

Sund Sep 8, 1853

Dear Brother

I came up from Brunswick on Friday last and have been about home ever since. Lizzie came down from Livonia to our Meeting House to see me on Sunday, and on Monday I went as far as the junction with them on their way to Lewiston, where they now are. I have a letter from L. last night saying that they would remain in Lewiston until Tuesday. We have concluded to start for New York on Wednesday the 14th inst. and shall probably come directly without much delay on the passage. Lizzie & her Mother were both looking well, and were in fine spirits. Mrs W. has decided to go with us. Mother says she thinks it is because Mrs Waite is afraid that it may cause scandal for Lizzie to travel alone so far with a gentleman (for I have begun somewhat to assume that dignity since becoming Septuagenarian).

We received your letter by Tuesday's mail and were very glad to hear from you, although sorry that you were expecting me so early. Yesterday I went up to see Charles

I found him pretty well and very glad to see me. He says tell Otis that I should like to have you to see him too. He has a pleasant boarding place and Emma and I think is doing well. I took mother as far as Wayne and left her at Arzas. It rained in the evening and we staid all night coming home this morning.

There is a great deal of Election excitement here and Uncle John is coming out today to stay two or three days. He will try to unite the discordant elements in the Whig party. But I doubt his success.

The Maine Law excitement will carry more votes than all the factions combined.

From this town they will probably send a Run Loco, S. L. Haward in spite of all that the Whigs at home and abroad can do.

The reason that we do not start sooner for New York, is that there is an excursion on that day and we can save about 4. dollars apiece in the trip by going then, besides, the ladies could not get ready till about that time. I shall see you in town that I will write but little more now.

If you wish to write to me before I start, a letter mailed on Monday

will reach me. Father wishes you to direct all of your letters hereafter to Leeds - as they now have a Daily Mail and can get them that way the soonest - Mother Uncle Tom - Ellie is at Mr. Barrows at school.

Yours aff. Bro
Rowland

Oliver Atwood

Wells Springs Miss.
Sept 10, 1853

My friend Howard;
After a long period I write you again. I saw that your name was honorably mentioned as a Student of West Point. Let me congratulate upon your success. I suppose that you must be somebody to acquire reputation in the position you occupy. While Boudoin, where success depends upon a little application on the part of one, and some indolence on the part of another, you find talent is the Master Key to success. I hope you'll wear your well earned honors manfully and still march proudly on.

I am teaching yet. It is a thankless task. I am sure and sometimes I think I'll quit forever but nothing more alluring opens upon me vision and I plod on. I have a very fine position perhaps the best in this country. I have an idea of converting my Institution into a Mile

vary Institute or perhaps introduce rather the
Military feature into my School. I think
I could do it with the best success. Can you
tell me where I could I could procure an
Instructor, a Graduate of your Institution, who
possesses the requisite qualities to aid me in
carrying out this plan. I would want him
to be firm as a Rock, decided in his dis-
cipline and determined in his nature, one who
would possess the character and talent to
carry out the same discipline that you have
in your Academy. - I would like him to
be of the Methodist persuasion, as this
country is very Sectarious and the Metho-
dists are the strong denomination. I would
want him in January. I could afford him
a tolerably fair salary the first half year.
The next if he was the man I could
increase it. It would in a short time be
a post of honor exceeding anything in the
State and of profit sufficiently encouraging.
If you know of any such, I wish you would
let me know him. I would like a man
of pretty tolerable size, as that would do some
thing with us.

I hardly hear of Old Bowdoin.
My correspondents are very few and they

have but little to say of our Alma Mater.

Owen
is quite near me. He is succeeding finely. I see
him occasionally. Pike is not far off. He is
doing something for himself. The same jovial
lovely fellow. Goodwin is in our State. But a
long distance from me. I rec'd a letter from
him a short time since. He was getting on
in the world. You of course have heard of Smith's
success. He married a cool hundred thousand,
and is now enjoying the benefit of it in his town
North. He is bound to shine! Penn is study-
ing Law in Penn. & Bell the same. This dis-
poses of the most of our friends. All are doing
quite well.

Nothing that I can write, is taking
place to interest you. We have some Rail Road
excitement & some Political, but these afford
you no interest.

I hope you will write all about
yourself, how you are getting along, and what you
think of doing, when you get through.

Your friend as formerly
J. H. Moore

Worcester Sept 12 - 1833

Dear Sir

The class of 50 met in the "Fountain Hall" in the good old town of Waverley on Tuesday last, and then & there had a supper as in the days of yore - I am sorry to inform you that of the thirty members of our class but nine were present at the meeting - It was then voted that the first baby presented to the class after that time should be presented with a baby gift paper by the class, so be prepared to contribute your proportion when our C C Event calls upon you -

C C. Everett was chosen orator and G. G. Pondexter Poet for the class anniversary of 1860 - Everett & Stinson Comm

The absent members are duly
remembered in Sunday "trimming
bumper". We again welcome
to the way you be there to see
in the earnest wish of your
sincerely friend & your class
classmate

Nathan Secy of
the Class
of '60

them that you have written me about it, & I will write
just as though I knew nothing about what has been
done but still will give them a hint so they will
be likely to do as I say. I am glad to see you take
so much pleasure in declamation - hope you will
declaim always when it is your turn so to be a
good speaker, try to speak as though you were uttering
your own thoughts, be natural. I hope to see you
improved in declamation when I get home this winter.
I want you to write me in your next how you
get on in your studies now. I saw your letter to Doris
so it seems you are prospering. I am glad to find
you so willing to be corrected in spelling, I will now
look over your letter to see if I can find any mistakes.
With all my criticism I can find only seven words
which are but few for so long a letter, I think
you have improved very much in letter writing.
& if you will continue to write to your brothers often
you will soon make no mistakes of any kind. I
want you to correct any mistakes you may see
in my letter too. Perhaps you better keep that list
of words a little while till you can spell them all
correctly. I had to look some of them out in the dictionary
so to be sure that they were really wrong. - Was Ann
baptized at Hunt's Hill? - But perhaps something
about Lakeview Yarmouth people would
interest you. We have at present in the school
above eighty scholars, when there was but 25 last term.

Mr A. B. Higgins you know is principal he has
the whole direction of affairs, makes a prayer
before the whole school every night & morning.
And in the morning the students take turns in
reading the Testament till they have read a chapter.
We also sing those who can, every night & morning.
Some one of the ladies playing on a piano
which is in the school-room. There are quite
a number who study in school here. Mr. Foster
one of the seniors at Bowdoin is another teacher he
hears my Greek class. He is a clever fellow &
ranks one of the first in his class. There is another
assistant lady teacher who teaches the smaller
scholars in many branches, her name is Hooper of
Bath. I recite in Greek & Latin every other day.
So I only have one recitation a day but that
is a long one. But besides this I have a Latin
& Greek & Grammar lesson to get each once a week.
We recite in those just as we used to recite in
spelling by taking up words which are declined
wrongly. We have the Philologian society in
operation this term I am Treasurer. I was one
of the six putants on the question "Should women
have equal political rights with men?" against
the women, I made a pretty long speech & the question
was decided in my favor & most all the girls voted
for my side. My paper is filled so good night Nellie.
I heard a man from Madeira ^{in your coffee} preach today at brother Charles