

Leeds April 3 1858

Dear Otis &amp; Lizzie

As your mother has written you I shall merely write you a few lines on business, I herewith send you a copy of the Inventory on your mother's estate - Is it your wish that any of the notes should be collected - The note against S S Whitman does not read on Interest but was appraised as though it were he will not be obliged to pay Interest unless it is demanded shall I make a demand of him or shall I try to collect that or any other notes - I received \$28 for the dividend on Bank shares lost October & there will probably be another due the first of this month - Also \$93 in February of the Treasury of the Atlantic & St Lawrence R R Co -

Yours affectionately  
John Gilmore



31 Shares in the Atlantic LST } 2170-  
 Lawrence W Co at \$70 per share }  
 7 Shares Canal Bank 700-  
 Note North Berly June 3/57 \$275.00 282-  
 " S S Whitman Aug 27/55-42,42 48-  
 " Alden Whitman S Oct 9/55-40,00 45-  
 " Everett H Ames Oct 10/55-308,52 347-  
 \$3592-

Dated Nov 9 1857

Nathan W Coffin  
 Melvin Vary  
 William Cunniff } appraisers



Give my love to Uncle Ensign's family - I have been in paper County  
Martha would be better the Spring - Emily has written that she was  
singing or playing  
in the garden or going to  
to remain the  
Caren thing was  
been troubling her - I  
doubt think she is  
in much danger  
but the way he as  
it was got to be pretty  
bad - It is rather  
a long letter  
than a letter -  
she did it all  
it a letter still  
how I do hope  
think - I  
hope she  
is well though  
with it by the  
time - She  
didn't say anything  
about going to  
a hospital -  
I am glad that  
George is better - Mr  
Simpson & Emma  
I wonder how far  
place in the morning  
I have of it -  
Mary has kept them  
by his grave

I could often write you  
a few lines, but I have been accustomed to write  
long letters and don't like to sit down unless I  
see at least one hour before me. I received your  
affectionate letter today and was glad to hear from  
you. I have often of late thought of writing - but  
now will sit about it if I do not fill more than  
a page. Since I wrote you I have found much to  
engage my attention. It occurred to me some two  
weeks ago that I might open a prayer meeting  
among the cadets. I started for the Commandant  
to get a room, but stopped on the way at the  
Chaplain's quarters, to ask his approval. He was  
in favor of the project, if I could bring it about. I consulted  
Mr Tennant & Mr Wright of the first class. I consulted  
with them (They are teachers in the Sabbath School) and  
we decided to try. Col Hester gave me a room which  
was vacant in the barracks, and we met on the following  
Thursday evening during the half hour's release from  
quarters after supper. We had seven at the first  
meeting all professors of religion, at the next on the  
following Monday there were three <sup>new ones</sup> more and  
three more at the last. One young man was sitting



religion and came to talk with me. He prayed in  
the meeting for Mary and on Thursday Sunday  
last sought Mr French to get encouragement.  
On last Monday evening I noticed that his face  
was very bright as though joy was in his heart.

The young man who have come here manifest  
a good deal of gladness that the meeting was  
organized and I think many more will come  
when they learn that it is open to all.

I hope Bellis fever ended in symptoms. I don't  
hear a word from Charlie. Is his school done.  
I presume it is before this time.

Sizzie says tell father that it is only best to collect  
or demand. Mr Whitman's note now try to collect  
any of the others. She wishes him to keep what  
he has collected till we go on in the summer.

Why don't the Christians in Leeds emulate their  
brethren else where? Have not you any preaching  
at Leeds now? It will not be long before  
we will be on our way to Maine. The exam-  
ination commences the first of June & will probably  
end by the 20th. After that we shall go as soon as  
possible. Give my love to Rowland Hyatt, &  
Johnnie. Sizzie sends her love

Very Affectionately Yours  
Son O. M. Mearns

Sorry friend of  
the Suffolk Company  
to which Warren  
belonged at one time  
& father mine here  
left for West a  
week ago last  
Tuesday. I  
addressed them  
before they left  
as well as Harriet  
by the help of God  
& printed them  
to Christ. They  
seemed  
much  
interested  
and I trust  
many of them  
will turn  
to turn  
directly to  
Christ, the  
Author of the  
Salvation  
to all that  
trust with  
his officers of  
mercy.



your plans, and I therefore  
beg permission to leave them  
with you. at Mrs French's  
request just have been placed  
in her hands.

With paternal regard

Yours G. T. Bedell

Lieut: Howard

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West Point Hotel  
April 10 1888

My dear Sir

I had hoped I have had  
the pleasure of an introduction to  
you during my visit, but have  
been disappointed. I will make  
no apology for these few lines,  
accompanying some tracts, feeling  
that you will appreciate the  
motives which dictates them.  
Your interest in the religious  
well being of the Cadets & men  
upon the Point has excited my  
warmest sympathy; and I  
cannot but offer to add to  
the efficient assistance which

Wm. L. Bur-



your faithful & excellent  
Chaplain gives, any aid  
which my position in the  
city may enable me to give  
in furtherance of your plans &  
efforts. If I can send or  
procure for you any books, tracts,  
or information which will be  
serviceable, I beg you will not  
hesitate to command me in  
any way. From frequent visits  
to the Point, I am impressed  
both with a sense of the great  
spiritual need developed here, &

of the peculiar obstacles which  
lie in the path. It needs a  
vicar. I trust that God has  
raised you up to imitate that  
noble man. And if either  
Mr. French or yourself will  
indicate any method by which  
an outsider can facilitate your  
labors, I assure you that nothing  
will afford me greater pleasure.

Mr. Bedell & I brought up  
some tracts hoping for an  
opportunity of distributing them: but  
it has not occurred. It is  
possible they may fall in with



Fort Vancouver N.S.

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Lt. Duane

Dear Sir, we are now staying at this place  
 patiently awaiting for some further orders. The men of the Co.  
 are all well but very much disgusted with this Post from the  
 fact that one cannot possibly keep clean. This being decidedly  
 the dirtiest spot that ever I saw, both Officers and <sup>men</sup> that we see  
 here are so different from the neat and cleanly persons that one  
 meets on the Point being always covered with mud from head  
 to foot. The men of the different Corps that are here staying ~~here~~  
 waiting for orders are the most miserable set that I ever saw.  
 Yesterday being the Sabbath a number of us started to find the  
 Chapel which after some trouble we succeeded in finding it, but also  
 found it closed. We were told by some of the City that there would be  
 service at 2 o'clock p.m. but there was none during the day that we  
 could discover. In the evening Artiles, Cyres, Swillo, Prescott and  
 a number of the rest of the party enjoyed ourselves in singing  
 sacred music. I assure you my dear Mr. Duane that more  
 than one of our party miss our Sunday & Wednesday evening service  
 in the point. On the 10<sup>th</sup> coming up here from Jefferson City  
 we had service on Board. Sermon by the President of Liberty College  
 but Lt. Duane would not allow the men to go up to the Upper Cabin  
 to attend it from the fact that they had a Barnum there and he  
 did not wish to have any of the men drunk on the boat.  
 But I think the precaution was unnecessary for men that  
 wanted to drink & I observed some do. Many of the men here



spoken often of you and the address that you delivered to us  
the evening before we started from the Point.

Childs, House, Hayter and Hallen join me in  
their regards to you and best wishes for the welfare  
and happiness yourself and family. Hoping that God may  
ever bless and protect you, and that you still remember  
us in your prayers.

O. C. Howard Esq.  
West Point

I am Sir most respectfully

Yours obt

Geo. S. Campbell



Wm Loomis

Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ  
to him be glory both now &  
forever - amen -

Yesterday the portion of scripture  
read was where Zacharias being  
desirous of seeing Christ did  
climb up into a tree - Where  
Christ was at the place he stoppt  
& called to him to come down &

The thought passed thro' my mind  
something like this - Christ is  
now travelling thro' the length  
& breadth of our land - How  
many will take such pains to  
see him as Zacharias did - Have  
any among you - are there any  
at West Point who are enquiring  
desirous of seeing him - Let your  
souls be bowed in prayer that  
he will visit West Point in mercy  
& call sinners to repent - There are many  
there who feel themselves lost in this world -  
but, the wisdom of this world is foolish -  
ness with God - I pray that his name  
may be exalted thro' out the whole  
world - Yours Truly  
O. Howard

Wm Loomis

Wm Loomis is with me this Grand Children - Remember us to Mary.

Fort Brooke Tampa Fla

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Feb 12, 1858.

I received your letter  
of March 7<sup>th</sup> so long since  
that I feel a little ashamed  
that I have not answered it  
before this - but the fact is I  
am getting old & have a disin-  
clination to write letters or corres-  
-pond more than some 20 years ago -  
It is more of a labor now than then.  
You may find it so perhaps, if you  
live to my age - I was born in  
1789 Sep 23 -

Yesterday was the holy Sabbath  
Mr. Meredith has closed his labors  
of preaching in the Court House for us  
Yesterday he preached for Mr. Tim-  
berlake the Methodist pastor & gave  
us a good sermon - In the evening  
Mr. Timberlake preached from Matt.  
23 to Naomi "Entreat me not to  
leave thee &c" He gave us a very  
good sermon - I think he is a good  
man - perhaps I do not think him  
as spiritual in the pulpit as Mr.  
Lisak -



Mr. T. is perhaps a man of prayer  
Has a female Claps meeting on  
Thursdays. afternoon, (I believe)  
A male Claps meeting on Fridays  
as usual. - So now trying to get  
the young Gentlemen & Ladies  
to attend a Bible Claps - So  
that he is working silently but  
perhaps surely for the Lord -  
The prayer meeting that I atten-  
ded last Tuesday was but thinly  
attended. There was a ball at  
Porter which might have drawn  
away some. - I trust the  
Lord will hear prayer for a  
revival of his work in this  
city, Tampa, & this region of  
country - that his Name may  
be exalted in this sinful place -  
Tampa has become a "fast" place -  
Has a vigilant Committee <sup>they</sup> have sent  
away some men & some lewd  
women I understand & could  
hardly be persuaded not to hang  
some of them - This, I have by hear-  
say, you know -

Cole Rector the Sup. Ind. Affairs  
has requested of me to have the S. B.  
Gray Cloud at Fort Myers by the 26  
Inst in condition to carry the dele-  
gations, such Seminoles as choose  
to go, West - He has decided to leave  
by the 1st May - I have decided to let  
him have the Boat as far as New Orleans  
only, unless they authority from War Dept. -  
Rector is confident of Billy & many others  
the prospect looks fair for more than half  
going - Sam. Lone, says he won't go - The Tal-  
-lahupies have not yet been found  
so it is uncertain if they go or not - So of  
the "Boat party" -

I pray that they may all be inclined  
to emigrate peacefully - Will you  
not join in this prayer? & get your  
friends & the friends of Christ & the  
Indians & the Govt. - the friends of  
peace to unite in it also &  
May God in great mercy have  
and send an answer of  
peace -

May the Lord bless you & yours  
may you grow in grace in



Bairn Apr. 24. 1858

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Dear Mother

I ought to be writing an essay  
"on Miracles" in preference to this but  
I have got real letter hungry as far as  
you are concerned and I suppose I must  
bear a word unless I stir you up by way  
of remembrance. I am anxious to hear  
from you & Appie & Guy & Grace - Every one -  
I believe if I should see Guy I would eat  
him up. Does he grow heavy? I expect  
that will stir his Mother. Our friends  
are all well as far as I know. It is sometimes  
true I have heard. Do you understand that  
the operation on Aunt Ann to be a difficult  
or dangerous one? My vacation is in about four  
weeks. I am in hopes my health will be better  
then. My throat troubles me some. During the  
great revival with which we have been blessed  
I have spoken almost every day & that with-  
out difficulty - till last Sat. I took cold & when  
I had got through my Sunday duties & ever  
since till this morning, I have been silent &  
stayed away from meetings to avoid the  
temptation to speak. The revival has been  
glorious in North & many of Elias' friends  
have found their Saviour - Her Father was



to remain among the "almost persuaded"  
yet. but. He will come. O that I could  
tell you some of the wonderful answers  
to prayer that have fallen under my  
own observation. Albert Rice writes me that  
there is a glorious work in Augusta. he has  
found the "pearl of great price" do you hear  
from Charles Wadsworth? In Hall's well  
the work has also been glorious. Many of  
my last summer friends have yielded.  
O that Henry & Laura were there still  
held out. At London Hill. Mr. Butterfield (the  
minister) writes me. they go from house to  
house carrying the ark of God with them -  
It seems to me that I have offered some prayers  
of faith for that people. Emma Haver. Loring's  
Elder's daughter is one of the converts in Pease.  
Geo. Lathrop. has closed his bar, destroyed his  
liquors & come with tears & confessed his sins.  
O may this be the true conversion. I have written  
to Louisa & told her to send me to ask them to  
write with me in praying for Father. I  
cannot bear to think that he should live  
there ten years of his old age contented  
without his Saviour. and at last he  
lost. O God here mercy & soften his  
heart. Lewis has not yet visited



by the special influence of the Spirit: but  
sooner or later it must come. & many  
of our early friends. Father & Roland among  
the rest will be the fruit. God will answer  
prayer. I suppose Charles is at home and  
I will write him & Mother tonight. I  
usually write her once a fortnight or  
often. Why does the Spirit of the most  
High is lowering over the whole land.  
I wish I could tell you of some of the cases  
of conversion in this city. I will not speak  
of my own efforts but I have felt for her  
moths more of the time better than I did  
when first converted. It seems as if I had  
humbled myself before God & whenever I  
have done so I have been blessed. I have  
had many disappointing moments by reason of  
my sin. but the greater my sin - the greater  
seems my blessed Lament. I have written  
Mr Lee twice. he wrote me that he had found  
his Lament. My mind has been full of those  
who have not. the work is very quiet. seems  
more powerful, constant & effectual among the  
unconverted than among professors of religion.  
Nineteen were confirmed at the Episcopal  
Church by Bishop Burgess the other day. One  
Certainly - James M. Fitch. Rev Mr Fitch's Pro-  
fessing no evidence that he was a Christian



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It does not seem right to me for our  
Evangelical Church with a burden  
of unforgiven sin - with a peace-rebellious  
heart - What are your ministers view  
"high" or "low"? We love the "Protestant Church"  
- that seems to possess an Evangelical  
spirit - On the contrary the "U. S. Church"  
seems possessed of the devil -

The union of all denominations in this area  
is complete - leaving out Universalists, Unitarians  
(many of those attend and take part in the  
meetings) & Episcopalians - Between the other  
denominations all seems harmony & love  
O that all who truly love our Lord  
Jesus Christ could be one church - But  
God has caused these divisions for his  
own good purpose - I have Brocks left  
of Harelock & I am a little disappointed  
in the little I have read - the tone recollective  
apologetic - As if a man must make  
an apology for being a whole-souled Christian  
wherever he is - Your classmate shall die for Christ  
a few weeks ago - a week before, or at least  
a short time before he died, he expressed a  
"hope" O that any shined nail - so long - Let  
is away now - There are three daily morning  
prayer meetings in the City - This is now  
their fifth week & I imagine the are the



morning as well as ever & I still have faith  
that we have not seen the best of the work.  
Noblest my hopes are that a permanent  
& abiding change has come over the whole  
community & that the present serious  
attention of all classes to religious subjects  
is the omen of better times - better years -  
ages than the world has yet known. In England  
Germany it is beginning & it will spread  
to all the missions - for the multiplication  
of prayers of faith & deeds of faith will  
have their reward. How are we blessed  
to see this day. How blessed am I - a poor  
unworthy, faltering, falling sinner. To reach  
Be directly in the presence of the Lord -  
Pray for me that God will give me health,  
light & grace. With these - it seems as if I must  
do something for the glory and honor of my  
divine Master - Our studies suffer some inter-  
ruption from our engagement in actual work -  
but even this is useful - humbling and halting -  
elevated & profound. Even the neediest needs  
of God among the children of men -  
Father seems to be not overstocked with money,  
but I have got along nicely with what I have  
in the bank so far. The greatest want I feel  
now is that I cannot buy books. O you don't know  
what a need of sacred literature is open to



the Student - precious books - that minister  
to both moral & intellectual life. But  
the Bible - O the Bible how sweet it is to  
my heart - Hear your Saviour seemed near  
you of late! Hear is dear sister Fizzie - her health  
her spirit - her faith - O Fizzie - in all your  
distractions & cares - your perplexities & failures  
think a good deal of Jesus - No one on  
depressed hearts there is little satisfaction  
but in the ocean-like fullness of Christ's love

"There is a balm for weary souls -"  
O how miserable we should be without  
Him - discouraged as we often are with Him

Don't you love sometimes to think of the  
Saints Rest? I do - I often repeat to myself  
or sing - (I'm a famous singer in prayer meeting)

"O land of rest for which I sigh

When shall thine Exiles come

When shall I lay my armor by

And dwell with Christ at home"

But I don't want to shirk - the battle is hard  
but the victory sure -

"Fight on my soul till death

We think the victory won

See, 'll take thee at thy parting breath

Up to thy heavenly home -"

Keep the little ones and remember me along  
as I try to you all - at the Church of Peace -  
Yr. Dev. Rem. Lancel



are melting a piece - The weather is in a better state of weather & ice most of winter

another. I should have written many times, however, had not my time been all taken up as you must know by my studies & college affairs. I see Nettie almost every night - generally right after supper. It was my walk of late & perhaps as good recreation as I could have had. I made it a point to be in my room in time to begin the morning lesson with the rest as most frequently either I was in the room next to mine or they were in mine getting the mathematical lesson in company. Two young men, brothers by name of Heare & their of my classmates come on the same floor with me & we generally study in company. We have had prayer meetings in the Senior Rec. Room from 12 to 12 1/2 three times in the week nearly every week since I got back. They have held likewise a Union prayer meeting at the treaty from 1 1/4 P.M. till 1/4 before two - sometimes prolonged. Our class meetings were unusually well attended & interesting. Some have been conducted in every class. Much an intimate friend of mine of my own class. Several will unite with Dr. Adams Church next Sabbath & others in June. Have you heard anything about the death of Wilbur Savage of the Senior Class? He died with the Consumption during this last term. Left a brother in the same class, they were both always much beloved by Professors & students. I will write much more of them at another time if you like. I have much very much I would like to write my dear brother but perhaps this is enough for one letter. All have been in bed for half an hour & I have been I find sorting away very fast & perhaps rather blindly for the last page and a half. Don't give up faithful prayer for old Simeon yet for any one of its good people. The Lord is not afar off. The hearts of Christians

We both went to Westport to my home. The weather is 9 1/2 at N. Sabbath day. William is hopping in Christ! John told me in a whisper with Jay being from his whole contentment as I look around behind him. Sunday morning. Dear brother and sister, I am at length seated to write you a letter. Mother is impatient of me reading the Kennedys Journal. Mahala is at my right reading on my sheet. Father is at my left reading today's Advertiser and we are all in the old dining room with a cheerful fire in the open fire place and every thing else, as it seems to me, just as it used to be when I was not a visitor and almost a stranger at home. Mother and I returned about 5 o'clock from the Center of the town. Mrs. Davis is dead. She died at about 3 o'clock this morning. For about three weeks she had been sick but not so much as to alarm any one or lead us to suppose it was her last sickness. Mother did not know but that she was as well as common until last Sabbath. She heard then that she was quite sick, at times in great distress but that she had no new troubles and they were in hopes she would recover from this sickness as she had given many other illnesses of the same kind. Last night at sunset she was taken much worse and continued in great agony till eleven o'clock. She then went to sleep it seemed, but with very difficult breathing and expired about 8 o'clock. Uncle Ensign was there most of the night. The Dr. was there. Her last words I think were spoken to Mrs. Davis and were if I remember rightly "You must think this is death." She replied he thought not that she would be better. She made great efforts to

to respect & love my mother every time I saw her. I am a prayer meeting. Sept. P.M. of 4 o'clock. They have

Wm. D. poor man, refuses to be comforted. How I wish he might go to the right under poor comfort. Virgil told me he wrote to his brother - God bless him. Rowland is not well lately but in a glorious state of mind. He will be the last of the best of the men to stay. I am and hope to this but his wife is now - God be with you and mine. Love very truly & affectionately brother Chas. H. Lawrence



at 10 1/2 o'clock - dinner by Elder Pratt. H. W. Davis' journal will be pleasant

Speak afterwards but could not. These words were spoken the day first of the evening. - Rolla Jennings came down this forenoon and informed us of her death. He lives when Dr. Bridgman used to. Mother wished to go up immediately as we got ready as soon as we could, leaving home about 12 o'clock. We stopped at this house till about 12 then went up to Uncle Ensign. Mr. Davis was not at home however and so Mother called again to speak with him when we came back. We found Laura & Uncle & Mrs. Warren who takes care of Aunt Martha just finishing their dinner. They seemed glad to see us. I had not spoken with Laura before since I came home. We sat down to dinner in a few minutes. Afterwards Mother went to the other room, the North room, to see Aunt Martha. Laura went up stairs & got your last letter to her and one of eight pages from Silas Lee. I could hear Aunt Martha crying and while Mother was in there. Uncle said she did so a part of the time and the remainder of the time was quiet & ~~happy~~ for the most part.

I read Silas' letter with a good deal of interest. It seems he has been brought to reflect a little at last. His letter was written to John and in it he confessed a life of about 18 years until very lately - within about a year - worse than mine to write. It seems that a bad acquaintance first checked him in his career. I said he has been brought to reflect, this. He does think but still thinks all wrong takes the wrong side - starts wrong and <sup>may not</sup> go on so entirely on the downward road as he has done. I am no longer not so ruinously to himself. He thought the Bible Sundays instead of going to church but yet is quite sure it is a book of fables. Wants its "contradictions & inconsistencies" cleared up before he can follow any of its directions or put any

confidence in its teachings. &c. &c. &c. like many, many other young and some young men of far less exceptional lines. He said that Howard, Sarah & mother all wrote him Christian letters but he could give them no encouragement as long as these things were unexplained satisfactory to his reason. Oh it is strange he cannot see that doing right and doing well and getting his past wickedness, which he confesses he is guilty of, forgiven and living a man - a man to please his Maker & God - do good to the world & benefit himself - that all this has nothing to do with satisfying his funny reason about this or that contradiction or absurdity of the Bible. If he could look at it in this view and get started & ~~go~~ <sup>go</sup> by he would I think come out bright and on the right side of the other things. The Spirit of the Lord however, can move & melt his heart. Nothing else will do.

I came home week ago yesterday (Wednesday). I return to college next week, Thursday. I was back at college 7 weeks after my school closed. In that time I made up the six weeks I was absent excepting a review of the Analytics which they went over the first of the Term & Prof. Smyth said I might if I pleased have ready for him on my return from Kansas where he has gone to spend two or three weeks. He has two sons in Kansas & he & his wife went away just at the close of the term to visit them & see the country. I found mother about as well as usual. All was rejoiced to think you & your family will come out here the first of June. You asked if I was offended at your planeness and manner of writing in the letter this winter. It was the last thing I thought him thought. I think you must have forgotten that I answered your letter directly and have been waiting all the spring for