
993 1/7/1859

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0930

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor Jan 7, 1859

Dear Brother

Your very welcome letter came to hand last night. I have tried to write to you just about as often as I should did you take more notice of my Epistles. I believe it took three letters of mine to elicit this of yours & I would willingly write even more. Next to receiving a letter from those I love, it is my greatest pleasure to write them. I am thankful to hear that you are all so well. Give my love to Lizzie & the little ones.

To attain to the Higher Life is a great thing tho the process be simple & easily understood. But I rejoice to believe that such a life is attainable & by the Grace of God, I hope one day to reach it even on Earth. But the test of our maturity in the divine life is not a peculiar state of feeling at a particular point of time, but it is the habitual, felt & observed tenor of our life. This must be meek, submissive, patient, uncomplaining - yes more than that - cheerful, peaceful, even - happy! In one word Christlike. God generally leads his children up to these heights thro afflictions. You & I may attain to them without these, but I feel in my heart that something must dethrone the least & last remains of pride there in my heart before "full trust" will be a constant quest - before Christ will abide in me.

O for a "full consecration" 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 & influenza. My cough & chest difficulty have so much abated today & my appetite is so 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 & He will reward them for their labors of love. I cannot. I hope to be out by the first of the week. These frequently recurring chest difficulties warn me that I may some day have to give up my chosen work. But He has promised "As thy day thy strength shall be". O may I always be meek & submissive &

"Joy to find in every station"

"Something still to do & hear"

Mon. Jan. 16

I did not think to be still confined to my room, but so it is. Tho' I am slowly improving under the kind care & nursing of my fellow Students. In regards to your decision about joining a church Otis, I can but think it wisely made. It cannot make much difference in your growth in Grace, if you will continue Earnest & faithful. I confess that I have cherished the hope that you & Lizzie might yet conscientiously find a home in the church of Our Pilgrim Fathers, but God seems to order it otherwise & I have no doubt that He has a mission for you to fulfill in the station towards which his Providence seems leading you. May you be led every step by the Holy Spirit - is my prayer.

In regard to the ministry - I have no doubt of your "gifts". The only question is - can you serve God better there than in your present station? If I were well, I would go more fully into the development of my views than I can at present. Indeed I fear that what I have already written may prove unintelligible, but I will ask one question - "On which side is the self denial?" to continue in Service, or to leave it? If you became a Clergyman would there be any probability of your continuing in the Service as Chaplain?

But I find that my head will not let me write more now. Ella is well. She sent me a nice large comforter for a New Years present, which she knit herself.

Gen Stevens was in Sat night and spoke of the letter which he had recently received from you - his purpose of answering it - Mrs S has been sick with the influenza much as I have.

I hope the children continue well. Ask Lizzie which one she is going to give the "Parson" 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 to preach in Harpswell week from Sunday, D.V.

I hope to hear from you before then & that you will have made out this Scrawl. I haven't heard from home lately.

Your affectionate Bro
Rowland

995 1/10/1859 *From:* Charles [CH
Howard]

To: My dear brother, Otis
[OO Howard]

OOH-0931

Leeds

Source: Bowdoin

Leeds Jan 10, 1859

My dear brother, Otis

We have long been anxious to hear from you but wait and wait in vain. I have been at home 7 weeks and Dellie 8. During all this time not a syllable has come from you either directly or indirectly. He has written one letter since he got home and I have sent one. We hope for the best but fears of something ill will come up and especially to trouble mother. She speaks of you every day & a good many times some days. Rowland cannot imagine why you don't write. Among the conceivable reasons suggested by mother the most satisfactory one had to be that "the vessel" has not yet arrived and gave hope to hear something from that and from Perry before you write. But mother says it is a comfort to sympathize with one's friends even in misfortune. We would like to share your anxiety 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 your 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 Mond by the date of this. You would hardly be aware however that it is "before Breakfast." Dellie & I sit in the North room. Here we have been much of the time these three months. He sits opposite of the table which stands in front of a hot fire. The bedstead is "turned up" & has a white curtain hanging round it. I have been in the habit of getting up at 6 o'clock this winter & kindling the fire here, Dellie having brought in the wood the night before. He then gets up & studies Greek, usually recites his lesson in Xenophon's Anabasis about 11 ½ o'clock A.M. He's got for a lesson in P.M. 2 pages of Cicero but finished that Sat. Emma (Rose) calls us to Breakfast & so I will make a pause in my letter.

Since I left my letter I have "done my chores". Went to the Sheep-barn immediately after Breakfast. It is a very cold morning. The Thermometer says 26 below Zero. It never was colder than this here except Winter before last when one morning it was 27 below. I was almost frozen in going to the Sheep barn tho' I called in at Rolands & got warm as I was going & coming. Father got up at 3 o'clock & built a fire but yet the earth in some of mother's plants was frozen. I shall return to Brunswick in a week from Wed. Dellie will go to Auburn at same time. He is going to review Virgil this week & keep along his Greek.

The Ladies Social Circle of God meets here next Wed. Night. It is quite a popular affair. I have attended one night & joined. About 75 members now. All pay a little initiation fee & also a little sum every fortnight when they meet & have a social time. The proceeds are to be used in repairing the meeting-house. First meeting was at John Harrison's. I saw Uncle Ensign & Laura & Hellen at Church yesterday. John took care of the children. Mother went with me tho' it was very cold. But we have a nice stove through the efforts of John H in getting subscription &c and this made the house very comfortable. There was no meeting in this part of the town. Dellie & I attended the prayer-meeting here last evening.

Salmon Wing has at last started to serve the Lord. He spoke in the class meeting week ago Sat. Wm seems to enjoy his religion & is active in the meetings.

I must close this letter now & write to Rowland. We have read the book "Higher Christian Life" with great interest & I hope with profit. Rowland sent it home. Mother is very anxious about you. She said to me yesterday, "You don't know how much I think about Otis". Give my love to Lizzie & the little ones.

From Yr Affectionate Br
Charles

P.S. Do you have an opportunity of seeing the N.Y. Independent? If so I would like you to read two articles on Dr Alexander's Sermons in papers dated Dec. 30 & Jan 6. They give a view of the old & new school.

996 1/11/1859 *From:* M.A. Calle

To: Lieut [OO] Howard

OOH-0933

Harlem

Source: Bowdoin

Harlem Jan 11th /59

Lieut Howard

Dear Sir

Your letter written some time ago was received and should have been replied to before now, but Thomas kept hoping he would soon be able to write himself. He left here New Year's day in company with a friend for Salem. I have heard from him three times since he thinks he is improving slowly. In the letter I received yesterday he wished me to write and thank you for your kind christian sympathy and as soon as he could use his eyes he would write you himself.

We all feel much anxiety at having him East but he was very nervous and had so few acquaintances here time 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 discern light, with the left one. He suffers severely from pain in his head, particularly nights rendering it impossible for him to sleep.

His physicians think 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 bring on a relapse and if he should the probabilities would be against his ever seeing again.

Mother is with me this winter, her health is much better than it was last summer. If you would like to write to Thomas, address him at Salem, Mass. He wished to be remembered to all his friends at West Point.

Give my kind regards to Mrs Howard.

Truly yours,
M.A. Calle

Lieut. Howard

[Written in another hand.]
<Lt. Tannathy> Sister.

998 1/17/1859 *From:* Henry M Robert

To: LT O.O. Howard

OOH-0935

Fort Cascades W.T.

Source: Bowdoin

Fort Cascades, W.T. Jan 17th 1859

Dear Friend,

I hereby write you a hasty note to ask you to do me a favor. I enclose a check upon the Ast Treasurer at N.Y. drawn by Major Alvord payable to Corpl Walsh & endorsed by him payable to your order. The Amt. \$350 I want to have it given to the wives of the following men in my detachment, Sgt Wheeler (\$100) one hundred dollars, Corpl McEnaney (\$70) seventy Artfrs Thompson (\$55) fifty five; Shirts (\$50) fifty; Kendall (\$30) thirty & Pvt Prior (\$45) forty five. $100+70+55+50+30+45=350$. The men have been depositing money with me for safe keeping & these wanted the amts sent to their families. I can not get checks for the amts except by paying 3 pr ct, 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. To Mrs Wheeler will be sent a check for \$20 as soon as I can get one, besides the amt, mentioned.

We are getting along finely here and expect to leave in two or three months for Fort Benton on the Missouri with Gen'l Harney and the 4th Infantry. We will build a road from Wallawalla to Benton 800 miles though all is passable but 120 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 known about it yet.

I suppose you have heard of our trip through the Misses Berard. The other evening Mr Harker who has been staying with me a week, & I attended an Indian Dance which was quite a novelty to us. They had kept it up for one week & were pretty tired. Every other day I ride through this village of Klickitats on my way from the Lower Cascades to the Upper where the men are and where I am at this moment.

Remember me to all my friends and believe me your sincere friend.

Henry M Robert

To
Lt Howard

I will send you another letter by another route so that you may stop payment on the check if lost.
HMR

997 1/17/1859 *From:* Henry M Robert

To: Mr O.O. Howard

OOH-0934

Fort Cascades W.T.

Source: Bowdoin

Fort Cascades W.T.

Jany 17th 1859

Dear Mr Howard

I write this as a check upon my 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

Pay to William D Walsh or order Three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350)"

signed Benjm Alvord Paymaster endorsed

"Pay to Lt O.O. Howard or order (signed) William D Walsh U.S.A.

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

Henry M Robert

I will enclose this to the Misses Berard for additional safety & send it by <Teknanteper> the other going by Panama.

999 1/20/1859 *From:* Aunt Ann [Lee]

To: My dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-0936

Brooklyn

Source: Bowdoin

Brooklyn Jan 20th /59

My dear Lizzie

I have written you twice since you wrote to me. At least two letters are unanswered. I got one note from you written after you received your furs, but before you got my note inclosing your receipt. Did you get that, and a note written after I went to see Mrs Moor, who promised to write to you. Did you get my last note and has Mrs Moor written to you?

One of Silas letters has miscarried and I have been thinking you may have written and the letter has been lost. I send this note by Cornelia Clark. If you have written and directed to the house and I have missed the letter direct the next to the care of Mr Bacon and he will send it over to me. His direction is 59 South St. N.Y.

I had a letter from Sarah [Sargent] dated the 30th Dec. They are all well, had a letter <Mother Jeans> a day or two ago. They are all well - i.e. their families are well. My own health is about as when you was here. My tumor increases fast. I suffer very much.

Please write me as soon as you get or tell Otis to write for I want to hear from you.

In great haste.

I am your affec
Aunt Ann [Lee]

1000 1/21/1859 *From:* O.O. Howard

To: My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

OOH-0932

West Point N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

West Point N.Y. Jan'y 21, 1859

My dear Mother,

I will direct this letter to you, for the boys may both be gone before this gets home. I received Charles' last letter nearly a week since, but as he wrote on the outside of the one directed to me that mine to him had just arrived I did not think it best to reply immediately.

I am sorry that you had 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 & Lizzie have had pretty bad colds, but I think we are all quite well now. I have not been expecting Perry till since the 15th inst with any anxiety. I don't feel any with reference to the property. God will take care of us. He giveth and He taketh away, and we must rejoice for He doeth all things well.

I have been to Mr Gray's (presbyterian) Church at "the falls" considerably evenings. I have delivered three formal lectures there and spoken informally at other times. He, Mr Gray, has had a protracted meeting for three weeks and quite a revival. The Rev Mr Hawley of Peekskill (at first I heard he was from Poughkeepsy) initiated the good work. Some of our soldiers are interested. I saw one who used to attend my Bible class rise for prayers Tuesday night last. He has been serious a good while but being of the Unitarian stamp he never has learned to put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have one private scholar now, a son of the leader of the Band, Mr Apeles. 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, unite in repeating the Lords prayer and then have one or two extempore prayers. Then I read some selection that I think will give interest and be of some use.

The Wednesday evening meeting with the soldiers &c 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 night also when Mr Edwards does not come.

The examination lasted three weeks. My Sections got off pretty well. Two members of the lower one were found deficient. These failed on what I gave them.

Grace waked this morning at five but she has now gone to sleep again (7). Guy has come down and is being dressed. He says he was sick in the night, but God made him well. Guy is a very good boy. He learns his letters by himself from my news-paper, and is getting to be quite an intelligent lad. Grace talks all the time. She is our sunbeam. She looks at your picture and calls it "Damma" and said last night, I think it was, "Damma mum to tea" i.e. Gramma come to tea.

Love from Lizzie to all. Remember me to the neighbors, and give much love to Father. Lizzie has written to Cynthia. Love to Uncle Ensign's family. May the best blessings be yours.

Affectionately yours
O.O. Howard

"Who writing to papa?" Grandma "Send a Kiss" and to Uncle Charlie & Uncle Rowland & Uncle Dellie and Grandpa."

1001 1/29/1859 *From:* Jno R Bacon

To: [OO Howard]

OOH-0937

New York

Source: Bowdoin

New York
Jany 29/59

Dear Sir,

Yrs at hand. The ltr from Nassau is just in and I have only time to say that it is all right about the \$25 - pay it when it suits you. I hope to see the Goodell here before Monday. There is \$1200 yet uninsured on the half owned by Mr K & yourself but I have today written to Boston to try & get it done there. The application to Hamburg failed.

With kind regards, I am

Yrs Truly
Jno R Bacon

1002 1/30/1859 *From:* Sarah [Jones]

To: My dear Lizzie [Howard]

OOH-0938

Auburn

Source: Bowdoin

Auburn Jan 30 1859

My dear Lizzie,

What shall I first say. I thank you for your kind and affectionate letters, and many of its suggestion are in strict accordance with my own feelings. The last letter in particular, and those little books are beautiful, may my family receive much good from them. You may ask why do I say family - I have nothing but my dear children. Yes I have a husband. He is with us once more. He says never to leave me, untill death. He came home three weeks ago last night. I had not heard from him but once after you left me, untill the day he came. I felt the prediction he was not a living. The last letter denoted how great change in him. Now if he is a changed man, I think I shall be the first one, that knows it.

One week has past since I commenced this sheet. I had to leave on the account of sick headache, today not much better. I ask myself, What are my sufferings compared to our blessed Saviour. I am happier now what I have past through, then I once was. When every thing looked bright to the world. I wish all of my friends could feel the happiness which I now enjoy in Christ Jesus. He has done much for me. I have done nothing in return. I have promise myself this forty fourth year of my age shall be more given to his service. My house shall be a house of prayer, if some of the inmates are not. Let us pray they may be before to late.

Mary Noyes & her children board with us. You can see I have something to do, but nothing to what I have done for the year past. I hope my friends will never know. I hope not but one change more, and may that be the happiest one in my whole life. I would like to see the conversion of my whole family. May this year be a year of interest in the lord.

It is a getting dark. I cannot write much more. You will excuse me when I see you. You mentioned about coming to Auburn before this. I am in hope you will. I imagine I see the children now. Grace with her nightgown pinned up as she sometimes had it before going to bed. Is she as butiful as ever. Do not think to much of them. Did you ever think there never was two such children. I never see them Christmas eve. <Printice> brought me a letter from you with a one dollar bill in it. I took the bill and divided it equal among my children. They knew where the money came from.

The children learn the best this winter, they ever have. We are a having a good school. I can see Crestes has improved this winter.

Novillia is over to the shop this winter. Oscar & Olive with them. I have not write much of interest this time. I will try to write you more next time. We were expecting a new meeting house next summer. I think (Mr Adams) our minister is a fine man, and every body I am acquainted with is good.

My love to Otis. Kiss the children for me. In haste

Sarah [Jones]

Monday morning. Everett gone to work in the shoe shop for Mr Rock. The children to school. Mary a washing her cloths, I have wash mine. Lucretia has been to Auburn and spent one week. I did not see her.

Otis & Lizzie did I do wrong in receiving my husband. He came to me a <fortnight> said he would be true to me. Did I do right by some I have been blamed, but if I do right I shall not suffer by it. He seems changed. I feel that Otis letter had a good effect upon him. Lizzie do you think there ever was a family had so much done for them as you have done for mine and still I ask for more if they are left without a mother. One of these little books has <reminded> me about those <>. How comforting. My health is the same as last summer. Write me soon if convenient. I will answer it soon.

1003 1/31/1859 *From:* C.H. Howard

To: My dear brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0939

Brunswick

Source: Bowdoin

Brunswick Jan 31, 1859

My dear brother

My last letter to you was written just about the time of the one I received from you a day or two afterwards. I was glad to learn you were enjoying your ordinary prosperity and that mother's fears were not realized. I have been in Brunswick almost two weeks. Found my room as I left it and soon had a comfortable fire from the wood I had stored in the Fall.

For the first two nights however I did not stop in College. We met Prof. Chadbourne in the old Laboratory on Friday morning & have since had a lesson every morning. I like him much for a teacher of Chemistry. He makes the recitation interesting. Gets quite enthusiastic on different subjects as they are brought up in the lesson. He will lecture next month.

We have now Upham on the Sensibilities and are just beginning Butler, which requires of me considerable study.

Nettie is well and is now attending school. She gets thro' the High School in two weeks. She & I went to Lewiston last week on Thursday. It was a beautiful day & the sleighing was good so that we could not fail of having a pleasant ride. Found Dellie in good condition boarding with Mrs Herrick who is a daughter of Mr Thomas Little. It is a new place but he likes much. We spent the night there. The house is situated opposite the Academy on Auburn side. We went in the evening to hear a Lyceum Lecture by Mr Eddie of Boston. We went up mostly on account of this lecture. The subject of it was the True & the False. He treated it as regards manhood - patriotism - philanthropy - religion.

Our return on Friday was not so pleasant as it began to snow in the night & we had a storm to ride in. We had a good horse & sleigh & robes however so we did not mind the snow much.

Rowland came from Bangor Sat. week ago. He had been intending to spend the following Sabbath in Harpswell but found his health would not permit. He went to Bath after stopping an hour with me & did not return till last Sat. Said he had been gaining every day but still feared he would not be able to preach at H. yesterday. He rode down there Sat afternoon - will return tomorrow. Ella came up with him from Bath but I did not see her. I forgot to say they came up Frid. & spent the night at Mrs Frost's. I did not see him till Sat. when he came to my room.

I heard from home while at Auburn. Father had been down to Court two days before. Dellie will go home in two weeks. He came down to Auburn when I came along to Brunswick but the term was then almost done. He had kept along his studies while at home with me.

I was glad you wrote as you did to him in my letter. He thinks too much of worldly vanities ever to attain to eminent piety. His mind is all absorbed in subjects which he imagines connected with his intended profession. Fear he would as soon or almost as soon omit reading his chapter in the Bible as the daily newspaper.

I do not feel like dwelling upon his religious languor however as long as my own heart is so out of place as I know it to be. I do not enjoy that daily communion with Jesus that I ought to have. I desire a deeper work of grace. Pray that I may have it Otis.

You ought to read Mr Storer's letter to Rowland in answer to one written him about the "Higher Life". He had not read the book but would do so at the first opportunity. He believes in the "Second Conversion" & thinks the Christian life should be a "constant series of Conversions" he "would not be back where he was before his second change" for a thousand worlds - would "not remain where he was for a million worlds!" He believes "knees well-caloused with prayer" the best preparation for a minister.

Cyrus Carleton of Rowland's class came to town a day or two ago. He was in my room this forenoon. I saw him at Mrs Grows' last evening before meeting. He has been a year & a half at Newton. Thinks of preaching for a few weeks - perhaps in Brunswick as they are destitute. There has been some interest at the lower part of the town this winter & considerable in Topsham with the Free-will Baptists.

You inquire about Roland A. He has been quite steady of late. Appeared very kind to me while I was at home. I was often in there. One evening Dellie & I were invited there to tea. Dellie did not spend all the evening but went home to study. Before going home I read a chapter & tried to pray. They both seemed very glad to have me do so tho' they did not request it. This was but a few days before I left home. I think I wrote you of Salmon Wing. I have not heard from him since I left.

The interest at the lower part of this town is tho't I believe to have been awakened in connection with the preaching of a Mr Philips of the Junior class. He preached with great acceptance to quite a full audience at the Poor House last term. Mr Penney of the Junior Class also preaches occasionally in the Free-will house at Grows Town - West Brunswick. Mr Harris of my own class preached at the Baptist here in town during the Winter. He was teaching at the same time.

I do not feel as tho' it would be my place to preach now & I don't know as I ever shall. I am thinking somewhat of teaching a year after leaving College. Father has hard work to furnish me the means to pay my expenses just now. I don't know how it will be next October. Rowland is a little troubled to get means. Father has let him have money once this winter.

I was particularly pleased to hear about Guy & Grace. Always tell me about them, wont you? Hope you & Lizzie will find your connection with the Episcopal Church conducive to abundant growth in grace. I must now take [leave] my Brother

Hope you will write me oftener this term if you can spare the time. I remain

Affectionately Yours
C.H. Howard