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February 7, 1859

Dear Brother,

Your very welcome letter came to hand last night. I have tried to write to you just above as often as I should like to. You late more notice of my epistles. I believe it took three letters of mine to elicit this of yours and I would willingly write one more. Next I received a letter from there I love it is my greatest pleasure to write them. I am thankful to hear that you are all to well. Give my love to Aggie & the little ones. To atone to the Heighen life is a great thing. The process be simple & easily understood. But I rejoice to believe that such a life is attainable by the grace of God. I hope

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one day to reach it. Even on Earth, but the best of our Maturity in this divine life is not a peculiar state of feeling or a particular point of time. But it is the habitual, felt-a observed term of our life. This must be meek, submissive, patient, uncomplaining. Yet more than that—cheerful, peaceful, even happy! In one word: Christian. Even generally leads his children up to these heights with afflictions. Yet I may attain to them without these. But I feel in my heart that something must be throned the least I lack remains of pride in my breast. Before “full trust” there will be a constant greater. Before Christ will abide in me—O for a “full concentration,” a “full trust.” If thus I can best glorify my Master.
I have been confined to my room for nearly a week with a severe cold and influenza. My cough and chest difficulties have so much abated today that my appetite is as good that I hope I am permanently better. God has been very merciful to me in sending me the kindest care from my fellow students. The will reward them for their labors of love. I cannot hope to be well by the first of the month. These frequent recurring chest difficulties warn me that I may some day have to give up my beloved work. But He has promised "as thy days thy strength shall be." O may I always be willing to submit to His "joy to find me in every nation." "Something still to do and bear." 


I did not think I would be still confined to my room, but so
it is - tho I am deeply impressed
under the kind care & nursing love
of my fellow students. In regard to
your decision about joining a church. Oh, I can but thinkfully
in wise mode. It cannot well make
much difference in your present
in grace. If you will continue in
Earnest & faithfull - I confess may
that I have cherished the best I
that you & Lizzie might get which
conscientiously find a place in to be
the Church of our Pilgrim Fathers.
Our Grand seems to order it otherwise
I have no doubt that the less of my
a mission for you & service in the
station towards which his
Providence seems leading you will
May you be led every step by one
the Holy Spirit - is my prayer
In regard to the ministry - I
have no doubt of your "gifts" - kn"
inimical. How better than to
accept your present station? If I
attempt well, I wish you were
thoughtfully now the development
of my views them I can as
much present—indeed, I fear these
things but I have already written
just may prove unmarriageable—but
I hope it does not make our question—"can
get which side is the self-devine?"
and to continue in service, or to leave
whether? If you became a clergyman,
continued there be any probability
least your continuation, in the service
as Chaplain?
his. But I find that my heart
will not let me write more
length. Ella is well. The sea
soon—me a nice large comforter in
the New Year, present, which the
letter to Miss Parmelee. Geo. Lewis was
in your last night and spoke of
the letter which he had re-
cently received from you - its
purpose of answering the letter.
I am very sick with the influenza
much as I have - I hope the
children continue well. Ask
Lizzie which one she is going
to give the "Pammi" when he is
"settled"?

Is there any prospect that
you will change your place
very soon, do you think?

If I am well I expect
A-Friend in Newport. We
took from Sunday 8, 17.
I hope to hear from
you before than I think
you will have much ease
this summer. I haven't heard
from home lately.

Your affectionate,

[Signature]
I shall return to Brunswick in a week, but Delecta will go to Auburn at that time. He is going to review this week. Keep along his cases. I have always had one right hand. About 15 members were all present. A little more time. I close this now.

Meet here next week night. It is a popular affair. I have not fixed one night. About 15 members were all present. A little more time. I am writing where they must have a special time. The proceeds are to be used in repairing the meeting house. First meeting was at John's. I saw Uncle Joe and Laura Moore at church yesterday. John took care of the children. Mother went with me this evening. It was very cold. But I have a news story through the morning of John H. in getting subscriptions. This made the home very comfortable.

My dear brother, E.G.

We have long been anxious to hear from you, but wait and write in vain. I have been at home 7 weeks and Delecia S. During all this time, a syllable has come from you, either directly or indirectly. He has written one letter once since he got home and I have not sent one. We hope for the best but fear of something ill will come up and especially to trouble mother. She speaks of you every day, so a good many times some days. Readland cannot imagine why you don't write. Among the reasons, I sent you a letter in response.
But mother says it is a comfort to sympathize with one's friends even in this distress. We should like to show your aunt, if you have any, your family must be well for you would certainly inform us of any illness with them. We shall continue to hope that you also are in good health and performing ordinary duties with the comfort of mind of an unwavering faith in the Lord Jesus.

It is Monday morning as you might notice at least as far as the date of this. You would hardly be aware however that it is "before break fast." Bellie & I got in at North ton. Here we have been much of the time since these months. The lastiggins of the tent which stands in front of a hot fire. The bedstead is turned up thus a white curtain hanging round it. I have been in the habit of getting up at 6 o'clock this morning, kindling the fire here. Bellie being brought in the wood the night before. She then gets up & studies French usually reciting her lesson in Kepheus's stoics about 11 o'clock A.M. She's got for a lesson in Mr. P's pages of Cicero but finished that yet. — Emma [x] calls us to breakfast for I will make a peace in my letter. —

Since I left my letter I have done my chores. Worked to the Sheep barn immediately after breakfast. It is a very cold morning. The thermometer pays 26 below Zero. It never was colder than this here except winter before last when one morning it was 24 below. I almost figure in going to the Sheep barn the I called in at Roland's got cream as I was going & coming. Further got up at 8 o'clock I built a fire but got the berth in some of mother's plans.
Mr. Hennelly

Dear Mr. Hennelly,

I am writing to inquire about the progress of the faucet and tap. I understand they were due to be installed by now, but I have not heard from you regarding this matter. I hope you are not experiencing any difficulties in procuring them as I understand they are important for the operation of the house.

Some time ago I received a letter from Mr. Kanon, but I have not been able to reply to it before now. It seems that he kept hoping he would soon be able to write himself. He left here about ten days ago, accompanying a friend for business. I have heard from him since those times, as he thinks he is improving slowly. In the letter I received yesterday, he rushed one to write and thank you for your
Christian sympathy and as soon as he could see his eyes he could write you himself.

You all feel much anxiety at having him East. But he was very much pleased to see his few acquaintances here, though seemed longer to him. We thought the change might be a benefit certainly afford him temporary relief.

The right eye has improved so he can see to go about and within a few days he has been able to return light with the left one.

The swelling severely gone pain in his head particularly nights endorsing it impossible for him to sleep.

This physician thinks he requires to take a long time to recruit and make a permanent cure of his eyesight. I fear he will return to duty before he ought and being on a slope, and if he should the probability would be against his ever seeing again.
Chicora, N.Y.
Jan 17th 1859

Dear Friend,

I merely write you a short note to ask you to do me a favor. I enclose a check upon the first December at N.Y. drawn by Major Abell payable to Capt. Walsh & endorsed by him payable to your order. The amt. $350, I want to have used it given to the wives of the following men in my comp. detachment.

Sgt. Wheeler ($100) one hundred dollars, Capt. McElroy ($100) seventy dollars, Thruston ($50) fifty dollars, Shriver ($50) fifty dollars, Kendall ($50) fifty dollars, Bregel ($45) forty five dollars, 100+70+50+50+30+80=350.

The men have been deputizing money with me for safe keeping & they wanted the amount sent to their families, can not get checks for the amount except by paying 3 pr. a which they do not feel like paying so I have taken the liberty of sending this check to you knowing that you take interest in the men and would be willing to assist them in this way. So Sgt. Wheeler will be sent a check for $100 as soon as I can get one, besides the amount mentioned.

We are getting along finely here and expect to leave in two or three months for Fort Henty on the Missouri with railroad name and the 4th of July.

We will build a road from Wallaville to about 800 miles though all is passable but 12 miles across the Rocky Mountains. It will take us two seasons so that we will get back to the States in the winter of 1860. Nothing is positively certain.
Known about it yet. I am sure you have heard of our trip through the Missis.

The other evening Mr. Parker who has been staying with me a week, & I attended

an Indian Dance which was quite a novelty

for me. They had kept it up for one week & were

pretty tired. Every other day I ride through this

village of Klickitat on my way from the

Snomn cascades to the Kasper where the men

and where I am at this moment. Remember

me to all my friends and believe me your

affectionate friend.

Henry M. Roberts

To:

St Howard

I will send you another letter by another

route so that you may not fragment on

the check if lost.

M.M.R.
Fort Clatsop
Jan 15, 1859

Dear Mr. Howard,

I write this as a check in from any other letter which I have just finished. It contains a check No 907, Fort Vancouver, W.T. 15 Dec. 1858

Assistant Treasurer, N.Y. New York


If that letter is not received, then please ask payment on the check & inform me, and oblige your true friend

Henry M. Robert.

I will enclose this to the Messrs. Berard for additional safety & send it by De Namur then the other going by Panama.
Brooklyn January 22, 57

My dear Line,

I have written you twice since you wrote to me, or at least two letters are unanswered. I got one note from your sister after you arrived in New York, but before you got my note. I received your secriff, did you get that, and a note written after I went to see Mrs. Ross, who promised to write
I very distinctly remember your letter, and I hope you will keep it, as it will be of great value to you. It is said that he who makes a mistake learns, and that he who never makes a mistake never learns. I am afraid that you have made a mistake in your calculations, but I hope you will not lose heart. I have just received a letter from a friend of mine who is in London, and he says that the weather is very pleasant. I hope you will have a letter from him soon, and that you will be able to go there. By the way, I have just received a letter from a friend of mine who is in Paris. He says that the weather is very nice there, and that he is going to stay for a few days. I hope you will be able to go there, and that you will have a good time. In the meantime, I will do what I can to help you. Good-bye, my dear friend. I hope to see you soon. Yours truly, [Signature]
My dear Mother,

I will answer this letter to you, for Mr. Gurney may both be gone before this gets home. I read Charles last letter nearly a week since, but as he wrote on the outside of the one directed to me, that mine wherein had just arrived, I did not think it best to reply immediately. I am sorry that you have anxiety on account of me. I have been very actively engaged all the time and really was not aware that so many weeks had slipped by between my two last letters home. We have been generally in good health. Guy & Leggins have had pretty bad colds, but I think we are all quite well now. I have not been expecting Peggy till since the 16th last, with any anxiety. I don’t feel any with reference to the property. God will take care of us. He will also be taken away, and we must rejoice for all things well. I have been to Mr. Gray’s (Presbyterian) Church at the falls considerably evenings. I have delivered their formal lectures there, and spoken informally at other times. Mr. Gray has had a protracted meeting for three weeks and quite a revival. The Rev. Mr. Hawley of New York (of whom you hear from Noughts) initiated the good work. Some of our soldiers are interned. I saw one who used to attend my Bible classes now for prayers Tuesday night last. He has been serious a good while
The being of the Unitarian Church he never has learned to put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. There are private scholars now, a son of the leader of the Band, Mr. Specie. The prayer meetings with the cadets are still kept up twice a week, on Monday and Thursday evening. We generally have a chapter read, sing a hymn, write in registering the Lord's prayers and then have one or two extemporary prayers. Then I read some selection that I think will give interest and be of some use. The Wednesday evening meeting with the scholars continues well attended. The Methodist Minister will not come now but half of the time on Sunday evenings, so that I shall read some discourse or deliver one of my own on Sunday nights alternately. Mr. Edwards does not come.

The examination lasted three weeks. My sections got off pretty well. Two members of the class one were great dependents; these failed on which I gave them. Grace wished this morning at five but she has now gone to sleep again. Gay has come down and is being dressed. He says he was sick in the night, but God made him well. Gay is a very good boy. He learns his letters by himself from my newspaper, and getting to be quite an intelligent lad. Grace talks all the time. She is our sunshine. She looks at your picture and calls it "Damma" and said last night, "Thank you." "Damma means tea." Gramma came to tea. Some from Jesse to be. Remember me to the neighbors and give much love to Mother. Jesse has written to myself. I am to write Ency's family. May the Lord bless them. Yours. Affectionately yours,

O. T. Newcomb
New York
July 29/50

Dear Sir,

Yes at hand; the Mt. Pinocchio is just in and I have only time to say that it is all right about the $25 - pay it when it suit you. I hope to see the Goodwill here before Monday. There is $1200 on the half annuity to Mr. Kramm, but I have a day written to Boston to get it done there. The application to Hamburg failed. With kind regards, I am yours truly,

R. Bacon
My dear Lizzy.

What a letter it is! I think it is the best letter I have ever written. It is a good subject and one of its suggestions are in strict accordance with my own feelings, the last letter in particular, and those little things about the way my family receive much good from them, you may do.

I have been learning how to write, and also some new words. I am also beginning to read some of the books that were sent me. My love to all the children.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

December 30, 1839
My dear Louise,

The last letter I received has given me great joy in her. She is a changed man. I think of her often, she is the first one, that knew

The spark has just since I received the letter, I have to hear of the breach of sick headache, doing not much better. I ask myself, what is my suffering compared to mine? I am happy now, what I have just thought, that you have ever thought of the world, it is a getting dark. I can not much more, you will agree, when I see you. You mentioned about coming to it and life. I says in years you will one again to see the child now, you will be right to find it. she was happy, as I was, do not think of much of them. She is one of such children, I miss see her. 
My dear brother,

My last letter to you was written just about the time I was about to leave for my school. I am glad you have been enjoying your vacation. My sister, Sarah, and I have missed your letters and letters from the Wilder. We have been in Brunswick almost the whole time, except for a few days last week when we went to the Wilder's. We have enjoyed our time there, and are looking forward to seeing you again.

I have been working on my science experiments, and have been learning a lot about chemistry. I am also working on my history and literature, which I find to be very interesting. I am also trying to improve my writing skills. I have been reading a lot of books, including "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and I have found it to be very intriguing.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
It is a new place but he likes much. We spent the night there. The house is what we expect. The Academy is the school site. The meeting is the evening to hear a Religious Lecture by Mr. Eddie of Boston. I am not much on account of this lecture. The subject I do not get the name of the subject. I think it is Subject Business - patronize - photo - Boston - library.

Our return to Boston was not so pleasant as we began to fear in the right. We had a storm to ride in. We had a good house although it is humid and not much the storm made.

Robert came from Boston last week. He had been intending to spend the following week in Cambridge but found his health would not permit. We went out to the Whippoorwill on Sun. night. I think he had been feeling very well but the storm he could not be at Harvard at the meeting. We broke down there. We met a few Minnesotans.

You came in with your man Cassie. Did not see the floor. I was to see the new of Fri. night at Mrs. Groves. I will not see him till the other he came to.

I heard from home while at Chicago. Father had been down to Count that day before. Debbie will go home to Ypsilanti. She came home to Chicago then. She came to Minneapolis but I was not there except that. She never kept close but staying there at home with her.

I am glad you wrote as you did to hear my letter. He thanks too much. He sent some money to me which I was so home. I was often in there. One evening Debbie 19.