

They have made it convenient
to pass this way and make
a Circuitly call. I wonder if
Maria would not be offended
if I passed through Philadelphia
and did not make
her a visit. I don't like it -
because she did not come.
How is John Harrison -
I hope his spitting blood did
not amount to anything -
Was it much? Give my love
to all at Uncle Ensign's -
Are you not lonely when
the boys are all away?
Lizzie & her mother send
love - I have got to encourage
more & more now. It was
against one of my cherished
principles to buy any thing & not
pay for it down. For example -
my horse - but if I have
my health I will come out
strongly. Affectionately Yours
Jas

Walter's Arsenal

Oct 2nd 1855

Dear Mother,

I received Charles
letter Wednesday and found
that only the wrapper belon-
ged to me. I am glad he is
getting on so well - and hope
that his forced ears will
soon his eyes and render
them fit for use. Last
night without a word of
warning Lizzie's mother
dram up to the door - she
had come - passing all the
way to Albany - She
wrote us a letter & telegraph-
ed besides - but we got
neither message. I am
sorry she did not see you
before she left. She said

She saw father on Monday
before she left Lewistown. He
was looking very well she
said. I think Mrs W. will
be very well now she is
here. I shall take her
out to ride after noon it
is a fine country for this. I would
like to take you with my fine woman
to Albany - Troy - Cohoes - Water-
ford &c. &c. - Charlie wishes that
Louisa is quite sick - Give
my love to her & all at Warrens
when you see them. I trust
she will soon be perfectly
well. It is raining very hard
to day. We have had very
much ~~bad~~ weather lately. The
river has risen considerably
but not quite as much as
in the Spring, but if it keeps
on raining as it does now I
fear the lower part of our grounds

will be overflowed again -
We have had plenty of hickory &
Grass as well as Hickory nuts
& White oak acorns, but no beech
nuts. What Charlie wrote about
having beech nuts made Lizzie
say she wished she had some.
Mrs Gunkle - has some friends
from England on a visit at her
house - and gave us an invitation
to meet them there this
evening. But Mrs W's arrival
will prevent, and it is fortunate
for it is too rainy to go out.
I heard from Rowland a
few days ago. He writes
thoroughly. hopes Charlie will
soon be back, says he is
doing well, for he is eating
voraciously. Maria & her husband
has been to Maine on a visit
it seems - went on a tour
to Canada. Why could it they

Societies i.e. persuading to join.
 When the teacher stays away from
 recitation for some reason, some
 times, to please us & we have the
 same. Upon for next day it is
 universally called an "adjourn".
 ("Hold in") is where the Septs try
 to hold Freshmen in to a room for
 a minute or two, as it is their
 privilege to go out first. Staying
 away from Prayers or from rec-
 itation without a good excuse is
 called "cutting". We have a "monitor"
 who marks and absences from
 Church & Prayers. All after
 leaving college hill is call "down
 town". 1st Coll. building is North Coll. or
 Winthrop hall. next, Middle C. or Main
 hall, next building is Chapel, ^{consisting} of Pictorial
 Gallery, Chapel, where we have Prayers, Library,
 & a large hall in one all for other purposes.
 Each class has a class-prayer meeting.
 Three have been converted ^{off my class}
 this Term. Give my love to mother &c. C. W. Howard

Give my respect to Mr. Howard. But your piece will. Prudence on it
 while giving from or with it from reason in the words.
 Try to be natural.
 It is no affectation.
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 It is no affectation.
 Spending. Yours
 C. W. Howard
 Don't go the spectacle.

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C. W. Howard
Bowd. Coll.

Oct. 27. 1855.

Dear brother Sallie To W. H. Gilman
 Although it
 has got to be rather late in
 the evening yet I think I
 will begin if I do not com-
 plete a letter to you. My health
 has been very good since
 I have returned, I entered
 my classes & so get my daily
 lessons with them & amake
 up what I can. I shall
 have a hard task to get
 through by review which
 begins in two or three weeks.
 I should like to hear from
 you, to know how you are
 prospering in studies &c. &c.
 You must write us soon.
 We have not heard from home

since I left. — Rowland and I have talked some about your going to College. He says it agrees, that if you do conclude to go, you ought to find some good school which you can attend all the time when you do go to school, and that pretty constantly till you are fitted. We have thought of Andover Mass. & Exeter N. H. — But I don't know yet what Father's mind is. — I hope you are doing well this Fall in Algebra. That is pretty hard for me here in College. Most of the boys had been through Smyth's Algebra & I had only been over what is required for a fit. —

This is quite a place for getting off jokes & making fun. The boys are getting "grindier"

as they call them on to each other very frequently. — Perhaps you would like to learn some of their terms & words which are peculiar to College. We are all seated according to the order of letters of our names. About half the class are "up" one day & half the next. Each one stands while reciting. When one makes no mistakes, he "makes a sail." When he fails & the teacher (tutor) questions him closely, he "takes a screw." So the other day we saw on black-board, put there by Sophomores a drawing of a screw like that of a cider mill with a boy under the screw & the teacher turning it round. The boy appeared to be most squashed in pieces. When my Freshmen come if they are good scholars & desirable fellows there is always much "fishing" for