
501 9/8/1853

From: Rowland [Howard]

To: Oliver O Howard

OOH-0460

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds Sep 8 1853

Dear Brother

I came up from Brunswick on Friday last and have been about home ever since. Lizzie came down from Livermore 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 had a letter from L last night saying that they would remain in Lewiston until Friday. We have concluded to start for New York on Wednesday the 14 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 began somewhat to assume that dignity since becoming Sophomore).

We received your letter by Tuesdays 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 gone to see him too. He has a pleasant boarding place and Chum and I think is doing well. I took mother as far as Wayne and left her at Arza's. 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 parties combined. From this town they will probably send a Rum Loco, L.L. Howard 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. Beside, the Ladies could not get ready till about that time. I shall see you so soon 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 sends love - Dellie is at Mr Barrows at school.

Your aff Bro
Rowland

Oliver O Howard

502 9/10/1853 *From:* J.S. Houle

To: Friend [O O] Howard

OOH-0461

Holly Springs Miss

Source: Bowdoin

Holly 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 you upon your success. I suppose that you must be somebody to acquire reputation in the position you occupy. Unlike Bowdoin, 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 of sure and sometimes I think I'll quit forever, but nothing more alluring opes upon my 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 Military 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 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 discipline 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 Sectarian and the Methodists 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 lively fellow. Goodwin is in my State, but a long distance from me. I recd 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 so has been North. He is bound to shine! Poin is studying Law in Tenn & Bell the same. This disposes 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.S. Houle

503 9/12/1853 *From:* Lattimore

To: Sir [O O Howard]

OOH-0462

Wiscasset

Source: Bowdoin

Wiscasset Sept 12 1853

Dear Sir

The class of '50 met in the "Tontine Hall" in the good old town of Brunswick 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 in the meeting. It was then noted that the first baby presented to the class after that time should be presented with a baby jumper by the class, so be prepared to contribute your proportion whenever C C Everett calls upon you.

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

The absent members were duly remembered in Sunday "bimorning bumpers". When again we come together may you be there to see is the earnest wish of your sincere friend & your <dear> classmate.

<Lattimore> Secy of the Class of '50