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Manchester Mass

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1858.

My Dear Mr Howard.

I know where you are, but I do not forget you and am determined to find you by sending this to Wright.

Last Sabbath I united with Mr Hoppin's church, so me it was a day never to be forgotten. I was alone, the church was very crowded, yet I felt it a blessed privilege thus to acknowledge Christ before men. I think much of you & your dear wife, & pray God you may see it your duty to unite with some church before your return to W. R. God has blessed.

This section of our country and  
many are being added to such  
as shall be saved.

Wright speaks uncom-  
placingly of our little school.

My being in the Art  
is for some good purpose and  
I will not complain.

I trust Mrs H and your  
little "trical comforts" are well.

My health is poor, my De  
is fearful my pain in the  
head will result in ap-  
oplexy unless I am cautious  
about all excitement and  
his instructions I start for  
the white hills on Saturday  
in company with two min-  
isters & two pious companions  
of my own age. we leave all civilisation  
at Conway and wander along

the mountain stream, in  
quest of "Trout".

Mother is quite feeble, she  
will reach NY with me on  
the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept if possible.

You may expect to see  
me at the Point late in  
September.

Do not work too hard but  
recruit all you can.

Remember me to Mrs H.  
I shall return to this place  
by the 25<sup>th</sup> inst when I hope  
to find letters from you.

I would have written but  
know not whom to direct.

Your brother in Christ  
Thos. Townsend

To  
Lieut O'Harney  
A. S. Army

Wright M. H.

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Nest Point, N.Y. Aug. 6. '58.

My worthy Friend:

Having a letter from our friend Mr. Sawcatt, that he wishes me to send to you, I trust you will not think it presumption in my part to enclose a few lines in the same -

Not to weary you with too many words I will simply remark that it would seem that "all was well" - The little school progresses as well as could be expected - The Children all attend & behave beautifully - I have now had someone to assist me - Miss Sarah Fouch, being no longer "herself" will be absent a few weeks, after which she will resume <sup>the</sup> charge of her Class -

Mr. & Mrs. Family are quite well. I am much indebted to them for their kindness to me this Summer -

I heard from you through your Aunt

a few days since, & learned from her that  
you would get Mr. Jewell's letter should  
I direct it to Leeds, Maine; where I hope  
it will reach you.

I am sorry, truly, to hear of dear  
little Guy's sickness - & hope that ere this  
he has entirely recovered -

I am doing all I can for myself  
& friends -

Give my kindest regards to Mrs  
Howard; & accept my best wishes for  
a "pleasant summer" to you all -

May Heaven's richest blessings  
be ~~ever~~ your comfort, ever -

Most truly

Yr friend

W. A. Wright

Lieut O. O. Howard  
Leeds, Me.

I presume the Hops are still  
in existence - I believe I have  
straightened that remark - so I  
will proceed to others - How is  
Mr. Fuller getting along with his  
lame foot? Please remember  
me to him also when you  
have a chance to see him - I shall  
never forget that morning we  
went to the Cascade - The stones  
that were thrown at me &c. &c.  
What a beautiful time I had  
with you Mrs Lee - I can never  
thank you enough for taking  
me - Oh dear I am coming to  
the end of my paper - so with  
love to all I remain your  
affectionate

Mary

Please remember me to Ellen

John Torrey wishes me to send his regards  
He enjoyed his visit very much.

W Mrs A. D. Lee

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Red Bank Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

Dear Mrs Lee

I cannot resist my longing  
to write you a few lines - not that  
I have any thing of special interest  
for you - but I can talk a little  
of every thing - I left home the very  
day that Julia arrived - and long  
enough was I - I had anticipated  
so much pleasure meeting her -  
she too was disappointed it seems  
from a note I received from her  
last evening - she found both  
Julia and I absent - but I shall see  
her in two or three days so I rest  
content - I shall be glad enough  
when you come home for good -  
which will be pretty soon - I imagine  
I am having a very pleasant  
time with my friend Mary Torrey - love

we boarding with very plain country  
people - who take people for the  
summer seasons. We go out  
to catch crabs quite often. I have  
been pretty successful - Caught six  
the first time - To day we  
went out in a sail boat - got  
caught in a hard shower -  
I was getting pretty well drenched  
when I found that Mollie Jory  
had crawled into the place under  
the mast (very small) - so I crawled  
in too - and I can assure you  
it was a tight squeeze - we  
had to remain there until we  
got to land - and from there  
took a carriage and rode  
home. Thus ended our crabbing  
adventure.

How is Mr. Robert. I have  
not forgotten his kindness to me  
while there - I should like right  
well to see his wife & when

he brings her on - He is a good  
fellow - and consequently ought to have  
one of the best blessings in life  
which of course is a good wife  
Please remember me to him - Now  
as regards the Captains. I understand  
from Julia that his indignation  
was aroused when he observed  
how coolly his name was  
mentioned in regard to respect &c  
&c. I suffered extremely when I  
thought he might never again  
speak to me - as he threatened - but  
will mollify him - by sending  
bushels of love to him this time  
So all I can summon up for  
the present occasion I present to  
him - Now I trust peace is restored  
I suppose the Hoops are drawing  
nearer - and nearer their end -  
Remarkable speech indeed - The  
idea that everything is not drawing  
near its end - I should have said



Let water - In one direction I  
can see the ~~house~~ & part of  
the ocean from my windows.  
The few people get out to the week  
day meetings yet as usual  
I want Charles to bring down  
one of my trunks & I can send  
for it to Annis with any time -  
I want my thick heavy gown  
& what ever shirts may be in repair  
& convenient to send. One my wrist  
buttons are loose! If you let Charles  
pass them in his purse & bring  
them - I want a pair either pair  
of pants & caps perhaps a pair of  
the old black ones to go fishing  
in some time - I think I shall  
buy me an oil cloth a India rubber  
coat to protect my clothes. When  
there is a good wind the water  
is apt to dash over the boat as  
it did yesterday going & returning  
from the meeting on the island -  
I want my ink stand & sand box  
I keep the little black trunk with  
big things - See can tie rope  
around it - I want a night shirt

if there is one at home. I can't  
think of anything else now -  
I hope Miss Meniman will have  
a pleasant visit & that Lizzie won't  
get tired out before she begins  
her journey. I want you to write  
when you get time. We had a  
real good prayer meeting last  
Evening - three expressed a hope in  
Christ & five rose for prayers.  
I feel my own weakness & in-  
crease more & more. I do believe  
Holy Spirit is here. O how  
low vain & worthless is man in  
the presence of God. Fri. Morn -  
I had a letter from Ella this morning.  
He is very well. She has cut & made  
me a good long night shirt since  
I was there & sent it down this  
morning. She says it is her first  
one, & she wouldn't ask anybody <sup>how</sup> but  
cut it & made it by one of her  
Fathers. She says if this suits the  
will make another. So I shall  
be well supplied. I must close -  
Love to all - You off Len.

Ronland -  
How thankful I am that little Gus is well again.

our prayers with each other as  
Manna to the Soul.

Our church prayer meeting is also  
excellent - My papers are more than  
I expect - I have to start entirely  
anew in the matter of books & theologi-  
cal books come very high.

Kiss the baby for Uncle Rowland,  
I remember you always in  
your prayers  
Yr. aff. Serv.

Rowland

Dunbar Thev. Sem.

Dear Mother  
You ought to be  
well settled in your new place  
by this time - if you can't be  
and that if your dear family  
has been preserved & no serious  
event has occurred.

I am well settled in my  
room & comfortable situation - I have  
bought my wood & have been engaged  
this forenoon in sawing & splitting  
it - My room is excellent with a well  
kept stove but I am in hopes  
by a generous use of "listing" & wood  
I may keep comfortable through the  
winter - It is not the actual tapping  
from cold that I fear - that I don't  
care for - but I don't like to take  
cold as I have reason to believe  
that my lungs are, at least, suscep-  
tible - & I might easily be unfitted  
for preaching.

I continue to like everything  
here - You cannot think how much  
happier I am than I was last  
year at this time - the prospect  
of being the neareast minister  
has something dearer to me

Wrote that of becoming the  
distinguished Langer Ever since  
my dear Langerina moments -  
Study is simply - Gode's word -  
upon which was "John's Baptism"  
I hope to have a letter  
every day I have not finished  
my letter - I have been thinking  
about Gay today - imagining everything  
good or bad that I could about him.  
I hope the little fellow is in his  
usual "health & spirits" -

My best love to Lizzie - I often  
wonder how with me when I  
hear a good sermon, attend a  
good prayer meeting or am myself  
visited by a happy thought of God  
& his blessed Religion - Your Clapnet  
Lemall is here - in the Senior Class -  
You have not answered his letter  
yet - I think -

I am reading your favorite book  
"Pleasant Thoughts on Prayer" & am greatly  
interested & I trust benefited in  
its perusal - The whole subject is  
presented in the simplest, beautiful & truth -  
I please "Pastor's Linger's Rest" from  
the library & will read it next

I have been much recently in prayer  
but I cannot do much - I think  
it but little use to pray if we don't  
attempt to accomplish what we  
pray for - I can see clouds of theology  
ahead, but by faith in Christ &  
a daily communion with the Holy  
Spirit - I trust I will overcome all  
difficulties & be enabled to preach  
truth in its purity -

I spent last evening at Shepherd's -  
the Page girls are over from Healdwell -  
Ben has been burnt out in Chicago  
& lost everything - I notice the Worcester  
disclosures in Friday's N.Y. Times -  
"Injured Innocence"!! I hear the  
tells of the death of James Wm & Charles  
Lane & Nancy's baby -

Ella writes me the only letters I  
receive - but they are insufficient!  
Her health is poor - very poor - but she  
looks forward to the responsibilities  
of a "Minister's wife" with cheerfulness  
& hope -

I am looking to this Winter & Spring  
for a general out pouring of God's  
Spirit - all over our land -  
Our little Class prayer meetings &

Portland Me  
 Aug<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>/58

Dear Father,

Please transmit  
 to Uncle Edward White a certificate  
 from the Register of Probate that  
 you are Administrator on Mother  
 White's estate, Uncle Edward went  
 to the Prob. Office this morning & was  
 told that he must have evidence  
 that you were Admin<sup>r</sup>

We are here in safety. Lizzie stood  
 the journey well. We kept the children  
 away from her most of the time.

Very Affly to you  
 O. C. Howard

To / Mr. Gilman  
 Sids  
 Me

Providence R.I.  
July 25th/58

Dear Mother,  
I have received your kind letter  
of the 21st and am glad to hear  
from the friends of Robert that  
you are all comfortable in health.  
I hope that the money sent  
to the M. S. Office the morning was  
sent that it would have reached  
that you are all well.

I am sure it will be all right  
the money will be kept in the  
bank for the use of the time.  
I will tell you  
Yours affectionately  
Wm. W. Manning

Wm. W. Manning  
Providence R.I.

West Point Ky August 24<sup>th</sup> 1854

To - Lieut. Howard

Dear sir

Permit me to take the liberty to address  
a few lines to you.

I received a letter from the  
Company of Engineers who are on their route to  
Utah that my nephew William G. Slayter died  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> of last July, he had what is called the sage  
or mountain fever and then died with the apoplexy,  
as he was a constant attendant at the Church where you  
take great interest also the sabbath school and Bible  
Class, I thought I would ask a favour of you  
to deliver an address some time on the occasion and it  
would afford me much happiness. He was present  
when you gave the Corn a parting address and always  
spoke highly of you. I enclose the letter I received  
and after you have read it I wish you to send on  
hand it to me.

Respectfully  
your Obedt Servant  
G. R. Morris

Morris

1741 The 1st of August 1741

Dear Sir

I have the honor to receive your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the business of the said company, and in answer to inform you that the same is now in the hands of the directors, who are endeavoring to settle the accounts, and to give you a full and particular account of the same as soon as possible. I am, Sir, very sensible of the importance of this business, and shall use every endeavor to expedite it as much as may be consistent with the interests of the said company. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 J. B. [Signature]

J. B. [Signature]  
 [Signature]

West Point N.Y.  
August 29<sup>th</sup> 1858

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My dear Mother,

It is now quite late Sunday evening, but as I expect to go to the city tomorrow and will not have time to write I will pen you a line tonight to let you know of our arrival - I wrote father a note from New Britain, we left his house after tea and were soon comfortably established on board The Lewisston for Boston.

We had a pleasant passage - no sickness. The children slept well. The next morning we found ourselves in the city when we awoke - took a carriage to the United States Hotel, where we remained till about 5, P.M. I went to see Vaughan & Roddie Hazard. We left at 1/2 past 5, (walked from the Hotel to the depot for Fall River) then again we had a good night, though we could not get a State Room - I took Miss Brewster to the cars for Philadelphia an hour or two after our arrival. We did not get in early enough for the 8 o'clock train - so she went in the eleven o'clock train. We left N.York in the train that starts at 1/2 past eleven and arrived here before two P.M. Lizzie stood the journey well and the children seemed well, but Guy continued to play

I think I shall get my governess in N.York & am going down tomorrow to Mother for arrangements.

had till night and then complained of being  
lame in one of his feet, yesterday & today it  
was <sup>been</sup> swollen very much & very sore & painful  
but he is now sleeping quite comfortably and  
I hope will rest well & wake up better in  
the morning. Mr. Jind Aunt Ann pretty well.  
Two days bad weather gave her some trouble  
but now it has cleared up, she is quite well.  
Perry also is here and has spent a pleasant  
summer. I find the Church & Sabbath School  
prospering nicely. I went to the Chapel this  
morning & heard a clergyman from Boston  
deliver a good practical sermon on the  
Christians strength. The little children at  
the Sunday school seemed glad to see me  
Give love to father & remember me to all  
at home - Aunt Ann sends love - Lizzie is  
asleep. Good night, my dear mother, I  
trust you will draw nigher to Christ every  
day in Spirit that when he shall call you  
you can bear a cheerful answer - I thought  
I would ask father, if he wouldnt read a chapter  
in the Bible every day - I shall write to Uncle  
Insign soon, Remember me to my Christian friends  
I hope the Christians on the Ridge will keep up good  
courage, and put faith in Christ.

Remember me in prayer } Very affectionately yours  
Son V. B. Howard

Good. Coll. Aug. 31. '88-

My dear Mother,

I have but little time just now to write but thinking you would be willing to hear from us by this time I will scribble a little. I need not say we had a pleasant ride down in the car and found Greenwich such as we left it. Nettie's mother was getting stout and has since been gaining strength quite fast. My room was in the greatest confusion and I have hardly got down getting up yet. Tho' we had no recitation till Monday noon. I got pretty tired every day last week. Sabbath day went to meeting on the

Went in the forenoon - four were  
admitted to the church - One was  
Newman Smith - Nellie is acquai-  
ted with him. He is in the  
Senior class at Andover & will  
be in Delta's class in College.

Rowland was here yesterday.  
He came up with Mr. Eaton  
who had business here in town.  
Arrived about 10 1/2 o'clock &  
stayed till two. We did a  
little shopping at the book stores  
though I believe all of it before  
dinner. Then after dinner made  
a brief call at Mr. Berryman's  
afterwards went to Mr. Miller's  
old Mrs. Widdling's who keeps  
books & got quite an assortment

Nette has been quite well since  
she came back & thinks her  
visit to Leeds did her much  
good. Says she enjoyed herself  
more than ever before away  
from home. Her mother told  
me that Nette thought  
there was no one like your-  
self. How Nellie takes his  
departure? I hope his  
health will be good -

I must now close with  
the promise of a more delib-  
erate letter next time.

Your Affectionate Son  
Chas. H. Howard.