, as it does you to receive one from me, for I am always anxious about your health, & how my brothers are getting along. My health is perfect at present my eye is entirely well, and every ^{thing} goes to suit me. But there is nothing wanting to make my happiness complete, but the absence of my best friends. Which absence, must happen, for we cannot always be with those whom we would, but this term is fast passing and soon again shall I return to my friends. I have just now finished my studies, and the other students are exercising themselves by playing balls. It is truly a glorious day but it was rather cold this morning. Our class will finish Salad this week, & all but the poetry in the Greek Reader. I expect to have a hard time to get into college this fall, but I think at present that I shall make out. We are now about to have a recitation of about a week ~~two~~ from Latin & Greek, to review Algebra, and some of the class have never been over half of it. I am glad Rowland takes so much interest in & reading the newspapers, & not other things, for by which he will gain great information & knowledge and he will thus be up the language & ^{learn} manner of expression, & the style of others which will enable him to speak better both in writing & speaking.

and to gain the respect & esteem of others, which I must confess, an empty head & an uninformed mind can with difficulty gain. Give my love to him, and my old request that he will send me the paper after it is read. Tell Charles to tell me by way of your letter all about his school & schoolfellows. Tell him to be a good boy & read Chipmunk if he has not, and give my love to him too, and a kiss to Rodolphus, and tell him I shall expect him to read short sentences in reading when I come, my dear & lesson. I thank you for your prescriptions, but it was nothing but a thing that I had in the eye itself was not at all affected, but ^{the flesh} about it, ^{and} now it is cured well. I expect my blood is in rather poor order, for I have not had my accustomed share of the cold this year, and therefore I have taken nothing to cleanse the blood. I have had a letter from Harvey mailed at Paul he was well, and said he should start for Springfield the next day. It was Sunday when he directed the letter therefore I suppose he was going Tuesday, & after he was in my there a short space of time he should either come home or go to N. York, he was undecided which. But said you was very when the letter was filled out, perhaps you could take another sheet and continue it, I think you could put 2 or 3 of those thin sheets of paper together, and then not crease more than the sheet I am writing on. Tell Rowland, Bailey he must write me all about how he spends the fourth of July, where he goes and how he enjoys himself. I do not intend to go into Portland myself but I will write all I hear from there. As I probably shall, for my Chum is going & nearly all the students that belong to the Institution. Give my best respects to Cynthia,

and Roland, remember me to father, how does he do, is he at home at work, collecting debts & not court extracting himself from the grasp of John Keam? how does ~~that~~ come on, and how did he accomplish in favor or against himself. When I came here after the vacation I left my cane at ~~my~~ ^{my} small store where father left me, did he get it and carry it home or not? It is now time for me to get my Greek lesson, for it is nearly the middle of the afternoon. You must write me often, and, all the news. Are Uncle Ensign folks well? & the rest up that way of my acquaintances, Give my best respects to them if you see them, and likewise to Frances Turner. It is now evening, since supper I have been to take a pleasant walk of about a mile, and now I have returned to finish my letter. Since I came from home the last time I have enjoyed myself well neither in playing nor sport of any kind but in studying, the most of the time, I like wise in reflection, what can be the motives of my mother in giving me an education, & that it may advance her ~~own~~ ^{it} resources, for from that she gives it freely to an uncertain son, liable to be taken away at any moment, or by imprudence bring ill health upon himself, or even if he exceeds in getting his education his success is uncertain in whatever business he undertakes. Therefore (thinks I to myself) what can be the motives of my mother, at last I struck upon the right thing, it is pure, maternal affection, which only a mother can feel for her child. I shall expect to see you in about 3 weeks, either having entered college or not I cannot now tell which, may you be well. I spoke for a seat at the Baptist meeting house, with a Mr. Lufkin, Yours affectionate and faithful son

O. Ottaway

At Howard
July 15th 1846



Miss John Edmund
North Yarmouth, N.S.

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North Yarmouth July 15th 1846

Dear Mother

It is now over a week since I have taken any pen to call your attention to my scribbling. I have ~~waited~~ very different different from what I thought I should. when last I wrote, as the person that was going with my churn to Boston and could not go I consented to take his place, perhaps I did wrong. I saw Col Lathrop & Uncle Silvanus Wood. Col said that Uncle Ensign & Aunt stopped at the Elm house, but they had left for Boston before I could see them. The people that were collected were ^{estimated} to be about 15,000 in number. Some say there were more. They had a very long procession, extending nearly a mile in length, & ^{persons} four walked together, it was composed of. The Governor, the Legislature, Rail road Proprietors, from Canada, as well as from Maine, Recruiters, Stock holders, the different ~~Loges~~ Loges of Craftsmen, and a few citizens & strangers. They paraded in the streets, then they marched all through the city (I forgot to mention that they had 4 or five bands of music) after that they went up on the hill where stands the observatory, where the Colation was prepared. Sufficient for 6,000 people, they had tongue, beef & crackers, and good cold water, after the Colation they proceeded

to the place where they went through the ceremony
of breaking ground. Judge Peble, made a few remarks, then
a prayer was made, after which the Governor, Judge P.
& some of the Legislature went to shoaling, they strolled
for a while thence, they made speeches, as I understood, were from
Canada, but I did not stop to hear them, there was
so many there that it was not very comfortable standing,
after which they all had an excursion in the steam boats
to the Islands, (I did not go there either,) I had a fine
time, but now it is over & I have returned to Dartmouth,
again on the morrow, to resume my studies, such times
if not so fragrant can do one no injury, excepting those
who are intemperate, & given to ~~the~~ appetite &
passion, But the remainder of this term I have resolved
to keep close to my book, and have that my best companion,
I was very sorry that I could not have seen Aunt & Uncle
Eugene before they ^{left} went to Boston, for last month
I only I promised Olive that I would come up to D
the next, but as I could not I should like to send
some word by them, I hope you are all well. how
did you spend the month, write me as soon as you
can, Uncle Stillman said ^{that} he had been to our
house, & that you were all well, Col St
-throp said that Aunt Frances had been very sick, and
for some time was not expected to live, but now
she was getting better, I hope you have heard from Grand-
mother lately, how does she do, Nearly all the people
in North Dartmouth, went into Portlough yesterday,
Mr Weld & his family, tell Charley he must tell me
in your letter what he did on the 10th of July,

and what the day is celebrated in memory of Give my
love to him, Rodolph & Rowland, B, I have received a
paper from Rowland not long since, & as soon as I can
get any, I shall send him one, When I heard that
Col Lathrop & Uncle Eugene were at P. I thought
that I might ^{with} father, some where but did not,
have they got done hoing yet, Give my best respects
to Rowland D & Cynthia, remember me to father, write
me all the news, I shall expect a letter from
you next Tuesday's mail. ---
do, I know whether William is intending to
go to College this fall or not, Give my respects to
all my friends at Leeds if any you see ---

From your most affectionate son,
(Chas H Howard)
Mrs Eliza Gilmore

write soon and write every thing about yourself
you can think of I hope this will find ^{you} well and
happy Your affectionate Mother Eliza Gilman
O. T. Howard.

Amos A. Lincoln

To the Garrisonian Life

May 6

Dear Brother

Leeds July 5th 1846

In compliance of your request
I take my pen in hand to write a few lines to you
I went to Wagne yesterday with Rowland Alger
I staid till ^{at} most sunset, we had a fine time. In
the morning there was a procession formed at the
new methodist meeting house I marched to the grove
this side of the town house, where there was a table set
set one hundred & fifty feet long ^{more} but it would not
candidate, than half of the cold water army, there were
seven hundred in this procession, then another was
formed called the mechanics consisting of ~~about~~ about
100 mechanics, who wore all kinds of labels, they dined
in front of the hotel, the first procession reached
from Mr Smiths house to the grove about a rod
this side of the town house, I should think there were
about 2000 in all ^{who were there} the Hon S. R. Benson of Northrop
delivered a lecture on the evils of interference &
the best way of remedying them. there was a band
of music ^{who} played very well. there was exelant
singing accompanied by the pianoforte. are you
well, write me about the fourth of July
in your reports, send me a paper as soon as
you can you must forgive bad writing & spelling
we have got through hoeing the second time

We are all well, but I must leave room for
Mother to write as soon as you can

July 6, your affectionate Brother

My dear Son,

Your letter came to hand R B Howland

Last Saturday I was very glad to receive it and much pleased
with the contents, but had it been a little fresher, you would
have probably had a letter from me ere this, your letter
was nine days old before it reached me, you said in
your letter you expected to see me in 3 weeks that is sooner
than I expected, this is the twelfth day out of the
time you mentioned which will only leave 9 more
will you be so kind as to write more particularly to me
about it, if you should not succeed in your examination
do not be discouraged nor ashamed it is all nothing
I could not advise you what was best because I was
not capable, but if you should not bear the proffer
examination, I should not most certainly think
strange of Mr Welds management in encouraging
you to come, and then giving you a place in the first
class, (I do not know under what circumstances all these
things happened) I suppose you have been regular in
your lessons as the rest of the class, I am not over
anxious whether you enter college this year or next
only there would be a regular course of pro-
ceeding in finishing your preparation at Yarmouth
and then entering college at Brunswick and so on
if you should not enter there this time there
would be future considerations to attend

Your Father said if the travel to Portland had not
been more than twenty miles he should have liked
well to have gone with you on the fourth I suppose
it a great day there for this state, but your
Mother does not consider ^{it} much loss to you if you
did not go, (probably if you live you will see
many rare sights) at this season of the year tis
so fatiguing to be where there are so many people
if there is anything about your dress that you need
before you go to Brunswick a nice shirt, or any
other article get it at Yarmouth, perhaps you can send
to Portland by some one, O how much your
Mother desires you to have every thing right
now about coming home, write very particular
what ^{help} you need from home, Laura & Leedbetter
and Don Wingate rode out here from Portland
on the fourth of July and returned last evening
all ^{the} who have been here from that place this summer
Your Aunt Frances is in a very low state of health
she has been reduced to such a state that her death
was expected hourly but her disorder has ~~been~~ taken
a favorable turn and she is quite comfortable so
that she sits in a chair to have her bed made up
her complaint is on the lungs I hope her life will
be spared for the sake of her family your Uncle & Otis
and wife have gone to Boston I understand I suppose
for her health, of late I have heard bad news from
the Woodmans at Milton Mr Woodman has ascended to
keep out of the way of officers of Justice, his long head
has not uncovered his purpose this time, Warren is married

W. Howard
July 19 1846

Dr. Charles Johnson
Northampton



Northampton July 19th 1846

Dear Mother

You must excuse me for not writing
last week. I was all ~~week~~ not very well. I was obliged
to study very hard; for of late we have got about 800
lines in Virgil a day, but we are now reading
Cicero in review. I have just been reckoning up my
expenses. They will be \$20.00 more than I have paid, which
will make the term expenses 25.00 exceeding what I
expected, in this 25.00 I reckon my expenses on the fourth.
I shall not be obliged to buy any thing before I go
to Brunswick, but I shall be obliged to hire my passage
down & back, and the class are going to give Mr. Wells the
rest have subscribed 5.00 apiece, but I did not subscribe
& shall not until I consult you, I don't wish ^{you} to
to consider my expenses of this term but 25.00,
five of which I have paid out of the 12.00 you
let me have, some of which I have left, but
the rest, Mr. Wells' present, & my going to Brunswick, are
not reckoned, I think you had better send me the money
soon, as in your next letter & I will settle up.
I shall get along just as well as I can, I suppose
you will blame me for going to Portland, but I
think you will excuse me,
^{it is now}
After having attended meeting a half day & again become

my seat for the purpose of completing my
Letter. We had quite an interesting discourse this
forenoon, commenced from last Sabbath's sermon,
concerning the meaning the ~~ark~~ of the Lord by David
& the death of Uzzah, together with the feelings of
David, and his actions on that occasion, he delivered
a very eloquent sermon, I think pleasing & accept-
able to all. The Minister is a man of about ^{the} middle
stature, neither too short or too tall, & well formed
he is quite intellectual in his appearance, his head
a little bald, not from years, for I should think he was
about thirty or thirty two, of rather dark hair, & very
light complexion, he is very effeminate as to
his delivery, but his sermons are of a deep & compre-
hensive character, presenting an elegance & beauty
in their very style. It is a rainy Sabbath, I suppose
you are all at home enjoying yourselves, in reading some
pleasant & interesting book or paper, or butler, sitting with
his spectacles on, his paper having dropped down, shaking
his head & then being aroused by a nod, and Roland Bailey
pouring over his newspapers with intense interest, hearing
not what is on around him, & Charles sits in his chair -
smiling, his warm & affectionate smile, while, my home,
listening to Rodolphus standing by his mother's knee &
talking, or about his schoolmaster, or his brother Otho,
and Roland Alger is sitting by the window reading or
looking out humming his favorite tunes, thus do I
picture in my imagination the scenes of home,
with ~~the~~ ^{the} cheering & delightful appearance, that naught
else can present, and while enjoying the pleasures,

the delight & privilege of home know them not, nor can we
estimate their value or know how highly they should be
prized, until we are separated from them, then, then
in reflections we behold them in their vivid color.
Then can we realize the privilege of having parents to
watch & guard our very footsteps, to preserve us from wrong
actions & wrong notions, to bear our responsibilities, to
advise, restrain & protect us on every occasion, and in all
circumstances, on whom we can rely to whom we
can relate our troubles, and gain solace from their
kind admonitions & friendly advice. Our nature
is such that without these comforts, & without
the trust & confidence of friends, not knowing whom
to believe, & whom to rely upon, we are unable to be
happy, & we are unable to enjoy our selves in any
but with these things (if we know how to estimate them)
we must consequently be happy & enjoy this short

I have again seated myself to close my letter, after
the afternoon sermon, I hope this letter will
find you well, give my love to all, I have this even-
ing, I am certain about my com-
ing home, whether I shall come in four or six weeks,
if we have a private examination (which I don't much
expect) I shall be at home in 4, but if we wait
until commencement, in 6 weeks, but then I
will let you know in season for you to send to meet
me in any place.

Thine affectionate Son
O. D. Howard

Recd July 26th 1846

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Dear Brother

Mother has just started for
 Hallamsville. Aunt Francis is dead she died
 yesterday morning at nine o'clock. The funeral is tomorrow
 at ten. Mother went down today to get rested before
 the funeral. ^{last evening} Caldwell came up ~~the~~ ^{the} morning to let us know G to get
 Hanger who has been at Uncle Ensigns, she rec'd
 your letter ~~at~~ last night, is gone but he is before this
 you said you were coming home in three weeks I in-
 gored that you thought you should be at home in four
 or six weeks. I we do not know ^{what} ~~what~~ to believe,
 we are all well at home, Uncle Ensign and his wife
 have had the scarious laid but have got better. Anna ~~the~~
 Martha says she ^{has} been so well since she was
 sick, she thought that no one could hit it. We have
 got about half the crop of haying. John Turner is ^{helping us} ~~arriving~~
 and good workman, you must send me a paper as soon as
 you can. It is Monday morning. I must go
 to work, Mother said that she would fill this
 out, I think I shall go to school this fall &
 but do not know where to go, Mr. Lane gets along
 very well, it is rather hard for him to do his
 haying ^{with} ~~with~~ only his boys to help him, but he has
 put out a considerable on the meadow so that
 it makes it a great deal easier for him. I must leave off
 writing. Good night and go to work.
 Yours in haste
 J. B. Howard

Leeds Aug. 1st 1836. My dear boy, This is indeed a fine morning
and I and mine, and all our dependants are in possession of suffi-
cient blessings to draw our hearts in gratitude to the author of every
good and perfect gift, I received your letter by Saturday's mail
after anxiously looking for ^{one} and for several mails, I thought I
should hasten an answer to you by the next mail, but you see
by the date I have not fulfilled my expectation, I reached home
at eleven o'clock on Monday evening fully intending to write
before the mail left but did not, and ^{the} week has passed a-
way untill Saturday. I thought when I read your desire what
you said about a present to Mr. Weld, I should lay your
situation before you on paper, and leave the subject to your
judgment but time now, paper will not admit, but your income
cannot exceed more than \$1.50, dollars yearly and your bills
for excise that, your bills the spring term were more
than thirty dollars then clothing bills were about twenty more
and I feel as though your wardrobe is scantily filled
now, your expenses this term must be 30. more at the least
that is the sum and substance of your case I always
feel an inclination to gratify you and do even in this
instance but alas for ^{me}, I could enumerate causes
sufficient to satisfy you I know how you feel about
it I have been in the same situation, dear boy, please
but I should rather you ^{would} not, I ^{shall} enclose twenty dollars
to you, you did not say how much you required to
get you a long untill you reach home, Oh you would
think you were doing well to earn ten dollars in a month
now ask yourself the question, am I willing to labor
one half of a month for Mr. Weld, I lately ^{have} seen the

mother of ~~our~~ dear Brothers children conveyed away to the
grave and I cannot look on without a feeling of grief and
sympathy for the future as well as the present,
William looked very sad, his infantile moments
have been looked after by a tender mother
and now we see his younger brother and sisters
deprived of that care, by a wise Providence which
cannot err all the rest of our friends in Hallowell
are tolerably well, I saw a letter from Mrs. Hazard
mostly on the subject of her father's situation, she
expressed a great deal of feeling on the subject, and
charity towards him, I afterwards conversed with ~~him~~
your uncle John he said there was no chance
for him only to flee from justice only pause a
moment my son and think of the situation, a
man ^{at} the age of 59 fleeing from place to a
place away from his wife and children and
in disguise, make the comparison between
home, kind friends, and fond children, "an
honest man, the noblest work of God" I look back
upon Mr. Woodman as he once stood in the view of
the world, and at the present hour he stands
and I think had he only kept ^{the} in path of recti-
tude, let this teach us a lesson let us ask our common
Father every morning and evening to strength-
en us in the path of rectitude I was sorry to hear
you say you felt unwell but hope you are better
write every particular how ^{you} get along I do not wish
to say to you that you are poor and indeed I
consider you in very good circumstances, C. Gilmore

Ol Howard
Aug 4th 1846



Mr. Eliza Gilman
South Scituate



Port P. Harmon 11th Aug 1846

Dear Mother

I catch a few moments just before recitation, to write a few lines in reply to your last. It was very sad news that was bore to me. I very unexpected, I did not know that she was dangerously sick, & William going to college this fall. How did Maria appear when you were at Ballwell? I hope you are still as well as when you wrote. I think I have kept rather too close to my studies of late, I do not feel so well as I did. Have not so good an appetite, I think the cause of it is because I sit so much without exercise. I have arose in the morning at four o'clock every morning except Sunday for about 3 weeks, but then I shall have a vacation of 3 or 6 weeks if I get into College. As to my expenses, I know that they are much more than I could desire. They would have been as cheap as I said if I had not gone to Portland, but now it is too late to regret my foolishness, but must beware for the future, but as every student has contributed for a present heretofore, and all my class, such as depend wholly upon themselves as well as others, therefore I could not go to his party.

supper, knowing that I was the only one that
did not give, but I think I shall give \$1 dollar,
& if my income will not allow it, I will
work when the vacation comes willingly, rather
than to seem parsimonious, I will avoid all
unnecessary expenses, neither ~~to~~ I am for shall
I be in leisure, or gamble, to spend money, but
matter, I think, as good as Mrs Weld has been to me, &
to my class, that we ought to give him a present or
some thing that may serve as a memorial of our kindness,
You do not know how I feel about it, I know well that I
am not rich, and that I must economize every
way possible to lessen my expenses, but prohibit me
from appearing small, I had rather wear ragged
clothes, perhaps you may say, that brother Rowland
does not spend so much as I, but place him in the
same situation, and it would be very different with
him, except that he has more economy or is of a
very different disposition, but forgive me if
I am wrong, for I wish to follow a mother's advice,
in all things, but still matter if my expenses
have been more than they ought to have been,
I most certainly have not wasted my time, ^{this term} ~~that~~
is something for my consolation, Give my love
to Rowland, tell him I should be glad to answer his
part of the letter, directly to him but I have not
time at present, next term I shall not be
obliged to study half so hard, & then I can & can
correspond with him regularly, Give my love to Charles
Rowland & the rest of the family, My coming

home is still uncertain, for we are not certain
about the private examination yet, but if
there is one I think I shall try to get in.
then I shall ~~start~~ come home in about
a fortnight, but perhaps I shall stay until
commencement about 4 weeks from tomorrow
(Wednesday), I shall if Mr Weld thinks it will be
better for me, I suppose you will be about half
through having before I return home, excuse
this broken letter, I will try to write a better one
next, when I can get a little more time, I hope will
think of what I have said about the present to
Mr Weld, I write me in your next, I do not
wish to give more than \$3, or for it, they are will
bring it out from Portland to day, a bible
costing 25, or therefore you must know how
beautiful it must be, The Class last
year gave him a Watch worth about \$10, or,
but they had quite a large class, We are receiving
Pirgel now, viz, the Bachelors, & sending in advance
the Greek & Poetry, We have got but very little
time & a great deal to do, I hope William
will go to college this fall, I should like to
have him room with me, On some accounts I
do not wish to room with the one I do now.

Your affectionate Son

Mrs Eliza Gilmore,

C. Howard

South Leeds N.
Aug 15th

as an engineer at West point the first of the summer
expecting to stay there a year or more and his family
thought he would in that time have the privilege
of a cadet but they are dreadfully disappointed
for he is now one of those who are called to go into
the Texas war he is to leave his present destination
for the seat of war in one month, I am sorry
you should mention the extreme sin as though
you thought your Mother should be grateful
that you was no worse, I hope the subject ^{talk} bad will
not apply to you my son, I think you a good son
but not a perfect one, your mother is a close obser-
ver of her sons, she sees they have fine qualities
and she desires to build on those qualities and
have them useful men in ^{this} great world, useful to
themselves, and to others you say is a custom
to make Men hold a present and a privilege it
seem, you say he has been extremely good to you
that is his duty it is his duty to be all the benefit to you
in his power and he is paid for it on that account
you are under no obligation to him, I am glad
you have a great full heart it is one of the finest
qualities in the world, and I see no way for you
to get along without subscribing for the present
you never wrote what your bill on the Fourth of
July, ^{was} now my boy you are altogether mistaken to
suppose I desire you to be penurious tis not so, I am
glad you are generous but there is a difference betw
an ostentatious and benevolence I desire you think of

difference, Your Mother always feels a desire ^{to} gratify
you, in every request but I know it is not always best
I am not offended with you for going to Portland
but I think selfdenial is a great virtue in practicing
which we often have great reward we experience
pleasure and I think you will find ^{it} even so. I feel
as though you were preparing for the future and
I hope you take pleasure in your manner of life
I have of late seen my Brothers family deprived
of the council of a dear mother which which admonishes
me that I may be the next to be called for to give
up my accounts in such a case who but you can
watch over the education of your younger Brothers
but I will hope that I shall still be spared to
keep ^{you} together untill time has done more
my oldest son, in such a case you would have
to think for yourself and for your brother too
I wish in your next you would be particular
to write all ^{about} your health and every thing else write
as soon as you receive this, you never have thought
how anxiously I watch for the to bring a few lines
from my dear boy, give Charly say Betsy says
Mr Gilmore has lost the cure, I did not think such
news would excite me so much as it has I have found
myself in constant perspiration and my stomach
flutters badly, I believe I have written all I cal-
culated to

Your Affectionate Mother Eliza Gilmore
Oliver P. Howard.

I had no three dollar bill & have put in five you must not spend
any more than necessary

Ol Howard
Bowd College
Sept 29 1844

Miss Elizabeth
South End

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Bowd Coll Sept 29th 1844.

Dear Mother

On father's return I thought I would
write a few lines to you, & let you know that I
have got settled, as far as room & the most of the
furniture, I went in with a young man
from Bangor, a member of my class at N.
Yarmouth, he had the room nearly all furnished
when I came, it is of D. B. North's Cell, South end,
it is a pleasant room & quite retired from
noise. I have got over my lesson & recited it
& in about a half an hour I must recite again
I got along with my lesson much better than
I expected this morning, being the first time
Prof. Upton heard us recite, there are about
30 in our freshman class at present &
they expect more soon, excuse any more
but the bell is now ringing, giving my
love to Granma, & all the rest, I will
write more next time, I hope I shall
get along well, Yours aff. & devoted son

O. H. Howard

Wm. H. H. H.
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W. Howard
Oct 3^d 1846

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Mrs John Gilman

South Lee, Va.

Bowdoin College, Oct 3^d 1846

Dear Mother

After one week's study & residence
at College I have seated myself to write
you a few lines. I hope this letter will find
you as well as when I left, my health
is get very good, I have now delayed this letter till
Tuesday morning. I like college very much, in the
morning at 8 o'clock or past we are wakened up by the
ringing bell, requesting us to arise & make ready
for prayers, which have to be attended in about 15
hours after, at the tolling of the bell, and as soon
as prayers are over we attend recitation, which
generally lasts about an hour & then we
have our breakfast. I board, at what they call
the Prowse club, (Mrs Prowse being employed to do the
work & to have the use of her room) it is a good club
& they have excellent living as far as food & accom-
modation after our morning meal, we have the time until
eleven to get over Greek (having got & recited our lesson in
morning, Prof. Upham, bears us in Latin, & Prof. Packard
in Greek, Prof. Smith in the afternoon and (Pigeon).
It is much easier to get the lessons here than those I
was obliged to get at North Dartmouth, I think with all

I shall like very much, all but being called freshman quite
so freely, but that can be put up with for some
years. Our room is (as father said) in the south
end of South College, No. 15 4th story, it tries me
very much to climb so many pairs of stairs, but I
think it is I. I understand after we once get there
the room is finely furnished with what is called Italian
paper, it comprises the study bed room & wood closet,
I procured a looking glass new, at 1/2, a desk, Bookcase,
& rocking chair, almost new & a very handsome one, at 3,00
& I have got me a cap at 4,25, I got my bed filled, 4/10,
& I grand mother at Leeds now; if you give her my love, & tell her not to
bother herself too much on account of my being boyish,
for I am more at home than any where else, how does Roland
Bailey get along at school now with his studies, give my love
to him, Charles & the rest, Warren was down the other
day & called to see me, perhaps you have seen him since,
how does Robert Elder get along now, I suppose he
has, got all the potatoes dug, are this, has there been
any more paring here since I left Leeds, I write me
all the news, Give my best respects to Uncle & Miss
holks, if at any time you see them, I must leave
off writing now to prepare for recitation, for Professor
Puckard is rather strict with those who do not
recite well, we have short lessons, but they
must be well prepared, & we are obliged to be
punctual to prayers as well as to recitation
I have a very good pen, excuse me for not
writing more, This is a very beautiful

place as far as can be for two or 3 miles eastward,
there is not so much noise & disturbance as I expected
there would be although once in a while they throw
clubs & billets of wood down stairs which
makes considerable noise, but for the
most part it is as still as if there was
nobody in the building but my room mate
& myself, Give my respects to Mr. Jones
& family,

Your affectionate son,

Mrs. C. C. Gilmore

D. D. Howard



W. Howard
Oct 26 1846



Wm. J. Fiske, Esq.,
Brunswick, Me.

Wm. J. Fiske, Esq.,
Brunswick, Me.



Brunswick, Me. Oct 24th 1846

Dear Mother

I have been delaying some time to write with the hope of receiving an answer to my preceding, but as my expectation has not been fulfilled I have again arranged myself at my table to write a letter home, again to request an answer. I am going along very well indeed, not having been annoyed so much (as freshmen) as I expected. We as a class have fared much better (as they say) than the Class last year, for we have not had any windows broken, & we were not held into the Chapel but once, through the account of the faculty, for they called us to order for doing it, and sending them from prayers. But night before last we were rather sadly joked, by the entrails of some chickens, & was wakened up in the night by the bursting of my door. & when I was ~~fully~~ ^{wholly} awake I got up, & found these remnants all over the floor. Some of the students had a roast (having stole the poultry as usual) & after cleaning them, roasting & eating, they thought that they would be generous enough to give the freshmen the entrails, distributing them at each room. Although there are many wild & dissipated persons, in college I think that the majority are steady, & not professors of religion, which a great many are.

I commenced this letter on the 2nd, & now it is the 25th. Having my
Lesson to get that night I have again taken my pen on Sabbath
eve, after having been to Church all day to hear Mr.
Tapan, Congregational preacher of Augusta, I have frequently
heard him preach whilst at Hallowell, how do you all do
at home, I am quite anxious to hear, for I have not been
so long away without hearing from home before,
Tell Roland B. he must send me a paper, or a letter
for it is full as good a way for any one to learn to write and
especially to compose or spell well, I hope he is well
& gets along well with his studies.

There are in College about a dozen Societies of which two are
called general societies, nearly all of the rest are Secret Soc-
For the sake of later of which they try very hard to make us
pledge ourselves to ~~join~~ and besides these there has been a society
got up (as I think) to draw the freshmen in "to hoop them as
it is termed." The only answer I have returned to these
solicitations & fishing is that I shall not annex myself to
any society until I know the principles and motives of
that society, and until I am more thoroughly acquainted
with its members, therefore I am safe from any imposition.
But there are some I think will or have been rather badly
imposed upon, I will say a few words of William
Gardner, he does not room in the same college with my-
self, but in South College with Butler, he is beloved
by his class & is considered as an excellent young man
by all that are acquainted with him here, I am rather
inclined to think Gamma's suspicions are ill-founded,

for (if he did once) I do not think he would be guilty of
such an act now, but she may be right, yet I cannot
look upon him as a thief by any means,
I have not heard from that school agent yet, I sup-
pose if I could have had the school (he would have
written me long ago, but I asked him to write me as soon
as possible so that I might look for another, but
I do not know but that it is for the best that I
should not teach until a year older
Nearly 5 weeks have passed since I came from home which
seem scarcely more than a day to recall, & I suppose
week after week, & year after year, will go in the
same manner until my course here is
finished. Give my love to Charles, Rodolphus & Roland
Bailey. Tell Roland Alger he must send me a paper
& I will send him the first interesting one I get,
please write soon, I write very much to hear from
home, I am not yet got a school for this
winter & talks of spending it at West, My best
respects to all

Your most affectionate Son,

O. S. Howard

Ms. E. B. Gilmore

My

Greeneville
Oct 31

Mr Oliver Howard

Burnsville

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My Dear Boy,

Leeds, Oct. 31. 1846.

How you do this morn. happy, I hope, and doing well in every respect, our family are in health your father is trying to hurry the house & long before cold weather ^{comes} on indeed the work in it the chambers are ready for habitation, Charles & Radolph are pictures of health Rowland B. B.'s health is good he is so fleshy, he is quite chunk C. Millets school finishes to day I am quite disappointed on R. B.'s account your grandmother returned to Sudlow one week ago your uncle John came for her stoped here two hours perhaps, says William is all engaged in hens he went to the fair at Salisbury Maria is at Laro your Uncle brought her letter she wrote ^{for us to read} him everybody is prospering well at the Messrs. Gilmore and Allen are driving business at Wayne largely, Mr. Norton ^{had} about the time you left home he died insolvent his friends and acquaintances lament him very much, Anna has not commenced house-keeping yet I attended House's wedding, there were forty persons there, this week I went with Miss Colier to visit Mrs. Ansel Turner her son was not at home, I hope you will not fall into the bad habits of college life but try hard to sustain good habits, and always bear in mind the object of life is to be useful, and that youth is the time to prepare for usefulness

stealing is a sin let ^{it come in what situation it will, however} in what situation it will, however much it may have been practiced purloining grandmothers Ohs, this is all nonsense but then poultry around Colleges still the practice is no less mean to say the least of it and then ^{the} hainousness of the sin in the sight of a good God. that deluded the commandments to Moses, that we sinners might have some rules to abide by and not be like the common beast take from each other whatever gratifies our present wishes who knows when ~~there~~ ^{they} are filching away some indigent persons poultry what privation they are bringing that family. Oh! my son there is a confidence within me ^{my son} with which I say will not be guilty of robbing the poor ^{and} industrious of their little, to help support a night's carousal, what a folly! who can even in after life even look back with any other feeling than regret on such folly. I am glad you are so happy in your Chum I hope you will be a mutual benefit to each other, I am not particularly anxious on account of your keeping school what you would earn would help you, if you were lucky in your undertaking I think you ^{would} like the employment, to a benevolent mind there is something agreeable in imparting that to others which we know will be a benefit to them and in imparting knowledge to others we benefit ourselves Granma heard you were counting a girl about twenty years old at Mr Brewsters she heard of it at Joseph Turners, and Aunt

Matha thinks Phellen will be a granddaughter to purloining grandmother Ohs, this is all nonsense but then on this subject caution is necessary not to be too pointed in your attentions at the present day while yet you are a boy years change the views very much, I spent a very pleasant afternoon at Mr Alvin Lanes last Monday evening so neat and Mrs Lane and Lucy appear so amiable I thought them quite an example Mary J Lothrop is attending school at Farmington. Your father is packing cheese dried apples and butter to day for Massachusetts to carry to Hallowell next Monday Cynthia is with me yet, everything remains about the same at the old house the Jones are real industrious I think. Betsey remains the same, with her little ones kicking and screeching screaming and fighting alternately as they happen to fall. Warren More was here last evening he has been sending apples to Olaus, which has made quite a business for him for some time you must write often whether I write or not I am not very independent in my trifles with Cynthia for help, Charles can ride a horse to Mr Bates shop to be shod and to the spring to water, which pleases him much, Charles has done a great deal to help about the work this fall, our folks have got all their vegetables secured for winter, the fields are white with snow but not enough for sleighing we have had good traveling untill now the roads are getting muddy

C. Howard
Nov 1st 1846

Mrs Eliza, Gilmore.
South Leeds.
Main.



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Portland, Me., Nov 11, 1846.

Dear Mother

I hope you have done nothing of
not occasioned by ill health, for I do not recollect of
having been absent so long before with out receiving letters
from home. I have been absent nearly a week & a half.
Cold weather seems gradually coming upon us, & to our great
disadvantage. Some one of the students, a fairish enough to
set on fire the wood shed, containing 150 cords of wood or
more on Thursday night last. We were waken up about 12 o'clock
by the ringing of the bell when on looking out we saw
the shed in a blaze nearly the whole length. The
faculty have been calling up the students ever since &
it is thought that they will call up all & have them
sworn to try if possible to discover the one who did it, who
(if discovered) he will probably be expelled & be obliged
to pay the damages amounting to about \$600.
It is now Monday morning. Having been to the P. I am
glad to find there a letter from you, and to hear that you
with all the rest are so well. I am very well, & every thing suits
me as far as my own comfort is concerned. Brother is
married. I hope he will prosper. He has ever been a friend
to me. You may be assured the bad habits & practices
of college are doing us no good & disagreeable to me. So smoothly & calmly

does all things pass along. That to a casual observer or a stranger
swelling college they would think all things take a pleasant
aspect & it appears as though all were steady & gentlemanly, instead
boisterous, engaged in revelry, drunkenness & the evil practices called
jokes, namely, the fire of Thursday's night (spoken of on the preceding page)
and the boasts of stolen property. This very morning some one was
kind enough to give us some delightful perfume by putting
essence of Stange on the recitation book-stove. ———
Other like foolishness is daily carried on to the amusement of some
and the discomfort of others. As to that school I should have
thought the man might have been kind enough to have infor-
med me whether I could have the school or not. But I never
have heard a word from him, perhaps he did not get the
letter. I ought to be doing something this winter, for
my expenses are high, higher on account of so many damages
occasioned by fire, the breaking of glass &c. ———

I am very sorry they assign so many girls to me at beds, for
I do not expect more than one, especially of those at 20. But as
Seeds is a fruitful source of stories of such a kind, with
a few exaggerations, we will not particularly notice them,
but I hope grandma or Aunt Martha will not be too much
troubled, for not very soon shall I make them grandmothers
or aunts in ~~or by~~ law. "Who will teach the school in our district this
winter? I hope they will have a good school, Jennings talks of
teaching a school in North Dartmouth, at about 25 dollars
per month. Our catalogues came higher than I
expected. I had not quite money enough, I
should like to have you send me a couple of
dollars in Jan's next ———

We have had a little snow here enough to cover the ground
but it soon went away not leaving it so muddy as in most
places, for the soil is so sandy that it absorbs all the water
that comes ~~of~~ ^{the} rain as soon as it falls & the snow as soon
as it melts. We have had a very pleasant day today, sunny
almost like summer & would pass for a summer day but for the
trees deprived of leaves, & the fields here & there with a patch of snow.
Our studies are so easy that now I think some of getting a-
head so as to come home Thanksgiving day and remain. But I do
not know yet when it will be. How far I cannot tell yet but
will soon enough to send for me, nearly every one will
leave before the end of the term. Give my love to all —
How did Roland get along ~~with~~ with his studies this fall?
Write all the news, & as often as you can, Give my respects
to Uncle Ensign's family & Helen if you wish. Has Everett
Bridgman got well yet —
I believe I have nothing more to write now, therefore as it is
almost recitation time I will close. Hoping that you are
& will be well, & that I shall study well & get a junior
part, which I can easily do if I study well, & behave
well ———

Your affectionate son ———

Oliver, O. Howard

Mrs. Charles Gilmore

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Mr Oliver O Howard
Barnswill

Leeds Nov 16th 1846

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Dear Brother

We have been busied the past week in doing
one man's work I had had no time to write or I should
be are all well, Mr Fortin finished the carpenter work
Saturday night, to day is town meeting day I like Gilmore
has gone to Wagne, I saw Orville a week ago yesterday
When do you think that Graham be home I should like
it if you could be here Thanksgiving I liked my
school very well it did not continue as long as I
expected it kept 8 weeks the scholars beginning to
drop off Mr Millet thought it expedient to close the
school Helen was doing well the last time I saw her
Yvonne Ensigne folks are well I believe Margaret
has not gone away, Jane Jennings has been to work here
she went away last night

This is indeed a very fine morning and
I have sat down many times to write a few
lines to you we have had our house plastered
and our many improvements almost every room
is decked, and our mason is a confounded slaver
and Syntha is a poor hand to follow him
but I am in hopes we shall get settled in the
course of time, I went to a funeral on the sabbath
it was in the Post house at the city Tander Post
a boy about ten years old was kicked by a colt
the blow fracture of his skull which caused his
death

I regret very much your loss of dry wood in burning
your wood shed, strange that any person endow-
ed with common understanding could be guilty
of such folly and madness something within me
tells me it will not sink into that degraded
way I have heard parents say that they could not
think of sending their sons to college because
there was such dreadful conduct within those
walls had habits formed which followed them
through life and was the final cause of their
ruin, only think of best institutions being
a source of ruin to our most promising
youth what a thought is there no remedy?
about your keeping school there are reasons
why I should like to have you keep school
and then objections arise just so in every pursuit
in life, if you have an opportunity of keeping school
you may as well try it if not give yourself
no uneasiness, as for Shellen she has a smile for
every boy in town a vain toy, Davis Francis keeps
our school this winter boards at Bear Turner
you mentioned coming home at Thanksgiving
but have made no arrangements about
coming, I looked for a letter by the last
mail but none came I ^{shall} expect one to
night I shall enclose two dollars to you
in this give my respects to your chum if
you are a mind to I did not notice Orville
at meeting myself, but your father did
and spoke with him, the whigs have failed

in their election, Doctor Bridgman is elected repre-
sentative from this class Wayne went strong
for him ~~our~~ has prevailed the rum which
went for him sin abounds but it is no less
harmous in pure eyes, shun evil and study
to be useful and do it in the fear of God it will
give you a ^{happier} ~~clear~~ conscience your father has
been to Halbovel all are doing well there
your uncle Henry has made well this year
in business I have never written to Lydia Martin
I expect she feels grieved about it and so do I
time seems to carry me along in daily
care without hardly thinking there is any
one else in the world but the subject of ~~our~~
my ~~life~~, I intend to write her soon I hope
you are happy and in good health, my
health is tolerably good, my nervous system
is ~~not~~ greatly distracted so much so that the com-
mon noise of the family sometimes distresses
me so much I have to use all the reason I can
master to stay in the room where ~~they~~ ^{they} are
but I still hope I shall be no worse, Mr Bates
has just taken the horse and waggon to go to
the funeral of old Mr William Pettengill in the
east part of the town a pensioner his sister
was buried last sabbath aged 95. she was
a pauper in this town, Your affectionate

Mother Eliza Gilmore

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J. C. Howard
November 20th 1846

Mr. J. C. Howard
Dorchester, Mass.



Yale College November 21st 1846

Dear Mother

I have again seated myself to address you a few lines. I have not much that is interesting, but I will try to fill out my epistle as well as I can. I received your & Rowland's letter yesterday & the money contained & am glad to hear that you are well. I have concluded to come home at the end of the term, but before I should like to have one of the Rowlands come to get me & Perley 3 weeks from next Wednesday, let him start early so as to be here before noon & we can go back as far as W. Moore the ^{first} day. My Chum went away the first of this week & will work in Portland the rest of the term & vacation. Since he went away Perley came in with me & he & I shall room together next term. He is an excellent scholar & pleasant, good dispositioned fellow. His health is better than it was awhile ago but he is not entirely well yet. This is a very windy day & rather unpleasant, it is not quite so agreeable to live here now & in the middle of the term when all were here, but we are more apt to study when there are but few of us & all around is still & silent. Besides it is the most expedient way to drive away loose conversation perhaps as you say the blues. There was last Tuesday an exhibition of the Juniors & Seniors. There were 4 or five hundred collected to hear

The speakers, 10 of the best scholars are chosen from the Junior Class every year to have parts in the Senior Exhibitions which are held every spring & fall term, 5 of them speak in the fall, & 5 in the spring. (I did not mean to say that 10 were chosen every year, but according to the good scholars if 8 or 9 are but there are 10) Those of the juniors who had parts this fall generally were not very talented fellows but diligent students. They earned their reward by labor & hard study, when on the other hand there were very talented, but rather careless fellows who did not get parts at all. How these persons could sit with such a humble resignation & let those (less capable, perhaps & excel them in scholarship) receive the approbation of the Professors, & get parts & prizes, while they themselves are neglected & passed over in silence (is too ambiguous a problem for me to unravel), I should rather leave college now than to study here two years with an equal chance & equal ability, and have my class mates ^{then} carry off the palm. But should there be any parts given in our class when we become Juniors (if that time should arrive) I hope (& shall) if it can be accomplished by study & good behavior, claim the privilege of having one. The faculty have decided upon a certain one of the Sophomore Class, I suppose it is not best to tell his name yet, but he is a smart scholar & always considered a fine young man before. They said that he crossed himself a number of times in his examination Jennings has just started to go to his school. He teaches this winter in New Gloucester. I am very young & plagued with nervousness, but I hope you will get rid of it. I suppose

the house will all be handsomely furnished off by the time I come home. One reason why I do not even before is because the faculty will not let a student get without the expense of teaching or another as good & I have no expense, & another is because I want the examination off from my mind & any one can learn more towards the end of a term than at any other time is will study. I hope you are all well, give my best respects to all my acquaintance - my love to my Brothers, & all the family. Three weeks will soon pass when I shall be with you again, I should like to pass that winter at home, but on consideration I think it not best, don't forget to let ^{Rowland} come after me, for there is no stage but that either goes through Portland or Augusta.

Your affectionate Son

Philip Howard

Mrs. Clara Gilmore

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Nov 29 1846

Wm John Gilmore
South Leeds
York



Bondin College of November 29th 1846

Dear Mother

It is sabbath eve, whilst all is still around
my room & I have taken my pen to address a few lines to our
parents. It has been truly a pleasant day, but rather, than
with much good for the best, I have attended church all day
& will transcribe from my notebook a few ideas. The text
of the preacher Mr. Adams, "The text was in twelfth chapter of
Matthew 35th verse "A good man out of the good treasure of
his heart bringeth forth good things, but an evil man out
of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth evil things"
he says firstly "that the heart controls the man if his heart
is good his life also will be good, but if his heart be
evil his life will be evil, that adversity causes rebellion
in one where in another submission" "that knowledge does
not control a man's conduct" however much a person may
resolve & resolve ^{on the side of right} if his heart is not changed, his resolutions
will remain ~~the same~~ ^{the same} have no effect & his conduct
will remain the same, To prove this he brought forth for
example Judas Iscariot, "Next" says "if we consider this
we can see why so many who profess Christianity do not live
better lives & set better examples to the world, that it is
because they are deceived, believing they have been regenerated
when only their hearts have been aroused & their passions touched.

But their heart has not been changed, —
every young man would peruse his bible in his closet
he would discover the beauty of the subject upon
which he was treating — "Every unregenerated
man should or ought to think, & consider his ways, but
it will do no good as good to take resolutions unless
first his heart be changed, Then he goes on to show
by what means this change will be brought about, "But
if the evil propensities were in some subordinate
part the good might over rule, but as the heart is
evil the thoughts & actions all must consequently
be evil — — — — —"

I purchased me a little tablet yesterday (a small book containing
six leaves on which I can write with a lead pencil, & then erase the marks
if I wish) thinking, as I do not generally have ^{interesting} matter enough
to fill out my letters home, that I might copy any thing interesting, be it
that I saw or heard in my walks, or as I have done take down
the general tenor & Idea of the sermon, & then copy it in my letter.
It will not only aid in filling out my letter but it will be good
exercise for the mind, giving the power to describe & compare
besides gaining a use of words, which is a necessary acquirement
to prepare one for an accomplished writer, & the esteem in
college & out beside the prosperity of the life of a man who
follows a profession, hangs greatly upon his being a good & hope they are now the same, Give my love to all the
writer, to be sure there are many accomplishments & acquirements
necessary to be combined with this to make a
man prosperous, but a great writer must have a
great mind & with a knowledge of human nature, it
seems to me, that such a man cannot fail of obtaining
esteem, honor or applause among men. & that he desires.

I hope you are better of your nervousness & well, and
wish you all might be well I suppose you are & I should
have a letter ^{if I think} I have been wavering between the opinion of
coming home & staying for a few days I heard I heard I know
what to think for I am not contented with wood and do not know
how to get any more — but I think I shall stay & as the
saying is "try to shake it out", it is but a fortnight
longer, We commence our review of Latin tomorrow
& Greek Wednesday next, Algebra I know not when,
I had a letter from Harry a few days ago from North
Leeds, it was the most sober, advising letter I ever recd
from him, I guess he has got ahead school —
he says he is about to open a singing school at the
Chapel, My health has been good all this term, but
I have not taken exercise enough of late, I am
be sure & I shall go home, — They say that this has been
the worst term, or to use their own language "the rowdiest"
that has been known for a great many years, since
the fire the student or many of them are out of wood
therefore they will get it from the recitation room & should
to the chagrin & dis pleasure of the faculty.
I was glad to hear in your last that all were well at Hall
Give my love to all the family, respectfully, best respects to all my acquaintances,
Thom Bow affectionate Son.

O. O. Howard