

West Point

Dec 2nd [1853]

My dear Ate,

I arrived here last evening after spending about three weeks with my friends in Leeds. I saw your mother just before I left Leeds. who was in good health & spirits. - All were also well in Leeds.

As I came through Portland I saw your Lady who came into the car with your brother, - She looked remarkably well.

Sent her love & 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 home very unexpectedly & could not call on you before I left.

Yours truly
W. L. L.

Could you wouldn't catch me 500 miles out
to sea teaching school for about 16 dollars per
month. Nominally I rec^d 26.00. but I have to pay
my own board, which reduces my earnings very
much, I have not rec^d an answer to my last
letter as yet. I suppose you directed to Brunswick.
If so I am in hopes to see it in a few days.
Don't neglect to answer this soon. A letter
is doubly welcome, you know, among entire
strangers, as they are here. Direct to Cape Elizabeth.
Be careful to put the Cape on. It is now Sabbath
evening, and the snow flakes are falling merrily and
I am in hopes that the good people of the Coast
will be gratified with some sleighing. It looks
melancholy to see them slip in, about over the
icy roads in their high waggons. Our P.O. is
at Portland and communication is not
regular. But I am in hope to send this
out tomorrow. Write soon.

Your affectionate Brother

R.B. Hawman

Cadet W. Howard

P.S. Hearns any stamps. Will pay the postage
If I can if not Excuse
R.B.H.

Cape Elizabeth, Dec 6th

Dear Brother

It is Saturday night and I am at this
writing. Sitting in the Office of the Ocean House
beside a coal fire and writing ^{on} a rather rickety
Table. I have been here one week tonight, and
am about settled down into the dull routine of teaching
school. I need not describe the occupation, for
you perfectly understand it. But perhaps it would
be interesting to you to know the machinery ~~&~~
I have to work with. I have an old school
House, not much better than ours at home, filled
to the brim with about 60 good, bad, and indifferent
children. mostly, as all town schools are, now headed
at ^{all} boys are supposed to be until they are fifteen, and
all girls until twelve. About two thirds of my school
are quite small varying from ~~&~~ the ages of 4 to
12, and the rest from that age to 20. My school
House is small and I have to stow them in as
I can, and you may suppose, I have a noisy
crew. When I find two rogues together I cannot
separate them for I have no place to put them
and if I put an honest boy between them, he is
sure to become corrupted. I have a no. of those
bros - generally known as great girls. But as one
of my little pretties tells me that she heard them

calling me the 'darling' master. the other day,
I presume there will be no trouble in that direction
unless they are over affectionate, against which
catastrophe I devoutly desire your prayers.
My landlady tells me today that the crew of my
school is coming next week in the shape of a dozen
more great boys, and I at ~~these~~ ^{these} ~~seems~~ ^{seems} ~~to be~~ ^{to be} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~shape~~ ^{shape} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~a~~ ^a ~~dozen~~ ^{dozen}
I could not help exclaiming when I heard
the above news. Lord, deliver me from the crew!!
I presume my school is as hard if not harder
than any you have ever taught, and you can judge
how my legs and head ache when it comes night
and how thankful I am that tomorrow is Sunday.
I am in hopes that after I have then organized
and have learnt their names and have commenced
an assault upon several of their bodies, that
my labor will be easier. It don't seem as if I could
live through four months, laboring as I do now,
even after making due account of my natural
laziness. If I was rid of my cough I would not
care, but I cough all day, and when it comes night
I am very hoarse. My boarding place is as good
as I could wish. I have to pay 20¢ per week.
The tide flows within a few feet of the piazza and
every night after I go to bed I can hear it surging
and tumbling, in, and when I lay on my bed can
look away out upon the sea, and watch the
moonbeams playing upon the foam of the breakers

and sparkling on the ripples of the Bay. But when you
come to feel the cold cutting breeze of the ocean when
the thermometer stands at 0 it is not quite so
comfortable. The wind flows fresh and cold across
this Cape in the winter. But I should think a
delightful spot in the summer season. This Hotel
has been here about two years, and has been very
much frequented as a watering place. By citizens
of Portland and others. This is not any part of the
Cape that you have seen, but it is 1/2 mile from
Portland, away over on the other side of the
Bay. I did not see Lizzie when I came down,
I had barely time to call, and she was out.
I found Mr. Jencks with Polly passing a part
of his vacation. I spent Thanksgiving Day at
home, in much the old way, with all the children
and children's children. I heard no news in Leeds
except that Brother Richmond as they call him
is married. I was at home two days, and if I keep
my school through, and return directly to Brunswick
I shall not be at home much before I hope to see
you down East. Mother's health is good, and all
the rest of the family. I shall go into Portland,
if I can, some of my odd Saturdays and make
Miss White a call. I may not go in for a
number of weeks. There is no way of getting out
here Monday mornings without costing me over
82.00. A trifle to be sure. But if trifles didn't

Dec 9th [1853]

My dear Howard,

Benny 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 Falls.

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, & would come up to see you, if I could without being seen. Every thing with me goes smoothly, - our school commenced last week, & the most of my time is occupied in my studies. I have heard from home twice since my return, - all are well. Do come down & see me if you can.

In haste
W. L. G. Loring

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By the way we have a letter
the nicest office in the city
& it would be a great pleasure
to have you step in
& take a comfortable seat
with us & chat about old
times & doings. I would ad-
vise you when your course
at West Point is completed
to take a trip out West & see
what a country we have here
A journey of this kind would
do you good I have no doubt
about Aug. or Sept. It is delightful
to go up the upper Mississippi
& will pay the expense as I
am informed. I mean to try
it by & when it comes right
My respects to friends with whom
you may have correspondence
& believe me

Yours truly

John A. Smith

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Galena Illinois
Dec. 17th 33-

Friend Howard

Your letter of
the 4th inst. found me in ex-
cellent health & spirits and
enjoying myself in both a social
& business capacity as well as
circumstances would allow -
at that time & ever since have
ever I have been very busy; for
it is now Court time & we
have some considerable business
to attend to, which is all my work &
nearly as much as I can do
These works we have been compelled
to be in attendance for the most
of the time at the Court House
& we have the encouraging pro-
spect of retaining them two
weeks longer at least. The novelty
of Court practice some years

& it then becomes a matter
of duty which without objecting
to, we feel little pleasure in
doing. I do not say that this
is very coarse & exactly this I must
confess that as a matter of pleas-
ure there are many things
much more agreeable. But we
have been very successful thus
far & therefore do not complain.
By the way we came very
near burning out about a
week ago. I had been out
to a little party of young folks
& was just returning with
"My Lady" as all good citizens
are bound to, at about 12
o'clock when the alarm of
fire was given. We hurried
along as fast as the existing
condition of things would permit
& I soon discovered that
the building just across a

My narrow street from our
office - Serving the Lady, in a
moment rather precipitate I
perceived, to look out for her-
self, I rushed to the office &
threw myself in madcap,
for the excitement that caught
fire. The fire was so hot
that it caught our window
casings & sash & the cornice
of the building & quite dis-
turbed them. But by perseverance
& the assistance of a very good fire
engine, we escaped without
further damage. Our Law Library
worth about \$1500. or so Notes &
papers to the amount of \$10,000. or
so were in the office &
without insurance. We could
hardly afford to lose so much
as that for the sake of getting rid
of the old wooden building - which
it was no loss to have destroyed

Energies to enter into either of the Professions
expecting to reap a rich harvest of rewards
or honors or professional emoluments.

It requires a great mind to do this and
the greatest often fail to attain it.

To make a good professional man
requires a union of rare qualities such
as seldom unite in one - to make a
good man requires it in any walk of
life. As for me Howard you know my
hopes were never so high as those of some
and I do not see as even these had fair
to be realized very soon. However I
do not despair nor feel very blue though
I have felt sufficiently so at times and expect
to in times to come. I shall try and
keep steadily on and try what the future
has in store for me. I am not at all
impatient to see for I have learned
that our fate unrolls itself fast enough.

As for you Howard I think really you
will enter on your Profession with good
auguries of success. You will be well-fitted
and will know whether you are or not which
is not so easily to be told in the case of
others. It is hard for us to tell whether we
know anything about Law or not tell me
and then I opinion some of us will find the not
with a vengeance. I hope you are much
happier than you were. I am Howard
as in days of yore truly your friend Pely.

Portland, Dec. 17, 1853.

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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
Lizzie was writing you and she showed me a
letter you had just written her showing that your
heart was "much more at ease than when you
wrote me that I neglected to write to try in
my poor way to console you or cheer you under
such unmerited indignities and so barbarous
treatment and I knew you had practised too long
on the maxim of Horace "Quidquid nefas est cor-
rigere vivis fit patientia" to be easily discouraged
by the insolence of Officials in any station.

Lizzie is looking very much better and is very
much better both in health and spirits. She
has improved very much these few weeks past
and I have been much happier than for some
time past at the thought that you were and she
was. You have been happier have you not Ohm?

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

doubt care for you - doubt love you - because I
have delayed too long on this. You won't think any
such hard thing of me will you at least not
for a long time for you know I am a terrible
fellow to put off things and I wrote you one
nice blowing up a little while ago because my
letter to him was, what might well be charged
to some of his Epistles. Civil and cold - accused
me of having forgotten all the friendships of
earlier days and the memories of college life
and of having come to be regarded only of
self and quoted you as having the same
impression as himself. I acknowledged to
him that perhaps I had grown selfish, had
become too neglectful of friends but I did
not admit that I had become wholly selfish
or had forgotten my friends in college either
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 well you might. I did not
answer your letter of last spring and you
spoke of my neglect in writing to him I
suppose and well you might think a man
might remember his Omen who had so much
in common with him better than that.

I should have written you but though I did not
I had not forgotten you, nor did I cherish envious
or harsh thoughts of you. By no manner of means.
The world has its effect on all of us, numbing

our hearts, chilling our affections, making us
gradually but none the less surely though somewhat
imperceptibly, selfish, hard and cold but though
I am aware of its effect on me and deplore
it I know I shall never become so selfish, my
heart so indurated that it shall not beat warm
towards some of my classmates and especially
towards you. So I but now, so I think I ever
shall. Sunday evening. I am thinking strongly
of going to Law School. I want to go very much
but the want of funds is a serious objection
which stares me in the face as Law schools, all
of them are very expensive. I have been
and am reading very busily and one week
goes after another almost imperceptibly, stealing
off me I am aware and almost discouraging
me by their rapid flight for it seems as though
a life time were too short to gain a knowledge
of the law though one should live to a good old
age and Time himself should lay a little in
his course. Every new elementary work
opens up a vast field which never before
existed to my imagination and makes me
feel as if I should add "one more"

"To baffled millions that have gone before"
It is really in the present state of professional
repletion and professional learning a serious
not to say hazardous attempt in a young
man of but moderate abilities and every day

Monmouth Dec 27th 1858

Dear friend

I take this opportunity to inform you how we get along my health is not very good the cold that I had when I left your house troubles me yet when I got home I did not find Benjamin as well as I expected to was very sick with the Lung Fever Mother Phoebe and I took care of him every night for two weeks after I come here we got pretty well beat out, I thought when I come home that I should have some help of 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 any way James Boy is quite sick she does not know what the matter is with him that Lore has heald up write me as soon as you get this

From W L Manwell

