

Write me also how you reach since Examination. Oh I don't forget the last
I believe you study in Camp, does not affect your work

Have you sent your fourth of July oration
to be published yet? I should like to read
very much. I suppose you have seen accounts
in the Advancer of the two Democratic con-
ventions in this State that of the Run & of the Temper-
ance Democrats. Mr Eaton went to Portland, he said
Mr Morrel was nominated by a great majority.
He is to Lecture I believe at North Weymouth next
Saturday & as school does not keep Saturdays
I think I shall go & hear him.
Father when I came from home talked of going
to N.Y but did not know so he could go to West
Point, for he said he wanted to get home
Friday night so to go to August on Saturday.
He thought of starting tomorrow. I should
think that you would like to go to the Exhibition.
It would be rather aggravating seems to me to
be so near it & not be allowed to see it, but
perhaps you may. I shall later pains with
my declamations & compositions this fall I
shall speak in public I think. & I shall I think
join the Calistophian Society. It is now five o'clock
P.M. & I began this before meeting this morning, but
I was not well when I began so did not write steadily
but the medicine took I think has nearly cured my
diarrhea so I shall not say anything about it to
mother. I wish you to write me in your next
if you see any misspelling or bad grammar so I may correct.
Now this I hope you will write me soon. (From your Affec. Brother
C. H. Hayward)

My Dear Brother; Kents Hill Aug. 7/1853
I seat myself again to write
you from Kents Hill old Kents Hill. I have not yet answered
your letter but I will write you again so you may
know where to direct your letters to me. First I will
tell you why I am not at meeting it being Sunday &
then how I came here &c. The reason is I have quite a bad
diarrhea & am taking medicine (I had it of Mrs Eaton) I think it
will help me. And I am more willing to stay at
home today than I should be did I not intend to wish
to write my brothers & mother each a letter.
I came to Kents Hill last Wednesday, it being the day
of the commencement of the Term. I like to be
present the first day & remain till the last, for
I think I can learn two times the amount that I can
when I am absent the first & last fortnight.
I packed my trunk the day before I came away, mother
mending, making, or fixing any thing for my comfort &
good. Mother brought me in our carriage, it was a plea-
sant day & we had a very pleasant ride. Started
at half past seven it being cool then. We called
at Arris left him some English strawberries.
He enjoys now pretty good health for him, I mean general
health, has had no bad spells since he was at our house.
We arrived at the Mansion house a little
after ten. Mother did not take off her bonnet & an-
ty stood till I had shown my room. wishing to get back

to Wayne to dinner. I room in the West end attic
Room in the Mansion house, perhaps you remember its
situation. It is as large as any in the house & has three
windows. Some students do not like it - because there
are two flights of stairs to ascend & because it is
so far out of the way, think they should be taken some
away up here, but I like it for those very reasons. The
trouble usually with me is I do not have near enough
flights of stairs to go up; if I had ten or twelve to
ascend & descend every time I ~~go~~ out & come in, I
think I should enjoy pretty good health, yet I mean
good health when I am away at school. For I think the
most I need when away to school is exercise, enjoying
good pure air. & having so many windows in my room I
can have this & not have the wind blow upon me. & the
air is from a little distance from the ground. Is it
not Alas! "We must have air & exercise to live
& thrive & grow". And it being so far from the crowd
of students & being above all the noise makes it a nice
chance to study. The day that I came, there were but two
here I had no room-mate till yesterday, when Horace
Jennings came. I was glad to get some one that I knew
& so good a fellow too. However, I don't know but that
I have written you, experienced Pelizon last spring
when he was here. After dinner the day I came I
went up & saw Mr Gorsey & Robinson. Mr Gorsey said
"Well Charles I am glad to see you, I like to have all the
steady ones come back". After talking with Mr Robinson
I concluded to begin at the beginning of the 2^d book of

Caesar, then I shall finish Caesar this term. I read one
book at Gosham. I think I shall begin Greek this term
the class will be formed tomorrow. I shall be obliged to
buy one book. I suppose Rowland has one that he
would willingly let me use if I only could get it.
I have also got to buy me an Andrews & Shattuck Latin
Grammar. When at Gosham I used Rowland's
but he needs it himself now. I have also concluded
to study Physiology again this term. I did not go
much more than half the way through it last term.
You know Alas I have chosen my studies this term with
out any advising from anyone, for I did not get
a letter either from you or from Rowland on
the subject; & mother does not know, she says any
letter now than I do what I ought to study.
It seems to me Alas that you & I do not correspond
as regular as we used to, I will wait this time, I mean
after sending this, till I get an answer before I
write again. I have recited two lessons in Caesar &
two in Physiology since I have been here, & have got
learned my Caesar & Physiology lesson for tomorrow.
I am going to take lessons on Piano or try it again
this term. I must not shirk at what I shall do this
time or sum, for you know I said the same last
fall & was taken sick in five weeks.
I want you Alas if you have heard from Lissie to
write me if she has recovered & if she has been very
sick. I have not heard from her since Aunt
Martha Jane wrote the second waiting July.

Be Nie and appeared to have a good time.
Charles writes from Kent's Hill that he
is well and studying pretty hard.

Politics are raging in this State
as noisily as last year. There are four
Candidates for Governor and each has
very fierce friends. All risk the Maine
Lad anyhow. Three of the candidates have
pledged themselves in its favor and
the other don't dare to oppose it and
so he is none. I wish I had more
news to tell, but I have none, and
you must make this note suffice
until I get more time to
write another. You may be pretty
sure that I shall come on to West
Point as soon as I can get ready
after the close of the Term, if nothing
occurs to prevent. I shall remain
here one ten days longer and you
can write if you see fit. I shall be
glad to hear from you once more.

Ottawa

Yours affectionately
Randall

Bowd. Coll., Aug 22 1853

Dear Brother

You requested me to write to immedi-
ately yet I don't know as I can give
you any farther information in
regard to my going to West Point.
Nor can I until I see Father and
Mother. Our Examination is a week
from next Thursday, and I shall probably
get home on the Saturday following.
I can then tell you what I shall do.
There is an Excursion to the World's Fair
advertised from the Kennebec, to take
place about the first of September. The
fare out and back not to exceed eight
dollars. If we can avail ourselves of
some such arrangement as that it
will lessen our expenses materially.
The time that I shall start for W. P. will
depend entirely on Lizzie, if she goes.
We ~~shall~~ shall start at that time during
my Vacation as will best suit her con-
-venience. I have had no letter from

Mother since Lizzie has been with her
and therefore do not know how she is
now. Maria Olin was down here to a
Pic Nic last Wednesday and spent the
day and I heard from home through
her. Father and Uncle Ensign were at
Hallowell attending Court. Father told
her of Lizzie's being in London but she did
not learn how her health was. Uncle
Henry and Aunt Martha are boarding
at the Hallowell House. She will remain
there while he goes West.

I think the chances of war during the
next two years are great. Santa Anna is
a belligerent old fellow and when the
two armies are opposite each other on
the Rio Grande, it needs but a spark
to kindle the flame of war. If there is
war in Europe as now seems probable, it
will be very difficult to prevent our people
from letting off their extra fire somewhere.
and it is safer for our government
to fight Mexico than any other power.
If I was you I.C. in your situation

I should desire war. Of course it would
never do for a man to resign in
such a Crisis. In fact, I believe that the
declaration of war by our Government fur-
nishes to every officer the stepping stone
of fame - and no man of spirit would
hesitate to prosecute that profession with
ardor, for which he has been educated.

These matters we will talk over when
I see you. I don't think either Mother
Lizzie or any others of your friends would
make any objection to your pursuing
your profession of arms, wherever your
Country and Honor called you. Dangers
to life and limb beset us everywhere but
all but women and babes hold these
lightly. After doing what he considers
his duty to himself and others, let a man
leave his life and health to Providence.
and he will feel, I believe, just as safe
whether his profession be warlike or peace-
ful - Maria since she had received
a very interesting letter from you -
Pughan & Johnnie were down to the

well to learn such topics - Our Circuit Court
is now in session & I have an opportunity
of estimating my competitors - Few of them
are very formidable, whilst others are too insigni-
ficant to mention - I think I shall not
to sustain myself against them when I
have a little more experience at the bar. It
is practice that gives the finish to a lawyer
& if a man has a practice he cannot help
knowing something, & for as at least

I am enjoying myself as well as I could
socially - & that is well enough - I have an abun-
dance of invitations; thousands of opportunities
of spending my time & money in social
amusements; but it will not do - It is too ex-
pensive - too serious a draft upon my attention
to books & studies - As soon as the evening
gets a little longer, I shall confine myself
to my office for the most part -

I had a letter from "old Jack" a short time since
He is located at Richmond Mo. it seems - I had not
seen a few days ago - He seems to be sitting along about
as usual - All seems to be right - I am happy
& full of their prosperity - With love to all
Truly Yrs. Friend

Geo. W. Smith

Galena Illinois

Aug. 27th 1853 -

Friend Howard

Your letter reached me a few
days since - I very much regret your unfortunate
condition under arrest as you said you there
were; but I make no doubt that long before this
you are at large again, & enjoying all the honor
& dignity that your position entitles you to expect -
Your military arrests, I suppose, are not quite
so galling as a civil or criminal arrest is, this
either being a deprivation of personal liberty
is not much to be desired. It will scarcely
compare with an arrest for debt which the laws
of Illinois still tolerate. This relic of a barba-
rous age works sometimes peculiar hardship to
the unfortunate victims of it, & I have now on
hand a case of this sort, wherein a poor fellow
was delivered up to the tender mercies of the
law & its minister because he could not pay
his debts - I was out a day or two ago some
14 miles from this city & released his small
possessions from an attachment, which one of
his creditors had levied on there

• But this has very little to do your persistence
though it was suggested by it. I have therefore
thrown it in, for its own sake, but more especially
that you may know that I am about some of
the time. I imagine however that it is much
more agreeable to be confined to one of your tents
or barracks than it is to shut up in an
Illinois Jail or even a New York one - this generally
speaking I suppose the confinement of either posi-
tion may not be very pleasant. Well we
must take the chances with the forces of fortune
& as they intubate themselves in the progress
of Life endeavor to drive out the leprosy which
each is calculated to teach & impart by the in-
struction - Thus may we grow wiser as we
journey onward in our earthly pilgrimages
& be preparing for the sublime developments
of another world - when our progress ends to
be unrestricted & our happiness unalloyed -
Well that is closing up with a moral sentiment
worthy of the clerical professions, whereas I make
no pretensions to being more than a lawyer.
This I can not yet & I hope I never may be
so thoroughly initiated into the practices of the
legal profession (if report speaks correctly of them)
as to be incapable of appreciating moral truths or

But as it seems, you in your turn
are not wanting of sympathy & consolation
I desire to see the interior of your letter tent
strewed with bouquets to the consoling offices
of fairy hoods & tender hearts & you as you
gather them up, picturing by yourself the form
that sends you that endearing & persuasive
message that she bestowed the fragrant gifts
or at least approves the donations. And then you
wander far away to muse upon the changing
scenes of time or cast forward a look of anxious
anticipation that the visitors of other days may
again return, doubly close & dense from severance.
Alas! Howard you are a happy fellow in your
prospects. The future is bright before you without
a cloud. Fortune has smiled upon your path -
may & its voice is still flattering to your expectations.
What care you for the difficulties of us plodders
after competence & some ambitious of more? How
can you appreciate the anxieties of one whose only
dependence is the confidence & interest of a
selfish world, whose only hope of the future lies
in the operations of the present? I seldom al-
low myself to distrust my destiny. But the realities
of the present will occasionally distract the light
that is reflected from the distant goal -

to meet him there at home & stay over Sabbath
with him, as he thought he should go to West
Point the first of the following week. But
he did not know as I suppose you do not that I had
so recently been at home. I am pronounced a better person, will buy & write a little
better. Last week (I.E. week ago), I concluded to go home &
stay over Sunday as I was not very well & wished to
get some medicine & I had read a letter from Lissie
from home, stating that she & her mother were there
& still another reason, I wished to get my School
as I could save two dollars & earn more by teaching
in it. I started Friday eve at 6 o'clock & walked
to Wayne Village getting to Arden about dark
a little before eight. I found Arden as well as
usual also Laverna. I turned through the night
there & after breakfast in the morning a little
before seven, I started on foot again, for Leeds.
It was a beautiful morning so I had a pleasant
walk getting home about half past nine, found all
in good spirits & as glad to see me as though I
had been gone a year for all that I knew. I was
glad to find that Lissie & Mrs. White were still
at our house. Mrs. W. had been gaining her some
days & went out to dinner that day. My walk that is
the exercise of it did me much good & I had not
eaten anything but light food for several days
& was careful about eating at home so that my
stomach had regained its usual tone & the Diarrhea
also left me, for my stomach had got into a bad state

so that I threw from it - my food, produced I
think by a want of proper exercise & a bad cold.
My cough did not leave me & my stomach was
quite sour Monday so mother wished me to stay
longer & father went to Anguilla with our horse
so I concluded after staying over Sunday to stop till
Tuesday when I felt better & mother had prepared some
thing for my cough & I had had a mustard seed poultice
on my stomach & also put a camphor under shirt &
got my things entirely in readiness, & I had lost only one
day schooling. When if I had stayed at Mrs. Hill's
all the time I might have been sick & lost
much more than a day. But it will be inter-
esting to you to know more particularly by how I spent
my time at home with Mother, Lissie, Father & all.
Sat. We spent in conversation at home I
feeling somewhat tired & not very well otherwise.
At night we were all much glad by getting
a letter from you. & the first thing when I
went into the parlor at home I saw two pretty
paintings in gilded frames covered with lace
over our mantelpiece. You can guess where they
were as I did know immediately, for I knew they could
be drawn by no one else than you. I think they hang
there in our parlor are an ornament not to
be found anywhere & that they are an honor to the
Son who drew them. But to go on. Late Sabbath day
Lellie & I went - went to the meeting house to church
meeting with the ^(my) Coll - that is, four days before last