

of getting along well. The good aim of life is
or should be to be useful to the world & we
must take into consideration always our relation
to the individuals about us & not think of self alone.

How does Merrill get along this term? I
ow him a letter. There is no meeting today, so
I was all at home. Rowland & I worked in the
garden yesterday. We have worked considerably
splitting wood & it is almost all split. George
went out home last night. Mrs. & Sarah went
to Wayne Friday & called here when they came back.
They brought up lots of smelts which we finished
this morning. I am going back to B. Friday &
I hope you will write me as soon as that if
not before I go away. This is the way, tho' we
see by the paper that Gen. Kearney has been
removed to Ft. Sumner with the Nurses. Warren
Lobnitz has received no orders yet. I hope you are enjoying
the privilege of hearing the gospel preached today.

It costs but small sums of money & much labor
& suffering of men to send the Bible to the heathen
& shall we disregard it who live in this Chris-
tian Bible land. I hope you will, if you
have not, give your heart to Christ & thus
be a power blessing to the world, & honor to God
& comfort to your friends.

Your Affectionate Brother
Charles H. Keoward

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My dear brother

I must commence my letter with an
apology that I have not written before for certainly I
ought to have done so. It is because I have ^{been} busy
with I can hardly at this time mention what that
you know how swiftly the time of vacation flows away.

There has been so much to occupy my mind
& my hands that though we get both your letters
all safe & the money & the paper yet none
of us have written. I have myself spent a
part of every day or almost every day in copying
some Chemical Lectures I brought home; and
have spent every evening in studying French.

Spent the best of one day in going to the Mill
to the "city" when I found the Mill dam washed
away so I brought back my grist unground. Came
back by Mrs. Mann's & got two shiners. Another
day I was a good part of the time at Sanford's
& Mr. King's - Moore has a pretty nice Melodeon
now. I gave him a piece of music called "What
is home without a mother" - Another person
wiped in getting my boots mended - Moore did this.

Frid. I went to Mannsville to Mill. Met Mr.
Korcross on the road. He inquired about you
& said he thought Audover just the place for you.

Said he preached at Merrimouth last Sunday & would preach there to-day. Rowland & I talked some of going to hear him but the spring is not very good yet & we have no suitable reason.

Martina Dennis has died since you went away. Rowland was at the funeral. He came back from Hallowell & Bath Monday. Mrs. Kato went down to Portland the same day & returned last Thursday. Lizzie & May Meentime were taken ^{with} the Meumps. Lizzie has not got over them yet.

Rowland believes now that he has had a change of heart. He never had "a hope" before such as he has now - though you know how much interested he was one Spring. He says he is willing all the world should know. He expects to study Law with Stinchfield at Hallowell & board with Henry Wingate. He meant to have written you a letter last week & so did I.

What super was just of a different kind but I don't care. I have not tried it yet but I believe Rowland has. I don't write any letters now-a-days. I don't believe in going any to Exeter if you are going to continue your studies. It was only if you was going to change your course that I ever thought it advisable to go to Exeter.

There is no place in the world so good to enter Bowdoin College from as Andover. Besides it is far better not to change. You would lose much while getting used to the manner of teaching &

at Exeter. If you go to College you better stay at Andover & make the most of the great advantages you have there. Make it your business as you say you are now doing, to study & get every lesson perfect if possible. My Krummet ~~was~~ ^{was} what ~~then~~ & entered the second class when he had not had the training they had had & had not read near as much but by dint of very close application to his studies he came off one of the very best in his class & in fact took a very high rank soon after he went there which he kept throughout. I am perfectly satisfied with what you have done thus far & if you should continue the course I know you will do well, for you are conscious of what an expense you are put to school. I am not sure as it is best for you to go to College. I am very sure that it would be utterly useless ^{unless} you made up your mind to study very hard.

I hope you have some fine class-mates & that you will cultivate acquaintance with such.

Are you acquainted with Smyth of Brunswick yet? I fear you do not try hard to make yourself agreeable - your success in life, as you must see, depends immensely on this ability of making yourself agreeable. You will oftentimes have to indulge what seems to you very foolish whims & overlook faults & quite frequently sacrifice self-interest to the interest of another but this is the only chance