West Point
Dec 2nd [1857]

My dear Ates,

I arrived here last evening after spending about three weeks with my friends in Seeks. I saw your mother just before I left Seeks, who was in good health and spirits. All are also well in Seeks.

As I came through Portland, I saw your lady who came into the car with your brother. She looked remarkably well but her face I wished me to see you come down some evening if convenient so I can tell you the news. Please send word by Perry so I may be in when you come. I left her very unexpectedly and could not call on you before I left.

Yours truly

[Signature]
Dear [Name]

[Date]

It was a delightful fall day, a perfect occasion for a picnic...
Dear Elizabeth,

It is Saturday night and I am at this writing, sitting in the Office of the Ocean House, beside a coal fire and writing to you in the early morning. I have seen you twice since last night, and once about ten o'clock on the deck under the full moon. I must not write more. The paper is green, and I am in hopes that the good people of this land will not think too much of the green ink. The paper is not spoiled, and communication to the West is not difficult. I am in hopes to send this letter tomorrow. Write soon.

Your affectionate,

R.M. Howman

[Signature]

P.S. Tell my mother, "Write me the postscript."

If I can't, I won't.
Calling me the cleaner Master the other day,
I trust some time will be no trouble to that direction. 
Wish you were here to assist against black 
Catastrophe I always desire in your prayers.

My landlord tells me today that the Coast is very 
short next week and 1st of December coming, 
I could not help exclaiming Oh I heard 
the alarm bell. Lord deliver me from this famine! 
I have my relief is as hard as not harder.

When any you have ever taught, you can judge 
how my legs and head ache when it comes right 
and show thankful I am that tomorrow is Friday.
I am in hopes that after I have been organized 
and have learnt their names and have overcome 
the assault upon our connexions today, my 
Catastrophe will be easier. I think as if I once 
come through from one week, nothing is so bad, 
then often making there accounts of my natural 
benefits. If I were out of my cough I would not 
have it. But I cough all day and then it comes night 
I am very low. 

My breakfast place is as good as I could wish. 
I have a very good but. 
The tide flows with a few feet of the finger and 
very light after I go to bed. Can hear it by my 
and breathing. 

When I lay on my bed, she looks away up to the sea, and watch the mountains playing. The town of the Barren.
Dec 9th [1853]

My dear Howard,

Brrr, did not tell me you were coming down to see me until late the same evening you came. For this reason I was absent at the college. Can you come again? If you do send me word so I can be in. You had better send it the day before you come so I can be sure to be in. I should be pleased to have a chat with you; I would come up to see you if I could without being sure. Every thing with me goes smoothly, our school commenced last week & the most of my time is occupied in my studies. Have heard from home twice since my return—all are well.

Do come down & see me if you can in haste.

Wm. L. Stratton

C. W. Holman
Yale, Me., Nov. 17th, 33.

My dear friend,

Your letter of the 4th inst. from New York is now in my hands. The health and spirits of my porcelain companion, enjoying myself in the best way, in a vessel of convenient size and roominess would allow of the same. I have been very busy, but I am now at ease, for I am now the first in the line of success. These books have caused complications to be in attendance for the rest of the term of the court house. I have seen the surrounding prospects of success over the last three years. At least, the work of Court practice done here-

Yours truly,

[Signature]
My Union Street from our office. Securing the lady, etc. a
message rather precipitately. I presumed to look out for herself,
I reached to the office I
secured myself in making
for the exchange that deals
beer. The fire was so hot
that it caught the window
curtains & drape & the
corner of the building & quite de-
troyed them. But of premature
the epistle of a very late fire
season. We escaped without
further damage. The building
worth about $1,000 or so. Notes &
papers to the amount of $10,000
were even in the office. I
instantly responded to the
so he ran
so fast
as that for the sake of saving
of the old wooden building which
it was too late to have destroyed.
Energies to enter into with the profession. The repetition to keep a rich harvest of rewards in honor or professional advancement requires a great mind to do this with the greatest effect. Often fails to attain it.

To make a good profession many require a union of some qualities such as seldom unite in one. To make a good man require it in any walk of life. As for me, however, you know my hopes were never so high as those of some and I don’t see as near those as far to be realized very soon. However, I do not despair nor feel any thing worse fallen sufficiently at times and expect to rise, come. I shall try and keep steadily on and try what the future holds in store for me. It is not at all important to see for a few how things that can take care of itself. A few for you. Because I think really you will more in your profession with your engine of success. You will be more fitted and will know what you are about what is not so easily be told in the care of lawyers. This how harm to tell what is known about law or not tell me about it and then to opinion some open will find the most with a conference. I hope you can much happier than your own. I am honored on in days if you truly your friend Ray.

Portland, Dec. 17, 1858.

My Dear Howard,

Now I know I ought to have written you a fortnight since and more and I did actually commence a letter to you a week or fortnight ago to morrow but I found desire to meet you as you showed me a letter you had last written him showing that you heard me "much more at ease than when you write me that I regret to write to try in my poor way to console you on whom you ent

The papers in the office treatment and I know you had practiced to buy on the motion of the paper. I am not sure you will have been fit to write a letter to the board of officials in any station.

Dundie is looking very much better and is very much better in health and spirits. She has improved very much there for now part and I have been much happier than for some time part of the thought that you care for me. You have been happier than not then?

I hope so. I do from my heart I do. You deserve to be happy Howard and I doubt not you will be. You are not going to do me the injustice (for it would be injustice) to think that I
don't care for you and love you less because I
have delayed too long to say this. You must think me very
sad and how I feel of me with you at least will
for a long time. For you know I am a tender
fellow to put off things and declare you one of
my blissfuls as I did a little while ago because my
letter to him now, what might well be charged
on some of his respects, I wish you one of
me of being, forgotten all the friendships of
time that were in the memories of college life
and if having come to be regarded only of
self and quoted you as being the same
impression as himself. I acknowledged to
him that perhaps I had grown selfish, had
become too neglectful of friendship, but I did
not admit that I had become wholly selfish
or had forgotten my friends in college, but
him or you. I don't wonder he got the idea
I don't wonder you should have got such an
one at all for all you might. I did not
answer your letter of last spring and you
spoke of my neglect in writing to him. I
suppose you might think a man
might remember his Oh! and had as much
in common with him better than that.
I have not written you but things I did not
I had not forgotten you, nor did I think seriously
or least thoughts of you. By no means of course.
The kind he is to affect on all of us, meaning
our hearts, chilling them off, making us
gradually but now the less actually the more
interestingly me. Now and old but though
I am aware of the effect of me and expect
it I know I shall never become more selfish, my
heart is induced to it shall not hurt more
towards one of my companions and especially
myself. So I feel now, so I think I may
well. Sunday coming, I am thinking strongly
of going to the school. I want to see more
but the want of funds is a serious detriment
which strikes me in the face so I conclude
of them are very expensive. I have been
and am reading very loosely and accusate
yourself another almost insensibly. Today
off the town since and I almost discovered
by the rapid flight for it seems as though
a life time were too short to be. Knowledge
of the town though once should him to good the
age and time himself should be a little in
his course. Every new element was to
spikes into a heart field which never before
resisted to my imagination and makes me
just as if I should not have more.
To baffled millions that have pushed so
far really. In the present state of professional
reputation and professional learning a serious
not to say hopeless attempt in a young
man of but moderate abilities and everyday
Monmouth Dec 27th 1858

Dear friend,

I take this opportunity to inform you how we got along. My health is not very good. The cold that I had when I left your house troubled me yet when I got home I did not find Benjamin as well as I expected to be. I was very sick with the Pung Fever. Mother, Robert, and I took care of him every night for two weeks. After I came here we got pretty well beatout. I thought when I came home that I should have some help about my work but instead of that I had to help the rest and I have not got my work more than half done. I should like to stay here till the 12th of January if you could get along my way James Roy is quite sick. She does not know what the matter is with him. That Rose has healed up.

Write me as soon as you get this.

from S S Manwell