

with whom I was as intimate as I am with
any of my class. one sat next to me in
recreation. one of the pleasantest & kindest
fellows I ever knew. The other was Mitchell.
You have heard me speak of him often.
Probably it was for drinking. Hayes too, had
never drunk a drop of liquor before he came
here. Tho' I come in such a hurry from home
yet I have not missed anything. I need not
if you are not made sick by it I am glad
to come. Rouben has told you what an
excellent place we have to board at. I had
rather pay Mrs Grosse board than any one
else I know of. Rouben made many inquiries
about Cynthia & her babe. The boys may tell
Betsey Bates I am ever so much obliged for
the May-basket, having thought it over. Tho' if
ever another May-day comes when I am at home
I shall feel it incumbent upon me to bring
her one. I must get up early tomorrow morning
& get my lesson, which I have not looked at.
I wish I had thought to take some of that
medicine you made with me. If you have
a chance for some send some. Otis said he
should be down here. But I do not need
it much. Only 4 of my class are here & three
of them came yesterday. Good night! Love very
truly to all.

Eliza F. Holmes
Affectionately
John F. Howard

David Coll. May 4, 1856

My dear Mother

Learning that you might be a
little lame since ~~Charles~~ Charles left
& Betsey & her family went to Lewiston I
wrote Charles just now that we had
better write you today even if the time
is so short since he left home. I came
down Friday afternoon & am all straight
on my Recitations. I left Otis & his
family very well. "Giz" had not begun
to feel his vaccination. I talked with
Munphy, the gardener, about your "Flips"
and he thought you had not better
have them put in earth, but says he will
take them up at any time, when he can
send them out. I went then to the garden
with him & he pointed out many things
which you have not got & which I think
would be very desirable for you.

The best way will be for you to go down
go into the garden with him & tell him what
you have not, & desire to have. I did not
go to Halliwell again before I left. Otis thinks
he will be down here before a year while.

I am right glad to hear that Cynthia &
John Francis are doing so much better.

felt very much concerned for them that day
I saw them & found them in such a miserable
condition. Charles thought that they were
doing very well when he came away - I
found my clothes in good shape. I am
glad that you didn't mend those old pants.
I have enough without them - Charles & I
have gone to board at Mrs. Gurneys. I wished
to have him with me & I asked her
before I left last term if she would
take us. I thought it would be better for
her & Lucy Ann to have somebody & not
reflect so much on Lizzies death. They
had a good crying spell when they first
saw me, this term, and I hope they will
grow more cheerful now. I shan't say
anything about the price of our board.
but leave it to her at the end of the
term. She will not charge any more
than she can afford it for & you know
how kind she was to us all when Charles
was sick. I would rather pay her a
high price, even, than any one else in
Brunswick. I went to the Episcopal meeting
this forenoon - I have got a Prayer Book -
I believe I told you & have not got to
as to keep the rule of the prayers & responses
& chant very well. This afternoon Charles
went to Topsham to be baptised.

Mr. Robbins baptised 11 this noon & gave them
the hand of fellowship. After service this P.M.,
among the Number were his own wife & only
daughter. Charles & I spent the evening
at their house last night. But they did
not tell us they were to be baptised today.

Tell Dillie I shall write him before a
great while. I was much amused at those
anecdotes of Rev. Mr. Biles which he cut
from an old paper. Two of my Claps are
finally expelled & 4 Sophomores are dismissed.
I shall miss Johnny Stanton, a good deal. He
roomed directly opposite and was as kind
& obliging a neighbor as I ever expect to
find. I must leave the rest for Charles
& bid you a very good night - Goodland -

Dear Mother:

Your son I arrived, all safe, all
sound. Stayed two or three hours in Gasmonth.
Law then James H. H. Hewitt, Obediah's brother
& took dinner with him. Everybody seemed glad
to see me, so it was not so unpleasant - you
all. Mr. Wiggins seems to have a flourishing
school. I learned when I got there that two
of my own Claps had been sent away. One dis-
missed on other suspended. I hardly know how
I think it a hard thing. I hope perhaps

Kennebec Arsenal Augusta Me
May 8th 1856

Dear Mother,

I have ascertained to day that Mr Sutton has left that famous place vacant. Our people want to pasture their cows there as usual. I want father to say to whom I shall apply. I have sold the old cow for thirty dollars, with the reservation that I shall have what milk we need as long as we stay. I sold her to one of the men. Ask father if the price is satisfactory. She continues swollen. I think the drive last winter at that time occasioned it. I had a letter from Wadsworth yesterday. All things seem to be going straight at Brunswick. I found his dogmatism out at Manchester this forenoon. Went out purposely in search. A man in the north part of that town had picked it up after breaking the case. by running over it. I am glad to hear through him that Cynthia & the baby are doing well. I hope both will soon be entirely well. Mr Rice has been at Hallowell. wants Uncle to assume the debt in this State & give him the demands that

uncle has in possession. I was at Henry King's
day before yesterday. but ascertained nothing
new. McGee is making a picture frame for your
painting of Watervliet Arsenal. It will soon be
done. Murphy says he can send you a great
variety of plants. but it is not worth while to
transplant them into a box, for they will remain
good long enough to carry them to Leeds &
transplant them after you get them. If you can come
down so as to pick out those that you have
not got. it would be well, if further comes
without you, I will send you a variety & label
them so that you may know them. Give my
love to all. We are all well. Guy & myself
have just been vaccinated or rather am just
getting over the effects of vaccination. Neither
of us have been much troubled with it.
I went hunting about nine miles on foot
yesterday. We did not have very good luck.
Had enough for breakfast however.

I hope you will be down again soon.
How is Ellen?

Yours affectionately
O. H. A.

Have you heard how Betsey gets along
in her new home? How does Roscoe like
Lewisston? Is your sowing all done? And
did father set out any more trees. The Lopho-
mores went & got their tree the other day.
Every Lophomore class set out a tree - an old
custom. Many of them die but I do not know
as it passages the premature decay of the members
of the class & I don't know but it does. At
any rate I should hope the tree of my class
would live for the laborer's sake and for
an ornament to the ground. There is one,
an oak tree here, the acorn from which it
sprung, as it is said, having been planted
by the first class that graduated at the
College, and now every class that graduates
goes out after the final examination & hand in
hand, form a circle about the tree & walk
around it. Give my love to Mother & to Cynthia
and to Father. I expect we shall have a letter from
Mother tomorrow. Tell Cynthia I expect John
Francis will grow out of my knowledge before
August. I hope he will not get so big that I
cannot lift him, for he will then be old enough
for me to tend. Now, Nellie, I want you to write
me a good long letter as soon as you get time and
meanwhile remember me as Your Affectionate Brother
E. R. L. Gilmore -

Bond. Coll. May 11th 1856

Dear Brother Nellie;

It is now Sunday evening at
eight o'clock. I am alone in my room. Portland
I just left in Mrs. Grows' sitting room. There is no
meeting this evening, I suppose on account of the
inclemency of the weather. But I think it now
looks like fair weather. It has been raining most
of two days with us and I hope it will be
a benefit to farmers in two ways: first that it
will moisten the earth which had begun to need
rain & thereby cause the grass & grain to start up
with new energy & but secondly because I expect
the temperature of the atmosphere will now be
warmer, for I have feared that with the dry
cold of the last week father's wheat would hardly
get its head above ground. When you write you must
tell me how the farming goes on, for you know
I got quite an interest in it when at home. How
is your health now? I was very sorry to see you
so unwell and thought much about it, though
I said but little, thinking it better for you
to keep up good courage and make the best
of it. The best way to preserve health & strength
is to take habitual exercise in the open air, to
keep the skin clean and the clothes dry & to sleep

undisturbed in a well ventilated room. But sometimes when one is already out of health other means must be resorted to to restore it. This seems to me a good rule for you while at home: If your eyes are good, to read rather than sit perfectly idle; and when the weather is fair to work rather than read. I was very glad I came back in so good season, as I had very little to make up. My Latin this term is very pretty to translate. The sentiment is good & the style very smooth having no such long and difficult sentences as are met with in Cicero's Orationes. It is "Cicero de senectute et amicitia", Cicero on old age and friendship. I have to study most of the time but I get a little leisure to read & play some most every day, say an hour. Yesterday afternoon I wrote for four or five hours. Commenced it. Then after the lecture in the evening at 9 o'clock I wrote again & wrote till half past twelve. I wrote about 5 or 6 of these pages. By another week I shall get it pretty well along. I have gone to bed, about every night before last, since I returned, at ten o'clock. I got up at 3 o'clock when, you know, the sun rises & I can see without a lamp. Most of my class have now returned. They have been coming along every day of last week. Manswell first day is here. He had never been here until this term. I have got acquainted with him

to some degree. I like him very well as far as I have seen. I have been ~~at~~ church all day, and I attended a meeting of the "praying circle" this morning. Prof. Lyberty Longth preached an excellent lecture to the circle & other students who were present last night. Students and young men generally are apt to neglect their moral and religious culture if not the intellectual. I hope you will be more judicious & wise than others and commence that culture young for it is easier to pluck up the tender weeds than when they have become rank & strong. No man in these enlightened days argues for moral neglect more than intellectual, but some foolish boys think life is less delightful to the moral & religious, which is a sad mistake. I wish you would learn to love the Bible more, Billie. I have made inquiries & find the year, Academic year at Andover commences in August. You will probably see Rowland & me before that time. Rowland can also talk with father about you. But remember, Billie, that it would be useless to go away if your health is not good & your body strong. We had a letter from Alis a day or two ago. His family was well. He had found Rowland's miniature. How? Have you ceased hanging May-baskets? Give my love to George & when you write, which will be soon I hope, tell me all you think I want to know.

think a horrible one. But as the object is to look as bad as possible ~~himself~~ in this is horribler. We had the whole of Bath Breg Band dressed in the most beautiful uniform I ever saw. We paid them \$2, 00. Among other things two numerous ~~to~~ ^{at a time} ~~concert~~ ^{concert} was a company of Artillery with a gun weighing 1100 lbs. ~~forwards~~ the last they put in two cartridges, which made it roar as though it would shake down the old colleges. We had a letter from Otis not long ago. He sent Rowland, (who was Col. & Aid of the General & Com. in Chief Thompson) his epaulettes & sash. Rowland rode on a handsome horse with elegant bridle & saddle & had a nice uniform so he presented a beautiful appearance. We had a daguerrotype of our forces taken at the request of the Artist. I brained in disguise. Give my love to Father, Billie, Lyttin & all. I believed I asked Billie some questions which I suppose he will answer in his next. Love Yours Affec. ~~son~~ ^{son} H. H. Howard

Mrs. Eliza Gilmore

Mond. Morn. It is cold & foggy here this morning. I am at 10 o'clock. I have more rest - a change from restlessness.

Bowd. Coll. May 18. 56

My dear mother:

It is Sunday evening. Since supper I have been to walk with Moody, of my class, who boards with us at Mrs. Chow's, on the plains towards Bath. I have been in my room a few minutes and built a fire and lighted my lamp. I thought you would be very glad to hear from us again, tho' we have not heard from home since I left. We should be very glad to have Billie write often if you cannot for we will know how hard it is for you. Billie I suppose is engaged days in work on the farm, but I hope he will take some evening to write us a letter often. I want him to do this both because we wish to hear from home and because it will be beneficial to him. I have heard members of my class say they could be good writers i.e. composers, they would willingly give up their other learning such as Math, Languages &c. But to be a good writer needs a great amount of practice. Letters are better than

anything else to begin with. They give an
ease to the style & flowing manner of
expression very pleasing. Rowland I
think, has gone to meeting. I have ^{been} three
times today. I like these privileges of atten-
ding church, mother, very much. We have
a Bible class, as I have told you, taught
by Tutor Chamberlain, which is very inter-
esting, & meets in the Tutor's room, at 5 o'clock
P. M. — I intend to go down to the Lubbock
school on the plains to the "Forest Church"
again this summer. Rowland thinks he
will not go and Mr Savage, a Sophomore
will go with me. Today has been a beautiful
day. This will make the grain start. It
has been the pleasantest day of the season
I think. The grass has grown green, the
trees are leaving out, the flowers, many
of them are in bloom, violets, dandelions
etc., the birds are beginning to sing boldly
& sweetly, the air is refreshing, neither
too warm nor too cold and the sun shines
out in all his splendor. I saw at
church yesterday Gilbert & Esther Hall &

spoke with her for the first time
since I entered college. After the last
meeting, walking along I overtook her
alone. Her husband had gone to his moth-
ers. So I walked along with her & when
she came to turn off the street to go
home she asked me to go with her
so I went. I had seen her every Sunday
morning, but had never spoken with
her. She thought it strange Rowland & I had
not called before. She lives on a pleasant
street in the West part of the town, in
a cottage house. Having with the house
a little curly headed boy of two years,
I should judge, met us. I did not
know before, she had a child. He is bright
& active. Has a white head. He resembles
his mother, but is quite pretty. He had
been left asleep but had waken himself
& tho' all alone did not cry. I stayed
about half an hour & then returned
to the Bible class. — Our Mary
Trining came off yesterday. We made
a fine display, it was said, but you

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Augustine M
May 20th 1856

Dear Mother,

We are going to
Barnswick tomorrow if nothing happens
to prevent. All well. I have had an offer
for the Dublin farm. 1200 dollars cash.
A man by the name of Gilbert is to return
to this place in about ten days. His wife
is here now. Says she likes the place &
wants her husband to buy it. If he
takes it he will pay cash down.
I think I can get 1600 for it. It
has been advertised, so much said, in the
Fennell's Journal. Much has
offered to settle with his creditors at
50 cts on a dollar. So Stinchfield told
me last week. Nothing new from
Washington. May love to all. I am writing
in Lavinia's is shopping.

Affectionately Yours Son
Otho

