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968 11/1/1858

*From:* Charles C Lee

*To:* [OO] Howard

OOH-0905

Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y. Nov 1st 1858

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 the 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 would 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 argument’s sake, therefore all must be done in brotherly love and kindness. In 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.

Unitarian Doctrine: Jehovah, our God, is one Jehovah. Moses & Christ, Deut. 6.5; Mark 12-29. To us there is but one God the Father. St. Paul 1 Cor VII.6.

2d 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

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 Channing’s Works, vol 1 p. 538.

3d 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 Arts of Religion. Art. 5.

Unitarian Doctrine: In the New testament, the prevailing sense of the phrase Spirit, is communicated of light and power from on high. Like the Spirit of God, it is sometimes, simply God himself. Newcombe Cappe: Crit. remarks, vol 1 pp 58, 59.

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.5 - “Hear, Oh Israel! Jehovah our God is one Jehovah.”

3. Josh. XXIV.19 - "And Joshua said unto the people, ye cannot serve Jehova; for he is a holy God"

4. See Gen. XX.19 - XXXV.7 - Deut IV.7 - 1 Sam XVII.26 - 2 Sam VII.23 - Job XXXV.10 - Pz Iviii.ii = cxlix.2 - Prov IX.10 - XXX.3 - Ecc XII.1 - Isa. LIV.5 - Jer X.10 - Dan VII.18.22.24.27 - Hos XI.12 - Mal I.6. In these passages the word for God in the Hebrew is in the plural form.

Trinitarian Argument: [this paragraph very weak] "What can we say upon this consideration with plural attributions? It is this which points the great peculiarities of our question: <> which the chief stress of the argument is laid for an allusion or implication in favor of the doctrine of a divine plurality." Dr. I. P. Smith: Scrip. 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) - heaven, Gen 1.2 (Faces) - face - Gen XIX.11 (Blindnesses) - total blindness - Num XIII.32 (Statures) - great stature - Ps. liii.6 (Salvations) salvation - Ps XC.10 (Strengths) great strength, and so also in the following passages, among others [long list of Bible passages]. Individuals of eminence are often spoken of in the plural, being called gods, lords or masters & vide [long list of references to Bible passages]. In the following passages the words translated, owners, lords, masters is in the original ([Hebrew word]) gods. [List of Bible passages] Trinitarian commentators (even) allow that both Jesus Christ Ps XIV.6 and the Father Ps XIV.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. Stewarts: Gram. Of the Heb. Law, 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 the conversion. But not only Unitarians think these plural names indicate oneness, vide, the following eminent Trinitarians - Fostat - Cajetan - Calvin - Castela - Mercer - Lambert = Daneau - Pereira - Bellarmine - Drusiere - David - Pareces - Sixtinus Arrama - the Buxtorfs - F. Spanheim - Rivet - Petavius - Bythner - Seraden - Goodwin - Imborch - Le Clerc - Masclef - Guarin - Simon & Eichhorn - Calmet - J.D. Michaelis - Bishop Patrick - Campbell - Geddes - Schroeder - Storr - E.F.C. Rosenmull - 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 pick of the rest"

6) Gen XI.6.7 - "And Jehovah said - Go to, let us go down &c"

7) Jo VI.8 - Whom shall I send, and who will go for us."

Trinitarian Argument - "I must maintain that a look <too faint> reside every approach to idolatry <entire paragraph too faint>

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 - XL.1-5 - XLIV 4-8 - IX 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, Tostak, Mercer - Grotius - Schulz - Geddes - Storr -

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 subsiding in the Godhead." Dr Hanker: Sermons on the Divinity of Christ pp 268-69.

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

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

Besides the Hebrew particle translated one of us, may not mean one of us at all, since it is rendered of it from other places in the same chapter in the 3d 5th 11th & 17th verses, and by adopting the same meaning here, it may read, "Behold the man has (by its means from it) attained to know good and evil. See the following Trinitarian writers - Tostak - Calvin - Mercer - Rivet 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 advance at present, on these points, and I really think they are pretty conclusive. 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 Lee 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

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969 11/3/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0906

Harpswell

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Harpswell Nov 3d 1858

Dear Brother

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 Guy & Grace.

I was interested in all of your short letter. O Otis, study the character of Jesus & you will love him more & more every day. I started for Bangor three weeks ago but came back because I thought God sent me back. I will probably remain here three Sabbaths more. 12 have united with this Church & I am expecting about 10 more in two weeks. The original no of the church was but 40. Perhaps these 22 are not more than one third of those who have expressed 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 tonights 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 & Nettie have all been here. I think I feel more fully elevated 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 Scarboro has preached for me two Sabbaths & if there is one holy man on Earth - one like unto Jesus - 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.

Dellie has visited me & I like his state better than ever. I thank you from my heart for praying for Capt Patten. His conversion has long been near my heart. O Otis I wish you had my present views of Gods Sovereign grace. You can't think the Sweet comfort I derive from the thought that all is fore ordained. God knows so much better than poor I. I love to leave it all with Him. My day 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.

Your Bro  
Rowland

I feel greatly obliged for your suggestion about Ella's coming to see you, but Summer is so much pleasanter at West Point.

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970 11/5/1858 *From:* Chas. H. Howard

*To:* My dear brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0907

Bowd. Coll.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 Masters work. I didn't know as you would resume 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 begins the 23d of October and at the time of Prof. Cleavelands death he came up expecting to go from here home then to Bangor but he couldn't make up his mind to leave there. There seemed to be an increasing interest at that time so he returned with his baggage, Prof Packard having assured him that he should be supplied on the Sabbath with a preacher if he would labor the other days of the week. Mr Storer came that week Friday and stayed two Sabbaths. He brought him up last Monday. He thinks Mr Storer 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 expressed a hope in Christ. 75 were present at an inquiry meeting. On Monday aft. he returned again to Harpswell & told me that he was unable to say how long he should stay. The great difficulty 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 Cleaveland 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 can never 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 constantly felt his competency to instruct us in every respect. The Presidents address was excellent. The Chapel still remains hung with drapery. Neither the drapery nor the mottoes in black & white one 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. Cleaveland's death seemed to effect all hearts but we have seen no beneficial results therefrom.

You have seen the error of their 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 & Dellie. The one writes good news from home - that all are well - that her mind is at peace with God & in the enjoyment of Religion. Dellie seems to be having a pleasant time at Lewiston Falls but I fear not so profitable as it might be. He says however that he got on well in his studies but I think he is copying after his brother Charles' inattention & 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 unintermitting application to study. If he only had the power of cleaving to his books that some in my class have, he would be a very superior scholar.

I am going home in about two weeks & am to spend my vacation there. Dellie is to recite to me. Perhaps if you could get time to write to him your experience with regard to success in your studies, that is making plain 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 knew anything about it or suggested anything of the kind.

Our Thanksgiving comes the 25 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 forensic to write this afternoon for Prof Upham. Have been to dinner since I began this letter. Mrs Wool gave me the direction of her son - James L Wool, Penola, Penola Co. Miss.

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

Your Affectionate brother  
Chas. H. Howard

[Note: This letter was attached to the ending pages of another letter written by Charles on Sept 30, 1858 (OOH-892).]

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971 11/8/1858 *From:* S.P. Lee

*To:* Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-0908

New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York Novr 8th [1858]

Dear Otis

I should have been up & 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 satisfactorily. My bills for outfits &c will not be so large as I at first anticipated.

Mothers 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 Rail 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

S. P. Lee

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972 11/8/1858 *From:* James Thompson

*To:* Lt O. O. Howard, U.S.A.

OOH-0909

Newport Kentucky

West Point  
N.Y.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Newport Kentucky  
8th Nov. 1858

Dear Howard,

Your kind letter of the 9th ult deserved 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 & Fannie 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 that impression it was made when there & while we had an unfavorable idea of Boston Harbor. I remember no other.

We are sorry you have no better quarters & we sometimes wonder that you suffer good quarters at some of these Arsenals to remain unoccupied.

We often speak 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 & excellence 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.  
West Point  
N.Y.



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973 11/9/1858 *From:* Eliza Gilmore

*To:* Mrs Lizzie Howard

OOH-0910

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Nov 9th 1858

Lizzie my Dear Daughter,

I see by re-perusing your letter it is many weeks since a letter has passed between us either way. I often find myself thinking about Otis and his family, and the children's pleasant ways, and more particularly 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 me this day in fancy, although a small part of it has been passed with me, he has share'd largely in my fancy, or my anxious care, but I have been bless'd, 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 Lizzie if you live to my age that I have ben sustained as well as I have. I have a very sensitive mind. I have passed many a strait place, but I verily believe & know 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 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 seem'd to be in his house. It seemed to be in much confusion, hired maids fretting about. I 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 imagin 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 encumber'd with that heavy hard cancer but says she is still cheerful. I fear she will feel the loss of Perry's company severely. I suppose he has sail'd 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 Aurelia 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 prayrs, and a number have obtain'd a hope. Mrs Wadsworth is one, William Wind and wife, John Keene and wife, Mr 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 cant say. Thomas our hired man, and Abbie Rose our girl are quite interested in the meetings. Cynthia seems very much tryed, 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 disturbed 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 for me. Have you wean'd her and how did she bear it.

You and Otis accept my love. Affectionately your mother  
Eliza Gilmore

Mrs Lizzie Howard

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974 11/11/1858 *From:* Perry [Lee]

*To:* Dear Otis [OO Howard]

OOH-0911

New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York 11th Nov /58

Dear Otis

I sail Saturday about noon and shall not be able to visit you before I sail. Your note was secured yesterday. Tell 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.

Mothers health remains 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 Lizzie & the children. A kiss for each. Tell Lizzie I will not forget her Fruit.

With love I remain your  
Affectionate Cousin  
Perry

P.S.

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 in him myself and mothers confidence in him is good. I will send you my address at St Iago before I sail and hope to hear from you then. I will write you myself on my arrival. Mr Bacon wishes to be remembered to you.

Perry

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975 11/20/1858 *From:* [RH Gilmore]

*To:* My dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0912

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Nov 20 1858

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 thanksgiving day. I wish you and Rowland could be here but I suppose it is an impossible thing. I remember the last thanksgiving day that were all here was at the close of that term of mine at Monmouth when you came after me and found me with Mr Norcross in "Academy Hall". You was 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. How few mothers there are that can look upon children like hers and say they are all followers of Christ. This is on account of no merits of our own but simply a blessing of God and how thankful we should be.

I came home here to Leeds and find myself in the very midst of an enlivening and soul stiring revival. There are meetings every evening in the week and we see continually many souls coming to the saviour and obliging his friendly call. Rowland left here 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. We 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 and exerted all my energies to bring about such a result.

I am going to remain at home this winter and study Latin and Greek & recite 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 every thing is all nice.

Before I came from Lewiston I had an invitation from the President of the Lewiston Falls Temperance Association 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 especially as I shall probably go back to school there in the spring. Mr Carlton our worthy and I will say truly beloved teacher has left and the school is now in charge of Mr Pulsifer who has been an [Note 1] assistant during this term. He graduated at Bowdoin last Commencement. He is a very good scholar and a thorough teacher but a young man of rather coarse habits and I think hardly fit to take charge of a school like that. His conduct during the last term has been perfectly proper however.

I have roomed in the same house with him and have eaten at the same board. I like him very much as a man and I think they all like him as a teacher.

I have four orations more of Cicero to read in Latin and then I have finished my preparatory course as far as Latin is concerned but I have an enormous amount of Greek yet to read and I must study very hard in order to do it in good shape and to enter College with a

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[Rodelphus Gilmore]

[Note 1: A page attached to OOH-1044 was inserted here.]

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976 11/21/1858 *From:* Ann Otis Lee

*To:* My Dear Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0913

No. 54 Harrison St  
Brooklyn

*Source:* Bowdoin

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No. 54 Harrison St Brooklyn  
November 21st 1858

My Dear Otis

Miss Berard 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 Flerry st, where she was staying but said she should be away yesterday so I have not seen her yet, and to-day is a severe storm. I fear the weather will not be such to-morrow morning as will permit me to go and see her.

I want to send you some Oranges for yourself & Lizzie and some Flynn Books for your Sunday school, and also your umbrella. The Books are a present from Miss Julia Dwight. The Oranges are some that Frank sent to me. They are nice and fresh and I hope Miss Berard will not think it too much trouble to take them. Miss Dwight 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 Robberts was sick.

Your uncle Ensign thought you was away the Sunday he was here or I think he would have gone to West Point. He spent the day at Peekskill. He was quite busily engaged all the days buying Iron &c, but he was with me evenings. He stoped with us so that I saw a good deal of him. He feels very lonely. I wanted very much to go home with him.

My health is quite good now. I am better than I was during the month of September. How are the children? How is Lizzie? And 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  
Ann Otis Lee

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977 11/22/1858 *From:* TR Tannatt

*To:* Lt [OO] Howard

OOH-0914

Fort Monroe Va

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Fort Monroe Va  
November 22nd /58

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 once my friends at WP 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 sensitiveness and plainly 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 theater of action in the school, & prayer-meeting. I wish duty for me could run into that channel.

I am not only doing nothing 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 simple round of earnest working in the cause of Christ.

Not only am I alone here but I am deserted by former christian friends. I say alone, yet not alone never 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 forgotten, & this night one feeble earnest prayer shall rise for your & yours, may God receive & bless it.

Your brother in Christ  
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978 11/23/1858 *From:* S G Jones

*To:* Dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-0915

Auburn

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Auburn 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 having so hard 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 feels as though you slight him if you do not mention something about him. He is to 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 weeks 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 & Samuell Whitman had gone to meeting, I commenced another sheet.

Samuell came to Auburn last August, been here 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 Orem was married this month to Rosa Gibson. Samuell feels bad about it, thinks the acquaintance to short. They board with Angelia. Orem works a shoe-making with Algernon Davie. Brother Orem has a felon on his thumb, has suffered very much, is better the last I heard from him. Lucy about the same. Camellia the same good girl. Mrs Young died last week. Her remains was carried to Turner, buried 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 6 mos. Her child was born the day before she died.

Alden has moved home as Betsy calls it Adams & wife after the same way. Adams is now a having 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 me now. He could not see it. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day here. I have thought shall 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. Uncle Hicks pays me two dollars. To-night he is to have a <> supper. Olive & myself do the cooking. I am a little tired. It came on so stormy it does not come off to-night. He thinks to-morrow night, so it leaves me a little time to write to night, but not much of a mind you will see.

Did you ever arive 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 butiful, and I love to meditate upon them.

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 Auburn, 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 punch on that, but to press forward, and will I try to teach my children something that they will remember.

Orlando & family came up to day. Mr Fulsom tunes the Piano to day. I write you next time Eva proceeding in music I like it much. All I will say we have a good minister. We seem to have peoples sympathy. I have not heard from Everett but once since you left Auburn. Every time I think, perhaps it is the last you want to know if Ev sends money no more but I get along comfortable. Do you know Eva is a <> girl. She said to me I can wear the same cloths I wore last year. I have fixed them for winter. I paid 50 cts for a blue feather to put on Eva bonnet. Minnie I bought a frame and covered it with her old <> one.

Write me a long letter as often as you can. Speak of the children. Guy Minnie is a smart schollar. Vacation two weeks.

I remain the same  
S G Jones

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979 11/26/1858 *From:* Ensign Otis

*To:* My Dear Nephew &  
Niece [OO & Lizzie  
Howard]

OOH-0916a

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Nov 26th 1858

My Dear Nephew & Niece

Lizzies kind letter to Laura & your last to your mother reminded me of writing you. Yesterday was thanks giving. We that is my household Laura & your Aunt Bridgham dined with John & Hellen. At evening Laura went with me to your mothers & spent the night. Charles & Rodelphus was at home. It was a visit of melancholly interest as I had always before been with our dear departed Martha. We called to mind many of the interesting scenes of past year & departed friends.

You 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 under desire to spend a few days in your family & in reviewing the scenery & the secluded nitches that have been retained in pleasant memory more than forty years. The two days spent at Peekskill was intended for you, your family & place. I cannot regret that, as I could not visit but one it should be Peekskill. Circumstances<[Torn page]> could not have been chosen to <[Torn Page]> upon my mind the <[Torn Page]> life & worldly prosperity than <[Torn Page]> the life & death of more than<[Torn Page]> persons with whom I had associated & retained memory while only six remained there to tell the story of the others. The scenery the places of interest & even the rocks & trees were familiar & but little changed by time but man. How frail in body & mind as related by the few inteligent biographers, and other impression on our minds who survive. Tho grace & mercy to us why were we spared? Has His Grace & Truth been manifested in us? My visit there was I hope not only a social but a moral lesson that I shall prize while memory & affection hold them <sweet>.

As it now appears I might have remained three or four days longer & spent them mostly with you but that I could not foresee. I had a trust of some \$17000 to 18000 on which 10s 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 ourselve 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 <[Torn Page]> has gone. I am loth to give up my <[Torn Page]> house & its contents yet there seems to be <[Torn Page]> of providence we have not <[Torn Page]> but Laura seems inclined to spend <[Torn Page]> your mother & other friends.

Your Aunt Bridgham expects to leave Monday to live with Everett. She has already stayed a week longer than she intended.

We 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 hopes that her physician could effect a cure & I could not discourage it.

Roland & Miss Patten spent a few days here. I was away & did not see them but a short time. We were much gratified with Lizzie's letter. Issabell occasionally writes a cheerful letter. Laura proposes to write to Liza & will give all the news. John & Helen & the little folks are getting on pleasantly. Sleighing has been good three days & is improved by constant riding.

<> love to Guy & Grace.

Most affectionately



Yours  
Ensign Otis

[Continued on the next letter from Laura B Howard]

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980 11/26/1858 *From:* Laura B Howard

*To:* Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-0916b

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[Continued from the previous letter from Ensign Otis]

[Nov 26, 1858]

Dear Lizzie

I received your very kind letter though I should answer it long before this. I have quite a number of cares; was waiting to get paper. I should like to just sit in your little cottage and see you all, those dear little children. How I do want to see them. I felt to regret very 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 comencment.

I do feel lonely sometimes. 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 came 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 tuned his mind and body. He has been doing a good work. God has blest his feeble means in the conversion many souls.

Aunt Barny health is very poor, the heart disease. Your mother and I was up to see her last Sabbath. Harriet is quite unwell too. Johns 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 & go and stay at your mothers. She read Otis letter to me. I hope he will write some in your next.

Mr Otis is gone most of the time. I shall be quite lonely. Aunt B leaves tomorrow. I think some of having a Raglin cloak & should like to see yours.

I hope you will both write me soon. Kiss those dear little children.

Yours in love  
Laura B Howard

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981 11/30/1858 *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0917

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Nov 30 1858

Dear Brother

We had a good tho small morning prayer meeting this morning. Gen Stevens inquired with much interest for you - whether you were still actuated by the same love for Souls that you manifested when here. He wishes 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 - excellent letters. By some misunderstanding, Egbert Smyth 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 Egbert went last Sabbath and that the deprived ordinances were observed, but I have not heard. This was to be received with the Church.

O Otis Eternity can only reveal the blessings that God hath bestowed on me & 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 Dea Henry Hoyt 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 Christians heart & be the exponent of many a Christians experience.

His point is - Jesus Our Sanctifier - as well as Our Justifier. I.E. We are to live hourly, daily, yearly, always, by faith on the love of God, in the same way that we rest on Him our hope of final Salvation. He believes in a second conversion - an entire consecration & illustrates its reality by sketches from life &, as it seems to me, points out clearly the mode of the Spirits 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 submission of all things to the will of God & a cheerful childlike affectionate trust in Jesus, in everything is the truth inculcated & illustrated. To this you may have already attained, if so you will recognize the truths of this volume as old familiar, 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. Do it immediately & will you & dear Lizzie read it carefully & prayerfully & be led to by Gods Spirit to see how blessed it is to belong wholly to the Lord Jesus. I will send it to Charles & then Dellie & Mother can read it. My marked copy of course goes to my own Ella.

O Heavenly Father grant that all my dear ones may come into the sweet & confiding trust of loving & obedient children of Jesus.

Dellie wrote last week that all were well at home, & the interest still continuing in Leeds. I have tried to be faithful to Dellie. May the Lord add his blessing.

Kiss the little ones for me & don't either of you fear to drop me a few lines if you can't stop to write much.

Affectionately  
Rowland

Our cousin Lydia (Martin) Parker now lives in this City. I have taken Tea there. He is a queer & a pleasant unenergetic man. They have four children - the eldest 12. She & her husband are Methodists & seem to be happy, trustful Christians. She wished to be remembered.

What is the name of your Bark?