

such that it might be my privilege to listen
to the words of inspired truth from the lips
of my own beloved Pastor; how much I have
longed for this. But the Lord has seen fit to order
it otherwise, and cast my lot among this people,
and for some wise end, I will not doubt, and
whatever he has appointed for me to do I trust
I may be willing to embark in it. I feel that
I am shut out from a great many privileges
here, our Minister is a very good & also a talented
Man, but he is behind the age many years, &
has but little idea of spirituality in a Church.
However he has labored faithfully (in his way)
but the fruits have been few. - We see many
have joined the Church, but there is a coldness
in it all, that chills our blood. -

I am getting to the end of my sheet, and must close, but
not without a word regarding Pat. - I am in a grand state
of uncertainty at present, but shall probably remain here
for some time to come, and try & get a living in some way.
Mr Bacon leaves this week and I shall probably come
to some conclusion soon after. - Sarah is in tolerable health.
My own is improved somewhat, & the children are well.
Gumville is still at home, he often speaks of you. - I am glad
to know that you are so comfortable at the Point & trust you may
find it always pleasant wherever you may go. - Sarah joins in love
to you, Lizzy & the children & I remain
Yours truly
J. W. Fay, Jr.

Dear young friend, I feel of speaking to you, in your study or a meeting here - make no mistake
a word of instruction to you, in your study or a meeting here - make no mistake
that his own letter contained that and the circumstance - his name is "Moline".

Massachusetts May 9th 1837

Dear Otis

I was very glad to hear from
you some time ago, and should have long
since replied to your letter, but Sarah
let Perry have it just before he went
to the Isaac's, and I waited for him to
bring it back again, and at the time he
came back I was very much engaged
and have been ever since & particularly so
for the last few weeks for I have been
making preparations for settling my affairs
with Mr Bacon, and since he has been here
I have been engaged all the time and am not
near through yet. - Poor Perry has met with
a death, or rather second disaster, and has each
time had a narrow chance of saving his life -
truly the Lord has dealt with him in great mercy
and kindness, and I trust it may be the means
of turning his heart to those "living waters", from
which he may drink until his thirsty soul may
know the way to everlasting life through the

mediation of a Crucified Redeemer. - I wrote
him a few lines on hearing of his disaster, and
misfortune, and Sarah is writing him this evening
his loss pecuniarily is rather a heavy one, and
he must now soon get into some good employ-
ment at once, for he has lost everything he
had in the mill. But there is one thing about
it, he has his health and is able to go to
work again. - Poor Mother I fear has before
her as much as she can go through with, and
I am inclined to think that soon or later
it will cost her her life, I speak of the Cancer
or Tumor in her breast, we feel anxious to know
the result of the operation that is to be performed
and hope some of the folks will write to us if
she is not able. - Silas Sarah hears from him
in a while, but his letters are most unsatisfactory,
pride & vanity, together with absurd stories is about all
we get from him; - poor Mother has had little com-
fort in him, he has always been an expense to her
and even now, he would be glad to spend in idleness
all the money he could get from her, thinking
or caring little how she fares; I wish he was
more like Pray or Sarah, and hope the time may come

when he may feel and act differently, when he
may have a more correct idea of Moral principle,
this will not be until the Lord sees fit to change
his heart, which I trust & pray that He may do.
I hope your correspondence with him may be profitable,
but there is one thing of which he is professed to a great
extent, and of which he must rid himself, - reliance upon
his own merits, - he thinks he is growing better because
he has tried to be shorn of some of his habits.
I rejoice that the work of the Lord is going on
so gloriously in our land, it seems to pervade
all sections, and affect all classes of men; truly
this must be the genuine work of the Holy Spirit
upon the hearts of men, and I trust that the work
of grace may soon become a harvest of souls
for the Kingdom of Heaven. - how refreshing must be the
sight in that meted City. - Men of all classes, the Moral
man, & the most abandoned wretch, going together to the
place of prayer, and with united heart & voice
calling upon the name of the Lord. - how often
have I sighed for the privilege & pleasure of being
in the midst of this great revival, and to hold some
communion with those whose hearts are alive to the
good work that is going on, and here often I have

West-Independence
May 12th 1858.

Many, many times, you
have been in my thoughts,
my dear friend, & I have
almost seduced myself
to write to you, when
I would be called in
another direction. You
too are "anchored" in
the holy duties of a
family and know the
many engrossing cares.

Mr. Thompson was
under the impression
that he had written
to Mr. Howard, & know-
saying the receipt of the
Initial Pictures &c. until
I reminded him, & begged
that the agreeable task
might be mine. Please

give our many thanks
to your kind husband
for his trouble & tell
him that the little
note he so kindly
enclosed, was appropriately
beautiful, and that we
appreciate it - and the
friendly interest that
prompted him to send
it. I feel daily a strong
& increasing desire for
the love of Christ: for
I know too that alone
that can sustain us
in the trials we must
endure with while
on earth. We are
perfectly contented in
our new home, and
have already spoken
of the pleasure we will
derive from your
promised visit. You
will not - must
not disappoint us.

How are the dear
little ones? Fannie has
grown astonishingly - all
the baby has disappeared,
she is big, fat, Fannie Thompson.
I have had her in short-
sleeves some time.

Mrs Arnold arrived
to-day, bringing six
children, I will make
quite an agreeable change
for me, having been so
long debased the pleasure
of female society. You
must let us know about
what time you will
come, so we will be
on the "green" and
meet you on the other
side with the boat.
I must say Good bye
Mr Thompson joins me in
love to yourself & husband, &
a kiss for babies.

Believe me affectionately
Your friend
Jillia Thompson.

F. J. Bargeant

Japan St P May 13. 1838

My dear Cousin

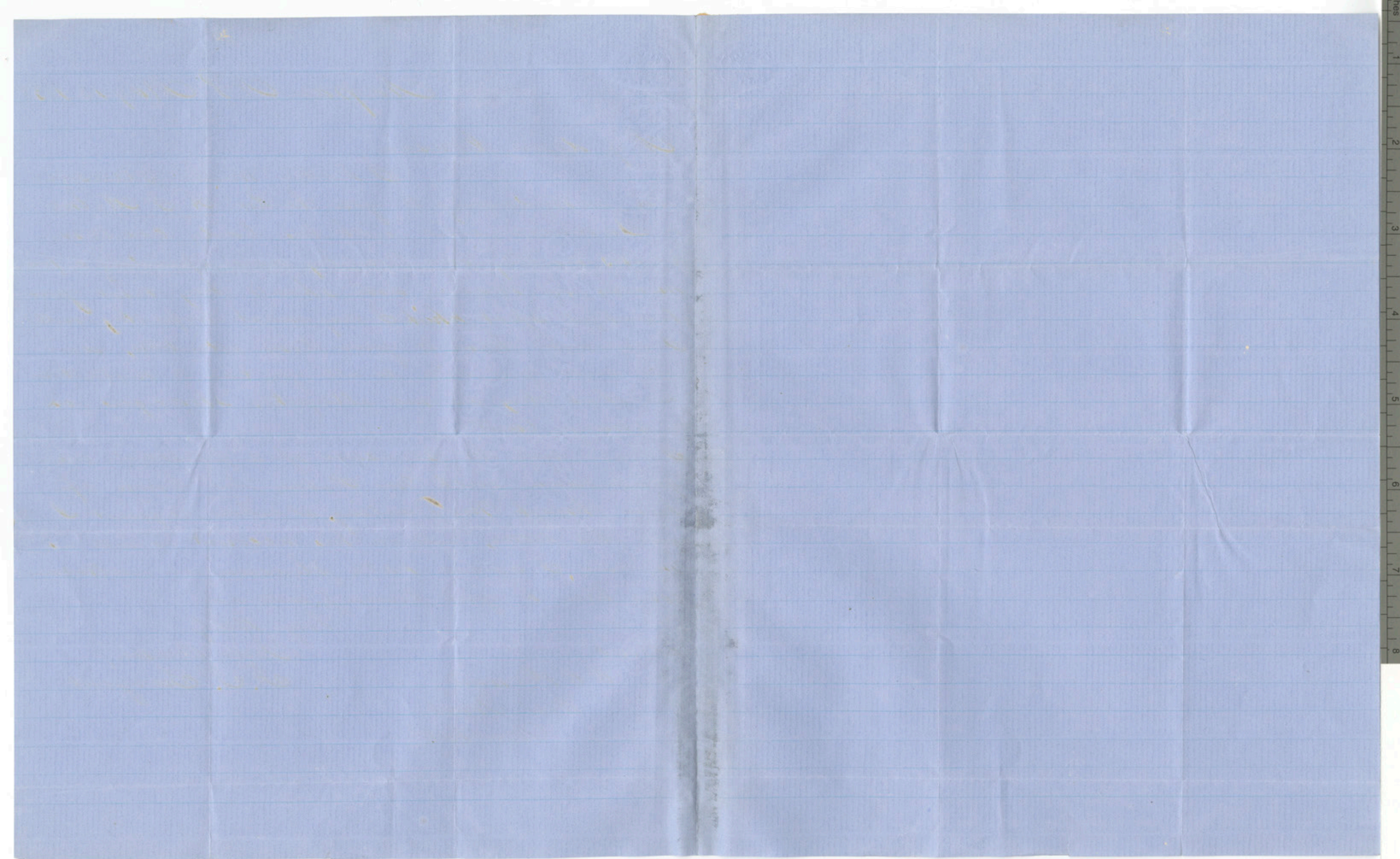
I take much pleasure in introducing to you the Rev: A. S. Milne of Jamaica, who with his lady contemplates visiting our country and spending a few months in travel, and should they visit your beautiful spot (which I very much hope they will) I commend them to your kind attention, and am sure you will do all you can to make them feel that they are not altogether "strangers in a strange land"

I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Mr Milne, but know of him through Mr Darling, at whose request I give this letter, and on his account as well as my own, I again take pleasure in introducing him to your kindness, and am

Sincerely

O. O. Howard,
West Point
New York

Very truly
Your Cousin,
F. J. Bargeant



Augusta May 15th 1858

Dear Friend Oliver

Your letter of April 17th came duly to hand and with much pleasure I noted contents. Though you have neglected to write me for a long time still judging from your letter I imagine you have had your time well occupied since your removal to West Point and that the occupation has been both pleasant and agreeable to you. Upon receipt of your letter my intention was to have written you at once but many things have taken up my time and attention to the neglect of my friends since then. and as an apology let me say to you I have not forgotten you but on the contrary have wished many times that you was here to talk with me. I commenced attending the morning prayer meetings this spring and my mind and heart became interested in the subject of religion the more I thought of the matter the more convinced I became that this life is but a preparation for a life to come and that it was my duty to live differently. that I was young, strong and well with many more blessings than lots of men are enjoying and in the full enjoyment of all these things I felt and did pray to God to pardon all my numerous sins - giving up all to Jesus to take him as my redeemer and saviour - to bow my stubborn heart and say from this time forward I would do as near as I could what would be pleasing in His sight. I feel over

happier than ever before in my life and now I think
I have more to live for than ever. It seems like commencing
anew but I can and will by the cheering presence of
my God who is ever near me and who I feel will
give me strength to steadily move forward in the Christian
course. Over it is very pleasant to gather my family
about me morning and evening and quietly sit down
to read a chapter in the Bible and then for all to kneel
and pray to God to keep me aight from morning till
evening and from my lying down until my rising again
and feeling sure he will do so "that all who come
in meekness and sincerity he will in no wise cast out."
Sarah is very happy to have me do as I do and I think
is greatly interested in the subject. Still I am praying
daily that she may feel as I do - that she can truly
say she loves Christ. - this is what I wish for -
but as my time is limited I must hasten to
close this. Over pray for me and mine and I will
tell you more when I see you which I hope
to do this summer. You & Mrs Howard & the Children
My kindest regards to them with love to Mrs De-
-fion Sarah. My family are all well and there's but
little news to tell you except this. Capt Gorgas has
been ordered to Charleston S.C. and will leave next
Wednesday. Lieut Todd from Watrocht relieves him
temporarily. Why don't you apply for the position
at once. I was talking with Gorgas this morning he
says he thinks you could get the appointment if you

applied for it. I wish you might come here
again. Mrs Gorgas will probably board at the
Stanley House this summer with the children.
Think of it or rec'd of this - and write
me soon

Very Truly Yours
C. H. Mulliken

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Auburn May 16 1833

My dear Lizzie

After returning from prayer meet-
ing this morning, I will spend a few moments in writing
you, in answer to your last. I am very happy to hear you are all
so coming to Maine so soon, I am anticipating a pleasant
time, may it be so. Sunday May 28 one week has passed
away since I commenced this letter, today I must finish it
so you can know what I can do, in regard to getting you a
girl. There is a girl a sewing for Mrs. Keimann would like
it there, she is called a very amiable girl, I have seen her ^{now a by}
four years never heard no hint of her, her folks poor, widowed
mother, last summer I she learnt her trade of Miss Chandler
business so dull she cannot have work now, perhaps you have
seen her here, her name is Martha Nash I should judge she
is 18 or 20. I ask her what work she can do for you
I told her, she ^{said she} ^{could} do for one dollar fifty per week I think she
will suit you, she loves children, I would write you more
particularly if I had time, if you understand what I mean
it will do till I see you, I hope soon, for Lewiston people
are enjoying a happy season, (those that are in the place) may their
time is ever lost, reach the hearts of those — This passage
came to me first not thy self of evil doers, how many ^{unhappy} ^{souls}

There is to be a lay there today the Methodist Christ is
one of the number, Oh Lizzy I have a great deal to say to you
I must wait until I see you, I never experience such a rebuke
Many of our worst men in the place here come out with
what confessions I have heard, Sheriff Clark is one of them
We have morning prayer meetings, held at Auburn hall
it has been about 6 months since they commenced it is called a
union meeting, ^{I think you and Otis will enjoy these much} but it is mostly Mr. Sumner's church
I only have time to touch on a subject before I leave it
Delby Gilmore was at Auburn last week thinks of going
to school here this term, ~~but~~ something was said about
his boarding here, I have had no boarders for the year past
myself and children live alone, Novellie & Rose at home Otis
over to the shop Sam pays Otis two dollars per week
she does the housework and tending, Broth Samuel Whitman
and some others is here on a visit on the way to Turner
his daughter Jane died last March, Merty his youngest
child is not expected to live long, The girl that Mrs Gilmore
had last summer, Lucy White her this season, I am about
to know her name I rather you would not get her one her hat
is a good one for this year, I wish she were a bit girl, they
will do well this year, I have bought Christ a hat to suit
his pants is a pair of Otis old ones is a building as a front yard
for as I was happy to see his wife to meeting the morning
Minnie is much pleased with her shirt of command
she reads it to all the little girls, you can't imagine
my feelings, when writing to my friends not speaking of

poor Barrett as I once could, many a time here I shed
for him, but that will not save him, There is a chance
if his sins are as small, I received a letter from him last night
with a ten dollar bill in it, he is in Tabique Iowa, I have felt
as though I would like to hear Otis write him, for I know he
is capable of writing to a poor sick man, or father, I shall let
you and Otis see the letters he has written me since he left home
can judge for you selves, What do you think there is a
change in him for the better,

Minnie has written you two letters
they are so large I will not send them, I went to see the children
very much write me soon let me know if Merty will answer
she would like to know this week before she leaves home, I know
she goes for her this week her home is seven miles out
of the village, I would be glad to write one hour more but I
close by wishing you all the blessings this world affords
Lizzy

Rev Dr Russell

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61. 10th St New York
May 18 1858

My dear Sir

Your note afforded me
great satisfaction. It will be my
pleasure to cooperate with you in
any possible way for the good of
a Point which seems to me,
strategically, in view of the interests
of the Church militant, one of the
most important. You will oblige
me by saying what seems to you
ought to be provided in the way of
books, tracts &c for the Point. I
will provide them if I can.
Do not be too modest in your

requests; or I shall not
know what is really needed.
If I can order any thing for you
it will give me pleasure so to do.

A. S. H. Randolph Bookseller
Cor Broadway & vicinity is one of
the best agents for all such
purposes.

The publications of the Evangelical
Knowledge Society No 11. Bible
House, you will find both
practical & valuable. I trust

you received the packages we sent
last week. We shall be very happy
to see you, if you have time on

any of your visits to New York.
Remember me sincerely to Prof:
French. Give my kindest regards
to my friend Leint: Webb, & tell
him he ought to be working with
you, hand & heart.

Believe me Yrs truly
G. T. Bedell

Leint: Howard

I was able to attend communion at our church last Sunday
it was our communion season (40) forty persons united with
us (15) fifteen were baptized I wish you could have been
with us - to see such a company come forward to a work
the Lord to be their God. How delightful the thought
that all shall know the Lord from the least to the great-
est - none shall say to his neighbors know ye the Lord
(1) that all flesh would turn to the Lord and be saved
that all would seek to be quickened by the spirit let us
unite to seek the Lord that promise of the spirit may be
as at the day of Pentecost. when men spoke with other
tongues as the spirit gave them utterance - this is the
work from this first. There is no other way whereby we
can be saved. Perry will be back Saturday I think
I will come to West Point next Monday I go to my Dr
Monday and if I can I will come from there direct
but don't expect me until you see me. God in
his Providence will order it all just right. I do feel
entirely his now. I trust he has secured his covenant
with me - and I am enabled to feel that I am his and he is
mine. I do think he enableth me to cease from my own
works and enter into his rest - even the best he has
prepared for his own people - Dear Otis I do rejoice
that yourself and your dear dear wife understand by
experiential knowledge what I mean when I write to
you - from whence all my happiness for time and
eternity springs. I wrote to dear Maria since you was here
and told her you prayed for all of us your kindred in
the flesh - truly God has made us families in the earth
he accepts our sanctified, purified affections for those
he has united us with in family bonds I hope and do
trust you have made a covenant with him for your self
and your family - Dear Mary how often I think of her and the
sweet beautiful "Grace" I love your children dearly - I had
a short letter from Frank dated the 2nd of April since
you was here they were all as well as usual I expect letters
by way of Boston soon as there is a vessel in from Boston
Olive thinks I did the best thing not to return and have the
surgical operation - I am nicely - in quite comfort & am
able to sit up all day yesterday - and see how
little the dear children for a while and accept my love
that is to both of you Otis & Maria your friend Anne Otis Lee

No. 54 Harison St Brooklyn S. I.

May 20th 1858

My Dear Otis & Maria

I have just got a letter from
Silas in which he tells me Perry has not written to him
and perhaps he has not written to you either. and Silas
said he had a letter from you saying you expected
Perry at West Point the next week. Perry left here for
Boston Monday after you left us, the very day he ex-
pected to go to your house. he started off in a hurry
to send papers to Nassau by a vessel going from Boston
I had a letter from him yesterday from Leeds his letter
was written on Monday he had a bad cold and had
seen none of our friends except Ensigns family ex-
pected to see your mother that day - he found all
his under family well except his aunt Martha who is
quite and comfortable but feeble mostly confined to
the bed. Mrs Davis our cousin Alice died suddenly
two weeks ago with affections of the heart she was well
in the evening and died before morning. John & Maria
and Ellen are well and happy - have got the dear old
mansion "repaired and made comfortable and ready
soon" How I should like to be there and see the dear
old faces put forth their blossoms once more and
hear the voices of the dear "Bobolinks" in that dear old
orchard - the trees of which were planted by our good and

even to be married parents. your dear namesake and grand-
father - I truly love those rocks and hills and clouds to top
hills. when I think of that dear spot. I seem to feel that my
mother's form ^{is} ~~was~~ before me as she was years ago and father
too. What tender welcomes we had from those dear united
parents spent to us so long - a, united head I am so glad
the dear old house is again ~~fitted~~ up and occupied
by our own kindred and name. I do hope I shall be
spend to go there again. my dear cousin Alice was a
constant and kind friend to me. I feel that I have lost
a personal friend in her, and a near relative. she was a
member of father's family for many years before my marriage
and I formed a strong attachment for her. she always
met me kindly as regards my difference of opinions in my
religious views. I have ^{no} recollections of her but of the kindest
sympathy both in temporal and spiritual converse. Her friend
she knew from what source I looked for salvation & trust she
was among the redeemed. Tho she believed some doctrines that
I cannot think as she did - My Dr. Rives says he would like
to have me go to West Point when the weather is clear a
little. only he must see me once a week. when Dear
Perry comes I will come too. I am very comfortable. I
went to Greenwood last Thursday Mary Dwight went with
me. Nature is in its beauty, it seemed like enchantment
every thing seemed too lovely for reality. and my dear
sweets Eliza's grave! you cannot conceive how dear the spot
is to me. I had a stone laid at the head of the
grave Luteia at the foot and pinks on the earth that

covers the coffin that contains those precious remains. to me so
very very precious. Her dear spirit has for some time seemed
more dear and nearer to me than any one. it seems a
reality to me that her spirit will meet mine in the spir-
it world. How unspokeably beautiful the idea. "Of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven." Dear Silas speaks of your letter and says
"It was a real good letter" and I esteem it very highly. I have
not answered it yet, I do not know what to say to him. He
then goes on and tells what his difficulties are. in coming to
a decision. I do desire to be found in the spirit that I may
be able to pray without ceasing and in every thing give thanks
I do yet hope in God. and trust dear Silas will soon be
able to know by experience the hope of a believer. an in-
teresting lady called to see me yesterday to enquire about
Dr. Rives. and she was surprised to find me cheerful and so
happy - That lady is seeking to know the Saviour but is in
just such a state of mind as Silas. Dear Otis & Lizzie we do
know it must be the Spirit the gift of Grace. truly the
spirit quickeneth the flesh profiteth nothing. unite with
me in prayer that the "Spirit may be quick and powerful
as a two edged sword." in the hearts of inquirers - my heart
was at once interested for this lady. she is coming to see me
to-morrow. How truly we should adore that Spirit that has given
us hearts to believe. Truly God has laid help on one mighty
able to save. All that come unto Him. But it is the work of
the spirit that takes the things of Christ and shows them unto
us. and this Spirit is the purchase of our risen Saviour Jesus
Christ who has died that we may live Amen & Amen

of his apostles preach dissensions and discord among their followers? Or did they malign the followers of one another? Does not Christianity consist in sincerity and honesty of purpose, rather than form or opinion? I think it does. Has not such things been the greatest curse which has ever visited mankind? One sect sets itself up against another and where does it end?

I have not heard from Mother for nearly two weeks. The last news was rather cheering, and I sincerely hope the next will be as good. I wish I could give my dear Mother that one pleasure she so much desires, but I cannot consistently do so now, for what I don't understand I can't believe, and I won't profess till I do. I have not heard from Perry for a long time, nor have I any recent news from anybody.

Give much love to Lizzie and write a line to the children believe me your affectionate cousin
Felix

Silas Lee

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Chicago May 24th 1858.
My Dear Cousin,

Your highly esteemed letter of the 6th inst was duly received. I had pinned three letters to you since each of which have not suited me and after carrying them in my pocket two or three days have burned them. I had made up my mind that in your many duties you had no time to throw away upon so unprofitable and uninteresting a correspondence as mine, and being rather modest and a little sensitive upon those things the fancy kept me from writing to you, for on several occasions I was on the point of writing. And knowing too that I could give you no encouragement for myself, thought that it was just as well. I am very much obliged to you for the Knudrup, and conceive your letters show me you feel for my good and wish I was more worthy of your sentiments and esteem. I am fully aware

that I have lived in sin nearly all my days, and am still, yet I hope there may be found some redeeming qualities and acts in my ill spent life. And yet knowing all this I cannot bring myself to look upon things pertaining to the future as you do. I believe that we are placed upon this earth by a supreme power, for some direct purpose that we are to fulfil that purpose and then return to that state from which man originated, our body to dust, or vegetable matter and our mind (or soul) to nothing or if there is anything more. I have always been content to trust all to the disposition of the power which rules our destinies, for if God is just and generous, why need we fear to throw ourselves upon his generosity, to do with us as he likes? which I consider he will do at any rate. I believe that the Bible points out to us the way in which we ought to live, and that by following its teachings we should all be at peace, and universal love would soon follow, but I cannot see that

it points to or refers to an existence or state after the present, or that it was written by divine Authority or by divine inspiration. the Old Testament is mostly historical, the new cannot be considered an inspired work more than the sermons and letters of eminent divines of the present day, and the book of Revelations, I consider wholly imaginary.

You sent me some of the "slips" of the "Abstract Society" I read and read them, I notice you marked the opinion of John Locke on the Bible. I fully concur with Mr. Locke except when he says that the New Testament "has God for its Author." why it carries a contradiction to that sentiment throughout in itself, it does not pretend to be edited by any but the preachers of the religion which was founded by Jesus Christ, when he lived and for a few years after his crucifixion.

The paper entitled "A Strange Thing". I have no respect at all for, it is the most inconsistent thing I ever saw issued as a religious sentiment. It amounts to nothing but a foolish harangue against Universalism. Did Christ or either