Dear Brother

It is now almost three weeks since we had our good bye at North Point. I do not doubt that the time has seemed rather too short for me than with you. For I have been surrounded by the bustle of a great variety of duties, which, pleasing as it is to me, but I really hope that the time which has elapsed since we left you has passed pleasantly with you.

Papa has written to tell you that you are the favorite of an olive house and of one or two New York men. He has an excellent time and I heard that he was better when we arrived in Portland than when we left N.C. I saw him when I came down (a week ago Wednesday), and although he was not so well as I thought that he was, he was better than I expected to see him. I am in hopes that his journey to New York has done him no injury, as I really believe it will.

Mother received your letter the night before I left home and has probably answered it already. I was very glad to hear from you to hear from you. Good at the ball at the Boulders in love at the Boulders —
That it will be of more use as I do not intend that our real relation at the time can quite remain. It is late this latter night the Monday night before we go to college might be found by referring to the archives of a certain diary. All of the Preps have reminding you to me that I am and Prof. Upjohn will be the head of the next great event as necessary for me to rank as well as his others as you does.

My word a good time we all might feeling the freshmen and all yesterday in returning them on these things. I raise allow here spotted but they are all very funny. I love to think of the leader was figure: three some of the freshmen out on their preparation and often enjoy at a quick laugh cut myself at their expense. I become a Y.C. immediately after my return but it is not known here as yes. If all your morning for me you may like this talk as this is a bow the beauty of pure persons and it taking the two men in freshmen St. Schol's was more the Sabbath before I left home, and I have just been from them before. May of the Lads will scholars who came down to listen were turned away. Prof. Rooker had been a recent question is everything that comes from that direction. I don't think that he and better may when much language he is sitting for college as I suppose he is.

Then Mike Kupper, who came on as far as Boston with us, very well, but wasn't enough to search admiration for time as you learned to feel when you come in on Sunday. I have been the meeting all day and feel rather tense. I picture finishing my letter and go to bed. However, we go to your room and all others who are together. If you see Trotter let him know very particularly his prime attentions while I was at West Point, I shall vous a paper and some和技术m notes and there and I am in hopes to hear from you often. Uncle Watt was very Savage in politics but I have been disappointed him a week but as I knew it was of no perfectly not to try to contradict his opinions I conciliating with him very well. He was very kind to us and with me to come to know when I get through my studies, and as the was all my advice he promised to be of some advantage to me. I think Mr. Lincoln a very handsome man. He wrote create his mark in the world and get rich. He takes good care, and I think he is the wrong minded a man to make much hard work. Godspeed.
My Dear Brother

I have not written to you for a considerable time. Charles came home last Friday evening, he is here now. I came home last night, and he went to Mrs. Jordan's and brought me home. I suppose Portland told you about the school so I need not tell you much; I spent one afternoon every Wednesday of the summer. I haven't written but one composition since I have been up here. Mr. Bridgman is a very good teacher. We have from 2 to 30 together. There, D. Howard goes to school. I'm very spelling a lazy there are about 400. The one that leaves off at the head the most times is going to have a present. We don't know what it will be. I guess not much. I think of Dr. Broom's Arithmetic, Natural History, and Grammar. I heard of Mrs. Romano and go home to dinner every noon. Elizabeth and Smith Jones work here. At 2, she got a bite on his neck and it is a very bad one. The morning reads it. Charles is well and says you may love to Mr. and should write of he had not written in that time since. I went to the movies through the orchard and so up to the lake to see friends. Mr. Jock is well and I told all right. They never, Howard, last week and stayed all right. They were pleased about you.
Thomas Cilley was huckling last week, and I went to it. Mr. Rockley had a huckling and I went to that. I enjoyed it very much. He had ten to it, he had a very good supper.

I have just returned from the sheet pasture farther and went down to find the sheep.

I can't write any more or it is growing dark and I can't see the line. Remembeed me to your affectionate brother.

O. P., Howard, Delle.

Dear brother,

Sun. Oct. 7, 1858

I have but little space to tell, but I conclude that I will finish telling you about receiving your very interesting letter last Thursday. You need not consider this as an answer, for I will write a longer one next Sat. Since I wrote to you before, I have determined to become a Christian. Have sought to have my sins forgiven, though Jesus our Lord, by prayer I have also asked in sending the prayers of Christians, & expressed my determination to live a pious life. Have added, I neverquite to believe, the same. I shall if I keep on here, to remain in Heaven at last, that I will write you all about it in my next letter.

From Tom Wilce.
Dear My Dear,

I have no doubt that you are in credit. There again the
Appellate jurisdiction is growing darker and
more uncertain every day. If you have
ever been opportunity to be the better of the
Ministrations to promote peace, lending
an ear to the counsel of peace. I am
aware that it does not necessarily
mean that you are not interested
anything to get into a fight.

But after all, I still
find myself like the legislator - I think
honored rather than defaced. You will
be a participant.

But I guess the situation will
be very different after the
lot draw is made. I saw
you recently, and you
were in good spirits.

I hope you are in
good health and
happiness. I am
writing to confirm
what you have
written, and I am
writing to correct
what you have
written. I am
writing to my
family.

Yours most truly,

[Signature]

[Date: Oct. 11th, 1853]
I have just learned a very remarkable thing which I wish to share with you. I have been informed that the President of the University has given the necessary instructions for the establishment of a new department in the College of Engineering. This department will focus on the study of electrical engineering, which I believe to be the future of our profession.

I have also heard that the new department will be headed by a distinguished faculty member, Dr. Smith, who is well known for his contributions to the field. I believe this is a significant development for our profession and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with these new resources.

I am also pleased to inform you that the University has granted me a scholarship to support my studies in this new field. I am grateful for this opportunity and I am committed to making the most of it.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this development. I am eager to discuss this with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]
Dear Esther,

Monte Hall Oct 13, 1875

As I promised, I am writing to let you know that I am feeling better. I received your letter and am so glad to hear from you. I think it is important for us to keep in touch, even though we may not see each other often.

I have been thinking about the future and what I should be doing. I have come to the conclusion that it is the duty of every one of us to live a healthy life. By being healthy, I hope to live a long and fulfilling life.

I am working on improving myself and my skills. I have been studying, but I have also been spending time outdoors, taking walks and enjoying the fresh air. I have been reading books and learning new things. I have also been practicing my writing, trying to become better at expressing myself.

I am grateful for your support and your encouragement. I hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Postscript: I have been thinking about the nature of God and the purpose of life. I have been reflecting on the idea of eternity and the importance of living a good life. I have been trying to stay true to myself and my values.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
My Dear Brother,

Immediately after receiving your letter, on the 18th of last month, I sat down and wrote you three pages neglecting my recitation for that purpose. But after reading your letter again and rereading my own, I came to the conclusion not to send it but to write for my other friend's thoughts, which if not so earnest and enthusiastic would perhaps be more sensible. I mention this simply to show you what induces your letter acci.dent in my mind. During the writing of my former letter and ever since I have been in a Brown Study, and I am now in the same most unsatisfactory state of mind and therefore I of course shall give you our unsatisfactory letter. But I feel as if I should be untrue to your love if I did not unburden your heart-revelations in some way and in a corresponding spirit. How selfish I am! The first thing that occurs to me is, to defend myself from the implied imputations in your letter. But after all I don't know but that this letter will come first, that you may feel no kind of distrust. I know, as I know, as I know, that I have no disposition at any moment feelings, but his folly, and much less your own, which I must heartily sympathize in, no! I can never make the little feelings of an upright and confiding heart, the subject of distrust and suacer. I would not speak of this, but I...
skeptics in the same way that you do that
I make such subjects (the most sacred of any),
the butt of ridicule, and thus much of confidence
and heart communions is lost between us then.
I trust to time, if you shall continue associated
together, to dispel all doubt of the truth of my notions
and the truth and soundness of my disposition. Of this enough!

Concerning the very delicate subject which
you have broached in your letter, after all these
thinking and writing. I do not feel prepared
to speak. Your words have surprised and
filled me with wonder and astonishment. Indeed
I am utterly confounded at the conclusions which
the facts seem to point out. And the suspicion
which you new feel to have formed. Not but
that these suspicions have upset my mind before.
but that they would take so real and tangible
form. Mother has not liked some things in Lizzy
and I have always been a shock to the love
and hearty defender. Is it possible that I have been
mistaken? Is the not an exception to rest of her
but as I have always argued. Would the need to
receive anyone? Has she been deceiving a heart
like yours? The almost damning evidence which
you present almost answers the question on
the affirmative. Now what can I say in retaliation?
What do I know that is calculated to surprise
and encourage you? Shall I bring forward any
reconceived admiration of her character?
If these suspicions prove true, I will abandon
all pretense to my insight in to character
whic I thought I had a little. I have otherwise

which I have. I have no account and I am my own foe. I have

her self as a personal friend and correspondent.

and after which I have heard, seen and believe.

I will not yet give up that she is better and

never more appearances seem to indicate-

Afer what has occurred to her, now she only
to write you. If she has insufficient health to can

the creature, and explain these things or confess

her deplorably. Dearest! When would you have

thought that I care or that could in

regard to Lizzie Wait- I am not going to lay
the word to encourage or excite as you a good
hope. Time and her own humor can make

these things straight. Doubtless you have reflected

as I now am upon his opportunities and her

weakness. Childlike simplicity and entire affection.

Remove yourself from the question and let us

see how it has been. They have constantly lived

together. They have been perfect confidents and

amuse you friendship together in everything. It has

a great passionate and receptive heart and

tor. I have not for some time doubted but that

it was deeply interested in her, since I knew

that she loved him. But I did not reflect how

dangerous it was to the young heart in the insouciance

of a lasting affection towards one who seems to

never relate them that of friends — and I

am that I have been deceived in regard to one thing

and that they are wrong to me thing.

she has not that strong

independence which the first impressed me as
I substituted the last page of my old letter because I have not time to write more. I wish to let you see a copy of my paper to New York that I was entirely satisfied with it. Everything in your conduct which you learn to fear that I wished anything into peculiers. I found good reason for it. If you know her demands are your first attention and I should have come away disappointed if you had directed it elsewhere. You did not let me hardly enough of your future plans but those you can give me your letters. It is well after 11 o'clock and I must bid you good night. I shall write again to him from you if it is for a more remote

[signature]

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I am quite sure of affection. The affection I mean of the love of the love. Perley, more than the other girls. Would you rather have them than me? Wren be the husband of the one girl. These are burning questions to your father, but they must be answered. Yes! The recent answer to them. If the does not answer your letter or when she does, the exacte, these direct questions. Remember I was sick. Than you. Love it to mean both if matters. Take this turn. Go you as my mother. Who the 10th of the 1st of the 1st of the 1st of the 1st of the 1st. And to her as a general and dear friend. I suppose her-I know the way. Alps to her heart and if ever I should demand her confidence shall not be refused. If she does not write you within a week write me again what you think. This matter has quite worn off my feelings and I have been elsewhere and as I have written previously I fear it has been incomparably. But I am nothing of it. There is no argument if a consideration about me that I mean of the while I am writing this. I am sure you will be dissatisfied with this. There is nothing in it to quiet your feelings, so I cannot give you satisfaction. Anyway, there is the best that I can do now. Mother write me that Charles has experienced religioun. But I have not heard from him yet. I fear he feels a delicious about writing. Remember due to your belief and write soon.

Yours affectionately,

[Signature]
My dear Son,

This is, indeed, a beautiful afternoon, and the fourth day. Just the same, this afternoon, no one remains at home but myself, and a resting place on the car to Sennett to know the seven miles. My son, it has been a long while since I have begun to set times to write to you, but some common occurrence would prevent. I thought when I received your last letter I would answer it immediately. But you see, that eighteen days have passed since the receipt of it. B.B. appeared in good health, when at home, and wrote me, soon after he got settled at college in good spirits, he says, how I can have my health? I can do well, he went into Portland, and called on Misses White and Eunice. I presume Howland and Eunice have written you all about themselves; here is, Charlie has written me, and made me a visit and brought home your letter written four days after mine, which I read with much pleasure and tenderness, too at brought back many trying scenes, which to my sensitive spirit were indeed trying at that time. Truly I always had a desire to make those around me happy, and when I have failed, I have always attributed it to a lack of judgment in myself, but of late there seems to be a great change in me. I do not, or one not capable of feeling, or if either one, I look at my responsibilities, very different from what I did even ten years ago, but I somehow I know not where my lot may lead me. I have loved so long, with my present husband as I did with your father, I hope I shall deal justly, and my friends will look with charity on my proso
Charley seems to have a desire to live a Christian life and I hope he will, faith in upholding hand of God sustains us in trials. Perhaps you think another might write something of Leeds and Leeds folks but my interest in Leeds people and the affairs of Leeds is not, as it would be if my children were here. I believe our relation are generally doing well recently all my family have visited me within a short time, your father was at your uncle Ensign’s this morning on business says Ensign health is poor he has had a bad cough a long time and is quite reduced, I fear he may not recover if the cold weather has come before he is better, your cousin Seth Howard is now become the father of a pair of twins a son and daughter. So your relation are increasing. Nelson Leadbetter and wife have been here this fall and made me a visit they were detained at his father, sometime he had a sick turn which lasted a week or more, we have no preaching in our house this fall the Brethren fell out some how now Bannor and he preaches in other places and we do without. I am happy in the thought that you hear the gospel from sabbath to sabbath and I sincerely hope you hear with an understanding heart, our Heavenly Father knows our hearts.

I have not visited uncle Bannor this season, your father business has kept him almost all of the time away on the railroad with the horses he has built a great many roads of hence by the railroad and carried dinners for his men from home so you will see makes employment for all of
outland has returned, from Brooklyn, Rowland said
he spoke of going up to West Point with him and that
he did not encourage the idea at all his route was
such, Rowland was not I well pleased with Heart's
Uncle Ward I concluded he took unfortunate
time to visit him as he had just returned from his
political convention, and it did not go to suit him
he was quite well pleased with Mrs Henry his uncle's
Son-in-law, Anna Gilmore is cripple, one leg drawn
up considerably with the use of a crutch, but strange to say
with all these enjoys tolerable good health, Louisa
has been confined the house since last May, with the
exception of a few times she rode out the first of August
the prospect is that she will be confined all winter if
she ever recovers I go occasionally to see her but not
as often as I should if our house could be at home
more I have lately visited Deacon Turner's Mrs T
is still living, Sarah her nurse she is a great sufferer
I sometimes think it best to mention some of our
troubles, so that you may not be surprised to hear
of the death of some of our friends I am much obliged
to you for giving me an idea of your studies as it is a
comfort to me to know how your time is employed
and to think you have some rational enjoyments
your letters always interest me, more than everything
I have got a part of your drawings framed and
have bought me new carpet and table for our
room, which makes quite an improvement to
this house. It be a complicated letter write when you can
I am now reading your letter. Perhaps you may have read them, the volume which I now have contains sermons, they are very good, they interest me very much. The one that I read yesterday, I thought seemed to set the character of God in its true light and us poor frail creatures in our true light, how vain it is for us dependent creatures to fight against the providences of God. Your father has returned from the excursion and is delighted with the idea that the six cars were so full that half of them could not get seats, this is the second excursion within a week on the road, your father said he saw Uncle Stillman on the train going to see the seven miles Mansion, it was one of the few who were left at home, but I have enjoyed myself well, as I have been calling over my domestic cares. Delia is still at school in the centre of the town. Thomas Bridgman the teacher, his school is rather small, your father said he saw Mrs. Bridgman on the cars this afternoon your father only went as far as the junction where the directors held a meeting. This afternoon they have an office there where they hold their meetings. Your father is now sitting at the table counting miles and miles of money, or bank bills, how much financing a railroad creates, how we shall come out is uncertain. I am anxious to hear from you, but cannot unless through you, or some one else. I think a great deal about my absent sons, and always hope they will be happier, well doing. I hope you will have your health through the coming winter. I have not heard whether you are far
My Dear Son,

I cannot but say that Charles is so brave and noble a young man, and his conduct in the recent events has been so admirable, that I am confident he will come out of it with honor. I am much pleased with the news that he is now in a hospital and will soon be back with us. I have no doubt that he will recover and get well.

I have been thinking a great deal about you lately. I have been missing your letters and your visits. I miss the way you used to come to see me and how we used to spend our evenings together. I hope you are doing well and that your health is improving.

I have been reading about the recent events and I am very concerned about the situation. I pray that everything will turn out well and that we will soon hear more positive news.

I am sending you a few letters that I have written to your mother and I hope you will receive them soon. I also sent a few packages of books and clothes that I thought you might need.

I am enclosing a few photographs of our family. I hope you will enjoy them.

Take care of yourself and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With love and affection,

Mother
your last letter, although it contained the sad news of
Mrs. Matz's death, which is truly a great grief to me, and
your thoughtful brother. Rowland felt so sensibly the
hard lucky sufferings and his past impatience to go to her
but on second thought he reconciled his kind nature and
brothers that could go to her same time and uncommon natural
then others in the past, this is not heard one
worlds with you since you left them. I am getting more
at one about you and your present situation, than I had
been since your return to West Coast, for I am not a young
active Mother seeking the daily comforts of the children
around her, but a careworn old woman, anxious and
wearied, and watching so much so that I am not consoled
for anyone, and was sensible even sensible of it. I am not
surviving and am not capable of being affectionate. I mean
had amorous feeling towards, Dora, mother in my opinion
feeling towards her nor an indifferency feeling, and
would have been glad to have been companion all
of her if she had them the highest disposition towards it
that she did not. I did not blame her any more have one hand
thought of her mother had one cold feeling. Karen toward
her, it was a pleasure to have you here and about here
and to have Dora with you, but you know that I have
such a careworn feeling all the time that I am not capable
of any consolation except the commonplace observation.
I was very sorry to have such feel as though she was not
all time, for I would pay her the most delicate attentions
if I were capable of it you cannot conceive the smallest
kind of life any more. I wish you to. I am particularly
sensitive to the chart and round our carriages
horses and however, and all the mannerly ways that
I am subject to the daily. My husband manner off
managing for three years past is entirely foreign from
what I ever could have expected instead of my income
that ought to bring us in comfort and comfort, all the thing
and improvements has not only made me more troubled, and
brought me less comfort, and more care your mother,
Dora. Your again comes to the task of being carewoman in
the company at first, and struggles and on some day to sleep with a full view before her face
only, think of what a far he is in all this time with
Asa's business and everything else on his shoulders,
how can you wonder that again, Mother is no company
for any one ever you, nor any other. now my son will say
thought my mother had religion enough to over all these things, I wish I did but it is a constant struggle
with all these varied circumstances to keep us right of the most important praiseworthy and that which I know in the most
important praiseworthy but I have come that you
will conquer, and all these minor barriers will come down
before it. My progressive must have the smallest idea what
a large share of my thoughts are on you, and you be
have the same protecting power measure as one does another, may you never sorrow in soul long ever
I know how it will feel, while pursuing my thoughts
so I have spent them always he will try to himself.
Oh mother how much more you have for you. I feel for
unmentionable blessings, your are my praiseworthy and
respected and respectable and your husband has no bad
habits and always kind, Dr. D. and here you are getting
upon what you cannot help. I wish I had a half
train of thought and will try to have one, with the help of
promises, Asa will continues to gain although a couple
he has not been to it yet. Louise has just returned.
last letter. I have since been examined by a
committee if there is a certificate or what
leave me at the time of the term. Since the
for teaching school, although many that were
enrolled with me did not get one, but
months a while longer it then might be expec
ted to have the Third not yet one but this will not
hinder their teaching school for they can write
efficiently even if the Iowa school term, off hand
were older than I that came from
had also about last will not to extra do
extant. I will not be able to write letters in College ONLY for
of the most part, just as I will have to get
education. And so I shall not have a short
hand because, in two years, my health can be
recovered in body as well as mind. Prepare
for the duties of College life. I have no ready
sermons for writing any paper. I should like to
be in the chapel with Winter and others as well as
be in College as long as possible with Winter
for if I ever myself I know it can be within
years. The latest news I have to date from the
Letter. I really hope the will be
recovered. Suppose it is my term to send to
a letter but I do not have it now. My
to recover for half of the term is not at
became not for half a year. I would
in writing. I was not under

Dear brother a letter.
joy your letter of the 10th. I received with joy
And I cannot approve the first opportunity
replied. I was exceedingly glad to find that in Table
was a welcome and interesting letter. I look on
every act of mine to please my brother, hence
is it has been so kind to me, and if the news of
which I write had not been received those bringing
my love for my brother, it would not in the last
have absorbed my premeditations, for I mean
I am determined in the Bible to love God with
even in my heart, might; mind, mind & thoughts. This
I will endeavor to do, though it may be costly.

But also I know that it would be well received by
you, you would be a Christian. But you must get
If I cannot say anything that will influence you, it
is the working of the Spirit. I do not
know where to write. If you should see
face for your God, I know it is in your letter send
it through our own language. Your letter was full
of evidence through the good advice & I will try to
profit by it. I know I shall be subjected to some unprofitable
ment in this life but when this is the case I will look
to God for aid. I am plagued to the point of

very one, but in this I have the example of
Vance for he was happy & as well as your present...
Dear Mrs. S. [ surname not legible ],

I trust you have had the pleasant surprise of receiving this letter. I am writing to tell you of some changes that have been taking place here in our household. Our new teacher, Mr. Smith, has been quite an improvement over our former one, Mrs. Johnson. He is very knowledgeable and passionate about his subjects, which has made the learning experience much more enjoyable for us.

I must also inform you that we have decided to participate in a local debate club. It has been a great opportunity for the children to develop their public speaking skills and critical thinking abilities. Our school has hosted several tournaments, and we have performed well in each one.

As far as my personal life goes, I am quite busy with schoolwork and extracurricular activities. I am currently preparing for the upcoming science fair, which I am very excited about. The children are also involved in various clubs and sports teams, which keeps them quite occupied.

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your own activities. Please write back and let me know how things are going for you and your family.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]