We are all feeling very sorry for Uncle Matthew. I have heard from you,ippers the little girl. As now if we have been to better this any time. Mother feels extremely so at the more you a poor king letter the more she feels it will call for me to reply. I wrote to Potter a week ago.]

March 18th 1858

Dear Mrs. B.:

I wish Charles a happy sep at Brunswick. On my resurn I suppose I can tell him at Fenwick I spent one night with Mother and Father. I spent it all of the river. I found all of our friends well. Charles is expected home next week.
Dear.... I have not time to write much but wanted to keep up your courage. Selkie will be here a week longer at Canmington. The thought of going to Canmington next term is about it. We will be at home a week. I never mean to have a grand mother training to continue it in happiness... It is waiting some who love than the land of Calvins, used abroad in the church. This seems to be in the same state of mixture. I think her damaged her digestion (a head cold) 2 talking part in public lectures. I have written a great blessing to her. We have long desires for you. Your dear father's love affection
Mrs. Hope
Chicago February 15th 1858

My Dear Sir,

Words of the 13th sect were duly received and I have twice written in reply but somehow they did not please and each time I destroyed my letter. At best I am not a good correspondent, and now when writing to you of a subject of which I am fully confident I know writing it requires more concentration, and patience, than I possess. Now and I differ considerably in my views of what comes after death, but I propose dropping that subject for the present, or until I am better prepared to sustain my position or have found it untenable and can capitulate to you, or rather your cause. I think I shall study the Bible and sacred writings with more attention than formerly, not that I expect it will change my views, but I am open to conviction when I find myself wrong. Candor and straightforward principles I esteem too much the spirit of truthly, I told you honestly what my convictions or belief is in my former letter. You consider me wrong. I shall make it my business to see for myself and shall always be happy to receive any assistance from you or any suggestions with regard to a course of reading or any hints or suggestions you may think proper to make.
I feel that you are consecrated in whatever you do,
or profess, and know that you are earnest in all
your endeavors, when searching for information and
knowledge, and therefore shall always consider well what you say
in relation to spiritual affairs; then too upon an
Man of too much understanding and thought, not to realize
the position I am in, while you reflect upon the experience
of the last twelve years of my life.

For the last two weeks I have been acting the part
of friend and sympathizer to a very dear lady friend.
She is now suffering under the suspense of uncertainty, in
regard to where or what has become of her husband, she
has need of all her friends to support her in this awful
situation. Mr. Kellogg, left his home on Monday morning
(11th) with the usual morning trip of his wife and returned to
dinner in his usual kind good humored manner, and when
they had finished their dinner sat together a few moments
she started for his place of business, with her kids
still lingering on her lips. At 4 o'clock he left his office
as he said, to do a little private business. And has not
since been heard from. Tuesday morning, I was sent
for, but knew nothing of the reason for so urgent a
call at so early an hour, and was of course intensely
unprepared for the scene which awaited my arrival.
I found the family in tears, and it was some time before any of them could sufficiently command themselves to tell me the cause of their grief, and when I heard all, they knew as I am, and accustomed to seeing grief, it was almost too much for me, I was obliged to stoop to keep from betraying my emotion, and before I could recover myself the family had surrounded me, and Mrs. Kellogg had grasped my hand and in fearful earnestness, yet, tenderly, to ask, if I knew anything that could throw any light on the subject least, this last hope to look in my answer, Mrs. Kellogg caught the expression of my countenance, and found in my eyes, but when we entered in bringing her out of her corner, she was calm, and prayed then and there, such as prayer as I do not remember to have heard since childhood, and it was the first fervent and truly heart-felt prayer I have heard since my last visit at home, she arose from her knees and laying her hand on my arm, exclaimed, "Said, how I wish you were a Christian, that I might know that you would pray for, and with me," those words touched me to the quick, and I knew if there was no sacrifice when I knew her and exclaimed, God protect and sustain you in the your great trial," I was sincere, and felt what I said, and received a glorious reward in the expression she gave me.
As I placed her in a comfortable position on the sofa, and thence too, how soon my thoughts reverted to the suffering of my own dear Mother through her trials, trouble, and time, the first, a realization of her grief burst upon me, and I beseeched, and hummed from the bottom of my heart, to my dear Mother, I took my pen and asked my Mother's forgiveness for the sorrow I have taken in the care of her many and great sorrows, and felt better, since then, I find myself more contented to sympathize with and comfort my friends. I write to my dear Mother, I ask her to pray for our dear husband and wife, and I know she will. This is the most singular affair I have ever heard of. You in the possession of a good business, a happy home, a good, beautiful, and highly educated, and accomplished and fair wife, and all left at a moment, without any apparent cause, and not a trace to be discovered. I have been searching and enquiring, day and night, up to today, and often I make my daily visit, by the side of the absent one, with no news for those who care for those. My heart yearns for those, and I think, truly, my dear dear Mother's sufferings were like those, what a trial have I been, and I know now that they must have been, and I did not see it all, nor have I ever realized it till now.
I am not going to make any rash vows, to fit my inclinations, but Otho, I am going to try to live so that I may become a blessing and comfort to her whom I have so outrageously wronged, and hope I may be able to give her some pleasure in me during the remaining years she is to be permitted to remain with us.

You I suppose will think this a queer letter, following so soon and so different from my last to you, but knowing that you are perfectly familiar with my past life, and of my many and repeated departures from the path of rectitude, of my mother's trials and being convinced from your letters that you feel an interest in your wayward cousin, I have written the more fully than perhaps I should under any other circumstances. Forgive me for thus mingle you with so much that cannot be of interest to you, but I felt that I wanted to speak to somebody and give vent to what was pressing to get out.

Yours love to Legge, and if you do not consider it too foolish, tell little Grace andiny, and believe me with all sincerity your affectionate cousin

P.s.

I yesterday received a good long letter from Mother, she was at Cambridge, was well, she spoke of you & your family, -- I am urging her to submit to an operation now, before the disease spreads and affects her system generally. Hope she will see that I
any night in my reason, it should be clear that this need is necessary. The earlier it is used, the less constitutional danger.

We are just beginning to get a bit of Winter, have had snowfall for three or four days and yesterday the mercury succeeded in getting down to a good old Winter point (19° below 0) as I do not keep a horse and cannot afford to hire one, I am obliged to forgo the pleasures of a sleigh ride. The only amusement I indulge in is an evening the house of some friend at this or a game of chess with Mrs. Woodworth, on which occasion I not only enjoy the game, but Mrs. Woodworth usually takes those occasions to amuse herself at the piano, and as she is a splendid musician, she plays beautifully. I cannot but be highly edified and conclude that my enjoyment is quite as satisfactory as any young man of my acquaintance.

[Signature]
Dear Brother,

I received your affectionate very welcome letter at last--but we have no time to reply longer.

We have a day of fasting and prayer for Colleges and other literary institutions of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches annually. It occurs next week 22nd.

We write to some Christian Mothers in the various institutions for religious information & it is made known at our meetings & they are remembered in prayer.

Now what I want if you do--is to hear as soon as you receive this, if you can. I give us some account of the Cause of Christ in the Mill. How your views of the religious influence as well as the influence of your pastor's preaching. The Bible Class, Miss Cadet & Officers etc.

This day has often been followed by the renewing of God's Spirit on these
Institutes. They are the fountain head of influence.

I have to write in a hurry for I must close to go tonight or it will be too late before I thought of it but after writing to Bowne I thought I needed to write to you. I spoke to some of the Brethren about it & they were anxious that I should write. Even a few words would be acceptable.

Love to Lizzy & the Children.

Your affectionate friend

[Signature]
My dear Ginger,

The winter has nearly flown away upon the swift wings of time since I last gave you an account of my recent doings. I have been rather busy these past months, and I must say that the time has passed quickly. I have been working on several projects, and I have been able to make good progress on them.

The weather has been pleasant, and I have been able to spend much time outdoors. The garden has been thriving, and I have been able to harvest a good amount of produce. I have also been able to enjoy some leisure time, and I have been able to spend some quality time with family and friends.

I hope that all is well with you and your family. I have been thinking about you often and I hope that you and your family are doing well. Please write and let me know how things are going for you. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
light and laid on the table, it has been Tandy said that "it's been a shining mark" for it often points it felt seen to those who are suffering mental distress, but "our ways are not his ways," and it is well that it be seen even than his nature and character all round. If you have not seen what it has been to be ready to do that in the height of the storm. It is fed, we may go to other that in no worse, but at the same time before, and here it is. It also clears and makes clear and shows in the light of the cloud.

Jul 23:

I hear of information all through it immediately that his has been concerned a little thought of, that is Bell. He, Tinkler's brother, Thvary brought the news to me. I told him it was last month he had found for a long time it had been poor limit. I remember it two happen now in my life, I have received a letter for him. The last week, that was a great feeling in me it has been. Bell an old College where he was in his school. He was now miles from the college. It has been two years. He has been to Wisconsin the winter I was there. It seems he managed the he left he had to find something else. This is the winter the next semester. Since his return, he has been working on a farm. He is doing well. He is a good man, a steady, hardworking man. He seems to get on well with a respectable family. It has been a blessing that the wife has a nice, kind, industrious, mind. He lives here, and his letter comes from the west. She is a nice, kind, industrious woman.
Portland Feb 23 1858

Sirs, O. C. Howard

Dear Sir,

I have none of you late favors to reply to. I was very glad to hear from you and your dear wife and the little ones. Is it well with you all? We are all in usual good health and hope you and your little family are enjoying the same blessing. The Winter here has been unusually mild & pleasant. There has recently been quite an interest manifested in our neighborhood on the Subject of Religion. We have erected a New Meeting House on our St. commenced in September last and finished in Jan. the House was dedicated in Jan. since which time we have had Meetings every Sabbath and also two and three times a week in the evenings.
Last Friday afternoon of last week we called an Ecclesiastical Council who met at our Meeting House and organized a New Congregational Church composed of members from different Churches. Among our members is Mr. P. & Whitman and wife from the Church in Maine. Our Church has about 22 members, and is called the St. Lawrence Street Congregational Church. We hope that many more will be added to our Church. We feel that our Heavenly Father has smiled upon our efforts thus far. May Heavenly Blessings be with you and your dear family. We all send much love to your dear good wife.

From your affectionate uncle,

E. [Handwritten]
Dear Sir:

Your very kind letter has been received and I trust the information it affords me to thank you, not only for your thoughts but also for your writer's kindness, to say how in all your letters you were so kind and thoughtful. He has been in the habit of writing to me every week, and these have been most encouraging to me which you so wisely bring to my notice. In all your letters he has made me feel as if I were at your house. I have esteemed it very fortunate for him that he has found such kind and comforting letters, as they have been very encouraging to him. He has often spoken of your letters with much gratitude, and has expressed his desire to have you call upon him. If you should call upon him, I would very much like to see you. I should like to have your advice and assistance if you think it possible. He will need your friendship and assistance in any way. I hope you will take this opportunity to call upon him. I send with my compliments the best wishes for you and your family. I have no doubt they have been
of great benefit to him in various ways. I know it would have been a pleasant surprise in very many Point Life if I could have had on
similar privilege.

If I had known, when I cite your name, that you would have been in your seat, I think he felt the delivery in writing as I did, although it was one that
you could not have suffered for as much as I could have suffered for a moment that I could have suffered for a deliver any part when he in his
form in my official interview. To the occasion I have no reason to think he made it on the subject, and to write it as an additional note to the
for him to be reported immediately to write it away, for you to do as well
by him, and to save him of the same
I have it might be for you of he should do kindly. I am only
say that he was always and of

sincerely faithful, but full sense
of you kindly feel. I am also
that he write me in a letter that
he knew it pleased you to have
him do well, as we understand
that on the Point for online The

sister and youthful, his choice, you
continue indicated please at his occurrences.

I sympathize with my view in
the future, but that he will be, for him in
experience which it is. From my full grew
expression and to the full extent to his
was the evidence of the first phase but after that look I would not that
there was Is only from above in
in the future. The Professor to whom
Everyone now accepts will be evident
of his signature, and to have it
in every for him, as able to
receive from it the advantage. Everyone
is known to me medicinal in his temper
and is expected my next, to

Brunswick, Ga. Feb 25th 58

Dear Bro. Howard

I am sorry you should hear from me as well as to hear from you. I know not whether you have answered my letter or not. Left Tampa pleasantly in November with good will of the people in the shape of good collections. Had many pleasant meetings & incidents of travel during last two months. Tell Bro. of this appointment. Too Caleb to name wanted to transfer to Leg Cit. but Bishop early to the prevails on me not to do so. Did not like my appointment to this place at first but find it is the right place. We have a pleasant revival going on here at this time. And the Church is greatly refreshed & encouraged. I am delighted with the seeming
And the faculty with which I am making my way off to Savannah, Charleston, & all parts of Georgia or any other place. Several most excellent persons have come with the Church and now arrived here and some of the best of the citizens have been converted. Happily I enjoyed my time traveling in the country and much indeed, and gained my moral strength and weight. How I long to hear from you and your letters. I want to know all about your religious state and privileges, prospects for usefulness. Please write soon, as I must in Cairo of next month go out to obtain means to locate a house of worship here and I want to hear from you before I leave. You may have written to Jackson as I requested in my last but conference was not held there owing to the epidemic. I am sure it. I will write to the the post office to inquire. My health is good indeed and my religious enjoyment good indeed, I am more completely lost in the will of God than ever in life before.

My faith is stronger than ever and my entire dependence is on the blood of Jesus. for personal comfort, protection and forever to become useful God help you and your family. You have often spoken much in your kindness and labors. yours in Christian love, D.B. Lyon.
than I found on arriving at this house. It was beautiful, silent and seemed to be fully realized by all. I was the first to whom they had made known their grief, and had been called upon to accept their sharing it continuously; and I should be first to know this joy as they all said, and I did know it, and feel it too, and I hope I may never forget its effect upon me. It has done me good.

My last letter from Boston is dated the 15th and from Cambridge she was quite as well as she at Port Water. The letter of your wife and children most affectionately and sincerely to me at home of such happenings, comfort and love, that it almost makes my merriment.

May be I may some day have a home of my own where I do, I hope when my friends come to see me, they may go away content. Theirs is a happy home but that time is some time into the future yet.

With much love to begiove the little ones. I am very well.

Your affectionate son,

[Signature]

March 4th

Sunday 5th I received the letter and until now thought it had been a matter of some weeks in coming. I was not quite the same as others I have been writing to and the step before I wrote never seemed a step towards the place I am. I was 35 in Paris two years and 35 in London when 35 he is said in Germany. He gave me a little more about Hatfield's letter.

Your sister,
and the leading Know-Nothing journal when that party was
in existence. Of Mr. Kellogg, I don't know that I have but a
dim recollection, but that he is now elegant, pleasant, and affable,
and the friend of Riley. He has been my Porter, or Professor, almost since
I first became acquainted with him, and has exerted a great and beneficent
influence over me, more than any other friend I have ever had. There are
now talking only a few days ago of what I must now feel most keenly
now and what I was now, during the canvass. He has been watching
me quietly for some months. I think I first knew him and she best. Still, I remember
that you are not a Christian, with such a
master, and you told me that nearly all your relatives are Christians.
Oh, how这时候. I have great hopes of you, you are not meant to fail
as when I first knew you. And I frequently told them about subjects
but not to do agree with them, but seem to be the same as yours.
Mrs. Norwalk (the mother of Mr. Kellogg) is a very superior person of
about forty-five. She is truly a beautiful woman, both physically and
intellectually. She is by profession a "Unitarian." She is a fixture for
how I have a great object, and with whom I play at Chess quite
frequently. She plays very well, and being very fond of the game,
almost always challenges me. I always beat her. She has a younger
daughter, Mrs. Fanning, a young lady of twenty, beautiful and accom-
dished. She is quick-witted and as splendid mannered, exquisitely
and play on the same quite as well as any performer of her own.
any feminine performer at any rate—but she is one of the most
distinctly mind and heart-hearted girls I ever knew, and allegorical one of
the sweetest unrestrained creatures I have ever seen. I often wonder that
that soft spot in my very susceptible heart has not been
touched by such. He are confidential friends and more like
brothers and sisters than anything else. The novelty of an evening
while his mother of me at Chief, plugins and songs. I was not
able to ascertain whether for one amusement, or because we always
have to begin the play, which it just as she feels like practicing.
The picture is, myself and Mrs. Norworth; and the Chief taking
Fanny at the time, and Mrs. Kellogg looking over my shoulder watching
my play and reading for her husband's coming home for readings.
Our pleasant little "Thanksgiving," more early changed at the disappearance
of Mr. Kellogg, but he is at home again, and we have again got
back into old going. Mrs. Kellogg is the same "happy little wife."
Mr. Kellogg has been home a little more than a week, and he has been
at St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati, but at the same time
under the influence of Chicago, and was quite absent nearly all the time
he was away. He does not know where he was, or within which he was in.
He has been a great cheer of Mr. Fanning's writing, and tells us that
sometime last summer he received the above, that he would like to
explore some of the effects that he discards in his "Confessions of an
Ohio Politician," and that he had continued it was all, sometimes during his
absence, and when he returned he found himself at Cincinnati, from
where he came home after a wandering of about three weeks. He assures
me that for several weeks before going away, he has no distinct recollection
of anything that he attended to his duties as usual. And his appearance
was not changed sufficiently to be noticed either by myself or the member
of his family. He has now discontinued it, and he has substituted
Calhoun and Gaine to take off with, and that already began to diminish
the quantity and the frequency, and has quite recovered his control over
all his faculties. The first thing after he made his appearance Mr. Kellogg,
took that for me, and I think it never saw a better illustration of happiness.