

2 November, 1858 ?

I know you heartily must have
joined in the closing prayer - It was
an earnest supplication for the
Army & particularly in answer to
the request of your letter for an
outpouring of the Spirit upon your
Institution. I have just received
a letter from dear Ella telling me
of the death of her loved Aunt - She
died this morning at two O'clock -

She suffered dreadfully till a day
since - since then she has been enjoy-
ing "sweet-sleeps" & making every man
and then almost surprised that
she was not in Heaven. She would
say - "The Lord calls me" - she seemed
to hear it - distinctly. I wish you could
see Ella's letter - but I have no time
to write it - She was singularly modest.
She requested that she should not be
mentioned at her funeral & that
they should not change their dresses.
Ella says - She said yesterday "The Lord called
me last night & I thought I was going
right off - O I am going - bless the Lord!"
She continues - "Ever since she said that I
have felt an awe upon me - as if Angels
were around & as if Jesus himself had
come among us - Yes - He is here! & holy
Angels are waiting to hear the blest

spirit leave - How can anyone look with
indifference on a death bed like this?
O my dear Father! I will be the means
of bringing him to Christ! O it seems
as if it would kill him almost - He'll
lay there & watch her & the great tears
will roll over his cheeks - dear Papa!
That was written yesterday - & as I said, the
interest into her Rev. this morning -

O our prayer is for him - Can't you
help us a little Otis? I know you
& especially, dear Lizzie, who has just
luttered the cup, melt in sympathy with
dear Ella - A few words from either or
both would be very sweet to her - Bless
be Jesus - she don't need consolation much
but she does love sympathy - the communion
of the saints -

Yesterday was a sweet Sabbath to
me - We had a sweet service at the
Cath. of our Lord - & I in my Sunday
School - My prayers are with you
dear Mother & Sister & so, Thank God
is this precious Larimer - A kiss for
the little ones each & much love
from
Your Brother
Randall

Judges XIII. 21. 22 (an angel) — to false deities — Ex XXXII. 3-8, 31 — Judg VIII. 33 — XVI. 23. 24 —

1 Sam. V. 7 — 1 Ki. XI. 33 — 2 Ki. I. 2. 3 — 2 Ki. XIX. 37 — In the following passages the words translated, owners, lords, masters is in the original (אלהים) gods.

Gen XXIV. 9. 10. 51 — XXXIX. 2-20 — XI. 1. 7 — XI. 30. 33 — XI. 4. 8. 9 — 1 Ki. XVI. 24 —

Is. XIX. 4 — 1 Ki. XXII. 17 — Trinitarian commentators (even) allow that both Jesus Christ Ps xlv. 6, and the Father Ps xlv. 7 are singly addressed by the plural (in Hebrew) for gods. Now if Moses, Abraham, Solomon &c. can be addressed in the plural, and yet were but one person each why may not the same form of language be employed in speaking of God. Hebrew grammarians have usually acknowledged this. vide. Prof. Stewart's: Gram. of the Hebrew. p. 180 § 437 (2) —

The Jews never regard these plural names as indicating, but one person in the Godhead, and the Trinity is an invincible impediment to their conversion. But not only Unitarians think these plural names indicate oneness, vide, the following eminent Trinitarians — Jostat — Cajetan — Calvin — Castalis — Mercer — Lambart — Daneau — Pereira — Bellarmine — Drusius — David Pareus — Sixtinus Arama — the Buxtorfs — F. Spanheim — Rivet — Petavius — Bythner — Leusden — Goodwin — Limborch — Le Clerc — Masclef — Guarin — Simon & Eichhorn — Calmet — J. D. Michaelis — Bishop Patrick — Campbell — Geddes — Schroeder — Storr — E. F. C. Rosenmüller — Gibbs — Profs. Wilson, Bush, Lee, and many others —

Surely then these texts, and the like don't prove a plurality of persons in the Godhead —

5) Gen. 1. 26 — "And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea."

6) Gen. XI. 6. 7 — "And Jehovah said — Go to, let us go down &c."

7) Is. VI. 8 — Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Trinitarian Argument. "I must maintain that a book which so strenuously resists every approach to idolatry, or to a plurality —

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Dear Howard;

"Grace be unto you, ^{& peace,} from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ". Did you ever notice that St. Paul commences everyone of his epistles, except the one to the Hebrews, in these very words, or words of the same import? And I think these are the first thoughts which should enter the Christian's heart in reference to a brother Christian, but they are too much neglected in these modern times. In commencing our discussions, we will ever remember that all our wisdom must come from God, as "He is the source and giver of every good and perfect gift"; hence we will frequently ask his guidance and direction. Let us recollect too, that we are seeking for truth, for the truth's sake, and not for the arguments' sake, therefore all must be done in brotherly love and kindness. What I may offer as arguments, I do not pretend to anything like originality, for there is nothing new to offer, but 'tis quite possible you may not have had them presented to you before; so you need not consider these arguments as mine, farther than that I endorse them. In making quotations, I shall make the references so clearly that you can refer at once to the very place if you desire. —

"The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture,.... it must be searched and known by other places that

Speak more clearly." - Westminster Confession of Faith.

I think the above is the true rule. Perhaps it would be well, first, to state as clearly as possible, the difference in our belief, so that we may agree as to what we are arguing.

1st Of God

Trinitarian Doctrine

There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power & glory. - Westminster Shorter Catechism.

2^d Of Christ

Trinitarian Doctrine

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man; and so was & continueth to be God & man in two distinct natures and one person forever. As above

3^d Of the Holy Spirit.

Trinitarian Doctrine

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty & glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God:

39 Art^o of Religion Art. 5.

Unitarian Doctrine

Jehovah, our God, is one Jehovah. Moses & Christ. Deut. 6. 4. Mark 12. 29
To us there is but one God the Father
St. Paul 1 Cor VIII. 6 -

Unitarian Doctrine

We believe in the unity of Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is one mind, one soul, one being; as truly one as we are, and equally distinct from the one God.
Dr. Chamming's Works, vol. 1 p. 538 -

Unitarian Doctrine

In the New Testament, the prevailing sense of the phrase Spirit, is communication of light and power from one to another. Like the Spirit of God, it is sometimes, simply God himself;

Newcombe Cappe: Crit. remarks, vol. 1 pp 58, 59 -

Sec¹) Examination of the alleged Scripture evidence for the

doctrine of a plurality of persons in the Godhead

1. Gen 1. 1 - "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
2. Deut VI. 4. "Hear, O Israel, 'Jehovah our God (s)' is one Jehovah"
3. Josh. XXIV. 19. "And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve Jehovah; for he is a holy God (s)"

4. See Gen. XX. 13 - XXXV. 7 - Deut IV. 7 - v. 26 - 1 Sam XVII. 26 - 2 Sam VII. 23 - Job XXXV. 10 - Ps LVIII. 11 - cxlix. 2 - Prov IX. 10 - XXX. 3 - Ecc XII. 1 - Isa. LIV. 5 - Jer. X. 10 - Dan. VII. 18. 22. 25. 27. Hos XI. 12 - Mal. 1. 6 - } In these passages the word for God in the Hebrew is in the plural form.

Trinitarian Argument. - "What can we say upon the construction with plural attributives? It is this which forms the great peculiarity of our question: it is this, upon which the chief stress of the argument is laid for an allusion or implication in favor of the doctrine of a divine plurality." Dr. J. P. Smith:

Script. Testimony to the Messiah vol. 1 p 479

You think that these names being plural, indicate a plurality, and therefore trinity of persons in the Godhead; but in Hebrew many words of plural form have sing. import; nor is this idiom peculiar to the Hebrew; vide Greek, Latin, French, Eng. & probably most other languages. This form generally used to indicate greatness in the subjects or qualities mentioned. as Gen 1. 1 (heavens) ^{heav} heaven, Gen 1. 2 (Faces) - face - Gen XIX. 11 (Blindnesses) - total blindness - Num. XIII. 32 (Statues) - great. stature - Ps. lxxx. (Salvations) salvation - Ps xc. 10 (Strengths) great strength, and so also in the following passages, among others - Ps xc. 1. 6 - Ps CXXXII. 5 - Pr. 1. 3 - Prov. 1. 20 - IX. 1 - Prov. X. 32 - Can. 1. 2 - v. 1 - Is. XV. 6 - Is. XXVI. 2 - Is. XL. 14 - lxxx. 9 - lxxx. 11 - Jer XXII. 21 - Lam. III. 15 - Ez. III. 20 - xvi. 56 - XXV. 17 - XXVII. 36 - Hos II. 5 - XII. 14 - Am. I. 11 - Neh III. 3 - Hab. 1. 6 - Ex XXI. 4. 6 - XXI. 34 - XXI. 29, 36 - XXII. 11. 14. 15 - Is. 1. 3 - Ex XXVIII. 39 - Ex XI. 10 (Holiness of holinesses) most holy - 1 Ki VIII. 27 - Job XXI. 30 - Ps XXVIII. 8 - Ps XCIV. 1 - 1st Individuals of eminence are often spoken of in the plural, being called gods, lords or masters & vide Ex VII. 1 (Moses) 1 Sam. XXVIII. 13. 14 (Samuel) Ps XLV. 6 (Solomon or

of Gods, would never have contained such forms of expression, had there not been some sense, in which there is a plurality of persons in the one Jehovah."

Carile: Jesus Christ, the Great God our Savior. p. 377-

You think that the above passages, indicate the three persons of the Trinity, holding communion with one another about the formation of man &c. We generally (I mean Unitarians) think the Deity is simply deliberating on the formation of man &c. and makes use of the solemn style of earthly sovereigns. In all nations, men of high authority, use the plural pronouns in reference to themselves, and the same is found, not uncommonly, in scripture by Kings vide 2 Sam. xvi. 20 - 1 Ki. xii. 6-9 - Ez. iv. 11-18 - 2 Sam. xxiv. 14 - by Jesus Christ. In. iii. 11, 12 - Mark iv. 30 compare Lu. xiii. 18 -

by St. Paul vide 1 Thes. ii. 18 - 1 Cor. ii. 12, 13 - iv. 8-12 - 2 Cor. x. 1-15 -

by other individuals - Gen. xxix. 27 - xxxix. 14, 17 - Job xviii. 2, 3 - Ps. xx. 6, 7, x. 1, 5 - xli. 4-8 - 1x. 9, 10 - Can. i. 4, 11 - viii. 8 - Dan. ii. 36 - John iii. 2 -

In this great drama of the creation, Moses makes use of the highest style of language which is consistent with our imperfect understandings - But see the following Trinitarian writers, Tertullian - Mercer - Grotius - Schulz - Geddes - Storr - E. F. C. Rosenmüller &c.

8) Gen. iii. 22 - "And Jehovah, God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now" &c.

Trinitarian Argument. "Certainly a very remarkable phraseology, and not to be accounted for but on the presumption, that there is a plurality of persons subsisting in the Godhead."

Dr Hawker: Sermons on the Divinity of Christ pp. 268, 209.

You generally regard this as a strong proof of the existence of a Triune God; but we think one of us refers to those

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superior intelligences called in the Bible gods or angels, as
Gen. iii. 5 - 2 Sam. XIV. 17-20 - Ps. VIII. 5 - Job. XXXVIII. 7 -

Besides the Hebrew participle translated one of us, may not mean
one of us at all, since it is rendered of it four other places
in the same chapter in the 3^d 5th 11th + 17th verses, and by
adopting the same meaning here, it may read, "Behold,
the man has (by its ^{from it} means) attained to know good and evil."
See the following Trinitarian writers - Tertat - Calvin - Men-
Riot and others who do not regard this as a solid proof
of a plurality of persons in the Godhead.

I have offered these as the best arguments I can ad-
vance at present, on these points, and I really think
they are pretty conclusive. - What is there about that
school in Tenn? When you were here I neglected
to ask you anything about it? Do you know where
it is situated? What school it is? Of what character,
military or not? On what its support is based? Do
you know anything of the security for its maintenance?
Anything of the Trustees or faculty? What denomination
it bears, College, High-School, or what? Whether or not
tis under any particular religious denomination?
In what branch would they desire my services,
if at all? And what is meant by a house furnished?
What security would I have for the salary promised?
Is it entirely independent of the State? or in some way
connected with it? Be so kind as to tell me anything
you may know on these points; and from whom
I could obtain more information, if I desired?
Mrs. S. has a little stiff neck which troubles her
some, in other respects we are quite well; Maj.

Mordecai, his wife and Miss Laura left here this
morning for Philadelphia, where Miss Laura
will remain through the Winter. The Maj. is
on duty, and on his return will stop at West Point
to try some gun, probably on Thursday 4th inst.
Give our love to Mrs. Howard, the little ones
and remember us to any enquiring friends

I remain Dear Howard
Your Brother in Christ
Charles C. Lee

me & I like his state better
than ever - I thank you from
my heart for making for
Capt. Patton this commission
has long been near my heart.

O Oles I wish you had my
pulsar views of God's sovereign
grace - You can't think ~~of~~
the sweet comfort I derive
from the thought that all
is fore-ordained - God knows
so much better than poor I.
I love to hear it all with
him - My dress is perfectly
plain & that is all I need
look to - I have two sermons
to prepare before Sabbath day.
All my hope that I can
do it is in God - Blessed be
his great & holy name - Good
night now, it is getting late
May God bless you & yours
I am glad very glad to hear
from you & will write when I can.

I feel greatly obliged for your suggestion about Ellen
concerning the young
ladies - I am
pleased to hear
at West Point
Mother

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I was right glad
to hear at last from you &
such good news from yourself
Lizzie & the dear children - Give
my love to her & kiss her & face -
I was interested in all of
your short letter - O Oles -
Study the character of Jesus
& you will love him more
& more every day - I started
for Bergen three weeks
ago but came back because
I thought God sent me
back - I will probably
remain here three Sabbaths
more - I have united with
this church & I am expecting
about 10 more in the weeks.
The Original No. of the church
was but 40 - Perhaps these

22 are not more than one
third of those who have ex-
pressed a hope - Some will unite
with other Churches Baptist
& Methodist - & some also
will sink away again into
their Old State of indifference.

The work of Grace has been
silent. solemn & gradual
& till tonight meeting
there have been no indication
of its abatement - I have
passed the happiest weeks of
my life - have conducted
meetings almost every
evening & preached the
greater part of the time on
the Sabbath - God has helped
me - Charles, Ella, & Mottie
have all been here - I
think I feel more fully
devoted to my Masters

Service than ever & tho' I am
beset with unbelief & sin
I can but rejoice from
day to day in the goodness &
mercy of God - My health has
at times almost given out.
But God has supported
me & I feel willing to
now to die young - If it
were not for Ella - I should
feel more so - I do not say this
despondingly but cheerfully -
Rev H. G. Storer of Scarsboro
has preached for me the Sabbath
& if there is one holy man
on earth - One like New Jews
it is he - I love my Saviour
better - have better conceptions
of his Character now that
I have known Mr Storer -
Like most Saints - he has
been subdued & purified by
suffering - Nellie has visited

to affect all hearts but we have
seen no beneficial results therefrom.
You have seen the error of these ways and
turned to the Lord in true penitence & faith.

We prayed that it might be so - we still pray.
I have lately heard from Mother & Dillie.
The one writes good news from home - that
all are well - that her mind is at peace
with God & in the enjoyment of Religion.
Dillie seems to be having a pleasant term
at Lemston Hall, but I fear not so profitable
as it might be. He says however that he gets
on well in his studies but I think he is
copying off his brother Charles' matter and
superficiality. He is somewhat occupied with
going to walks & parties with young ladies &
attending to debates &c of the society &
is now getting ready for an exhibition.

I wish he could receive some impulse
which would set him into a course of

Bowd. Coll. Nov. 5. 1858

My dear brother,

I received your brief but
welcome letter in good season but confess
a delinquency in answering it. I was
glad to hear you were still engaged in
your Divine Master's work. I didn't know
as you would assume the lectures they make
it so hard for you. I hope you are daily
Comforted & assisted by divine grace. Rowland
wants to hear from you but has no time to write
himself. I see him quite frequently. Have
been down three different Sabbaths. His term
began the 23^d of October and at the time
of Prof. Kebleland's death he came up expecting
to go from here home then to Bangor but
he couldn't make up his mind to leave them.
There seemed to be an increasing interest at that
time so he returned with his baggage, Prof. Pabst

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having assured him that he should be
supplied on the Sabbath with a preacher
if he wanted labor the other days of the
week. Mr. Storrs came that week Friday
and stayed two Sabbaths. He brought
him up last Monday. He thinks Mr.
Glavin has more of the Spirit of the Lord
Jesus than any one else he has ever
met with. Several have united with
the Church and many more have re-
ceived a hope in Christ. It was perfect
or an inquiring meeting. On Monday
aft. he returned again to Keosauqua &
told me that he was unable to say how
long he should stay. The great dif-
ficulty is his ^{ill} health. There was about
a week that he could not write at all
on account of dizziness in his head.

I fear he will not live a long
useful life if he is not extremely careful

now. The death of Prof. Cleeland
was a great blow to us. We have
had no recitation in the morning since.
It seems as if a vacancy has been
made which cannot now be filled.

He was liked very much by my
Class. I think I never recited to a
teacher so well calculated to gain
the good will of his pupils. We con-
stantly felt his competency to instruct
us in every respect. The President's address
was excellent. The Chapel still remains
hung with drapery. Neither the drapery
nor the mottoes in black & white nor at
the head the other at the entrance of the
Chapel will be removed this term.

Prof. Chadbourne ^{of Williams College} will lecture to us next
Spring and will probably be chosen to
the vacant Professorship. The
sad event of Prof. Cleeland's death seemed

which is holden now at quarter
past one o'clock instead of the
morning hour is very scantily
attended. I scarcely ever miss
a day but the students do
not generally attend. There are
not more than half a dozen that
ever go. We have had an addi-
tion of a pious member to our
Class. Anderson. He was, here
when I first entered a very
poor-drinking & bad fellow but
he was converted last Winter and
is a new creation in Christ.

Another addition is Hall of this
town - no great acquisition mentally
or morally. He was in the Class
that graduated ^{last} Commencement.

I went over to Prof. Cleveland's
room the other day to be examined
on a paper I left by going to
Falmouth to get a school. After
he had attended to his duties he
asked me about you - whether
you returned to West Point.

Ellen Sands has made some
inquiries of Nettie. She is an
assistant teacher in the High
school. Gurleigh the principal
is Nettie's teacher. He graduated
last August - rooms with me
this term & boards at our club
where he always did board while
in college.

I room in Charles Wentworth's
room where Rowland & I roomed

my freshman year.

It is a very pleasant place
& I think I shall be sorry to
leave it & go out into the
world where I can have no
room. It is home to me here.

I like Paley very much & so I
do all the studies & circumstances
of Senior year - the days of leisure
included.

I hope I am living near to
Christ than I have done in
time past though I desire to
feel more of his presence. Please
begin my love to Siggis and to
Guy & Grace and to write me all
about them & yourself. Do you lecture
any as yet? I must now go to meeting.

Your Affectionate Brother
Chas. W. Howard

unintermitting application to study. If he
only had the power of clearing to his
books that room in my class, here
he would be a very superior scholar.

I am going home in about two
weeks & am to spend my vacation
there. Dellin is to write to me. Perhaps
if you could get him to write to him
your experience with regard to success in
your studies - that is making plain upon
what it depended it would incite him
to greater diligence & perseverance. He is too
apt to give up when he gets to a hard place.

If you should mention this subject
in a letter to him it would be better
not to let him know that I know
anything about it or suggested anything
of the kind.

Our Thanksgiving comes the 25th of
this month. My term will close the Sat. before.

We have had remarkably warm and pleasant

weather this Fall. It has been rather rainy for
a few days but as yet no signs of winter.

I have a forenoon to write this afternoon
for Prof. Upham. Have been to dinner
since I began this letter. Mrs. Wood
gave me the direction of her son -

James L. Hoole. Bndla - Bndla Co. Miss.

I hope to get a letter from you before
many days. My love to Lizzie and tell
little Lucy & Grace that Uncle Charles sends a kiss
for them & wants "father" to give it to them for
him & wants them not to forget him.

Yours Affectionate Brother

Chas. H. Howard



Perry Lee



New York Nov 8

Dear Otis

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I should have been up to see you before this if it had been pleasant weather, and I may yet go up and spend one night with you before I sail which will be Saturday.

This rainy weather has put me back a week as I could not load every thing goes on Lotus factorily my trunks & outfit &c will not be so large as I at first anticipated.

Mother's health remains about the same she is very comfortable and her doctor says she is improving. Uncle Ensign went home last week he was so busy he could not go up to see you. He came

on Ball road business
and was in a hurry to get
home again

Give my love to Lizzie
& all the rest of my friends
& believe me your affectionate

Cousin

J. M. Lee

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Newport Kentucky

8th Nov. 1858 -

Dear Howard.

Your kind letter of the 9th ult. deserves an answer more prompt than this but I was very busy & somewhat ill - and we were preparing to go South in search of health. In regard to the business part - the contents of your note in this respect were communicated to Mrs Parker who has made arrangements to send you the money in a day or two - Should she fail to do so I will forward you a portion of it myself & see that the whole amount is paid very soon.

Mrs Thompson & family are well & send much love to you all - Fannie don't say so in words but I'm sure she would had she the necessary age & power of speech. I have no desire to return to West Point - & if I made any remark calculated to convey such an impression it was made when there & while we had an unfavorable idea of Boston Harbor. I remember no other.

We are very happy you have no better quarters & we sometimes consider that you

supper good quarters at some of these Abseconals
to remain unoccupied. We often spoke of your
visit and hoped to see you on your return -
especially did we expect to hear from you and we
were speaking of you a few moments before your
letter came. We had some fears that you did not
find the pleasure in our society you had anticipated
we - or rather I - have the consolation of feeling
that if I have not attained the same happy state
of mind & exultance you both have, nevertheless
each year finds me nearer it - & my desire
to eradicate the evil, stronger & more determined.
My prayer is that we may yet meet when we
shall find that sweet pleasure in each others society
which pertains only to the good & pure in spirit.

Please present our kind regards to all our
friends - & accept our kind & heartfelt wishes for
your welfare & happiness - adieu.

Yours very truly,
James Thompson.

Lt. O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

Wash D.C.

W.T.

seems very much taged, as Roland
opposes her, I told her I was writing
to you this evening, she said give
my love to them, and how much
I wish I could see Otis and converse
with him Roland is quite distant
about the meetings, and I hope that
restless spirit will produce a good
one, we have had a town fair the
first day the people went out with
their horses, cattle, sheep, hogs &c.
the next day their vegetables fruit
butter cheese and their domestic work
that day the committees on the
stock, horses, &c. and domestic
work made their reports in the
meeting house the house was
crowded full, I saw people there
I had not seen before for many
years, I ^{hope} Guy is in health and will
receive a kiss from Mother for
grandmother and grace kiss her
her for me, have you weaned her
and how did she bear it, you and Otis
accept my love affectionately your mother
Mrs Lizzie Howard
Eliza Gilman

Leeds Nov 480, 1856.

Lissie My Dear Daughter,

I see by re-
perusing, your Letter it is many weeks since
a letter has passed between us either way, &
often ^{find myself} thinking of you & of his and his family, and
the children's pleasant ways, and more partic-
ularly at this time, it being the time of year
of his birth, this day makes him twenty
eight years old, his whole life lays before
this day in fancy, although a small part
of it has been passed with me, he has shared
largely in my fancy, or my anxious care, but
I have been blessed, with my heart's being drawn
to the Throne of grace, where I could ask
God's protecting care, for him, you will
wonder dear Lissie if you live to my
age that I have ^{been} sustained as well as I have,
I have a very sensitive mind, & have passed
many a trist place, but I verily ^{believe} God has been
my helper and protector, and I have a confidence
he will carry ^{me} through, and take me to himself.

Otis has no doubt, thought how could Mother see us, go on, in sin, and not try to show us our danger, but I have sometimes had such perfect views, of God's protecting ~~power~~^{care} of my children, that I trusted the warning voice would reach them, I was dreaming of Otis in my sleep, last night, it did not seem a satisfactory dream, I seemed to be in his house, it seemed to be in much confusion, hired maids, fretting about & thought he did not seem of much account there, which made me awake unhappy, not being near enough to you to know your little trials, I am happier to imagine you going on smoothly than otherwise, I saw brother Ensign two days since, and heard a little from you, he would have come up to West Point had he not heard of your being gone to Troy I think Troy would seem very near to you, many dear remembrances, is Mr and Mrs Lee still there? Ensign

told much about Ann, how she is encumbered with that heavy hand cancer but says she is still cheerful, & fears she will feel the loss of Perry's company severely, I suppose he has sailed ere this, Ensign was about there ten days he went to Peekskill, I saw Laura Saturday she had lately received a letter from Bell, said she was well Laura's aunt Amelia lives with her, we are having a series of meetings on the ridge, it is three weeks since they began, there is quite an interest about twenty have ask prayers, and a number have obtained a hope Mrs Mathewson is one William Wing and wife John Keene and wife, Mrs Sanford Gilbert's son in law married I think since you left, Salmon Wing has shown much feeling on the subject, but whether he feels the saviour precious to his soul I can't say, Thomas our hired man, a nd Abbie Rose our girl are quite interested, in the meetings, Cynthia

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mother has not changed
her Doctor but will keep
him I think it is the
only chance for her. He
says she is getting on well
and that her symptoms are
very favorable. I have
great hopes for him myself
and mother's confidence in
him is good. I will send
you my address at St. Paul
before I sail and hope to hear
from you when I will
write you myself on my
arrival. Mr. Breen wishes
to be remembered to you

Very

New York 11th Nov/54

Dear Otis

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I sail Saturday about
noon and shall not be able
to visit you before I sail.
Your note was received yesterday
told Kingsley to come down
if he wants to go with me he
had better come down tomorrow eve
as I should have to get the Spanish
Consul to endorse all Passengers
Mother's health remain about
the same she is comfortable
but will feel very lonesome
when I am gone.

Give my kind regards to
all friends at the Point and
kind love to Lizzy & the Children
a kiss for each till Lizzy I
will not forget her Fruit
with love I remain your
Affectionate Son. Perry

My dear

Another one with the
same Doctor but will keep
him I think it is the
only chance for her the
age she is getting on well
and that her improvement are
very favorable I have
great hopes for her improvement
and another improvement in
her I am sure I will cure
her my father at 75
before I had any help & he
from her that I will
want for myself or any
covering the same with
to be common and so

Yours

Dear Sir
New York 11th Nov 54

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I have been thinking of
you and shall not be able
to resist you before I leave
your letter was received yesterday
all happily & some things
if he wants to go with me he
has better come when tomorrow he
as I shall have to get the afternoon
train & on the 11th I shall
be in the city I am confident
but will feel very anxious
about the matter of my father
from my kind regards &
all friends at the house and
will be sure to give the children
a kiss for me all day
will not forget to write
with love & affection for
the children and the house

and exerted all my energies to
bring about such a result. I am
going to remain at home this winter
and ~~study~~ study Latin and Greek &
write to Charles who also is intending
to remain at home. I anticipate
a very good time all alone with
him in the old North Room. Mother
has fixed it up for our use and
everything is all nice. Before I
came from Lewiston I had an
invitation from the President of
the Lewiston Falls Temperance asso-
ciation to deliver an address on
Monday evening next, but concluded
not to do so as I hardly was prepared
to show my ignorance before so
large an assembly of people especi-
ally as I shall probably go back to
school there in the spring. Mr.
Ballou our worthy and I will say
truly beloved teacher has left and
the school is now in charge of
Mr. Putnam who has been an

Leeds Nov. 20. 1838

My Dear Brother

I received your good
kind letter in due time and should
have answered it immediately but I have
had just as much to attend to as I
could and I have had time to write
letters to no one except very short ones
and those of the most urgent character.
School is closed, Exhibition, with all the
anxiety & excitement usually attending
one has passed and here I am in
a quiet room in our own neat
cottage in Leeds writing a letter to
my brother. Charles comes home next
Tuesday and on Thursday is thanks-
giving day. I wish you and Rowland
could be here but I suppose it is
an impossible thing. I remember the
last Thanksgiving day that we all were

was at the close of that term of mine
at Nantuxouth when you came after
me and found me with Mr. Stacops
in "Academy Hall". You were then under
orders to go to Kennebec Arsenal.

What a change has taken place in us all
since that time, not only in regard to
a worldly position but also spiritual.

God has truly blessed the children of a
praying mother. Now our mothers there
are that can look upon children like
heirs and say they are all followers of
Christ. This is on account of our mer-
its of our own but simply a blessing
of God and how thankful we should
be. I come home here to Leeds and
find myself in the very midst of an
enlivening and soul stirring revival.

There are meetings every evening in
the week and we see continually many
souls coming to the saviour and obeying
his friendly call. Rowland left me

last Tuesday, the same day that
I came. I saw him about half a
minute while changing cars at
Leeds Junction. I wish I could
have seen him longer but it was
impossible to do so. Ella was here
with him but she went away in the
train previous to my leaving Lewiston
so I did not see her. We had a
very good exhibition on Monday
evening; it was a perfect success.
Every one was very much pleased
with it I was entirely satisfied. I will
send you a copy of the Democratic
Advocate as soon as I can get one.
You will see a very favorable account
there. He did not hardly say enough
about some things, but you can read
it. We had numerous invitations to
repeat it but I was very much opposed
to it and they finally gave up the idea.
I started the plan of having an exhibition

Mrs Linn

Ann

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No. 54 Harrison St Brooklyn
November 21st 1858

My Dear Otis

Miss Barand has called to see me twice and I was out taking my walk both times, the second time she called she left the No. in Ferry St - where she was staying but said she should be away yesterday so have not seen her yet - and to-day is a severe storm I fear the weather will not be such tomorrow morning as will permit me to go and see her. I want to send you some oranges ^{for yourself & sister} and some of your Books for your Sunday school, and also your umbrella - The Books are a present from Miss Julia Wright - The Oranges are some that Frank sent to me they are nice and fresh and I hope Miss Barand will not think it too much trouble to take them Miss Wright told her I wished to send

and she left word that she would
take a parcel - Perry did not sail
until Wednesday morning - I hope he
is out of the way of this storm and
have no doubt he is, if he has had
no mishap - Miss B., told Miss Dwight
Lizzie was in New York last week but
did not say what day - We were sorry
to hear Lieut. Roberts was sick
your well Ensign thought you was
away the Sunday he was here and I
thought he would have gone to West-
Point he spent the day at Peekskill
he was quite busily engaged all
the days buying Iron Ore - but he
was with me evenings - He stopped
with us so that I saw a good deal
of him - He feels very lonely &
wished very much to go home
with him - My health is quite good
now I am better than I was during
the months of September. How are the
children? How is Lizzie & all friends
at West Point please remember me

Kindly to all friends and acquaintances
- My last letters from Sarah
and Frank were dated the 30th of
October they were all as well as usual
and desire love to their friends -

With much love to yourself Lizzie
and the dear children I am very truly
your affectionate Aunt
Anna O'Sullivan

St. Tannat

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Fort Murre Tu

November 22nd/88.

Lt. Howard

Dear Sir

You must not feel that I write to you as a last resort when I inform you that of 5 letters written to persons including my friends at W.P. not one has been deemed worthy of notice, I sent write some books by mail and after a long time wrote to see (or rather learn) if they were rec'd. I have written to Mrs French and no answer.

I wish you to pardon my
unsuitableness and pleadingly
inform me wherein I have
merited the disregard of
those once my friends: if in
the greatest of errors I need
in justice a knowledge of
my fault.

I often think of you
and your theatre of action
in the school, & prayer mee-
ting, I wish duty for me could
run into that channel.

I am not only doing no-
thing for the souls of others,
but I am so often clouded
in by doubts & fears, I long
and pray for that clear
and warming faith the
crisp record of earnest

working in the cause of Christ.

Not only am I alone
here but I am deserted by
former christian friends: I
am alone, yet not alone ne-
ver has Christ seemed more
worthy of my love and prayer
so refreshing.

I wish you would
drop me a line and let
me know the truth.

Remember me to Mrs
Howard, you are not for-
gotten, & this night one
feeble earnest prayer shall
rise for you & yours, may God
receive & bless it.

Your brother in Christ
J R Tammatt

3^d July.

Suban Nov 23, 1858

Dear Lizzie

I received your letter
last night, glad to hear from you, and to
hear that you are all well, but sorry to hear
of Grace being so bad a time, do you feel
so bad for her, you did not think to mention
Guys name in your letter, I always want to
hear from him, and Minnie ^{has} thought
you slight him if you do not mention
something about him, he is so smart a boy
not to speak of, we all know it, they are two
active children, as I ever saw, but I do
not think too much of them. This is the
third letter I have commenced, ^{in notes} to you the first
one I got it ready to send to the office it laid
on the shelf one week, last Sunday night
after my children had gone to meeting, I commenced another sheet
Samuel came to Suban last August been here

your letter afforded me much comfort
although there was sorrow connected with
it. Those years that are past when you & your mother
used to visit Suban, I dropt a tear now and then
at the recollection of them, I have witnessed
the solemn scene, friend after friend passing away
and that is not the greatest — I try not to fondle
on that, but to press forward, and will I try to tell
my children something that they will remember,

Childrens family came up to day

Mr Sulson turns the piano to day

I write you next time the proceedings in
music I like it much. All I will say we
have a good minister, we seem to have people
sympathizing. I have not heard from Everett but
once since you left Suban, every time I think, perhaps
it is the last you want to know if he sends money now
but I get along, I am happy, the you know one is a coward
girl, she said to me I can wear the same cloths I wore
last year, I expect then for winter I put doct for a
blue feather to put on one barrel, Minnie I bought
a frame and covered it with her old fiber one

ever since, he has made it his home with me, he talks of going home next week I shall miss him, he would come Saturday nights and stop until Monday, His son Owen was married this month, to Rosa Gibson, Samuel feels bad about it thinks the acquaintance to start.

They board with Angelia, Owen works a shoemaker with Algernon Davis, brother Owen has a felon on his thumb has suffered very much, is hit for the last I heard from him. Lucy about the same Cornelia the same good girl Mrs Young died last week her remaining was carried to Tupperburg last Sunday, the two last wives was buried on Sunday, the first one I cannot remember, whether she was buried Saturday or Sunday, she was a complaining woman her child was born the day before she died.

Allen has moved home as Betsy calls it Adams & wife after the same way Adams is now a pauper, one of his cheerful spells he told me one time this fall there was no comfort in this world, I told him I could not agree

with him, he said he was glad if there was one person that ever took comfort, I told him there was comfort for now, he could not see it. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day here I have thought still I be any more thankful on that day than any other day, I have tried for the few past years to feel thankful every day, What blessings I have received, blessed with health, to take care of my children, This week I work to the shop bench Hicks pays me two dollars, to night he is to have a. Lean supper I have & myself gets the cooking, I am a little tired, It came on so stormy it does not come off, to night, he thinks to make a night. so it leaves me a little time to write to night, but not much of a mind you will see, did you ever arise at that, when the body tired, the mind the same, I see my own weakness, at times I feel I must sink, I will then rouse up, and think how much the Lord has done for me, and my children, he orders all things well, all of his works look beautiful, and I love to meditate upon the

2. Otis

Leeds Nov 26th 1846

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My Dear Nephew & Niece

2. Otis
Your kind letter to Laura & your last to your mother reminded me of writing you. Yesterday was thanks giving & that is my household Laura & your Aunt Bridgethine dined with John & Heller. At evening Laura went with me to your mother's & spent the night. Charles & Rachel stay at home. It was a visit of melancholly interest as I had always before been with our dear departed Mother. We recalled to mind many of the interesting scenes of past years & departed friends.

Your expressed surprise & regret that while in N.Y. I did not visit you if you had known the circumstances you would not have judge it from want of interest ~~or~~ an ardent desire to spend a few days in your family & reviewing the scenery & the secluded nooks that have been retained in pleasant memory more than forty years. The two days spent at Putskill was intended for you, your family & place. I cannot regret that, as I could not visit but on it I should be Putskill. ~~circumstances~~ could not have been chosen to impress upon my mind the unceasing Otis life & worldly prosperity than in the life & death of more than

persons with whom I had associated & retained in your
memory while only six remained there to tell the story to live
of the others. The scenery the places of interest & even the
rocks & trees were familiar & but little changed by time & place
but men how frail in body & mind as related by a few
the few intelligent biographers. Another impression on
our minds who survive. The Grace & Mercy to us
why were we spared? Has His Grace & Truth been
but manifested in us? My visit there was I hope
not only a social but a moral lesson that I shall
forever while memory & affection hold their seats
as it now appears I might have remained there
or four days longer & spent them mostly with you
but that I could not foresee. I had a trust of some
\$17000 to 18000 in which tens of thousands of persons
were interested & it was necessary to give all diligence.
If we would have an influence for good we must
not only have an affectionate regard for men but
we must make ourselves useful to them, such I esteem
The law of mind ^{as} implanted by our Creator,
I have spent this week in town & mostly at home.
A painful sadness often rushes on me a dark
cloud which I cannot penetrate. The home of my
youth has gone. I am loth to give up my
house & its contents yet that seems to be
the will of Providence. We have not
yet decided but Lawrence seems inclined to spend
his winter with your mother & other friends.

and in your Aunt Bridgman expects to leave Monday
to live with Everett she has already stayed
a week longer than she intended
to have a minister with us ~~doing~~ as I trust
a good work visiting from house to house
holding social meetings in which he is
gifted & a good & clear expounder of the word
of God if my circumstance would admit
I would have him make his home with
me this winter. I hoped when I left for N.Y.
that Ann would make her home with me
we should then have an object in continuing
to keep house but I found she had hope
that her physician could effect a cure & I could
no longer counsel it. Kalamazoo & Miss Patten spent
days here I was away & did not see them
but time we were much gratified
with their letter. Issabell occasionally writes
a chd letter Laura proposes to write to
Lara give all the news John & Helen &
the likes are getting on pleasantly Eliza
has had three days & is improved
by consulting ~~Quaker~~ to
Guy & I

affectionately

Yours

Ernest Otis

and in your Aunt Brilghen expects to leave Monday
to live with Everett she has already stayed
even a week longer than she intended
By the way we have a minister with us ~~doing~~ as I trust
by a good work visiting from house to house
and holding social meetings in which he is
gifted & a good & clear expounder of the word
of God if my circumstance would admit
I would have him make his home with
me this winter. I hoped when I left for N.Y.
that Ann would make her home with me
we should then have an object in continu-
ing to keep house but I found she had hope
that her physician could effect a cure & I could
not discourage it. Kalamazoo & other pattern spent
a few days here I was away & did not see them
for a short time we were much gratified
in Lizzy's letter. Issabell occasionally writes
a few lines Laura proposes to write to
me & will give all the news of John & Helen &
all folks are getting on pleasantly. Eliza
has been good three days & is improved
most ridding. ~~Quarantine~~ ~~come~~ to
name
most affectionately
yours — Ensign Otis

Dear Lizzie I received your very kind letter though
I should answer it long before this, I have quite a number of
cures; was waiting to get paper, I should like to just see
in your little cottage and see you all those dear little
children how I do want to see them I felt to regret so
much that I was so situated that I could not see you
more when you was at Leeds but am in hopes if we
both live to another summer we shall enjoy each others
society and go to commencement, I do feel lonely some
times. I have reason to bless God daily for the many mercies
he bestows upon me when your letter came I was feeling
lonely it did me good how pleasant it is to hear from a
friend it come so unexpected I should like to hear
from you often I do from Bell she is well sends her
love to you Rowland and Ella were here and made me a
visit Rowland seemed like one that had over turned his
mind and body he has been doing a good work. God
has blest his feeble means in the conversion many souls
Aunt Bory health is very poor the heart disease your
mother and I was up to see her last Sabbath Thirist
is quite unwell too. John's family are well were here to
tea this afternoon if I do not board the Minister we
think some of breaking up for a while I go and stay at
your Mother's, she read @ to letter to me I hope he will
write some in your next Mr. C. is gone most of the time
I shall be quite lonely Aunt B leaves tomorrow I think
some of having a Baylin clock I should like to see yours
I hope you will both write me soon kiss those dear
little children yours in love Anna B Howard

have already attained. if to you
will recognize the truths of this
volume as old-fashioned, beloved
friends. if not, you will rejoice
in the Deliverance it foreshadows.
I would send the book but the
Postage is high & you can order
it from Boston or N.Y. - so it
immediately & will you & dear
Lizzie read it carefully & prayerfully
& be led to lay Gods Spirit to
see how blessed it is to belong
wholly to the Lord Jesus. I will
send it to Charles & then Sellie & you
can read it. My marked copy of
course, goes to my own Eliza. O
Heavenly Father grant that all my
dear ones may come into the
sweet & confiding trust of loving
& obedient children of Jesus -
Sellie wrote last week that all were
well at home. & the interest still
continuing in Leeds. I have tried
to be faithful to Sellie. May the
Lord add his blessing - Keep the

Nov. 1858

Bowling

Dear Brother

Danvers Nov. 26, 1858.

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We had a good tho
small morning prayer meeting
this morning. Geo. Lewis inquired
with much interest for you.
Whether you were still actuated
by the same love for souls that
you manifested when here. We
wish to be kindly remembered.

I passed a very pleasant
Thanksgiving at Prof. Shepards
where you recollect taking
tea. I have had two letters
from Thomas Eaton - 4 excellent
letters. By some misunder-
standing, Effert thought disappointed
them in their meeting. Baptism
& Communion Sunday week.

It was a deep disappointment
to them & to me - but God
will overrule all for the best.

I suppose expect next Sat. Sabbath
will that the deposed ordinances
were observed. but I have not
heard. This was to be received
into the Church. O Alas Eternity
can only reveal the blessings
that God hath bestowed on
us & them this fall. They are
now destitute of a Shepherd. Pray
for them. I write particularly
this time to call your attention
to a blessed book that I have
just read & which I am
anxious for you to procure &
It is called "The Higher Christian
Life" by Rev. W. E. Boardman,
published by Geo Henry Holt of
Boston - I think he (the author)
is an Episcopal clergyman
of Philadelphia. but whoever
he is he has written a book
that will send joy to many
a Christian heart & be the
Gospel of many a Christian

Experience - His point is - Jesus
Our Sanctifier - as well as Our
Justifier - I. E. We are to live
humbly, daily, yearly, always,
by faith in the Son of God
in the same way that we
rest on Him Our hope of
final Salvation - He believes
in a second conversion - a entire
consecration - & illustrates it
realizg by sketches from life
& as it seems to me, points
out clearly the mode of the
Spirit's operation in leading
us to Experience it. This
new Experience he would not
call "perfection" - an entire
freedom from sin - but "full faith"
& "full Salvation" - Entire subjection
of all things to the will of God
& a cheerful child-like affection
to His will in Jesus - in everything
is the truth illustrated &
illustrated - To this you may

Our Caroline Lydia (Martin) Barker now lives in this city - I have taken her
name - She is a Green & a pleasant unassuming man - They have

Our children - the Elders 12. The & her husband are Methodists &
see in to be happy, thankful Christians - He wished to be remembered

What is the name of your father?