
931 8/3/1858

From: Thos R. Tannatt

To: Lieut. O. Howard

OOH-0869

Manchester Mass

U.S. Army

Source: Bowdoin

Manchester Mass

Aug 3d 1858

My Dear Mr Howard

I know [not] 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. To 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.P. God has blessed this section of our country and many are being added to such as shall be saved.

Wright speaks encouragingly 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 apoplexy unless I am cautious about all excitement under his instructions. I start for the white hills on Saturday in company with two ministers & two pious companions of my own age. We leave all civilization at Conway and wander along the mountain streams in quest of "Trout." Mother is quite feeble. She will reach NJ 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 where to direct.

Your brother in Christ

Thos R. Tannatt

To:

Lieut. O. Howard

U.S. Army

932 8/6/1858

From: M. H. Wright

To: Lieut O. O. Howard

OOH-0870

West Point N.Y.

Leeds Me.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y. Aug 6th 58

My worthy Friend

Having a letter from our friend Mr Tannatt, that he wishes me to send to you, I trust you will not think it presumption on 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 Cadet Ramseur 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.

Mrs Lee & 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 Tannatt'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 your comfort, ever
Most truly
Yr friend,
M. H. Wright

Lieut O. O. Howard
Leeds Me.

933 8/11/1858 *From:* Mary Unknown

To: Mrs Lee

OOH-0871

Red Bank

Source: Bowdoin

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 sorry 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 Libby 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 season. 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 Torrey 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 Captain. 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. 'Tis 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 every thing is not drawing near its end. I should have said 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 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.

934 8/19/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

OOH-0872

Harpswell

Source: Bowdoin

Harpswell Aug 19th 1858

Dear Mother

I sent a letter only yesterday but as Charles returns so soon to College I want to write him about my things. I was very sorry not to see him yesterday. He will have a beautiful day to ride up today. I have moved from Mrs Eatons to the next home, Mr Estes this morning. I shall still take my meals there but her room was not convenient, for me to be in, nor for her to have me in. I have now a good large airy "<study>" with no bed in it & I hope to get along better writing my Sermons. I intend to spend just half the time making calls & attending Social prayer meetings & the rest of the time preparing for the Sabbath. I wish you could come down & spend a week next month. They are all unpretending, country people & you would feel quite at home & would enjoy <here> near the salt water. In one direction [you] can see the broad expanse of the ocean from my windows. But few people get out to the week day meetings yet.

I want Charles to bring down one of my trunks & I can send for it to Brunswick any time. I want my thick Study gown, & whatever shirts may be in repair & convenient to send. Are my wrist buttons at home? If so let Charles put them in his purse & bring them. I shan't want either pair of pants except perhaps a pair of the old black ones to go a 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 guess the little black trunk will be enough. He can tie a rope around it. I need a night shirt if there is one at home. I can't think of anything else now.

I hope Miss Merriman 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 & <> more & more. I do believe [the] Holy Spirit is here. O how <> how 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 suits she will make another. So I shall be well supplied.

I must close. Love to all.

Your aff Son
Rowland

How thankful I am that little Guy is so well again.

935 8/19/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0873

Bangor Theo. Sem.

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor Theo. Sem. [Assume Aug 19 1858]

Dear Brother

You ought to be <pretty [corner torn]> well settled in your new quarters by this time, if your own <health> and that of your dear family has been <preserved> & no <untoward> event has occurred.

I am well settled in my new room & comfortably situated. I have bought my wood & have been engaged this forenoon in sawing & splitting it. My room is cold, with a north-west exposure but I am in hopes by a generous use of "lister" & wood 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, susceptible, & 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 meanest minister has something dearer a <thought> than that of becoming the most distinguished lawyer ever had <> most sanguine moments. <> study is simply God's word.

Our lesson today was "Johns Baptism" <> 8. In hopes to have a letter every day I have not finished my letter. I have been thinking about Guy 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 want 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 classmate Sewall is here, in the Senior Class. You have not answered his letter yet, I think.

I am reading your favorite book Bickersteth on Prayer & am greatly interested &, I trust, benefitted in its perusal. The whole subject is presented in simplicity, beauty & truth. I have "Baxters Saints Rest" from the Library & will read them next.

I have been much recently in prayer but I haven't done 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 Hallowell. Ben has been burnt out in Chicago & lost everything. I notice Mrs Woodman disclosures in Fridays N.Y. Times "Injured Innocence"!! I hear thro' Chas of the death of James Wing & Chas Lane & Nancy's baby.

Ella writes me the only letters I receive, but they are sufficient! Her health is poor, very poor, at times 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 & our prayers with each other are 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 & Theological books come very high.

Kiss the baby for Uncle Rowland & remember me always in your prayers.

Yr. Aff. Bro.
Rowland

936 8/25/1858 *From:* O. O. Howard

To: Col Jno. Gilmore

OOH-0874

Portland Me

Leeds
Me

Source: Bowdoin

Portland Me
Aug't 25th / 58

Dear Father,

Please transmit to Uncle Edward Waite a certificate from the Register of Probate that you are Administrator on Mother Waite's Estate. Uncle Edward went to the R.R. 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 Aff. Yr. Son
O. O. Howard

To/ Col Jno. Gilmore
Leeds
Me

937 8/28/1858 *From:* G.R. Horriz

To: Lieut [OO] Howard

OOH-0875

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y. August 28th 1858

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 rout 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 sabath school and Bible Class, I though 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 presant when you gave the Com a parting address and always spoke highly of you. I enclose the letter I received and after you have red it I wish you to send or hand it to me.

Respectfully
your Obt Servt
G.R. Horriz

938 8/29/1858 *From:* O. O. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0876

West Point NY

Source: Bowdoin

West Point NY
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 to night to let you know of our arrival. I wrote father a note from Mr Waites. We left his house after tea and were soon comfortably established on board The Lewiston for Boston. We had a pleasant passage - no sickness. The children slept well. The next morning we found ourselves in the city when we waked - took a carriage to the United States Hotel, where we remained till ½ past 5 P.M. I went to see Vaughan & Roddie Hazard. We left at ½ past 5 (walked from the Hotel to the depot for Fall River). Then again we had a good night, though we could'nt get a State Room. I took Miss Brewster to the cars for Philadelphia an hour or two after our arrival. We did'nt 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 ½ past Eleven and arrived here before two P.M.

Lizzie stood the journey well and the children seemed well, but Guy continued to play hard 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 rest well & wake up better in the morning.

We find 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 clergeman 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 bear a cheerful answer. I thought I would ask father, if he would'nt read a chapter in the Bible every day. I shall write to Uncle Ensign 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 your son
O. O. Howard

I think I shall get my groceries in N. York & am going down tomorrow to make the arrangement.

939 8/31/1858 *From:* Chas. H. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0877

Bowd. Coll.

Source: Bowdoin

Bowd. Coll. Aug. 31.'58

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 cars, and found Brunswick much as we left it.

Nettie's mother was getting smart and has since been gaining strength quite fast.

My room was in the greatest confusion and I have hardly got done fitting 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 Hill in the forenoon - four were admitted to the Church. One was Newman Smith. Dellie is acquainted with him. He is in the Senior Class at Andover & will be in Dellie's class in College.

Rowland was here yesterday. He came up with Mr Eaton, who had business here in town. Arrived about 10 ½ 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 Mr Merryman's. Afterwards went to a Milliner's. Old Mrs Gidding's who keeps hats & got quite an assortment.

Nettie 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 Nettie thought there was no one like yourself.

Has Dellie taken his departure? I hope his health will be good.

I must now close with the promise of a more deliberate letter next time.

Your Affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard