Livermore Tues. Jan. 18th 1849

Dear Friend & Ohioan: I have not heard a word from you nor seen you this winter and as I have begun to conclude that I shall not without writing to you have concluded to write you a few lines. I really think however, you ought to have come here before this time. But then I must accord you for I don't know as it has been so you could I should have been over to see you before this time if my mother had not been sick. She had been very sick with fevers for three weeks past but she has now got quite strong. I have not heard a word from any Colleague but Jackson. Searcy's last night and hearing that he is now back to his school I should like to know what was the cause of his leaving. How do you get along? Bill Safe. I am getting along very pleasantly. I tell you what, I don't seem much like what it did last winter. I have about 60 hickories and average about 6 to 8 feet proportion of their age. Small which
makes it rather laborious, but then one does not think that his labor is appreciated or known. I was pretty sure you would be up here yesterday, though I don’t know what Saturdays you keep. Perry is here and has been with me about four weeks. He is keeping watch in school here. He says he is so poor that he was obliged to quit the school after keeping only a short while. He says he should be very glad to see you. Write me or come over the first chance you have. I do not keep next Saturday, if you come send a few lines to me down to Father’s School. I should get it sooner than by any other way. However, I want you to come over. My Mafli is here, looking better than ever. She will remain here for 3 or 4 weeks longer. I write her at a party Thursday night, that "gold necklace" presented by a gold chain dangled at her waist and at the mention of the giver’s name a very blush sprouted her fair cheek. But more of this anon. Do you know where the review is to take place for the next in German and Latin? I want to know what the need in German and Latin. Calculated I think do anything to tell if I get back. As yet I have not studied but two evenings, I do not feel able to study any more now and I am afraid I shall not be able to make up till I get back. How much longer do you expect to keep? I shall keep for 9 or 10 more. I don’t know which. This is the third letter I have written to night and I have pretty well exhausted all my stock of interest and information on the two others. I am afraid this will be rather dry. I mean a dry one is better than none and I will at any time be thankful for even one as poor as this. It is getting to be later and I must mind up and with a few words about the girls I will close. You must be fine to come. I don’t want to see the fire, come and see. I don’t have any kind of a time with things. The winter at all. Time was when I have had some quite scenes but that time is now past and it seems and through all was past. I guess you can send me a few lines by way of Father and let one know whether you can come most Saturday or not. He will come home Saturday. I may possibly go to Troy next Saturday to get me a coat. I am not sure but it will not take me a great while to do that.

Your friend

[Signature]
Dear Brother,

I hardly know what kind of a letter to write you, wishing as I do, to write one that will be agreeable. You said that you did not like my lettering, which, by the way, I thought would be differently received. I had had a little more experience than you and consequently thought that a few suggestions to a younger of forming alterations would not be amiss. But, as I am considered elderly in writing I will forbear for the future.

I found that little Latin book which we were searching for here among my books. Knew nothing about its date. I had a conversation with Mr. Conwell that evening respecting his school. We think I decided him with regard to the school and house, giving him the impression that the school was a good one, and the house comfortable & convenient. If I gave him that impression, it was unintentional. It was necessary for him to take the school and therefore we ought to give the bright side of the picture. In fact, I thought that all the difficulty, which I had, arose from my having once been a member of the school.
I am sorry for Command, for he depends greatly on his own resources for his education, and his winter's earnings are considerably small. He found a young man who had become tried of our school and get wishing to go home to give him Command his place of wages, which were only 13s for a month with the understanding that he was to board sound. I know he feels to think that he has earned so little, but it ought to have had a little more skill. If I had begun I would have kept on till at least, I had been just 700 short. That is the most difficult time here, while we came and it was well, though a load would be removed from my breast if I were made free. The cold, which I had when I left home settled in my bones, and I have had a bad time with it, today I bought some aspirin powder and it has helped me so much that I slept all last night without coughing. For three nights I made me a hot before my stove, and slept with my clothes on, so that I could get up without taking cold, and that I might not catch Poldi aches by coughing. I slept without any pillow and had a good nights sleep. It makes me better, and when I have to study so much to be half sleep, the “sirventy” have appointed tomorrow to go to look in the examination, I have read every General clause once but have not been able to read any more.
My dear boy,

Here are you this evening, how is your cough, I wish I could know, and indeed are my feelings since I received and read your letter. I am writing to you in the you were now, but still I love you. But if you are not sick with a lung fever and still continue as you have been, I should advise you by all means to procure some tincture of much men balsam when at home, after taking the inhaling, and reduce the quantity one half and then put an equal measure of good wine and a few spoonfuls of you, that is if you first pour before you left home, I have been taking it and found great relief from it. If you cannot obtain the tincture, get laudanum. It has amount a much the best and has always benefited you, I wish that you prepared here and got just off to bring some of yourself and if you can get that syrup and follow taking it as long as a vestige of your cough remains. I think it will be a great benefit to you in other respects. I have had a severe cold for about a week and nearly all of your family but none of us, so in to keep cool a night much better doing is our own way. I am particularly anxious about your health let me know about it as soon as possible.琨琨. However, I have been talking of going to Both if the sky is clear and do not today I hope we had snow falling all of the day. I hope to see you just how you are, and let him take some thing you don't need if you have any. Such things you mention in your letter to me of being much worse but had received much benefit from Mrs. Thompson. And part of your letter was such so cheerful that I thought you would soon be better or well I have a great desire of having this bad cold so much.
Rowland Agy, started for Stockton the morning of March 6, and is probably now, awaiting for travel to be made in readiness for California. He appears to think more seriously of what he has written, before he went, he appeared very much interested in your letter, and wanted to take it away with him and give it to him, in taking out the money put in your father's wrapper. His great letter fell out of that, but you turned it up and that has gone to California, too, and what putting up little articles, knowing that was to have your letters took by accident. Grandpa letter must be packed, too, and after the chest was sent away, because the mistake and you Rowland, you, I don't think he will even read a letter, but you know he has never been in the way of even writing a letter, your letter will be great help to him on that score. He feels for him, he knows he will be unhappy, home, and some time says that, why I had not got once the reception of his going, when your letter to him, almost overcome me. He was intended soon as he began to read your letter, I presume he never thought in earnest that anything was in store. It is wrong in your good letter, fear of you, you can write such letter as you do, and Rowland knows it. How to be a brother as they have got in my opinion, if I could know you were well again. I would be happy, enough I think. Ask you to remember to reach him, he has just now left packing his trunk and bound up his clothes, and gone to bed and all of us families are in bed, but your father and myself have a little about my bed, I have slept so little. I have got a week past, last night my mind was wholly enjoyed, with you full of fear for the future. I had made up my mind to make you a present of two dollars to buy you a new coat, before I had your letter. Now I think I shall send it out of you are sick you had letter not have the cost of present. He has made him one. Made since you left home, I sent money about seven and a half must not be put pretty one. It is then brought it home. I was writing to have a snap about Tomsenvall's troubles. He might have stayed and finished his school and I did all I could to make him happy, and took his own way, and be must while the consequence, Mr. Dialect had a money uncomfortable school, but he did not stay until he had accomplished his time, and I think I would have lived through it if he had not himself a little more. Baby must let me know how are as soon as you get this. I dreamt you were sick with tightness from holding your letter, but I hope it is not so bad, but some how I am terribly ashamed about you, and I don't hardly know why you have had so many calls this winter. I am particularly anxious about you.

Yours, Mother.
Dear Moses,

I take very great pleasure in the reception of your letter, in order to allay your unnecessary anxiety as soon as may be. I was not disposed to have excited your fears so much concerning me, for with the exception of a cough my health has been comparatively good. I do not deserve a little "out of town" the coming on which I wrote to Portland Ruby, and cough also is almost well. I only cough a little in the morning, perhaps ten or fifteen minutes after getting up, during which time I raise the phlegm accumulated upon my lungs during the night.

My medicine, though a little strengthening to the system, cannot fail of slowing my cough. I think, that I now have a better appetite than I have had any time before during the winter.

Still, however, as you say, I need the benefit of taking care of myself and continuing my medicine or substituting what you recommend. More than one third of the students have had colds lately, coughs and I have had. I was a little afraid, that I was inclined to be sick, when I wrote to Portland, but my health noticed me in the morning after. I think, that I have -
Dear mother,

I have been waiting some time for a letter from home, but not receiving one, I have decided at last to write. I have looked in the papers to find a name or the consequence to attend to changes, but I could not even find the name of the person on which he is subject. And now, if you have heard from him before he left, ask Redford, as I presume you will have to write them on helping some of the people. I have had a letter from Rowland Bailey, since I have received one from home and wrote him an answer. If he will, I will write to find out if there is a man named W. D. Somers. If the letter was a recommendation, I wish to know what has become of her. Howard. I wrote to his letter, when I first returned to college, and have not yet received an answer, so it is not clear what has been the case. It is not clear how to write. His health is now as good as at first was. I am much too busy to write now, but I will write all the more in time.

Yours,

W. S.
I suppose that you are always glad to hear news and therefore I will inform you of a certain "metamorphosis" which may be little expected by you. I last left my papers three weeks ago and have not used them since that time and, what is better, shall not probably, for the remainder of the term, see anything of the like. I am thinking of it all the time. I happened to be thinking one day that something was dying and you had also thought that I would not care as much as the rest of the world. Sometimes, when I have nothing particularly to do (which is not often), I must do something, yet I have never overcome the desire of the. If at any time I feel any inclination towards it, I immediately by desert in reading or studying. It is very easy to keep from forming a bad habit and exceedingly difficult breaking it off.

I have another study (one that is voluntary) that is a pity for it is a language. With this addition to our usual classes we have quite enough to do and a little more. I find that mathematics, which I have got with comparative ease hitherto, require a little more attention and that to the closer. There are but very few in the class that get our mathematics home, but most will not keep them, now obliged to do so. I miss Clearland's Chemical Lecture as the bell is singing. I have been to lecture, which begins at 2, with continuing till 3, whereat and prepared my letter. I have taken a half hour breathing, before, but in the autumn, went myself, finished my letter. We had some very interesting chemical experiments on electricity this afternoon. So far he has made very little progress interesting. He is furnished with every kind of the best apparatus. He is a very close and keen observer. His lectures are delivered in the poorest words possible, but these words have a definite and strong meaning. Professor Ready wrote one very bad theme (composition) that it was written in a letter state there are brackets.

Do not worry about our Latin controversy, probably. "Labor non aquisit" that is. I am not going to write any more on the subject. I am going to send you a letter later. I have not heard from you for some time, but I am always anxious to hear from you. I am always anxious to hear from you. I hope you are well and that your affairs are all right. I miss your love especially in the rough. I am always anxious to hear from you. I am always anxious to hear from you.
Dear Cousin,

I received yours of the 3 inst and was very glad to hear of your fair health but hope that ere this you are enjoying your usual health. You must be more careful how you expose yourself for health is every thing and without it one cannot enjoy life, nor that is what we all seek here below but also how few find it because they do not seek it from the true source. My dear Cousin I plan to see you using knowledge and may you return to all your studies but do not forget to seek that true knowledge which comes alone from the Saviour, which alone can make you wise and good here and hereafter seek first the kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you. In the Saviour's words, and I would say seek the Parvin with all your heart and then you will enjoy that happiness which this world cannot give nor take away. I know this by experience and would not part with my religion for all the pleasure this world can offer you ask how I enjoy myself I would say well. I know I have not the society of but few of my friends I am one that love my friends more to have them near me as a source of great pleasure but we cannot always enjoy the society of those we love.
I should have been glad to have seen you before you left here. I was almost sick the last Sunday that Mr. Sergeant preached and that was the reason I was not there. We have had no meeting since, but they have engaged Mr. Watterson for the next season and he is to be here next Sunday. I feel very glad to think we are getting ready for preaching again and hope he will be the means of doing much good here.

Your Father and Mother were up here last week. She has been sick but is better and felt very anxious about you having heard that you were quite sick. They have been to the Point since and your friends there are well and say that your Aunt S. is going to live with her husband again at Philadelphia. Chime's B is at home now and I enjoy his visits very much. He is going out west as soon as the travelings will allow and since his return, he reports to you. Jackson got thrown from his horse last Friday and hurt his nose quite bad but did not get any of his limbs broken. John Miller and the boys are well and send their love to you. I had no trouble in reading your letter, but I expect you will find some in reading mine. But you must excuse this as the reason I am writing in a quite cold and I shall have to stop on this account.

With much love to your Uncle and Aunt, please to say your love to yourself. As for your love, I am sure if you think it is worth an answer.

Yours truly,

Jane Wilson
My dear sir,

The time of day that you are preparing, for meeting for morning service, a privilege which few of our family enjoy, this morning, my joynings for attending public worship is small, I do not speak of it to complain. I merely mention it as a fact, but because not many can join not withstanding that difference, I received a letter from A.F. this morning, which all the one he was to write home, I should think from the general tone of the letter, he is rather pleasantly situated, he mentions that having more respectable than he expected, he thinks he shall find enough to do to this time, I thought he did not treat himself a good dish through the winter. You examined for Emma Howard, I called at your house the 16th of March and saw Emma, the same she had received a letter from you the following morning, I sought her to wait on while the preaching continued, but it became dangerous, at once, the lights being too high and soft I went to Hallamole the next day, took a walk south across the town, found all in tolerable good health, Addison, about hearing for California which I (think) a great to another Addison, has been to visit his father and sisters and your Street Street and went with him. I found him in fine spirits, she enjoyed her journey, finding they all required, and I was not, that very one to whom the post extract. Given, template, John was expected to arrive home the day 3. So as I come, he had been gone to California four weeks. Itally at his house, he left off and very soon and drinking. Mr. Wilson's wife was very sick at the time, and very little hope of recovery for the one and a few days after. Mr. Wilson will be four weeks
Don't think so. As a matter of fact, he does not write letters, excepting one, which he wrote to me last summer, when you had entirely given up the habit of writing. He is a great deal more work for a man to make ready for a voyage than he has ever thought. I think in his opinion, the company, having their own labor, is what takes up his time, in a way I think the ship has not left yet. Your father spoke of it last night. He had no letter from New Bedford, nor Coddington, but he did not wait for Green for the Western mail. He thought he had no letter, but he thought he would write to you to make sure of mentioning him in his letter home. I rather expect that this will be the last letter of any importance, but George Jones weaving, and Abiah is still with me; you would be astonished to see what a singer Abiah is. He sings correctly more than fifty times, and can read the notes of any tune, and can, and will be happy in it, and George and Abiah are singing in the other room and Reddick's in the room with me. Your letter is representing the circumstances in the room with me. The sun shines to day, this being the first pleasant day of the month, and the snow as nears all left us. I look forward with bright feeling to the time, when I can work in the garden and regulate my plants once more. I cannot, more than for a few, a few weeks before we see you, am not half grateful enough, that your health is no more impeded by your cough. I think College is one of the worst places for cough in the world, I am glad you can live without pipe and tobacco, but I cannot say that it gave me to great elevation of frame, as last summer, when you had entirely given up the habit. Speaking of your studies, the French language reminds me of Rohmers, meaning with the exception of the strong, in English without meaning one word of their language, he is keeping by this time to reap the reward of his diligence to me about going to school, when he could, I never think of the inconvenience with not having me a less approachable feeling for it, I saw my motive was to do good and nothing else, I sent you every kind of hope, that I should have any influence for bad, and hope time will show time, how the two things prevent, and what fails. Since he has written, he has been great happiness to his personal regard. While thinking of College discipline, and your mental faculties, I will put a courageous to the fact that you enjoy, literary, personal, and natural history, the facts, and maxims, that accompany every way of life, my son. This is one of my own, without being altogether to its credit, and enlightening mind, should be more frequent and frequent than one, where there is so many subjects and entirely to them, but I do not know that that this one, and might take. Special things give you respect to write. May love to all engaging friends, in College, but you see to write to you, but write every day — try, if you knew the amount of pleasure every letter gives me, you would set it any time, so that when you can write your own, Eliot. 10th.
more surprisingly than this, but at this instant, there are my sentiments. Through young, I hope my present employment is the most congenial to my taste. I wish you to all the family, and I believe me your well wishing son.

Charles

Bethelea College April 6th

Dear mother,

I am glad to answer your letter. I went to Frederick the day before "72," and did not return till last evening. This season I did not receive, and consequently did not answer your letter before.

I had a pleasant ride. Other things happening which I will tell you when we meet. There was a fire there, Thursday night, which looked splendid.

It caught in a place full of building, and the firemen with difficulty put it out after burning for a time on one of them. I believe there was but one dwelling house burned. It was hard to turn a family out of house home in a little a night. There was also a specimen of female heroism, the next day after the fire. A certain woman, having grown to find her husband at a barn, and the same badly intoxicated, had become exasperated with rage, so as to one quenching him at the same place, in the same street. That day she seized a club and went to the church, and to the lessor of the better house all his customers by the door, his windows, and bottles, and, seizing the hands of those endeavoring to calm her, in triumph led away his better silly husband.
In regard to my cough. I have never been in better health or spirits in my life. Every thing looks bright & pleasant. You seem to distrust my breaking off the habit of smoking, but I have done it. I have done it this time from principle. And, in all probability I shall not use tobacco again. I shall not wish to. I can satisfy myself with some good reasons. I have put myself to the test, and now do not desire it more than once or twice a week. There are many things which I do not name that I have never done in the way which I used to find myself of a little habit. But depend upon it— you will not be me smoked again. Whatever was the cause of my breaking off, you are right. I enjoy literary pursuits, and now could be constrained with reading any other. Whether I am best fitted for this world remains yet to be decided. None will show, whether I am lowest. I have had this year no opportunity of going away, and does not wish to let us know it yet. I wrote a letter. It is hard for a young man, being one year away to begin. He knows he ought to have gone to school when the opportunity was afforded him, but he did foolish and seem to me foolish him. With many others, do not want to be behind the comp.
Dear Beth...

It is a cold Monday day, not much else. The weather we have been having about as usual, and pleasant, it has had a letter from home, things I wrote you in April. I have just arrived of the 18th of April, and I have been since then at home. The weather has been rainy, and I fear he will not give it the rest and this spare will be in a most unfavorable condition. Our children gone away from home, he sends to a little alone. Although I suppose you that I went to the charges, which is some different from this country. I had to determine last Friday for the first time in my life in politics. I did pretty well. I have joined the Republicans, and shall have to indicate before the public meeting of the Town. met Friday morning.

When a friend of mine died last week. I was asked to address questions, which I found interesting, I am glad to hear that you had a pleasant address. I sent out the get-along advice, and in fact, although it is only a bit Matthew says we must stand and that friends are understanding. I am persuaded that I should have looked through my Debt. Still, I think out that Clark is a member of the Smiths, and how Frederick visited. I am not to understand it. He did not go home before the middle of May, it is pretty hard work to get them here and our horses. I hope that you will get home soon enough to come to our wedding. I do not know whether I shall take a
Yard in it is not, but I hope not as I should not attend any chance of getting either of the prizes. It is held at the close of the term which is the last week of June. I hear about giving up going to college for I have not had time to get an education at the West and I shall not. My probable desires are present to the Metropolitan or one of the schools here. May I come after this I hardly know whether it is best to go home and try here. I about think if you think him to be he had an occasion to come the school and other places Nothing seems to please him as much as to be hesitated but there I have been talking about my scho. which is much and I think he has never had a fine friend of four months in any other place than he has been at school. I do not think the student generally is smart and good scholars are fast here although there are many old men here. Send my respects to Paity Pramond and ask the letter if he remembers cheating the stage. Write soon.

Good afternoons to Brother.

Mr. Charles H. Howard

C. B. Howard
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Apr. 15 1849

Dear Milly,

I have looked eagerly for the week past for a letter from you, but so it seems that I am not to get one. I have taken my turn of "Dignity afternoon" to address you and await again an answer. The present term is fast drawing to a close, and I look forward with some degree of pleasure, when I may find some relaxation from study. I have begun to be a little tired of study, constant application. I received a letter from Scotland only a few days since, stating that he was well. He told me some sad and painful news respecting Col. Little. I do not know the letter, it will be a sad circumstance to a family in circumstances like his, who are gone away, and the remaining portion of his family dependent on their interest for their support. William died at home last week. The following week he said that his father had been very sick, and was but a very little better when he left him. He was not dangerously sick, however, and by the time he returns he may be well. This beautiful day reminds me of what you said respecting your garden. I should
I would like to have you come and get me at considerable many accounts. There are great many things which I wish to carry home and great many things which always remain. Here, I can not cannot solve you about your, as well as you could yourself see. I have not received anything which I should use, or not, myself. I have thought. If I could get a profitable one that I would do it. But on the other hand, I learn to be subtracting so much from my college discipline and education. The more I say out and the I graduate, I can earn some, be teaching much faster. I would however, if possible do something besides teach school. But I am the under the necessity of teaching an Academy for a year or so. Since I wish to learn all I can. The college course will be Profit a beginning. If I had money, nothing would hinder me from studying three or four years later after I leave the college, before I can receive a medallion of the thirty eight. I hope one of these days I shall be enabled to go to other countries and perfect myself in the knowledge of other languages. I will not say the French 8 German is so far, and perhaps before I am thirty, I shall have earned money sufficient for my expenses. I said, or changed my college. I am gone to all your home. I have passed another. Ald. 

[Signature]
Leeds April 25th 1849

My dear Son,

We have a beautiful morning, the sun is shining brightly over the snowy fields, after yesterday's storm, which has entirely changed the whole face of nature so far as the eye can reach, yesterday was a thick snowstorm. The whole day was heavily cloudy, and a melancholy day we had to pass. We looked for the next time on the long-promised fair weather, but although he was cleared from a violent wind and finally turned under it in the evening, I cannot tell you what an anxiety his sickness has been to us, but he could not be spared from the hand of the great Doctor. He had his dener through his extremity and was perfectly aware of the situation, some of the persons near him to whom he was written to not to come. That evening Mr. J. B. was sent for, but he came not. I was considerably relieved upon his arrival, for he is a friend and a compassionate friend. He is the only one I ever recollect having again visited the family, and he is a friend to his family as well. It is a great and deep sensation when one is in his last sickness after his case was hopeless. His sons, accordance were stirred in order and attended the funeral, and walked in procession to the grave-yard, this led and others for the occasion but the storm comes and that day went to the ground to him. I know of no one, who could be taken, whose loss would be more sincerely felt than Mr. J. B. but who does not have some. We have perfect evidence that some sickness has to pass his journey. Mr. J. B. never heard time in the right line. I did before yesterday the clock had one standing alone, without a disappointing sound, you have probably heard of your nurse, she is sick, we heard from her yesterday, she is scripture.
Dear Father,

I have just received a letter from you in which you speak of the pleasant morning spent in Dr. Bell's office, and I am very happy to hear that you are in good health. I am also pleased to hear that you are satisfied with your studies, whatever might be the case in your recent trip to Boston. I am sorry that I was not able to write you earlier, but I am very busy with my studies and have not had much time to do so. However, I hope to write you more frequently in the future.

I appreciate your advice about the importance of health and study. I am very grateful for your encouragement and support. I will continue to work hard and make the most of my opportunities.

I hope to see you soon and hear more about your adventures. Please give my regards to your family and any friends you may mention in your letter.

With love and affection,

[Signature]

C. W. Townsend
Dear Miss,

I received your kind letter last week, and after so long a delay, will try and answer it. I truly know what apology to offer for my neglect, especially as such an event has made it impossible for me to write at all. Children are always complaining of me, because I am no more prompt. I received a letter from a young lady nearly two years ago, and then received no more until you are now. I am sure the only fault is myself.

I trust you find your health better. If I were a natural writer, I should return the pleasure of these correspondents, and I am going to try and add a letter for the same purpose. I am always so happy to receive a letter from anyone. I enjoyed my visit very much indeed to your mother, and would have been happier to have met you there, but I think it may wait. There again it is the fault of nothing present, for I enjoy reading so highly. I spent the Winter at Barrow with Miss Tyler. I enjoyed the visit and would do to stay with the all the time, but it is not convenient. She was very happy in the new situation, her domestic affairs and Lady take up all her thoughts. All the other women are very much attached to her. Miss Tyler and I are in agreement now, but it is just a matter of the other women, for, if you are happy in the new situation, I shall be very content. If you need any help, I am here and ready at all times. I am in the best of health, and I hope you are the same.

With all my love and affection,

[Signature]

[Date]
Dear, as you have heard, I purpose, as part way back to New York, as we are so situated, to go to New York. I am to call and see, as we are so situated, as to have them go there. It was so difficult, as we are so situated, if the matter of going, we reached a letter from them while in New York. I attended school at Concord & wrote this. After I am always very happy while others think about it, I always to teach the learning business somewhere in the vicinity of Concord. I don’t know how I shall like the employment, but am in hopes I shall. The letter is not so easy as they were a few years ago. There are you again with the letter of love of Mother & sister. I think, also being the medical brother. I am somewhat acquainted with how. Remember me to Miss Williams, the gentleman to whom I met. I don’t know as I can think of any more to write. That will assist you. Note if I write again, it will be short and to the point. I have been charactized as described, since I have been writing. If you write me again with a word, you may take, my love too. If not until after that time, please write down to address. I hope to see you all time. The way you are so many I presume. Even my love to your Mother. I should be very happy to enclose a letter from her, of course. Kate’s & Mother Brooks are about the same as they have been. Brother thinks some of going to Boston to this evening, and another to tomorrow. Brother is quite a large job. He should be very happy to see you there, and at Concord. I think you had better travel this way, most winter.

from your Cousin

Emma

April 17, 1850.
Cambridge Apr. 24th 1849

Dear mother,

I now write you under feelings of embarrassment. The following event I wish to be confidential. Although I always have cherished a strong affection for you, my feelings have always been kept on the surface, yet many times have I looked at you in my own breast. Many a time have I longed to offer my bosom fully to you, and knew it would even sympathise, as with a sister or sister-in-law. But I thought it was weak and unmanly. I have been known as it were on my own address & judgment in most every step I have taken. Have you ever watched and ever anxiously endeavored to guide me aright? For all that, because much I have been led hither by impulse, some of me is left behind, and that feel ing within me prevent me from letting a foolish & imprudent step. No lack of female beauty and perhaps wished we not to mention it again, but I must have some steps which you must know means or later. We should I do any thing without your approval, I should never come to regret it. For the mistake of you think I would tingle with my own heart, on which depends the manliness or degradation of man. Nor would I tingle with the effects of ...
character. You may say, I have not the judgment of
a town. I have not experience. Be it so. Yet I hope
I have common sense and integrity. I have un-
swerving integrity except the want of your letters
and others, except in the society I choose.
What is the cause? What is it that has rendered the
change in my character, which causes me to enjoy
the society of my own thoughts? To tell you the
truth where there is one, who judges a thing
influences me. I am not prepared to feel heart-
aching, and have not judged the gay falling.
So your fear of it, she is good, sincere and intelligent.
You might think this language changes from me, but
for her, for fortune holds, and seems sweet. My studies
are not neglected, but my clear, my often,
hear one, you never, I shall not do.
It would indeed, then a beach, and head from
very, better than our perseverance and ambition. As
I am, I am neglecting my letters, perhaps for my
foreign cause.
Yes, my brother, sincerity and intelligence give
my courage, than external beauty. In fact, these
inherent qualities make external beauty. Without
them beauty would be more show, an empty worthless
which would disintegrate them to the heart.
Although you wish your son to rise, you would
not have him sacrifice every good feeling of his nature,
and every step of happiness for worldly station. If your
own heart would revolt against it. Perhaps you have
spoken to me. Friends, hope, and I am my ignorance.
This you order your expectations. But I think I have
done right. I have done nothing for which my own
heart condemned me. If I am disappointed, though
I may feel it, my heart is better, though it may
break my very soul, yet I must bear it. What shall
you mean by you being assessed? I cannot if you think
me without principle? Although it may be foolish,
you judge my opinion. Yes, I would not help
it, and have done nothing but what is perfectly
honorable. I would write an intersection, I would
remind you that the is so utterly and more than
I, but it will do no good. But may not believe
me, that is your own, think me incapable of judging.
Write me, what you think, there is no engage
excepting the mutual pledges of devotion. Sympathy
Your opinion shall be respected. Think of it and
consider before you write your document. For some
thing would be very harmful to me. In the nothing
shall hinder any resolution in my advancement.
But should yours own heart decide against me
the then would be long, the struggle will be hard.
But it would be worse another than for me.
I feel that in of itself, I have lost a friend—
a friend indeed. I have thought of you much since
I heard of this situation. Indeed he was very foolish
I have resisted him and feel hardly his life.
Give my love to all, except to no one what I have
said, for there might trouble with feelings they do not
understand.
Given your affectionate love.
Oliver H. Howard

August 11, 1849

Brunswick, Aug. 10, 1849.

Dear Mother,

I was very glad to receive your letter, and having waited with much expectation, it made it doubly welcome when I did receive it. I am pleased to find that you think of coming for me. I now


house in St. John's. At a day's notice, I can


as a very pretty fine woman. We have


in St. John's, just before you

go on to the bridge to Brunswick.

If Charles comes with you, you can


at the house in Brunswick, and send


and made me find one, which will not be difficult if he will call me Howard instead of Clark.

The key of my room is 26. Main Hall. You can


I will find a place where you will


not be well cared for. If Wednesday next is


not a suitable day, some other night I will


The students will be gone (he most of


Thursday, so I can better show you the


the libraries -- etc.


Mr. Harmon asked me to bring you to see


his family, and I told him he would


fell, but I did not know, as you would like to


place twice over nightly. I had much rather
you would write at my boarding place over Night. No but they are pleasant people. I am always afraid that I should be of some benefit to me well write them a visit. and perhaps stay the night with them.

I think that my last letter might seem a bit to you and concluded for but I think that you might have doubts of hearing from others in their exaggerated accounts. So I resolved to write here it was that you might not think my troubles had gone my living. The young lady of whom I speak to you only child. The parent's watch over with as much care as if it were a son of theirs and perhaps more and a young lady is more exposed. They know her feelings and her wishes and love her with great tenderness. I will tell you a short incident. One time when Orille went to Brunswick with Peleg. Orille got very much interested in the teacher of Seminole and drove his team behind your nobleman as if he knew every thing in It. At this place they halted some one asked Peleg and to his unfortunate thought of the driving nest

This young man was the young lady's uncle. Hence the news was immediately carried that she was interested. Whether she believed it or not her friends thought that they had every proof that it was so. But I had talked some of

evening with Peleg. He knows through news that she was much interested in me and not then knowing me thought they had discovered my character or rather such faults in good season. I was neglected, I knew not the cause and was too proud to ask. Peleg however corrected the mistake and her parents knowing I had been wronged within me very much he came to see them. I went

I know my situation and am very far from being crazy. Looked passionate. I know it will be very long and perhaps the time will never be when I shall be settled in Brunswick & the feeling circumstances. But tell them will I call a young lady from a grand home to share my fate.

I am very far from thinking that the influence of a good & peculiar girl will render me & Emotions and young men of my strength I mind or any other. If I can make it a church kind myself desired which seems to me most probable. I cannot hear it. I hear it too as a man should. I think I have some strength of character and know I have strength of purpose. My sentiments to me on those points and my felt disadvantages, and all my attachments might have pleased on heroes and you have thought poor and going to have such but I thought it would be better in the end. I did not practice the habit of concealing such things from you.