
913 6/8/1858

From: O.A. Mack

To: Dear [OO] Howard

OOH-0854

Germantown, Phil'a.

Source: Bowdoin

Germantown, Phil'a.

June 8th 1858.

Dear Howard:

I write to ask you to do me a favor. I presume you are very busy now, and perhaps I ought not to trouble you at this time. My only excuse is that I presume you will leave the "Point" as soon as the examinations in your department are finished. I wish to know if there is any prospect for me at the Academy during the next academic year?

You may recollect that I was in poor health when I saw you in the winter. I am considerably better now but still unable to do Military Duty. I am improving slowly which is all that can be expected with my disease - chronic diarrhea. I think I shall be able to attend to light duties in two or three months if I have no "draw-backs". It will be imprudent for me to expose myself much to fatigue & inclement weather, and above all to unwholesome diet for several months, but as I dislike to be reporting sick when I think I might be doing something useful for my worthy Uncle, I am anxious to receive some situation adapted to my condition. I believe I could teach Mathematics to the new pledged cadets in a satisfactory manner to Professor Church, or perhaps the course of Ethics prescribed for them. Mathematics I think are more suitable for my mind. If therefore you will speak to Mr Church upon this subject & let me know the result you will much oblige me.

I understand the Professors have experienced some difficulties in obtaining instructors - those for whom they have applied being unwilling to return to the Academy & the War Department unwilling to detail them. I think the latter difficulty will not obtain in my case - the former certainly not.

I have expressed a preference for the Mathematical Department but I am not disposed to reject any position which I can fill with justice to myself & usefulness to the Institution.

I am visiting at my wife's brother's now and I will thank you to address your reply to this to his care - Viz: Rev. A.B. Atkins, Germantown Phil'a Pa.

Please give my kindest regards to your wife, and believe me

Very Truly
Your friend
O.A. Mack

To:
Lt. O. O. Howard Ord. Dpt.
West Point, New York

914 6/11/1858 *From:* S. Perry Lee

To: My dear Otis [OO
Howard]

OOH-0855

New York

Source: Bowdoin

New York June 11th 1858

My dear Otis

As the weather has come on very hot mother & myself have decided that she had better accept your kind offer of your house this summer as I feel satisfied that her health will be very much worse if she stops here. You cannot imagine how warm and uncomfortable it is in the City. Mother begins to feel the effects of it already. She was very much worse yesterday - had to keep her bed most of the day.

Will you please write me Monday what arrangements she had better make and when she had better go up and if the girl you have will stay with her. I have given up my visit to Philadelphia - have found several good chances to buy into vessels that will pay well, have written to Stinchfield to see what he will do and when you come down Wednesday I will explain it to you and you can see the vessels.

About mothers going to West Point, I know you will do what you & Lizzie think best. If you can leave the house so mother could go up a day or two after you leave perhaps it would be best. Then you & Lizzie could see her here & explain things to her so she could get along very well. Perhaps I will come up myself and see you about it if you think best.

Please write me as soon as you receive this & Oblige your
Affectionate Cousin
S. Perry Lee

Care J. R. Bacon Esq
No 53 South Street
N.Y.

Give my love to Lizzie and Kiss the children for Uncle Perry.

915 6/11/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0856

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor June 11 58

Dear Brother

Having mislaid your last letter I am quite at loss whether you have left West Point yet or not, but it will do no harm to write.

I spent a very happy vacation of over two weeks, and came back here a week ago. Ella was with me most of the time at Bath, Gardiner, Topsham & Leeds.

The only drawback to my enjoyment was Aunt Marthas sad state and the low state of religion in my own town, but, thank God, there are some signs of good there. Helen is on the right road, and her hope needs only the strength that comes from faith, perseverance & prayer. Others are quite serious - Mr Davee & Isachar Lane were mentioned to me. I called on Mr D & did not see him. Mr L I saw but under unfavorable circumstances for religious conversation.

Cynthia seems to feel much, whether from the power of sympathy or from the work of the Holy Spirit is yet to be determined. I wished that I could have spent more time & visited & conversed with & prayed with the people. I hope much from your visit this summer.

Other considerations aside, is it not sufficient compensation for your visit to see if God will honor you by giving you one more Soul as a star in the course of your rejoicing.

I am going to Augusta week after next June 22d to 24th to our State Conferences. I wish that you might be there. Charley Mulliken has "spoken in meeting" but I have not heard whether he has avowed a hope, and O the many new faces of old friends in Bath & Hallowell that I have met! Blessed be the name of God who hath wrought the change!

I had a horse and carriage at Leeds, and I think you'd better have one for your furlough. Our old mare is with foal, & there is no other horse you know to be had. I hope for all your sakes that you will have a good strong, steady horse. I think you could get one for a dollar a day & you might not want him for but a portion of the time. Have you sold your Carriage? Father is thinking of buying one. If yours was there, it would do for him.

O I am almost impatient to see the children! I am full of business, have an essay & anniversary "Part" on my hands besides my ordinary labors. If Lizzie stops in Boston you might drop down in the boat & make me a short visit in the meantime. My Term closes Aug 1st. I will expect to see you before then. Ella is well & happy. Give a bushel of love to Lizzie a dozen kisses to the children.

Your aff. Bro.
Rowland

916 6/14/1858 *From:* Annie P. Lee

To: My dear Mrs [Lizzie]
Howard

OOH-0857

Watervliet Arsenal, NY

Source: Bowdoin

Arsenal Jun 14th 1858

My dear Mrs Howard,

I will attempt another invitation to you to come up and see us. I would be so glad to see you and dear little Guy. I would come down but can't persuade Mr Lee to let me, he thinks I have two children to carry about and that I better remain at home.

I have adopted a little girl about five years old. She is a very interesting little creature, and I don't like to leave her at home, but really I do want you and Mr Howard to see Annie. She is worth looking at, so every body says; she has no teeth or any idea of walking or creeping but still she tries to talk and can say Papa & Mama, Kitten and other words.

Do come up and see us. Both Mr Lee and myself have given up this vain world and endeavoring to serve him who deserves all praise from us poor sinful creatures. Yes we have <given> ourselves to him, and were buried <> him in Baptism in the Hudson River and now we are going to serve him.

<I> trust that you & Mr Howard will <remember> us in your prayers to God, that we may always prove faithful.

Give my love to Mr Howard also Mrs Lee's.

I remain yours
sincerely & truly
Annie P. Lee

917 6/16/1858 *From:* O. O. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

OOH-0858

Brooklyn N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

Brooklyn N.Y.
June 16th 1858

My dear Mother,

I have got started from West Point with my little family. Lizzie, Miss Brewster & the children are in New York. I left them at a Public House & came here to see Aunt Ann. She don't look quite so cheerful, nor quite so well as when she was at West Point. I will soon see you & tell you how she is.

We will leave New York tomorrow night, but will probably stay over the Sabbath in Boston. Expect us Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

I have just read a letter from Sarah. She writes cheerfully. Aunt sends a great deal of love & says she wishes you would write her. She says it makes her sick to write a letter. Perry is still here.

I hope the love of Christ still has clear manifestations to you. Pray for me, dear Mother, that I may be preserved from coldness. My love to all.

Yr. Affectionate Son
O. O. Howard

918 6/26/1858 *From:* Chas. H. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0860

Brunswick

Source: Bowdoin

Brunswick June 26 1858.

My dear Mother

It has been one week since I received your letter and the money but I have not yet written to acknowledge the receipt of either. I went away Tuesday forenoon to Augusta and returned Thurs evening. Rowland met me at Richmond on another train on his way to Bath. I was disappointed for I had expected to see him and spend Tues night with him. Should not have gone up had I known he was going to Bath. I left the train at Hallowell and went to Aunt Ellen's. She and her family were about as usual. They had just eaten dinner but I was speedily provided for. About 3 o'clock Aunt took me to Augusta in her carriage with the children, Mary and Lizzie.

I found at the Church a good many acquaintances, among others Pike of Mercer with whom I used to study at Kents Hill. He wanted me to go and make my home at his Uncle's - Mr Daniel Pike - but that place had been engaged by the Bangor Theological Students and it was very doubtful whether there was any room. He ascertained however that one of those expected was unwell and would not be there, so I had the place.

It was a very pleasant family and I was acquainted with Robie & Palmer of Rowland's class in College who were there - soon got acquainted also with Shepard - son of Prof Shepard. Tannery another student and with Sewall another from the Seminary who was a member of Otis' class in College. I enjoyed the meetings much.

Wed. forenoon went down to Hallowell - walked with Shepard & others - thought Rowland would be there - returned before dinner. Rowland came up from Gardiner in noon train with Ella. They had come up in the boat.

I heard from Mr Pike & wife that Charlie Mulliken was expecting Lieut. Howard & wife at the meeting. As I was going up to the Church after dinner met John Harrison at the Mansion House on his way to China. He told me Otis had arrived at Leeds & ever after while in Augusta I was expecting to see him. John didn't see Rowland Wed. I soon found him at the Church. Ella went to Gardiner in the evening & Rowland & I spent the night together at Mr Joshua Turner's.

The morning prayer-meetings were very interesting. Mrs Turner went the morning we were at Joshua's - walked over with Rowland. We looked for Otis Thurs all day. Melvin came in the morning & said Otis talked of coming down. There was a greater crowd in town Thurs on account of the Convention.

I was in the Hall & heard Pitt Fessenden speak a few moments but it was too hot to stay there besides I liked the exercises at the church much better. In the afternoon Thurs we listened to one of the best sermons I ever heard from Mr. Storer. Everyone who knows him <calls> him the best of men and surely his <sermon> indicated it. He preaches now in <> Carpenter's church in Portland. We <looked> in vain for Otis. After meeting <repaired to> the depot where was collected more <> twice as many as could be seated <in> the cars. Most of the cars had the <ayles> crowded besides all that could get upon <the plat> forms and two freight cars. It <began> to rain soon after we left Gardiner <where> Rowland & Ella stopped & before we <reached> Richmond it poured down greatly. This <> the crowd in the cars still more intense. <I> had a seat all the way from Hallowell but held a student in my lap most of the way. It ceased raining soon after we <> at Brunswick so I did not get wet. <Nettie> says the children look nicely. You <must> be happy in having Otis and his family with you. I was of a good mind to <go> to Leeds but concluded Otis would come down and see me. Give my love <to> him and to Lizzie. I am glad to <hear> little Guy can talk so fast and <that> little Grace is so pretty a baby. I had been hoping to go to Bangor with Otis but find that the Rhetorical Exhibition in which Rowland has a part is to take place on Monday evening before my examination Tuesday. <> I shall have to forego the pleasure of accompanying Otis and not hearing Rowland's part.

Rowland perhaps will give you some account of the discourses & speaking &c at the meetings. You have probably seen Mrs Turner before this time. I have <> about made up again in these <> days. We have only 3 more lessons <advance> in Calculus. In four weeks more I shall enter upon my last year in College. This time

for the next few weeks will be spent in review for the examination.

I hope to hear from home soon. Perhaps Otis will have an opportunity of writing. I saw Rowlands first Sermon while at Augusta. He is as much engaged as ever so also is Ella. We have daily morning prayer-meetings here in Brunswick but they are not very well attended. They have the best meetings down to Bath. Will Otis come down? I have all day Wednesday to myself each week.

Nettie was much gratified to be remembered by you and she and her mother would like much to have you come down to Commencement. How does the Prayer-meeting on the Ridge flourish? Hope Otis will be able to meet with them there. Give my love to Father & always think of & pray for me.

Your affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard

919 6/28/1858 *From:* William C Drew

To: Lieutenant O. O. Howard

OOH-0859

Tampa Fla

Source: Bowdoin

Tampa Fla 1858
June the 28 1858

Dear sir

Now take my pen in my to write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well at present. I believe you must write us and we will write to you. There is some of your papers that comes here and if you want them sent to you and I will send them to you. I am staying at the office in the garrison. It is at Major McKinstry's office in the garrison. His office is headquarters now but this fort is breaking up. They are sending Mules of <nau>. The Ranger is just got down with a Boatload of mules and horses. Colonel Loomis is a going to send off all the Mules in and horses there is in the garrison.

Good Bye for this time

William C Drew

To
Lieutenant O. O. Howard

920 6/28/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0862

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor June 28th 1858

Dear Brother

[Page 1 has a lot of bleed through] We looked for you at Augusta Monday a good deal, but after Melvin came we did not expect you so much & it was so hot in the afternoon that it was perhaps as well.

Charles remained in the hope of seeing you & Ella & I left for Gardiner in the same train. We took Tea at Mr Mullikens.

Weds Evening. I wish I felt better about your friend Charley but I had no opportunity of a personal conversation. If his personal consecration in Christ was entire it doesn't seem to me that his wife could resist. I hope much from yours & Lizzie's visit. He is very much engrossed in business.

Ella returned home & I came down here Friday. I did not spend any time <at Hallowell> but stayed <one night in> Augusta & one in Gardiner. We had excellent meetings. The morning prayer meetings at 6 o'clock were very interesting & you would have enjoyed the revival accounts, thanksgivings & prayers very much. At Bath the interest still continues. If you go down to see Charley you can go to see Ella & go into one of their morning meetings. How much you would have enjoyed some meetings there & here! The voice of returning prodigals is sweet to the Christian's ear.

Our Term is about five weeks more and I shall be very busy all this time, having an address for the Rhetorical Soc to prepare in addition to my ordinary duties. I think beside of offering my services to the Kenne. Missionary Soc for my vacation of 8 weeks. If I do I've no idea where they will send me & the most I am afraid of is that I <> no chance to see you <Lizzie and the> dear children. I believe I could have walked to Leeds from Augusta to have seen them if I had not thought my presence was required here. I suppose John & Helen will not be at home till the last of the week. Helen needs to be led. She needs a religion of peace-something which shall soothe her agitation & lead her to a sweet & calm trust in her Saviour.

We had a good meeting this morning but there is a manifest abatement in attendance & interest.

I am not "gumptious" at all today, can't read write or study to any degree of advantage. If I don't feel better I'm afraid I wont get my "part" done at all. I don't want you to come till it is off my mind then I can enjoy your visit.

Charley Mulliken is a little Episcopalianish. I think that in this region serves to cover ones <> of spiritual attainment.

I have met Sam Lunt in the street & he told me of you all. I don't like him & unless I can do him good, shall not be likely to prosecute his acquaintance much.

My S. Schools & meetings were interesting yesterday, but not so much so as they have been at times. If you come over here you must have some "talk" all ready for Christians.

Give my love to Lizzie. I wish she & the children could come down here but I suppose that is impossible. I am in hopes to spend a few days in Leeds about the 1st of Aug & renew my acquaintance with Guy & Grace.

Give much love to Mother & tell her to take things just as coolly as the weather will admit and enjoy just as much as she can.

May God bless you <> to yourselves <>

<> Bro
Rowland