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Dear Mother

I was thinking you might be expecting a letter from us today and as I have a little time this morning I gladly write. We received yours & Dellie's in due time. I was very glad to have you write. Yesterday Rowland and I went to Topsham & after meeting went down to Mrs Frost's so did not have time to write you a letter. Mrs Frost's family are well. Ella Patten is with her. We went over Sat. evening & stayed a little while. Ella plays finely on Piano & Mrs Frost you know has just got one.

This is a beautiful morning. A real March morning. Sap would run this morning. I have just returned from my breakfast. I got up at 4 o'clock this morning to get my lesson. At 6 went to prayers. Recitation at 6 1/4. Breakfast at 7 1/4. Now here I am at 8 o'clock.

Rowland is beside the table also. He thinks we will not have time to write as he wants to get his lesson so to go to town meeting. The Republicans it seems have succeeded in N.Y. And also in most of the town elections of this state but got dreadfully whipped in Leeds. Many young men went home to N.H. from here to vote.

It is very pleasant here in our room I can assure you. The sun shines in so brightly. After all I should like to be at home this morning. I hope you will write again & Dellie must write soon. No matter if he don't get a direct answer. We write to all at home. I should think you would feel relieved to have so small a family. I suppose has not yet concluded where to go to school. Rowland & I have thought Andover would be an excellent place if he would be a good boy & attend to his studies. Ella says it is a fine school & we knew this before. It is an excellent place to fit for College.

Rowland & I attended a concert of songs & bell-ringing Friday eve. It was fine. There were 3 little boys two young ladies & a gentleman all of our family. They had about 30 bells on which they made music & music it was! The little boys sung finely also. Our Term is about 4 weeks longer.

We heard thru' Wing who is clerk, assistant, in a department at Augusta that Otis had returned from Troy via Winthrop. Lizzie is doing well. I am getting on in studies as well as usual. Two boys have been suspended for initiation. I hope they will put a stop to it. But many of my class want to have it next year. They came to coax me to go with them. But I shall not. I shall not make any opposition any farther than I am personally concerned tho', for it would only make me unpopular & do no good. I expect to write my oration in vacation. I feel sorry when I think Rowland will hit 20 soon.

Give our love to all our family & Remember me as
Your Affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard