

Brunswick ^{Nov} Feb 18th 1850.

Dear Father

I arrived in Brunswick on Saturday last - am well - vaccination did not & probably will not take. I went to see Mr Henry this forenoon and found him, living six miles, instead of two from this place. He did not take up the note: because, he says, he was deceived. The statement is as follows - Biddins Lane told him, in the presence of Arza, that they had sold the town of Bowdoinham for \$50.00 and should sell him the town of Yopsham \$10.00 cheaper. Whereupon he gave his note for \$40.00. It appears however, that the town of Bowdoinham was sold for \$30.00, \$10.00 paid down & a note for \$20.00, which note was afterwards sold to a neighbor. You see the deception if the above is true. The man appears to be a fair, honest man. He says he will give \$30.00 for the note. This I dared not accept before consulting you. He says also that he can prove that they deceived him, & thinks if he could see you that you would allow a discount - of \$10.00. I am very certain that I can get as much as \$35.00 for the note: Write me if you think I had better give up the note for that amount. You need not send me any money if you are willing to do this. The man surely will not give more, unless it is extracted by law. Considering the

circumstances & the difficulty attending any other course
I think you will do this: The man has not made any
thing on his bus yet. He will be here to see me soon
& if you think best I shall make him that offer, but
shall not favor him more. My love to all - write
immediately, if possible.

Yours truly

O. C. Howard.

O. C. Howard
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South Leeds. Feb 21st 1850

Dear Brother

You will see by the date of
of my letter that I am at home. What, you
will say he has not got turned out, has he
not certainly not - but simply one of my principal
constituents (I don't know as that is the right
term) is dead and I have adjourned my school
from today (Thursday) until Monday. Mr Ridley
was father to most of my scholars and uncle to
the rest and if I had kept I should not have had
more than five or six scholars. If you were here you
would ask how have you got along? very well, since
they stayed at home, my school has been as regular
as circumstances would admit. Mr D. having been very
sick for some time, although things have gone on
rather slowly in the school still they have gone for
which of course I take some credit to myself. I
cuffed one of my boys ears the other day (sprained my
wrist by the way which accounts for the injustice of not
being very nice) and an older brother told me that he
did not like to have me strike a boy side of the head
in that way, accompanying the above declaration by
pugilistic (lord! what a word) gesture of a fist as
big as a small infants head. You may well suppose that
the little boy was somewhat agitated, I waited
till his anger got cooled down and my wrist

Seen Feb 26th

Mr O Howard
Brunswick
Me



left off twinging then I talked to the little dear
a little, I think eloquence was never exerted with
greater effect, for soon the tears trickled down his
cheeks and he came up to my desk and asked my
forgiveness, I shall keep two or three weeks longer
I don't know which, I don't know, but I think I
am not very popular on Beach Hill, I have thought
all along that I was losing flesh tremendously so I
weighed myself the other day at Wayne and found
I weighed 145 lbs pretty well was it not? I was
at Sa Carey's last Monday evening and found a
very large party there including all the ^{boys} people of
Wayne, at least to the number of 75 - the house
was crowded, Well there! if these Colage fellows are
not the greenest chaps about (the girls I ever saw
all of them, Colage imagines that Loris a Green) and
is ~~the~~ an angel and as such goes home with her
from parties at Sochopond stays till twelve drives her
out to Winthrop to church ~~to~~, she's a beauty ain't
she? Your Wayne acquaintances are all well and
enjoying themselves. They have a great ball on the
22^d this Monday after which we have a discussion
on the merits of dancing

Friday 22^d

I went up to Sycamore last night the question
was in regard to foreign emigration, a certain
Inexpetius got a severe trimming from the hands
of one of the ladies supposed to be Miss Ramsdel
if he did not get it - well I am mistaken,

I've blotted this side of the paper but never
mind, I have heard that you made a call at P when
you went down but they say the fatherest way
round is the shortest across for a dog, did you
study Mental Philosophy any while there
Father has gone to Waterville today by the way of the
cars, Railroad business is in a very prosperous
condition here there has been Mwp meetings at
Watton and Farmington (I layne take it all how
come my wrist is) or ten thousand dollars pledged
but alas the treasury is empty, I think I shall
go to Readfield this spring, as soon probably as my
school is done, I shall go ~~up~~ tomorrow to see about a
boardings place, The Doctor invited me to go to
to Brunswick with him this spring and should not
wonder if I accepted it, If I come it will be
in two or three weeks, Send up to me those pieces 'The
Dead Christ', I want to commit it this spring
Write to me soon and direct to Wayne

Your affectionate Brother
R B Howard

O O Howard

Greels, Feb 2^d 1850.

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Dear Brother

I am at home with the snumps, I came ~~from~~ ^{last} ~~Monday~~ ^{tuesday} from my school, This morning I have been feeding my colt with potatoes, and the cows with salt, I think that I shall get so that I can go back to my school on Monday, mother and Loris are baking Rowland came home ^{last} Thursday, he adjourned his school until next month on account of Mr. Bidliys death, he ~~has~~ ^{went} to Keatfield this morning to make arrangements for board, father went to Waterville yesterday morning (by the cars) and has not got home yet, uncle E. P. is having a party, Dely is off a sleeting, George is in the woods, we have received none news from California since you went away, Rowland went up to Lyceum last Thursday night he said they had a pretty good time, I have just been up to Orman, N. ^{to} and get some crackers, mother is washing the floor, ~~this~~ ^{this} is the first time that I ever undertook to write a letter, and I do not know as you can read it for I can't hardly, we have got a load of wood at the door, our white calf is dead, ^{he died last night} our horses do not work so well since you went away, all but my little colty himself, mother ~~would~~ like to know how you get along with being vaccinated, ^{engaged} Mr. Jones is going to move away next week, ~~George has had~~ father has engaged George Jones for another season, Dely sends his love to you, I am getting along well with my school. Betsy has just come in, send my love to Mr. Jewett, ~~and~~ Mr. Friend, and Mr. Parley, I hope that you can read this for it has took me a good while to write it, we have had a letter from aunt Cherrilun.

Affectionately Yours

Charles C. Bliss

Mr. Oliver P. Howard

Brunswick

Me

Leeds Feb 24th 1850

Dear Otis

I thought perhaps you would like to know how we are getting along up here in Old Leeds and now per in kind I sit down to say to you that we jog along about after the same old fashion. The Fraternity has lost none of its interest since you left except that we were disappointed in our ^{main} editorial by Mr. Emery two eary but the other department made up all that was lost in that in fact I am astonished to see so much talent in the females of Leeds. Last Thursday your cousin Almira read to us one of the best papers I ever have heard of the kind. (I mean these got up promiscuously by all classes) and she is a good reader Miss Lucia wrote a piece of poetry ("ship side") which was decidedly good. Miss Orinthia under the name the signature of "Lilla" give ineptus some hard ricks which I should like to hear answered I obtained the manuscript

Friday 24th 1850

Greenwood }
Murray }

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W. C. P. H. Barrett

Barnes
Main

and will send you ~~the~~ a copy ~~in fact~~
she did not like for me to send the original
as it might be criticised but if not wishing
to copy so long an article I will enclose
the copy I got of her and want you to
return it so that she will not know
I sent it, to ~~you~~ The doctor has
recovered his health but has not
got over his whims about Gossip
this is the only thing I have seen in
the Dr. that I did not like he is
likely to have some considerable
opposition from the little ^{and his people} ~~eggs~~ about
Clerkship but I think we shall
cut the pack so as to defeat the false
shuffle the Savcites had a caucus at
the north end Wednesday night and
there is quite a stir about town officers
Anything for excitement I care not
what we have only stir up the hearts
occasionally, R. B. was over last Thursday
getting along well, his school didn't keep
that day on account of the funeral of D. Kibby
he says that one half of his school was his
children and the rest were nephews nieces
cousins &c so he had a holiday proving that
there is no great loss without some small
gain we have not much news since you
left there was indeed a trotting match

at Wayne yesterday it was said that the fastest
horse went a mile in five minutes but
some think that fraud was used in the
time as they couldnt get a watch that
would go ~~beside~~ such horses
How did you find the postman Taney had a
pleasant week to visit if I recollect right
mind that all the affairs of your Society
are adjusted as I understood that was why you
left so long before the commencement of the
Term but remember the cars have large
mirrors much Ben, has got eyes when his
specks are off, my little family are well
and also Father's your father

For good will J. J. Otis

P. S. I enclose Lillis convention and
should like to hear more from Quappon

Leeds Feb 25 1850

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My Dear Boy

Your of the 18th Inst was rec^d by the
Mail Saturday. The story that Mr. Henry tells you is
quite likely to be true you may give him the
note for 35 \$ and nothing less, but if he will
note pay more than 30 \$ & you are so much
in want of the money to pay your College bills
that you think it is best to throw in five Dollars
you ^{do} do it, you know that a bird in the hand
is better than one on the wing - Not much news
Anna come home this morning has made some
pretty good sales in New York & Massachusetts
Widow Charlotte was published yesterday -
Charles has written a few lines & wants me to
enclose it. Your Mother has been working &
is too tired to write in haste

Yours truly
J. Gilmore

Recd. Feb 25th

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Mr & Howard
Brunswick
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Overseas
Feb 27 1850

Col. John Silliman
South Paris
Maine



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Bowd College, Feb. 27th 1850.

Dear Mother,

I was happily surprised to receive two letters from father & my brothers this morning, and was especially pleased to have a letter from Charlie. He really did well for a first attempt at composition; he must write again, and every letter he writes will make the next easier. Tell him not to be discouraged because he cannot at first write anything but incidents, for that is the way with all beginners, "By & By" reflections will grow out of incidents. The greatest advantage of letter-writing is facility & correctness in the use of language, which are to be gained only by frequent exercise. I will, as soon as time will allow, write him a letter, which will give him more frame-work to build his epistle upon, and will make it an easier & happier task. I have delayed writing to you purposely till I received a letter from father. Mr. Heavy came here in the afternoon of the day I visited him, just after I had finished my letter to father. He wanted me to give up the note for \$30.00 - I told him I would for \$35.00 - & added that father told me not to discount a cent & hence I was already exceeding my instructions. He, then, offered to "split the difference". I convinced him that my offer was generous, & at last prevailed upon him to pay me \$35.00, which he did by borrowing somewhat of a student, of my class, of his acquaintance. For this I gave up the note, and paid my bills with the money. I sent the letter as written, to see how father would like such a move

supposing it could or had been made. My vaccination
took admirably or sorely! as you please. I did not stop
studying, but I surely should have believed myself
almost irrecoverably sick, had I not known the particular
cause of my malady. My arm was swollen to double its
natural size - no matter about a description of the different
stages, suffice it to say that the disease has very "kindly" done
its work and left me. I have made up nearly all my fall term's
studies, the themes or compositions making no small part of my
labor, as I have already written about 18 pages. We have
a new study, this term, called "Butlers Analogy". No sentence
of which is perspicuous enough to be understood at the
first reading, and often much study elucidates it but precious
little - this we are obliged, unassisted, to recite off page after
page. I have found nothing in Mathematics half so bad,
this comprises our "senior ease & dignity", which is anticipated
through the preceding college life with as something attended
with so much pleasure. I like it, though; for it gives to the
mind a useful exercise, and what is once mastered in this
way is not soon forgotten. I am now copying Professor Clearland's
lectures on Chemistry as I hear them delivered; and under
his instruction I find Chemistry more interesting than I
could have anticipated. I find him & the President the
best instructors that I ever have been under.

I must now leave this to get my lesson, merely saying that I
never was in better health in my life. Berley finished his
school and returned with me when I came from Portland.

My health is very good. William is here says he had a
fine school, & no difficulty. He says the folks at Hallowell are
exceedingly anxious about me, not precisely understanding why
I don't return to College that way; give my love to Charlie
, Rodolphus - & all. I shall write to Rowland, directing to
McWayne. I have not found time to send any-thing to the
Lyceum, as yet, but Rowland says they are doing very
well without me. I am sorry I cannot be there so as to
enjoy the severe attacks upon me, but, no matter, if
they do. I anticipate a great deal of improvement - from
these two coming terms, and flatter myself that I shall
be as well prepared for the active business of life, as many
who rank higher as scholars. A man is never so happy as
when, blind to his own defects, he thinks himself as good
as any body. I possess this oblivious virtue to some degree,
which consists in looking for the most part - "on the bright
side of the picture". One cannot blame himself if he is conscious
of having done his best. I have not, however, done as much as
I was capable of, but probably have been as industrious as
the most are at my age. Write me as soon as you can -
how you do & all the family. I wish to be looking out
for some lucrative employment, which I may engage
in as soon as I graduate, whether it will be far, or near
to home, I cannot tell, but shall be on the watch for
the best chance that opens.

Your affectionate Son

(A. Howard)