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Manchester Mass

Aug 3rd 1852.

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 Hopkin'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.

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

Wright speaks encour-
agingly 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 "trial comforts" are well.

My health is poor, my Dr
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 17th 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 25th inst when I hope
to find letters from you.

I would have written but
know not whom to direct.

Your brother in Christ
Wm R. Townsend

To
Lieut O Howard
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. Samuell, 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 hadt Lamer
to assist me - Miss Sarah French, being
no longer "herself" will be absent a few
weeks, after which she will resume ^{the} charge
of her Class -

Mr. & 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. Sumner'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

M. 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 11th 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
Lilly 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 - we

are 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 bad shower -
I was getting pretty well drenched
when I found that Mollie Perry
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.
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 Hops 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 window.
The few people get out to the week
day meetings yet and get out
I want Charles to bring down
one of my trunks & I can send
for it & dress with any time.
I want my thick heavy gown
& what ever shirt may be in repair
& convenient to send. One my wrist
bottoms at home! If so let Charles
put them in his purse & bring
them. I want more 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 the
big handle. See can tie a 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 & my
cry 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.
She 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 ^{how} but
cut it & made it by one of her
fathers. She says if this suit 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 expenses are more than
I expected - 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 me always in
your prayers
Yr. aff. bro.

Rowland

Bangor, Nov. 2nd.

Dear Mother

You might be per-
suaded to settle in your new place
by this time - if you can be
satisfied 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 novel & have been engaged
this forenoon in reading & splitting
it - My room is excellent with a well
heated stove but I am in hopes
by a generous use of "kissing" & novel
I may keep comfortable through the
winter - It is not the actual suffering
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 nearest Minister
has something dearer to me.

What a time of becoming the
distinguished Langer. Ever since
my dear Langerina moments.
Study is simply - Gods word.
Upon Weday was "Johns Baptism".
He hopes to have a letter
every day I have not finished
my letter. I have been thinking
about Gay today - imagining everything
good & bad that I could about him.
I hope the little fellow is in his
usual "health & spirits".

My best love to Lizzie. I often
nurse her 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 Captain
Lewell is here - in the Senior Class -
You have not answered his letter
yet. I think -

I am reading your favorite book
"Pierced with our Prayers" & am greatly
interested & I trust benefitted in
its perusal. The whole subject is
presented in the simplest, beautiful & truth.
I place "Pastors Lingers Rest" from
the library & will read it next

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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 Dr. Shepards.
The Page girls are over from Healdwell.
Ben has been burnt out in Chicago
& lost everything. I notice the Worcester
disclosures in Fridays N.Y. Times.
"Injured Innocence"!! I hear the
teller of the death of James Wm & Leba?
Lane & Nancess baby.

Ellen 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 "Ministers wife" with cheerfulness
& hope.

I am looking to this Winter & Spring
for a general out pouring of Gods
Spirit all over our land.
Our little class prayer meetings &

Portland Me
Aug - 25th / 58

Dear Father,

Please transmit
to Uncle Edward Hale a certificate
from the Registry of Probate that
you are Administrator on Mother
Hale's estate, Uncle Edward went
to the Reg. Office this morning & was
told that he must have evidence
that you were Admin^r.

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
Suds
Me

Providence R.
 Sep 22nd/58

Dear Father,

These papers
 which I have placed a copy of
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 you are interested in the
 which I have placed a copy of
 to the M. A. Office the morning was
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 that you are interested

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 W. H. Manning
 Sep 22nd/58

To Mr. Wm. Manning
 Sept 22nd/58

West Point N.Y. August 24th 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 way to
Utah that my nephew William G. Slayter died
on the 19th 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 Com 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
W. R. Morris

West Point Sept 1864

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the purchase of land for the West Point Arsenal. I have the honor to inform you that the land in question is now in the possession of the United States and is not available for sale. I have the honor to inform you that the land in question is now in the possession of the United States and is not available for sale.

Very respectfully,
 J. M. Smith
 Major General

West Point N.Y.
August 29th 1858

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.Y. 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 Lucy continued to play

I think I shall get my groceries in N.Y. & have going down tomorrow to I wonder the arrangements...

had till night and then complained of being
lame in one of his feet. Yesterday & today it
has ^{been} swollen very much & very sore & painful
but he is now sleeping quite comfortably and
I hope will next week wake up better in
the morning. The first 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
Christian's 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 hear a cheerful answer - I thought
I would ask father, if he wouldn't 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 much as we left it.

Nellie's mother was getting stout and has since been gaining strength quite fast. My room was in the greatest confusion and I had hardly got done 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 acquaint-
ed 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 store
though I believe all of it before
dinner. Then after dinner made
a brief call at Mrs. Berryman's
afterwards went to Mr. Miller's
old Mrs. Widdling's who keeps
tracts & got quite an assortment

Netter 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 Netter 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.