
940 9/8/1858

From: A.B. Atkins

To: Lt [OO] Howard

OOH-0879

Parsonage St Ch
Germantown Phil

Source: Bowdoin

Parsonage St Ch
Germantown Phil Sept 8 1858

Lt Howard
Dr Sir

Your kind note is just received & it gives me pleasure to answer your inquiries concerning my bro in law Mr Mack.

Three or four weeks ago, I was in Oswego N.Y. spending a short time with my sister Mrs Mack. The Lieut had left for Keene N.H. in hopes that a little farm exercise wd. benefit him. He was then about the same without any material improvement.

It was his hope as well as his wife's & mine that he wd be invited to West Point and I feel thankful to hear from you that such an opening has been made.

I will enclose your letter to my sister immediately, & you will doubtless hear in a few days.

I feel very anxious about his health, & it is my fervent prayer that he may be ordered where his duties will favor rather than endanger that health. May West Point be that place.

Thanking you for your attention & kind letter

I am very truly yours
A.B. Atkins

941 9/9/1858

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0880

Harpswell

Source: Bowdoin

Harpswell Sept 9th 1858

Dear Brother

It is late and I have but little time to write but I feel that the best requital I can make for your kindness is to tell you "good news". I received your kind letter & feel under deep obligation for the favor enclosed. O may I in future be enabled to use the means that God gives me more for His Glory than in the past.

Our meetings Sabbath day were very full & solemn - there being over 150 at the third (prayer) meeting, & you know how scattered the people are here.

Tuesday Evening (we have our meetings all in the church now) there were 125 & over 20 came forward for prayers.

But hitherto few have taken part & the burden of the meetings has been heavily upon me. Tonight - thank the Lord - He opened their mouths & nearly 30 took part in the meeting, many of them new converts & Seekers. We gave no invitation to come forward for Prayers tonight but spent a few solemn minutes in Silent Prayer & closed with the Benediction. It was a blessed meeting. The house was nearly full & 200 would be a low estimate of those present. I lectured to a good audience in Orrs Island last evening & I am expecting to see the work extending from the "neck" to all the neighboring islands. There were 20 off in boats tonight. I think that a good indication. It is so hard rowing home & so late when the meetings are through.

I have felt sort of stupid about writing this much & am yet unprepared for Sunday, but with the blessing of God I hope to feel more like writing tomorrow.

My health is pretty good & God is blessing me every way. Pray that I may have humility & heavenly wisdom to guide me in this trying time. Sunday is a pretty hard day for me as I have now a class in S School, besides my three meetings, but I need most that strength that cometh from on high.

Poor little Guy - tell him Uncle Rowland would like to kiss the poor lame foot & cure it. My best love to Lizzie & Grace & May God bless all your efforts to do good.

I send you a tract which has been greatly blessed here. It leads people to do something. One young man read it through three times & all the way to meeting then rose for prayers. I wouldn't sit up too late.

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

If you should wish more copies of the tract you can probably obtain them by writing to Mr Fiske & enclosing stamps enough for postage on the bundle. R. John O. Fiske.

Charles, Nettie & Ella are well. Ella says "so give my love to Otis, the dearest brother in the world!"

942 9/10/1858 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0881a

Bowd Coll

Source: Bowdoin

Bowd Coll
Sept 10, 1858

My dear Mother

I was very happy to receive your letter day before yesterday and as I have dignity this afternoon I will answer it.

Nettie seemed equally pleased with myself to hear from you. She will write probably so as to mail it with this. Rowland got your letter before I was down there to the Picnic which was Wednesday & which I think I wrote Dellie about & probably Rowland has mentioned to you. He is laboring hard as every faithful minister must. He however sees fruits of his labor as he hopes. Five offered themselves to the church last week. Treas. McKeen was down to a meeting holden there last night and told Prof. Smyth who told me, that it was an exceedingly interesting one. A young man, son of Dr Lawson who rooms in the same house with Rowland has been and is at work on a house here in the village. He has been very profane & wicked but was at church last Sunday & came up to his work Mond. under deep conviction. I hope to hear today that he has found hope in Christ.

I was very glad you mentioned Otis as I had not heard from him since he left Leeds. You mention Elder Nutter's sermons and it brings to mind with what peculiar interest I listened to every one while I was at home. The people of Leeds without doubt have a jewel in him which they will not get in any one else. His sermons I think also are as likely to awaken sinners as to gratify & edify Professors and others!

Nettie has begun to go to school again & Burleigh is her instructor who graduated in the last class. He is rooming with me at present.

I have taken a scholar again mother. I thought it would tighten up my Latin & Greek which I do not study. Now I fit in better to be a teacher if I should desire it after I leave College. He pays me 50 cts per week & I devote an hour a day to him. Perhaps he will not continue all the term if I get tired of it. I agree that we should dissolve at pleasure. He recites at present at 9 o'clock A.M. I have Upham's Mental Philosophy at 11 Paley's Evidences of Christianity at 5 and in the morning after Prayer at 6 recite to Prof Cleaveland in Astronomy. He is the best teacher I ever recited to without exception. We cannot miss a recitation without losing something which we cannot make up. He conveys much instruction not found in the book. I like the Senior Studies as I knew I should.

The daily prayer meetings continue but as we (5 or 6 of us) had a lesson in Hebrew to day at 2 o'clock was not down.

Nettie & I hope to go to Harpswell to hear Rowland preach next Sabbath day.

Have not engaged a school yet. If I hear from Falmouth favorably today I think I shall go there tomorrow.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Your Affectionate Son
C.H. Howard

P.S. "Thos. U. Eaton" is the name - named for our venerable Professor Upham.

P.S. I was very much pleased to hear you express the wish you did as to seeing Nettie this vacation but I presume it will be impracticable this Summer.

[The following letter was glued to the one above.]

943 9/11/1858

From: O.A. Mack
Lieut. U.S.A.
Oswego N.Y.

To: Lieut O. O. Howard

Ord. Dpt. U.S. Army
West Point N.Y.

OOH-0882

Source: Bowdoin

Oswego N.Y.
Sept. 11th 1858.

Dear Howard:

I have this day rc'vd the note you so kindly sent to my brother-in-law on the 6th inst relative to the vacancy likely to occur in Pro. Church's Dpt. at the Mil. Academy. In reply I have to say that although my health is still far from good, yet I think I could discharge the duties that would be required of me by Pro. C. and that I should be pleased to enter upon duty at the Mil. Academy sh'd the proper authorities see fit to detail me.

I have been spending a portion of the summer among the hills of my native state - New Hampshire. I cannot boast of any very great improvement in my health, yet I think I am gaining slowly, & if I can be free from exposures & fatigues for a few months I think I shall be well again. I am very tired of doing nothing and should be glad to be employed on some duty compatible with the state of my health.

I am under obligations to you already for your interest in my behalf. I shall not hesitate however on that account to ask you to write me again in relation to this matter, and to let me know what kind of quarters I would probably be able to secure should I be ordered to your post.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs H. My wife would join me in my good wishes for you & yours were she knowing of this letter, but I am "down town" & shall mail this before going home.

I remain, very truly,
Your friend
O. A. Mack
Lieut. U.S.A.

To
Lieut O. O. Howard
Ord. Dpt. U.S. Army
West Point N.Y.

944 9/14/1858 *From:* C.H. Mulliken

To: Dear Friend Oliver [OO
Howard]

OOH-0883

Augusta

Source: Bowdoin

Augusta Sep't 14th 1858
Tuesday A.M.

Dear Friend Oliver

Your letter of the 4th inst written about a week after your arrival at home or rather I should say West Point came duly to hand and we were very glad to learn you got back with all your family safely. I sometimes feared that Guy would not be able to stand the trip to New York and many times it occurred to me of the anxiety, and care you must have for your dear little Boy while on the way and that he is spared for some purpose by a kind Heavenly Father "who doeth all things well" for greater trials here on earth or the accomplishment of some design of his own we can but think and feel. Gods goodness and power seems greater to me than ever before. The loss of our Darling little Boy has drawn Him closer to our hearts. "He can give and He can take away" "Blessed be the name of the Lord"

Sarah has asked God's pardon and forgiveness and found comfort and sweet consolation in communion with her Saviour. We both can truly say we love Christ and are endeavoring to live in "The New Life" as becometh those who love our Lord and never have we been so truly happy as now.

Mr Webb has been very kind and done much for our good. We respect him and love him.

For the past week I have been at the House feeling quite sick but hope I shall escape a long sickness and feel as well as I have the past year.

We are having very pleasant weather and although business is very dull still it is quite lively in town owing to the approaching State Fair which is coming off next week.

Todd leaves here soon and is to be sent south. His place is to be filled by a man from Virginia as military storekeeper. Nothing new about town. We are moving along just the same as when you was here in the summer but I will close leaving room for Sarah to add a word. In future will try and not be so negligent but will answer your letters with more promptness.

I remain Very Truly Your Friend
C.H. Mulliken

Many thanks for your kind remembrance of me. I have enjoyed your gift very much and it is something which will always be interesting. I am very glad to hear of Guy's recovery. With much love to Mrs Howard, I am

yr friend
S.E. Mulliken

945 9/16/1858 *From:* Uncle E Waite

To: Lieut OO Howard

OOH-0884

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

Portland Sept 16th / 58

Lieut OO Howard

Dear Sir

Please find Enclosed Certificate of Atlantic & St Lawrence Rail Road Stock for your good Wife (31) Shares.

I did not receive the Certificate from Mr Gillmore till a few days ago. How does Lizzie and the Children do. I hope this will find you all well. We shall be glad to hear from you often. Hope you will make us a longer visit next Season. We shall come to see you when we visit N. York.

With Much Love

From Your Affectionate
Uncle E Waite

946 9/18/1858 *From:* O.A. Mack

To: Lt. O.O. Howard

OOH-0885

Oswego N.Y.

Ord. Dpt. U.S. Army
West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

Oswego N.Y.
Sept. 18th 1858

Dear Howard:

Your letter of the 6th inst, directed to me at this place, I have this day received, through the carelessness of the Post Office clerks it was not put in the box of my brother-in-law, as I have requested my letters to be put, and as they usually are, and this one has been advertised, hence the delay. One week ago today I wrote you in reply to the note you sent to Mr Atkins and which he sent to me. In that reply I signified my desire to go on duty in Mr Church's Dept. and expressed the belief that my health would allow me to discharge the duties that would be required of me. I asked you also to write me again on the subject and inform me what kind of quarters I would be likely to get if I were ordered on duty at your Post. I did not mean by this that my mind was not made up. I am willing to try my hand in Math even if I should have to live at the Hotel.

I have not received a letter from you as I expected this week. I presume Mr Church has applied for some one else before this, but I wish you w'd write to me again and let me know what he has done. I have no doubt you have thought it very strange I did not answer your letter to me. You will of course now see why. I shall feel sorry if I lose the place by that piece of carelessness on the part of P.O. Official.

I feel greatly obliged to you for your kindnesses to me, and sincerely hope I may have an opportunity to testify by my notions my appreciation of your favors.

I remain sincerely your friend
O. A. Mack

To
Lt. O.O. Howard
Ord. Dpt. U.S. Army
West Point N.Y.

947 9/21/1858 *From:* O.O. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

OOH-0886

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y.
Sept'r 21st 1858

My dear Mother,

It has been three weeks since I wrote you and I wish to write you a long letter but as I have now about 20 minutes before recitation, I will write you a short note and tell you that we are now all pretty well. The children have been troubled with the "Summer complaint", cutting teeth &c, so that we have had to be up with them at night considerably, but Guy is getting quite strong & fleshy. Grace plays around the room & is very active. She has'nt been sick enough at any time to prevent this. Lizzie gets pretty tired at night, but is quite well. I am very well all the time.

I have Wednesday evening lectures. My Sunday School & prayer meeting twice a week with the Cadets, as last year, but as I do not take any private scholars now I have much more time to myself & do not sit up late at night. I go to walk with Lizzie every night nearly after four o'clock, and I do my own chores around the house, so that I get sufficient exercise.

I hope father continues well. I hear from Rowland but not from Chas or Dellie. How do all do. Give my love to Roland & Cynthia. I hope the latter has come up to a goodly share of peace in believing, & God Grant that Roland may turn his mind & heart to seeking the true riches. I remember him morning and evening in my secret prayer. So I did Mrs Mulliken till I heard that she had found the Saviour precious to her soul. Chas M wrote me this.

Good bye. It is time to go to recitation. Love to all.

Yr aff son
O.O. Howard

948 9/26/1858 *From:* Lizzie [Howard]

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0887

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y.
Sept 26 1858

My dear Mother

Otis wrote you a very hasty short letter last week and I promised him I would add something before I sent it to the P.O. but I found it was not possible that morning, and as I put it into the envelope I resolved that I would write you before long.

I will begin now having just come down stairs after putting the children to bed. They both go to bed at seven o'clock and we hear nothing from Guy 'till half past six the next morning when he is well. He has gone to bed to night perfectly well. It is the first night I could say it for some time. He has been cutting his second set of double teeth.

We usually have some conversation each day about Grand-pa and Grand-mother Gilmore, and what we suppose you are doing. He remembers distinctly everything that transpired while we were with you. He says "when the snow comes and goes away, then he is going to Maine again."

Grace has grown a great deal since we came home, and says so many words, talks about her "dress", "sack", "boots", the 'kitty' 'bidly,' 'Papa' 'ma-ma' and brother 'dah'. It is very amusing to hear her call for me in the night, and when she makes me hear she repeats in a very happy tone "ma-ma". She is also getting more teeth, has two more to come through, before the Dr thinks it safe to feed her much. I expect it will nearly break her little willful heart when she finds she cannot be indulged in all her fancies.

Otis has gone to meeting under the hill this evening, where he has his Sunday School. We heard to-day, the remainder of the company to which Warren used to belong is to go to Oregon in one week accompanied or under the charge of Lieut Robert who has been stationed here with the company. He has been an active Christian and has helped Otis in his work. We shall miss him.

We have not heard from Aunt Ann or Perry since they left here, the week after our return, 'till to-day, and that indirectly that Aunt is not nearly as well, and that Perry would be at West Point this week Thursday. I want to hear more about her. I always feel how uncertain we are of hearing good news of health recovered. She enjoyed her stay here this summer very much, was cheerful and in good spirits I am told, and also quite hopeful. I have been to New York once since our return. Went down and back the same day, and did not have time to go to Brooklyn.

We have not moved yet, but shall very soon now, have been waiting for the new Quarters to be finished for those Officers highest in rank. We can have a very convenient house below the Cadets Mess Hall but is reported full of Bugs, or half of a double house facing the Plain, between the Superintendents and the Cadets barracks. I like that situation best, but shall look at both to-morrow. Quite a number of visitors at the Hotel yet. West Point was looking beautifully when we got here, and our friends gave us a hearty welcome back.

Lieut Day, whom Otis knew in Florida, took tea with us Friday last. Col Loomis I met a short time since. Gen Scott is still here, had a fall down some stairs but not seriously injured, hurt his back, is now recovering.

My sheet is full and now I will stop. I have been interrupted but once by the baby since I began to write. I have a very good nurse. I let her go out every Sunday evening as I can spare her better than any week day evening. Otis has come and joins with me in sending much love to you all at our good home. Remember us to all friends.

Your daughter
Lizzie

949 9/26/1858 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

To: Oliver Otis Howard

OOH-0889

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds, Sept. 26th 1858

Otis my Dear son,

Yours of the 21, inst I need not tell you was more than welcome. I was anxious to hear from all of you, and especially at this time, knowing as I did how near being an invalid Lizzie was and Guy, too. I suppose Grace is not weaned from the breast yet as you did not mention it. I am truly happy to hear your health is good. Dellie is at home, came yesterday, will return this evening. His health is good, says he attended a wedding a few evenings since, at Mr Stevens. Mr Charles Goff was Married to Miss Stevens of Auburn.

Charles wrote me last week, said nothing of poor health, but Rowland wrote Monday, said Charles was not seeming well. Charles and Nettie were down to Harpswell at meeting through the Sabbath. Charles has taken a school in Falmouth for the winter.

Rowland says he has been wonderfully sustained in spiritual, as well as physical strength. I hope his faith will increase day by day, until he accomplishes his work in his masters vinyard.

Ann has written Ensign a long letter, in answer to one he wrote her inviting her to come and live with him. Her only reason for not coming was her physician. I think he would be much gratified to have her with him while she lives. Ensign is prospering in his railroad beyond expectation.

Your father and I went to Hallowel last Tuesday and stoped untill Thursday P.M. The state Fair was in progress all the week. I went up to Augusta Wednesday P.M. And grattified my eyes with seeing beautiful things of every description of nature and art.

I called at your Aunt Ellen's. It was really a very pleasant call. She gave me a very inteligent idea of the situation of the family. Brother John's family seem to be doing well which is very gratifying to me.

I met Nancy Bartlett and her youngest brother at Henry Wingate's. I made no calls at Augusta. There was such a crowd there I thought it no time to make calls. Mr and Mrs Wingate were feeling badly that you did not visit them while in the State. Laura shed tears when she talked to me about it. Henry was not present but she said he attributed it to your belief in your religious views, differing from his. She said he thought much of you always and of your visits, and could think of nothing else that could keep you from coming. Laura said you and Henry had a talk on the subject of religion last year, and when you parted, you said to Henry, you hoped to be the same friendship between you, and he said certainly, but now said you were the one to neglect them. I did not attempt any appology, because I could not. Henry told me his views on the subject of religion. I think him in error but he is accountable to God not me. I have always considered him a just and honorable man, between man and man and think he has been a friend to my family. Perhaps I had not better mention'd these things to you as Laura only intended them for my ear, but I think she would have been much gratified to have you come to her house with the same freedom you have from boyhood. She spoke of her loneliness being separated from all her family and, I am sure I feel the same myself.

I am glad to hear by your letter that Mrs Mulliken is become a Christian. I hope she will be an engaged Christian and be more and more like her Saviour until she enters the relms of bliss.

Dellie has returned to Auburn. It seemed to revive my spirits much to have him come home. Mr Daniel Foss of Wayne died the past week. Cynthia was able to attend the fair at Augusta. Her family are all with her to day. Her father and mother and sisters arrived while she was gone to the fair. We are all of us, about the same as when you left. Your father's work goes on well, and his lameness is almost well.

From you ever affectionate Mother
Eliza Gilmore

Oliver Otis Howard

950 9/27/1858 *From:* Chas. H. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0888

Bowd. Coll.

Source: Bowdoin

Bowd. Coll.
Sept. 27, 1858

My dear Mother,

I have not heard from you for a long time but this does not make me any less desirous of a letter. This is one thing which we do not easily get so accustomed to as to disregard from the force of habit. I meant to have sent you a letter Saturday but as I did not get a chance to mail one so you could get it Sat. Night (as they must be mailed before 6 o'clock) I have put off writing til today & you will get this Tues. Night.

I received a letter from Dellie not long ago & he told me about father's being down to see him a day or two before. He seems to be doing well. I wrote to him something about a school in Falmouth. I don't know as there is much prospect of either he or I getting a school for this Winter. I would have kept for 1 dollar a day & boarded myself, I could have had a school of about the right length but I thought I would rather have the time this winter than to keep for that and you know I don't want to be out next Spring on account of Prof Cleaveland who is very particular about it. If we are out we have to recite a lesson in his Study every day till all is made up. Besides his lectures come then & I don't want to miss them. So I didn't want to keep a longer school.

Nettie & I went down & heard Rowland preach in the forenoon a week ago yesterday. Mr McKeen the Treasurer spoke in the afternoon. He volunteered to help Rowland. Rowland preached without a written discourse that forenoon though he usually has a written discourse in the forenoon. We stayed till after the prayer-meeting in the evening then had a pleasant ride home. Went with Mr Merryman's horse & waggon. The interest appears to be very great - more than a dozen rose for prayers. Rowland leads in singing quite frequently & makes the social meetings go off in an interesting manner. But the Spirit of God seems to be with him & he speaks with great freedom & effect.

It seems as though it was at work in the hearts of the people also. Those who have been backward in the performance of religious duty now are at their posts ready to work.

I went over to Rowland's room. It is pleasantly situated facing the east in the second story. He has two rooms occupying the whole front of the house. One had two beds. He wants me to come down & stay a day or two but I cant leave my recitations for that. Nettie & I <went> down again last Thursday Eve. <It> was a beautiful evening, being <clear> & lighted by the moon. The <house> was full it being a social prayer meeting. It seemed good to see so many & the <greater> part seemed to be men. A large no. rose for prayers - among others - men advanced in years. The meeting had begun before we got there & so we sat down in the pew next to the door. R. did not know I was there till near the close of the meeting when I arose & said a few words. He seems to be quite well all engaged in the work.

We stayed long enough for the horse to get some grain, then started for Brunswick. There are three old maid sisters, Misses Eaton, & the old lady & a Son Thos. U. Eaton. He was gone to Portland, Thurs. We had a four wheeled chaise that night. Mr <M.n.> had bought it a day or two before but he has sold it again now. It was a cold night but we had plenty of clothing & the chaise & so kept quite warm.

It has been so cold of late that I have had a fire. Bought a cord of wood which will be well dry for the Spring if I do not use it up this Fall.

They are trying to get a settled preacher at the Baptist Church now. If they succeed in getting Mr P.S. Adams I shall attend church there this year. Yesterday I went in the forenoon to the Methodist & heard an excellent discourse from Mr Morse who is a very devoted man. I heard Dr Adams in Afternoon. After church went down to the Bapt. Church to the Sabbath school. The Supt. was absent & so I took charge of the school.

I do not hear from Otis. If you have heard any thing please to write it. I will now carry this to the office.

Your Affectionate Son
Chas. H. Howard

951 9/27/1858 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

To: Master Guy Howard

OOH-0890

Leeds

West Point

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds Sept 28th 1858

My Dear Grandson

I am very glad to hear by your father's letter, that you are growing strong and healthy. It is now just one month since you arrived at West Point cottage, and your grandmother has thought much about you. Sometimes in the nights when lying awake, she would think about Guy, and think about all his features, his size and then about his lame foot, and hope it would get well so that he would help his mother and do little chores for her, and take care of sister Grace, and be happy, a happy little boy, and enjoy all his little playthings, his rocking horse, that must be a great treasure. When your father or mother reads grandmother's letter you must kiss Father, and Mother, and Sister Grace, expressly for Grandmother. When you walk out with your father and mother, and see the bright Autumnal flowers remember Grandmother has many of the same kind. Do you remember the white kittie. She don't play much now that she is alone, and lambie is growing fast. Sometimes when I look out of the window in the night she is busily engaged eating the grass. Can you understand yet, that it is from the wool of such nice lambs as grandmothers of which your winter cloths are made. If my little grandson lives in this great world until he is a man he will have many things to learn and will learn many things.

Now accept my best love,

Your Grandmother
Eliza Gilmore

Master Guy Howard

[Envelope]
Master Guy Howard
West Point

952 9/29/1858 *From:* S.G. Jones

To: My dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-0891

Auburn

Source: Bowdoin

Auburn Sep 29 1858

My dear Lizzie

I received your letter the twelfth of Sept - and I have tried to write you every day since. To- night at 9 o'clock I commenced writing. I have been to work in to the shop the past week (cooking for the fair). I start work next week. This week my business is making five hundred pies. I have got them half done to night.

William & wife left Auburn last Wednesday morning for home in the west. They stopt with me three weeks. I like her much. She was sick two weeks. The first week the Dr visited her three times a day, and I did not get sick! Is there any person that has so many blessings as I have, blessed with health to take care of my children & kind friends. Why should I be so forgetful of him who orders all things well, who has done so much for me.

Thursday eve. This morning I went over to the shop, made 75 pies to-day. After returning home I must finish my sheet. Eva & Minnie have gone to bed. Orestes is over to the shop a helping Oscar. Nora <Nin> is at home now. She seems weller than I have seen her for a long time. We are all well, but a little tired, that is nothing when I do not have the blues.

Eva had a letter from her father last week - no change in him. He was in St Louis. Urlanch was here the 27 of August stopt over Sunday with me. He is the same kind brother that he ever has been. He is about buying the <Albin Leavitt> farm in Turner. Col Morse his youngest son, Sarah & her baby was here, the week after you left here. I sent the minature to grandmother Waite. I am glad Grace was a laughing. It looks so cunning. Minnie says I must kiss her, and she has got Johnny Morrill for Guy's picture.

Oct 24

Lizzie what will you say? My not answer your letter before. I will tell you, after the fair I had to see to my harvesting. It is most done. School commenced the next week after the fair. I let Orestes go to school, and it made it hard for me. The children all go to school. We are having a fine school. Minnie went in to the primary school Dr Oaks is agent Dr Merrill supervisor. They put her in to the select school. When she came home she said the teacher told her she was a good schollar. She would soon go in to the fourth reader. She studies arithmetic. She is a smart girl, but what would she do without a mother. I have thought a great deal about my children this fall, as I feel the change in my general health. I don't know but that I feel as strong as I did last year, at this time. Do not think I am sick for I am not. I know life is uncertain, and I feel responsible for Everetts debts. I want you & beloved <husband> can you tell me how to manage my affairs, for I must give you credit for my getting along so well for the past year.

I told Novellia you had mostly clothed my family for the past year. She says Lizzie and I <> much of every thing we do not prize it so <right> as you do, and I know she does not. For last winter she was the one that had your <> moved <> to the shop when I object she said what do you think I will want of that old fashion things. Since last spring I have it in my care, and Eva had been benefitted by it. She gives you credit for her being advanced as far as she is. She has taken 7 lessons on her <front> quarter, long time you send for it I will sew it. I feel bad to think you had not been paid for the use of it. I feel grieved to think I cannot pay you. I want you to realize how much you have helped me, how I still ask a greater favour. If my children were left without a mother can you see to them. You and brother Orem are all of my own folks, that are able. What I mean by able, in using the best judgment. My brother are all kin to me. Orem was here at the time of the fair. He stopt one night with me. Not but twice in my life did I see him shed tears. That was concerning my own affairs. I think if ever any one has met with a change of heart is is O. I did not mention any thing of the kind to him that I have to you nor any one else.

Lucy is about the same. Louisa Smith is dead. She was buried in Abington. Melissa lives there, in that <place>. Sarah Timberlake is dead. Went to bed well as usual. Next morning found dead. I heard Silas was <active>.

<Alden> has got his patent written. I feel pleased for hm. I received a letter from Everett last week. It is the

only one I have had from him since you left Maine. He is in Missouri town of Hannibal. Quite a number of our Lewiston people there that I know. Mrs Foss for one. Martha sends love, All want to see you. Love to Otis. Write me soon.

S.G. Jones

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