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Rev Lynde

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Camp Hudson, Tex.
March 5th, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty
of introducing to you Jacob H.
Counselman, a connection of mine,
who has recently been appointed
a Cadet, and hope you will
extend to him the good office
of adviser upon his entering
on his new life.

I hope you will excuse
the liberty I have taken upon
a few hours' acquaintance in
the wilds of Florida.

The young man is of
excellent habits, and very apt
in his studies, & unless led off
by bad associations, will prove

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a credit to himself & all connected with him.

Hoping I have not taken too great a liberty

I remain, Sir,

Very sincerely Yours

R. D. Lynde

Asst. Surg. U.S.A.

Lt. O. O. Howard,

Ord. Dept. U.S.A.

A. Asst. Prof. Math.

Military Academy

West Point

Dear Howard,

I hope you haven't forgotten me, at all events, I take this opportunity to bring myself to mind, & the Doctor endorses his young friend, I take great pleasure in endorsing him,

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+ your recollection & kindness to him will be reciprocated by

Yours very truly
Wesley Orcutt.

of the latter now. I rise at six or a little before that time, & study till after ten in the evening all the time except an hour about supper time & a little time at noon. I have as yet become acquainted with but a very few of the students and as I am only in ~~the~~ at recitations I think I shall be long in becoming acquainted.

The other day the members of the Philo-
sophian society had a meeting & among
the things they did was to choose your
humble servant President for the term.
I thought it very peculiar that they
should do so as only about half a dozen
knew me, & I was not present either.
I don't think I shall retain it as I
don't like the idea very much,
being so unacquainted with the customs
of the society. I have not heard
from Romond for two or three months

North Dartmouth Acad.
Dartmouth the March. 7. 1839.

My Dear Brother:

I think you are my
debtor in regard to letters but I ~~was~~ would
like to hear from you so I thought I
would remind you that I was in the land
of the living. You may ^{be} surprised
to know that I am here, if you have
not already learned that fact. I came
here last Monday and have had a week
of pretty hard study. Mr. Randall gives
me long lessons and is continually talk-
ing about getting every thing well so that
I shall not be obliged to go over it again
before I go to College. He likes to have
me read my lessons over perhaps a dozen
times after I have translated them.
I like his way of teaching very much but
I can't say I like him as a man very

well. Perhaps I may like him better after I get acquainted with him more. He has many very eccentric ways that do not please me at first. The scholars all like him who have been here before. My I came from Lewiston Falls Acad. was because there will be no school there in the summer term & as I would like to go to one school all the time before I go to Windsor. I have concluded that this was the place to go. I am very glad I have come here as I shall get a much better "fit" than I should have done if I had remained under the tuition of Mr. Percival. Mr. Barton left the Academy at the end of the Fall term. We were all very sorry to have him go, as he had made us all like him. He was a very good man, I think. He went to Bangor to study for the ministry. I think he would do more good teaching than he would preaching as he is a very

fine speaker. We had a good prayer meeting all the time he was there, especially during the fall term. They all attended the prayer meeting regularly, and most of them seemed to take quite an interest in them. You have not written me, & I, again, for so long I hardly know what you know of my affairs & I do not know what to write that would be of interest. Charles, probably, has written you what a pleasant time he & I had at home this winter. After Charles went to Brunswick I continued my studies till the end of the term at L. F. Academy. The three weeks previous to last week I spent at Leeds & I had the most agreeable time during the vacation I ever had in Leeds without a single exception. The vacation was a long one (three weeks) and I had a chance to do a great deal except studying. But I have my share

schoolmates here as at Farmington
& Auburn coming to Christ.
O that God's Holy Spirit might
be poured out here. But I think
it may be ere long. Dear Otis
pray for the members of the
Acad. & for me individually that
I may do my duty here & that
nothing may be hindered which
will conduce to spreading the
Gospel here. Give my love to
Lizzie & Guy & kiss little Grace
for me. I am well and happy
and I think I shall study hard
this & next term that I may get
a good "fit" for College. I hear
quite soon. I am anxious to hear
from you & your family.

Your very affectionate brother
Lieut. O. C. Howard
West Point
N. Y.

R. H. Gilmore
Yonkers
Me.

I don't know but he has let me slip
his memory; if that is the case I think
I shall be reminding him to free long
that his notices are all in existence
including my humble self. I do not
feel myself very highly flattered by these
neglects of my two older brothers. Charles
however, answers my letters & I don't
know but he does more than that. I think
he keeps himself my credit a great deal
of the time.

Mr. Allen my boarding master is a
Christian and I should judge a very fine
man. He is one of the leading members
of the church in this place. He has
prayer in his family every morning &
evening. He has two daughters here at
home - one about 20 & the other, perhaps
12. The youngest one is a very fine
little girl. Yesterday was communion.
Mr. Aikin I like very much. I think

him a very fine preacher. We have now
no prayer meetings in the Academy, but
I am in hopes that one may be commen-
ced here soon. I shall endeavor to do some
thing about it immediately. While Charles
was here they had quite a revival in
among the students. I wish it could be so
again. The Saviour's cause is just as
dear now as then and souls are just as
valuable and it is just as important that
each one of those who entertain a "hope"
should act now as it was then. The
state of morals here are not upon so
high a standard as they are in Livistm
but I think that does not ~~oppose~~ effectually
oppose the work of Grace in a place. It
is a drawback to commence with, but at
Farmington last spring it was those who
were called the worst citizens of the place
that were among the first to come out
openly and acknowledge the Saviour.

Mr. Randace is a pious man, but does
not belong to any church. He has prayers
in the Academy morning and evening.
He seems to be a pretty good man, but
I cannot say I like his eccentricities.
But I don't know but he is calculated
to do much good. He says he was
in College two years while you were
there, and that he was some acquainted
with you at that time. He knows
Rowland & Charles. Rowland does
not like him very much. He
belonged to the X.Y. society while in
College, perhaps that may have some-
thing to do with it. I think he would
lend his aid to anything that might be
commenced to have a prayer meeting in
the Academy. I think that is some-
thing that has not been in the
Academy since Charles was here.
I do wish that I might see you

West Point, N.Y. March 1843

My dear Brother,

I lie in the shade.

I have owing you a letter, not having
written you since you enclosed me
the Rev Mr. Smith's letter. I was very
glad to see that letter because Charles
had spoken of it and you also had
spoken of him. I know very little of
the experiences of men who have endured
much mental or physical suffer-
ing. All real trials are in the future
for me. Therefore, before I know
much of the love & mercy of God, I
magnified my trials & causes of
complaining; but, God has been pleased
to deal bountifully with me. Now
my prevailing temper is peace,
peace of mind. I have read a little

How long it is

Again, Doctor,

I believe in the

There is a great deal of

another great deal of

the two are the same

and it is not the same

there is a great deal of

of the same kind of

the same kind of

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arrangements, and have engaged to
continue till I have finished or
written next Sunday evening. It engaged
to preach here a sermon for each
lecture. In this way I am saving the
labor of preparation. You say, think
this of great utility, but the truth
is, though in good faith, I do
considerable duty beyond the official
requirements. I am not very strong. I
keep thin in flesh and with nervous
exhaustion lose elasticity of mind &
body. I myself think the best thing for
me is a proper regulation of my exercise
and diet. What an excellent thing if my
practice would correspond better with
my theories. I have not time to answer your long
letter and do not remember when you
wished me to give you the information
you desired. I will however write
a few words on the subject, if it is not
too late, well. Lizzy has found the

The first, and the most important, is
 the fact that the world is not
 what it seems to be. It is a
 vast and mysterious place, full
 of wonders and marvels. We
 are only beginning to understand
 its secrets, and there are still
 many things that we do not
 know. It is a place of endless
 possibilities, and it is up to us
 to explore it and discover its
 true nature.

letter and I find I allowed the
time to pass without complying
with your request. Simultaneously
Aunt's sickness & death occurred
about the time of the receipt of
your letter. I watched with him
& spent much time with him and
more with the family after his death.
Lizzie & I visited Aunt Ann last
week. Her cancer is a serious and
dreadfully painful; like coals of
fire, she says. She is very cheerful
and looks upon for comfort. She will
soon be there. Lizzie has written
to Ella & is exceedingly anxious to
have a visit from her. It is almost
too good a thing to expect, but still
you see we will give her a hearty wel-
come if she does come. Guy is a
strapping boy. He says, "Obey your
parents in all things, for this is will
pleasing unto the Lord." "Suffer little
children to come to me" "Then God bless me".

I have been thinking of writing you
 some time but have been so busy
 with my work that I could not find
 time to do so. I am now at home
 and will write you again soon.
 I hope you are well and happy.
 I am very much interested in your
 progress and hope you will continue
 to improve yourself every day.
 I am your friend,
 J. W. Smith

He knows also the Lord's prayer. I had ^(p. 4)
some stories about Jesus as a little
Boys and Child. These he listens
to with undivided attention. He said
the other day, after I had told him
of Jesus, giving a sketch of his life from
his birth to his ascension. Papa
will say go to Heaven. Yes, if you love
Jesus & obey him - Papa, mamma,
even myself will go to Heaven if
they will love Jesus & do as he says.
I asked him if he remembered about
Johnny Mulliken's little brother. "Yes
He has gone to Heaven." He meditates
a few minutes, & his little lips quiver
as he said, "papa, I don't want to
go to Heaven." Why not my son, it is a
better place than this is. It is a beautiful
a lovely place. Can you father & mother
there, will God let you go out & see
again? Yes I think so. I hope we will
all go there. I want to go to Heaven
papa. Explain you the substance of
our common faith. He converses with

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remarkable intelligence about all these
things & has quite a clear perception
of right & wrong in many things. "If
will be good to little sister, he will
give her all his blocks" "If will
not feel at Grace, he will give her
every thing." His enumeration is clear
and he pronounces every word, with
one or two exceptions, distinctly. He
knows all his letters. Asks them
by asking me to make them on
pieces of paper. He reads all the stories
in the book you sent him, quite alone
by means of the pictures. The truth is
he knows all such ones by heart. He
is a bright, spirited, active gentle
boy, and I have thought lately that
his father could not give him up with-
out a struggle. Should Jesus call him
home, but the Saviour never leaves one
in times of trial. Grace is full of life
and sweetness. She talks much, yet

and sweet. The taste must be
in form of food. There is full of life
home. And the reason some have
not a strong desire for food is
his father could not give him up with
boy. and I have thought lately that
is a high spirit. And gentle
the same old and one of food. The
of means of the picture. The taste is
in the best you have seen. But when
piece of paper. The words of the story
by asking nothing in to make them or
from all his letters. And when there
was in his exception. distinctly. He
and the person was very good, with
every thing. His conversation is clear
and full of grace. He will give you
give you all his blood. And will
and he was to tell him, he will
of right wrong in many things. If
things & he gave a clear perspective
knowledge in things about all these

into a terrible passion now and then
but her prevailing temper is happy.

She has a joyous laugh, a big wide open
eye and seems to partial parents a
sunbeam to their home. As we sat
to night, at tea, I was struck with
the picture of beauty before me. The
white cloth, the pretty lace, the happy
laughing wife opposite. Guy with his
fat rosy cheek and clear speaking eye
on my left, and little ^{Joan} on her high
chair with her golden locks, pretty smiling
little face on the right. She says "Guy
does pray, papa blessen or blessen"
I told her to tell Guy not to speak while
papa asked a blessing. Knowing she
would after that feel called upon to set
him an example. God has truly blessed
me in my family as well as in all
other things and to his name be
the praise. It is now Thursday
evening Nov. 3rd. I read the Gospels

and a terrible passion was on her
but her fascinating beauty is happy
She has a finger caught, a big ring
eye and seems to be a beautiful person
unknown to this house. She is an
traveller at sea. I was attracted with
the picture of her before me. The
white teeth, the pink cheeks, the happy
looking wife opposite her with his
his very short and dark complexion of
or very light, and white, in his high
black with his eyes, but, first smiling
little fan on the right. She says "my
good friends for a house or garden."
He then is the day and to speak while
passer asked a blessing. Hearing that
after after that first call of mine to see
him an example. God has truly blessed
me in my family as well as in all
other things and to his name be
the praise. It is now Thursday
evening Nov. 24. I have the day

daughter's last night in the people
at our Langston Chapel instead
of a lecture; and a portion of the
same at our Cadets' prayer meeting
last Monday & this evening. I do
not see much fruit of labor
except in the good will of the
people to me. The revival at the
Falls House progressing. I heard
however that ^{the} young man, who had
been in the habit of swearing, after
my lecture at the Grays on that
subject; had been much troubled
and had expressed a determination
never to swear again. I hope he
will get grace for strength, and
his resolution may fail him. Lizzie
says she has nothing to say & then adds
give my love to Rowland & tell him
he may come & visit us too, if he
wills. Peace be unto you in Christ,
affectionately your
brother Chas

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Portland March 11. 1859. 218

My dear Harvard.

I want to find the whereabouts of a man by name of George Marchant, who is, or was, as I am informed, an officer in the service; and to the end that I may be put in the way of finding him, or his family or heirs, I solicit your friendly help.

This Marchant was stationed here some twenty years ago, more or less. I am not able by any means at hand to get the information above asked of you, and really don't know from what source to seek information - If in your power, without much trouble to yourself, will you answer my inquiries, or can you tell me the proper place to seek for information.

Bill Packard was just in to see me - he has this morning arrived here in the steamer from England, after an absence of some two years in Germany - He goes to Brunswick to assume the duties of Prof of Modern Languages &c -

H. Swellman

L. Deane
Our common friends & acquaintances in this
vicinity, Jackson, Jessenden, Holton, &c are
all in health & comfort - daily increasing in
substance, reputation & children - as to the
last item you must allow a little scope
for the figure, or imagination, and understand
me to say, that their families are regularly
growing larger & larger -

Please present my kind regards
to Mr Howard -

and believe me

very truly yours

L. Deane.

Chicago March 11th 1857

My dear Cousin

Your very kind letter of the 4th inst has just reached me, what you tell me about mother, is what I have suspected for some time, the her letters are written rather encouragingly than otherwise I fear that anxiety for us tends to increase her disease or the intensity of her suffering, I had intended visiting her early this spring & to have spent some time with her, but as my arrangements have all been changed very recently, it is at present impossible for me to say what I can do, or when I can visit her, I shall however, try & make such arrangements as will allow me to go on as early as possible, for a short time, Just now I am placed in a difficult position, some of my friends here, have helped me to go into business, and having placed myself under very great obligations to them, I am of course obliged to be governed somewhat by their feelings, tho I do not suppose they would object to my leaving my business upon such an errand, yet as I shall be obliged to borrow the money to to defray my expenses, they may ~~so~~ ^{to} ~~at~~ ^{think} I might have put off my visit till I could afford it better, I have bought a drug store, & borrowed of my friends \$900. to assist in the purchase beside getting them to endorse my notes for several hundred, more, all of which is to be

paid by the 1st of March 1860, and as it is a
stand which, altho good, has been badly managed
it will require my constant personal attention to
fulfil these engagements. I want to go & see mother
& fulfil it my duty to do so, & shall do so at whatever
sacrifice it may require, as soon as possible.

You probably understand how I am situated. It
is a confliction of duty, with duty, - I know she cannot
live many months in so great suffering - but I had
hoped from her letters - that with the opening of the
Spring she might revive somewhat & that her
system would strengthen sufficiently to keep back
the disease till another Winter perhaps. Yet, I know
that the slightest cause may at any day produce
a speedy & fatal termination. Now from what you tell
me, I am certain that her disease has increased far
more rapidly than she allowed me to believe, and
that I must hasten my preparations, or never again
see my mother. It is terrible to think upon and
almost impossible to realise. I grieve to think
that I cannot conscientiously give her what to her
would be the greatest of all consolation - that I was
such a Christian & accepted the Bible as she does - but
I cannot honestly do so, & will not deceive her. I have
sought but not found "the heart of great price." perhaps
I did not seek in the right spirit but I can safely
say that I was sincere - candid & tried to allow no
prejudices to influence my mind on the other side.
I am very glad that Sarah will so soon be on

her coming will be a great relief to Mother. & will
comfort her more than the presence of either. Mary
or myself, tho it would be a great comfort to have us
all around her, in her great trials.

With much love to Lizzie & the children
believe me very affectionately your cousin
Silas, Lee

Silas Lee } My health is not very good - not having entirely
recovered from a severe attack of inflammation of
the lungs. - I am daily looking for Uncle Henry
I last night wrote to Oliver Woodman
Mr Robb, frequently enquires about you. he
makes my place his headquarters when in town.
last week I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs Robb
& find her an excellent person.

Silas

March 23rd

Search'g through my pockets
just now I found this letter which I thought had
been mailed 11 days. I enclose my card & with an
apology (understood) & love to Lizzie & the children
I am still your afft. coz

Silas

Bangor Threl. Lewis
March - 11. 1858

My dear Brother

I wrote $\frac{3}{4}$ th of an hour
before prayer to reply to your delight-
ful letter which I received in
due time - All the details about Guy
& Grace were exceedingly pleasant
to me - So also the sweet little book.
~~It~~^{It} was like "Mamma" to send
that - I will preserve it carefully.

I thank ^{you} most cordially for
the other remembrances - how can
I ever repay your kindness - My
dear Brother & Sister - May God
bless & repay you ten thousand
times - My books are the most
Apotheosis - Religious books come
high - but I must have them -
Mr. Turke of Bath will the day
he got his library was by postponing
getting married awhile! He did

not advise that in my case how
ever - seeming to think that it was
a peculiar one - I am in hopes
to accumulate some useful books
during the next year & a half
tho' I often wish I could visit
as you can, the 2^d hand bookstores
of New York & when I feel the
need of a book, secure it at
a reasonable rate - I haven't come
to buy hardly any miscellaneous
books - but I do want the lives
& works of all the more distinguished
divines - Christian Biography & the
earnest writings of good men are
only additional pages to that
history of the triumphs of Grace
which the Bible began - What
is our true adage? I will
try to write her - O her condition
would be deplorable indeed if
it were; not for the Grace - the
sustaining & comforting grace
of God in the face of Jesus Christ

Is he able to visit - I believe need
to Yarmouth the 1st inst. & I have
not heard from him since - I feel
great anxiety that he should be
fully given up & believe as I
fear he is not - I lately received
a long & excellent letter from
Charles the other day - If God
will grant him physical strength
he will be an able & useful
minister of the New Testament -
& if not; it will be right - blessed
be his name who doeth all things
well - I had also a letter from
Mother this week (how much I
have been blest this week!) - She
is well & seems anxiously waiting
for the coming of a good work in
Leeds. May God grant it -
Yesterday was the Anniversary
of starting the Union Prayer
meetings, in this City, last
year - by whose means apparently
nearly 400. have been brought into

the visible Church of Christ - a
meeting of blessed reminiscences
& thanksgiving was held - a
delightful meeting - where the
Spirit was - When we came
a man came to me & called
me by name & inquired for
you - He said that your
relation of your experience
last Summer was greatly
blessed to him - He remembers all your
saves - He is a business man
& his name is Wiley - Gen. McC
Stevens says he never can get
on his knees without remem
bering you - & he expects a revival
or next Fall - When it comes
shake down the barriers of Social
& Church formalism
& make you feel free in Christ
I had another dear letter from
Mr. Storer - last Evening - I could
be too thankful that God
given me such a friend & a
lover - It is the ripest love
I ever knew - Our morning
in place lately doubled in
I conducted this morning

- & we had a pleasant &
refreshing Season. My dear
a soul has been watered this
week & I feel like doing
anything for him - my love
for Master -

It is now time for our General
meeting & I must close -

Give very great love to Sister
Quinn (I'm glad she looked so
well, pretty & "smiling" across
the water that day!) & kisses
for the dear children -

Remember them when God plucks them -

as buds or flowers -
as old ripe fruit, ready
to be placed them in
the Paradise above - transplanted.

to a more grateful Soil - in
the sweet Vineyard - Jesus - the
Master - & joy the portion of
all

Yours in Love forever
Katherine

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Arsenal. He succeeded Todd. I do not know
Haldwin but just enough to speak - but he
is spoken of very well where he is known - he
goes in for using all the appropriations - he
keeps Bachelor quarters and has sold all three
of the Horses on the post and bought a new
one. My Brother George is in Texas and
it is to be his home for the future his family
will join him this Spring or next fall
his health is good. My Mother's health
is poor she is suffering with her teeth
and almost lost of speech. She is very
miserable. My Sister can understand her
quite well but a stranger could not at
all. I can with considerable difficulty
only. All of my Father's family are well
beside. Every thing about Town has not
changed in the least with few exceptions.

The morning prayer meetings commenced
again yesterday morning down street
in Darby Hall. when I go to New York
you may be sure I shall come West
but there is no prospect at present. I am
not sufficiently settled to visit except
business. Brown and family are well
and the same as ever. Doct Briggs and
family are well. write soon - and I will
try not to have such a blank space again.
Truly your friend C. B. Mulliken

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Augusta March 11th 1859

Dear Oliver

Your letter of the 4th inst came
duly to hand and was very glad to hear from
you and of your family that you all were well
and happy. my impression is that this letter
was my due justly still I am not positive
and it would not make the slightest difference
to me with you which way the balance was.
My health has been good all winter and is
now. I have been in prime condition for
business since early in the fall - but it is dull
there is no extension of business of any de-
scription and but little speculation except
in merchandise sound-staple-goods - so that
things go on their real merits more than for-
merly and as long as things continue as
they are now every body moves cautiously and
prudently as the inevitable result of this course
but little can or will be done. I am rather
blue at times and having met with some
lopes feel as though I would like to give up
my

business at Augusta and go away and probably
shall whenever a favorable opportunity occurs
but this is a matter which I tell you but not
to go farther as I make no talk here with any
one outside of my family. I have had a
vague idea of going to Boston yes in fact have
talked considerably of it. but as yet nothing
definite has taken place and then may not
It is quite an undertaking situated as I
am however Angosa for a big load and
have always drawn it all alone. aside
from my business I am very happy never
more so. God has been very kind and gra-
cious towards me and my faith and love for
Christ daily increases I feel how dependent
I am upon him and in our family prayers
I derive renewed strength and hope to go on
I feel that prayer does me more good
and opens my eyes to the truth more than
any thing I do. Mrs M. Henry & Jonny
are very well and have been all winter and
we have passed the happiest winter I ever
did they all send their kindest regards to
you and yours. Gus & Grace are both

remembered by our little Boys and occasion-
ally spoken of by them. We attend the Wed-
nesday evening meeting in our Vestry very
regularly and my wife feels deeply interested
in them. Mr Webb the first of the winter
commenced explaining Romans beginning
at the first chapter and I have derived
much information of Paul and his ideas
of living the life of the Christian. Mr Webb
is very plain. He preaches now and
has for several weeks (on the Sabbath) from
the commandments. I delivered your
message to him and wished me to ask
you if you had received a Book which
he sent you some time ago. that one
which you expressed a desire to see on
Congregationalism. I believe Mr W. and family
are well. It has been quite gay here this
winter a number of parties - Dances &c
but I nor Sarah have not been to any
thing of the sort not once and we feel
happier for it I usually read evenings
and I enjoy it much so does Sarah.
Wm Baldwin is Military Storekeeper at the

term. But in every time if I could
do as well as I have in this I should
make fifteen dollars more so that I
could make in a year \$195.00 which
I think would pay my expenses quite
well. Now you may ask what kind of
business have you got into? It is peddling
stationery which I can sell for more
than twice as much as it cost me
and then sell it a number of cents
cheaper than it can be had in any
part of Maine except in some
of the large cities and villages.
For instance paper that I give \$2.00
for I sell for \$4.50 and I can sell
over \$5.00 each day. Will I have you
stay at Tampa long? What kind
of quarters do you get there. Write me
all about the place, country, war,
Indians, your employment, &c as I
shall be very anxious to know all
about you as I have not yet learned any

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My Brother Otis

I should have
written to you before if I had known
where to direct my letter. I did
not know where to direct my letter
to you until last Friday night when I
received a letter from Mother. I have
repeatedly written to Roland & Charles
to know where to direct a letter to you
and as yet they have not told me.
Roland wrote that you had gone to
Florida and that you supposed you
would go to Tampa. I am doing well
here and I am going to chide hard
here while I stay here. Roland has ex-
pected some doubt whether I shall better
go to college but I think I had better
go ahead if I cannot do any better.

You have often inquired what I
intended to do in the world.

In the first place I would like
the Army if it were possible for me
to get a commission, but I could
not do any thing in the Army as I
am nearly blind, excitable & timid.
Then the next thing to that I like
is the "Law." Now I am in no way
qualified for a lawyer, as I cannot
express in any way before any number
of people what I think without making
horrid blundering work of it. But as
it is the only profession that I care
any thing about, I believe I must try
and qualify myself for that profession.
After I have committed a piece
to memory I can declaim it quite
well, and if I can write any thing
and have what I have constantly
before me I can do quite well so.

But I am now young and after I
have had 10 years study and applic-
ation I am in hopes that I shall
be better fitted for the practice of law.
Randall has written to me a great
deal about my prospects and I
was in hopes to have had a talk
with him about these things when
he went through here but as Mr. Warr
is not very well he could not stop
here when he went home. After this
term I shall not be a great burden
upon father's shoulders as I have a
way by which I can make from \$2 to
\$4 per day. now school costs me about
\$50 each term and if I can make on
an average \$2.50 most every day in
vacation I shall make in a year
\$150.00 in the whole of my vacations
that would pay my expenses if they did
not cost me more than \$50 dollars per

we have had good preaching at the
centre through the winter and I have
had the privilege of attending, a fine
understanding ~~man~~ man, by the name
of Bulton, a man that has had great
advantages, in fitting and in fitness
for standing up for Jesus, & trust it has
not been lost on me, I know that I
felt an increase of faith, a more
perpetual leaning on Jesus, than formerly,
he is now gone and we are without any
preaching there now, we have had a circle
a Ladies circle in town, throughout
it has taken well, it has promoted
social feelings and gathered a small
sum of money, for benevolent purposes
~~now~~ I hope we shall see good result
from this source, Helen and Laura
have seemed to enjoy it much, Mr Benson
Cornwell has had two daughters die, one 18.
and the other 20 years and a son eight years
within a few weeks, otherwise Leeds to
be healthy, my health never was better
my sheet is full from your affectionate
C. R. Howard, Mother, Eliza Gilman

Leeds, March, 13, 1859.

My dear Children, & grandchildren
for such I feel, to address you, yours of
the first Inst, was duly received, and a
grateful heart, in your mother it met
I am happy to hear that your health is
so good, I am particularly happy when
you tell me of ~~the~~ ^{your} ~~grace~~ ^{grace} and grace, and
their precious interesting ways, I have
long thought, that the developments of
nature in our little, (if our hearts are right)
ones gave us true pleasure, that nothing in
this world can compare, then again when
our warmest affections are, there can be
our keenest afflictions, I feel Ann's situation
very keenly, I have read her letters to Cousin
Laura, and John C. H., the past winter, and
sometimes have thought I would write
her and have even taken my pen up to
write, but I would lay it down again, and take
a second view of her and myself and conclude

you are deceived if you are thinking that I have
any ^{particular} anxiety about property.
I have none, I make it my daily practice
to do all I can to earn my living and that
is all that I can do, the evening I received
^{your} last letter one came from Charles and
one from Rodolphus, Charles had just
heard from Howland by letter, and I
was much gratified, not because I am over
anxious about any of you in any way, but
neither am I any way weaned from
my sons, but I have been enabled by
His grace to commit my all, all that
in any way concerns me, into the hands
of God, and in thus doing there is peace,
I visited John Otis's last week for the first
time, his family were well, there I read a
letter from Mrs Frank Sargent, it was an
able letter, written to Ensign, she will sail
for New York as soon as her children recover
from the whooping cough, and her hus-
band is well of a severe cough similar to
her children's, she says she shall never

leave her Mother again, while she lives, ^{but} he has told you about the state of
Helen said John had lately received
a letter from ^{William} Chi, from Austin, Texas
where he has been a long time and
in the same business and John was
with him, said John was a noble
fellow, he was very proud of him,
^{and} ~~very~~ happy to hear such good
from them, your father has just said
^{that he} ~~he~~ had talked with Mr Spalding about
Addison who told him it, was in Sacramento
and, has another daughter, perhaps I am
writing nothing new to you, but it is new
to me, Our meetings continue on the ridge,
I have not attended them constantly
but good degree of religious feeling
prevails with those who have been en-
gaged in the work, Salmon Whiff
is one of the converts, he set up ^{major} ~~for~~
in his family, New Years day, 1859, I am look-
ing forward to him as an example to others,
in the religious walk of life, I attended
a class meeting not long ago Mr S. Gilbert

Leeds March 13 1859

Dear Otis - As your mother has
written you a long letter I shall write
you or Lizzie a few lines on business
I called a while since on Mr Alden
Whitman about the note you hold
against him (by the way I cannot find
it I suppose you never gave it back
to me) in the ^{fact} place he pleaded poverty
& when I spoke about having it changed
to run to Lizzie he said that Mr Waste
made a receipt for forty Dollars in
full of all demands in his favor &
left it with Everett Jones which
Jones was to deliver to him if Lizzie
was willing I afterwards saw him in the
street he shew me a receipt made
to him for forty Dollars in full of
all demands Signed Lurmetia S Waste
dated October 10 1856 - you named

that you thought there was a Mortgage
to secure the note you hold against
Mr. Jones. I examined the Records
I found that Everett H Jones conveyed
to Lucretia S North Long 6 1856 the
house & lot where your Aunt lives
& that July 16 1856 your Mother
conveyed to Sarah G Jones the same
premises by a Warranty deed -
Consideration in each deed \$1000
I understood that Mr Jones was at
Auburn when I was there about the
first of Feb'y but I did not see him
I shall take such course with the
notes that I have here as you may
direct, I cannot find the note against
your Uncle Alden though you did
not leave it with me - We have
had good sleighing all winter, snow
about level with the fences in the
roads & nowhere less than about three
feet in the roads or elsewhere -

Yours affectionate father John Gilman

Dear Mother,

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1859
Evening 19 March

I have written a letter to Father and will add a few words to you. I have not heard a word from Aunt Ann since I last wrote. The paper where she boards promised to write me and Mr Bacon said he would let me know if there was anything unusual or any particular immediate danger. I wrote Silas a true account of her state & danger - but whether he can come now I do not know. Silas is doing well at Chicago I think, trying hard to establish him and regain amongst his friends the confidence he has lost. We have not heard from Perry since he sailed. His voyage this time, if nothing hinders, will be only two months. He has a good Charter and I hope will clear a handsome amount this time -

We have been thinking of getting a dining room carpet, but if we leave this house we will not want it after June and we shall undoubtedly move from here after our return from Maine. Lizzie proposes to make you a present of one for the North

room. We will buy one and use it this Spring
and bring it to you when we go. We first wish
to know if you have ^{a new} one already. Next which
is the size of the room on the floor in feet &
inches and then if the present would be
~~acceptable~~. Our Minister Professor Torrance
is quite unwell and unable to perform
his duties of Chaplain - but we have had prayers
every day this week (being less) by the ~~Chaplain~~
from the parish below. We have recently lost a good
Christian woman after a short & painful illness -
her name was Mrs Morrison, the wife of the
tailor. She was buried yesterday. I have visited her
& prayed with her often during her sickness. She
gave the clearest testimonials of an undoubting faith
in Jesus. I wish Sanford would write me - I
am glad to hear that Salmon Wing perseveres. If the
Spirit of God is with them, they will bear fruit.
Remember me kindly to them all on the ridge. I
hope there will be many accessions to the house-
hold of Faith before I get there again. It will
do me good to shake forgiven sinners by the
hand. Sizzie joins with me in love to you all.
We are to have gas put in the house, and as soon as it is done
we wish to put down the carpets. Please write the dimensions
of the room as just as soon as you get this - We will delay
buying till we hear from you - I have lately heard from
Fanny to the boys. Remember us affectionately to Roland's
family -
Yr Affectionate Son
O. Howard

so good and particularly glad that she
feels so free from the burdens of care.

I hope God will preserve to her, peace
of mind, during the rest of her pilgrimage.
and I hope too, dear Father, that in your
heart of hearts the prayer of the Psalmist
finds a place - as "Let the words of my
mouth & the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength
and my Redeemer." You are on the
downward declivity of life and before
many years will try the unknown world.
So I hope & pray, that you may go hence
clothed in the righteousness of Christ. How
is Uncle Ensign? I have not heard about
the Rail Road lately. Does it prosper?

We have no sign of snow & have had spring
weather for a week. The birds sing, the frogs
croak, the grass is quite green in spots & some
shrubs are budding. We are all quite well
My remembrance all about Grandpa's & Johnny's
Yours affectionately Son
O. C. Howard

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West Point N.Y. Mar. 1857

Dear Father,

We received Mother's good
long letter accompanied by a note
from you on business day before
yesterday. I find that I recorded in
pencil on an invoice that you gave
me of notes &c. that Alden Whitman's
note was left in your hands and also
entered the same on my Cash Book.
So I think you must have it as I cannot
find it here. Lizzie says she did not
know that her mother had left a receipt for
forty dollars in full of all demands in the
hands of Everett Jones for her Uncle Alden &
that she did not & does not authorize such a
receipt being given without payment.

Lizzie says, The mortgage was given
a short time after her father's death.

She does not know anything about
the conveyance of the property to her
mother in January 6. 1856 nor of the
reconveyance by Warranty deed to
Everett Jones. July 16th 1856. Sizzis
Mother's papers are in a chest at her
Aunt's & she thinks the Mortgage must
be there. She says a man bought
a portion of the land & house worth
of Aunt Susan's. This man came to Portland
after he had purchased to get the Mortgage
off the part he had bought, for he had
been ^{assured} ~~warranted~~ that there was no
incumbrance on it. She released this
portion but retained his claim on
the rest.

Everett Jones had purchased considerably
more than his present house & lot
with an old house on the same - He
built one house & sold that with a part
of the land & afterwards built the present

house on the rest of the land. I
have much confidence in his ^{former} manag-
ing, receipts &c. That 1856 business
may have been a contrivance on his part
to get his property into his wife's hands -
If those deeds are genuine does it not
make Mother ^{Madam} ~~as owner~~ all incumbrances
on that property? Would her deed
be good for anything (except given as
Administratrix) to relieve that property
from ^{the} Mortgage in question?

Sizzis says you need not be at the trouble
of doing anything with them till he go
down in June. She prefers to overhaul
her mother's papers herself. She thought
she had taken all the important ones with
her. "The debts of
Jones & Elden Whitman are not very
reliable ~~debtors~~ - I want to keep clear of every
~~sort of~~ entanglement.

I am very glad to learn that Mother's health is

No 11 Tompkins Place - Brooklyn
Monday evening - March 3rd 1839

Friend Oliver C. Howard.

D. D. Sir -

Your Aunt Mrs. Lee de-
sired me to write you for her - informing
you of her removal from Harrison St. to Mrs.
Lyman's co. of Clinton and Warren Sts. where she
has taken the parlour floor, and is very pleasant-
ly situated. I am happy to tell you, she has a
very excellent servant. Mrs. Lee would be very
much pleased to see Mrs. Howard, and your-
self at any time.

Mrs. Lee has been suffering ex-
ceedingly since Thursday, especially yesterday
and today. I have been with her much of
the time during the last three weeks, and

feel convinced, though very reluctant to
inform you, that your Aunt is failing very
rapidly. She has had frequent turns of bleeding
during the last months - occurring very pro-
fusely three times today previous to four o'clock
P.M.

Mrs. Sargent is expected this week. Capt. Lee
has not been heard from yet, his Mother is ex-
pecting tidings every day.

Mrs. Lee sends to you all her warmest
love, trusting soon to see you.

Very respectfully

Thomasine M. Healey

time. My lessons now are Leo lines
of Virgil, two pages of Cicero, a page
and a half in Greek, besides a
lesson in Latin & Greek Grammars.
The school now numbers nearly
sixty and they are constantly coming
in from all parts of the state.

Some of the trustees of the Academy
are Democrats and they are now making
a great fuss because Mr. Randall
wrote the Republican ticket this
year. Mr. R. says that he shall
ask no man how to vote. There is
quite a stir about it now, so that
with the Church quarrel we are
in a continual twirl. Give my love
to Leggie & the children and
remember me as you very aff.

Yours
W. H. Gilmore

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A. Y. G. Academy

Yamouthe, Mar. 21. 1859

My Dear Brother:

I was very much
pleased to get that good letter from
you last Monday after so long a silence.
I had a letter from Remond last
week, also. So I have heard from
both of you, the first letters you were
six months. I attended Church
yesterday. Mr. Aiken was absent.
We preached for the last time next
Sunday. The Church held a council
this week Wednesday & I suppose
Mr. Aiken will go. Some of them
hope to have him go and they will
see joy to see him go. Mr. Aiken
is a fine speaker and an engaged
Christian. The man who preached
yesterday was a good preacher. I wish

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such a man could come here to take
Mr. Atkin's place when he goes.

Some one was talking about sending
for Rowland the other day. Many of
the people here heard of his success
at Harpswell last year. I wish
Rowland would come here. The church
is in a bad condition and I think
Rowland is especially calculated to
~~up~~ restore peace here and I think
that if he could come immediately he
might hold the church together.
We are going to have a prayer meeting
here in the Academy every Saturday
evening. I find there will be about
six or eight who may take an ac-
tive part. That is enough to commence
with. I think by the aid of this
Holy Spirit that a great work might
be begun here. The churches here
have begun to hold Union prayer

meetings and you know that is a
great thing to commence a revival of
God's work in a place. Those Union
meetings were of great benefit last
year and I think it may be the
~~case~~ case this. When Christians
are united in ~~a~~ this, ^{there} they cannot but
be a good success. For God has
promised that where there is a union
of prayer ~~He~~ will answer. Such
was the result at Farmington &
at Auburn. I had a letter from
mother a few days ago. All well
at Leeds. Charles writes me often &
I suppose you hear from him as
equally often. We are having a
fine school here. Mr. Randall is
liked very much indeed by the whole
school. I like him much better
than at first if possible. He shall
finish rearing Virgie in a short

have ^{more} better health now; Leeds never was in a
better state of health, than now, more than
four months the ground has been covered
with snow, and some part of the
time the walls and fences were entire-
ly covered yesterday. your father and I
were invited to Augustus, Foster's to dine
we rode to Mr Brewster's store to buy
some articles of household need
and call'd to see Lavernia she has
a fine babe, and then proceeded to
Mr Foster's we found a large party of
bousins of my husband, and Augustus
It seem'd so social to meet so many
acquaintances, the only indications ^{of spring}
which strongly present themselves
to us, is a few goldins, have been seen and
two flocks of wild geese have passed
over, to day is a snow storm
I suppose Guy will have a new suit
of different garments from what he
wore when he was here, kiss him for me and
tell him kiss Grace, for Grandmother re-
^{member} me in much affection to sister, and express
much love yourself.

Your affectionate Mother

C. A. Howard

Eliza Gilman

Your father has
found the note
he missed in an
other note
C. Gilman

March 25th 1859

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Dear My dear son,

I am just as happy

as I ever was, at the reception of your last letter
of the 12th inst, it came into the office the 23^d,
and we received it, but yesterday, I could not
write, I will first write about the carpet, I have
not bought one, and on your account I was
thinking of buying one, as my old one is
so much worn and faded, if you think
best to buy one, I will accept of it as a present
or pay you for it, I shall need it, you
will be likely to buy a better one for the
same money than I should, the size of the
room is, fourteen feet and a half from the
chimney to the north wall of the house and
from ^{the} west to the east side of the room is
fifteen feet and a half, I have thus written
the size of the room in words, because my
figures are so bad, I bought ^{set of} new curtains
for the windows last fall, oil cloth ones
your Uncle Ensign's general health is good and

Laura's health is good, she is keeping house for Ensign, has boarded ~~the~~ the ~~Rev~~ the Rev. a baptist Minister who has preached at the centre the past winter, but is gone home now. I think I wrote you all the news in last letter, Victorie Turner, is about ~~to~~ being married to Steven, K. Dean, you recollect when you was a boy attending his school at the brick school house, he is now a widower of 42 years of age, with two daughters the oldest, 14 years, the other 6 years of age he must be a gentleman of rare engaging qualities to be accepted by one so young and engaging as Victorie, he land, & family are main the same, as when I wrote last, Gennie is delighted with the steers and calls them his. ~~But~~ Your father has let a good part of the farm to Thomas Boobier and his brother in law Mr. Nichols who was here last year in haying, they will live in the back part of Roland's house, the cars run to East Wilton, a few miles from the end of it, the winter come on so early, they

the directors thought best to leave it until ^{the} spring. Our Engineer was scalded so that he died in a few hours a month or two since, in examining the machine ~~up~~ of the locomotive he accidentally moved a screw, which caused the steam to force out so suddenly, he inhaled it which caused his death it is universally acknowledged, by all who knew him, that his place cannot be easily filled I regret not hearing from ~~the~~ Ensign may have heard I have not seen him for sometime, I have heard from each one of the boys within a short time they seemed to be prospering in their studies, I am glad to hear Silas is in a good way, I hope he is satisfied that he has made some mistakes in what make the true gentleman, I truly hope he will commit his all to God and love and fear Him, Charlie says Kettie is preparing ^{to} visit ^{her} home in Connecticut, I think Charlie thinks very much of her, and I presume he has reason so to do I am glad she has done going to school, she will

I am taking a liberty in writing to you in
this way - if you consider it so may it be
pardonned -

Respectfully -

Thomazine M. Hearsey

Miss Hester
for Mrs. Lee

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No. 11 Tompkins Place

Monday March 28th 1857

Mr. Howard

Mrs. Lee asked me to write
to you again - to inform that Mrs. Sargent did
not come by the Karnark which arrived on
Saturday, she received letters however, and Mrs.
Sargent writes - she will leave there by the last of
April - she says nothing in regard to why
she did not come. Mrs. Sargent, and the
children were "recovering rapidly" from their
colds - Mrs. Sargent writes "it is an impossibility
for him to come," - but if possible will do so in
the fall - altho' as he wisely says "it is too far off
to lay plans for."

Mrs. Lee appeared quite bright
yesterday - I saw after Sabbath School, in the

afternoon. She was resting on the sofa, dressed. She is much more disappointed at Mrs. Sarge's non-arrival. I think than she is willing to express - for she was very, very certain that she would come. - Saturday morning she suffered very much before and after both hemorrhages. - but towards noon as the weather brightened she felt much better, and was able to dictate a letter to Dr. Lee. Mrs. Lee sends her love to you all, and was very glad to receive your note, and the tracts.

I believe, Mr. Howard, I have fulfilled all my promise to your Aunt - therefore if I may be excused for trespassing upon your time - I would like to ask a few moments attention to a subject very near my heart.

When I saw you in Brooklyn the other day - you said that "you thought Helen leaned toward the Episcopal Church - let me quote her own written words for you -

they are these - "I could not go freely and join the church, it would be different I suppose if we had a church that we could call our own. It is not from fear of ridicule keeps me back, but Tommie, I have never felt like joining the Episcopal Church, nor the Presbyterian. I like your church (Dutch Reformed) perhaps it is wrong to hesitate, I know it is, but can't. I love God without joining the church? Such are her own words copied from a letter of December last.

We have been in the habit of keeping a weekly journal, for each other, and so ^{far} therefore acquainted with almost every action, almost every thought - but of course the months I am absent I will not hear so frequently - and before I can answer, the feelings, thoughts, and actions will have been forgotten, and my remarks will awaken little if any feeling - but you will be near her - and I would ask you to counsel, and pray for her - Mr. Howard I cannot feel

the Fulton St. meeting the other
day. Prayers offered by those
hearts are generally answered
I believe - Why don't you corres-
pond with Bishop McAlane
& get some acct. of the revival
in his dioc. It would be inter-
esting & encouraging in your
Cader prayer meeting - I would
give some money for an Autograph
Letter of the Bishops of Vicars
Life - & more to see her - I'd
rather see her now than Queen Vic.
Do you hear anything from Sister Lee
wife of "Little Annie"? I wish where
I'd love to go with Ella - I saw
that Mr. Ida set out to walk into
the Henderson the other day -

When I began I did not
expect to write 6 pages - Hence
my hurried manner -

Give my love to Grace & Gus.
(I was touched by what Gus said of
God & Heaven & flowers) I believe
me, as Mr. Storer says "your forever"
Rowland.

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Bangor March 28, 59

My dear Mother

I was in at Gen
Storer's Friday evening &
was pleased to read your
letter to him. May God
assist you in all your labors
of love - I have written
a short letter to Aunt
Ann which I enclose to
you to send to her, in one
of yours - as I do not know
her address. Is Perry sick?
Is Aunt Able to sit up? or
to write? I know so little
of the particulars of her
situation that I had to
write in the dark. I guessed
that she was with Frank &
Sarah though -

We are having a beautiful
day - All the snow now on

the ground here fell last
week & we are anticipating
an early spring. The Streets
are now in their worst state.
I hope. I wish Ella could
go on earlier, but her
Engagements - work &c are
such that she can't get away
before the first of May.

Ever very love to Fizzie. I
suppose she will consent to
contactize me by that permission!!
to visit her - but I wish I
could - dear I.

John Keenan has been reading
my copy of the "Higher Life" & it
seems to have stirred him up
some. He writes me quite a
long letter - attempting to
contradict some of its doctrines
but evidently stimulated by
its illustration & enforcement
of faith.

"They are all well. I wish

that Uncle Ensign would make
up his mind that he does not
enjoy all the life of Christ that
it is his duty to do.

At a recent arrival in the Union
of China. ~~Dr.~~ Mrs. Williams
wife - Alfred's sister - is said to
have been converted. God grant
it.

I have established a Tues. Evening
prayer meeting in "my neighborhood"
late - similar to that wh. you & I
attended there - We have good
meetings - One Methodist Brother -
a Sea Capt. by name of Cooper - is
rather noisy for a small room
tho'. I hope you have read
"Pentecost" or Revival Scenes in
Philadelphia. It is a happy
account of a glorious work of
God.

I was glad to see in the "N. Y.
Observer" that West Point was
mentioned & prayer offered in

tomorrow noon, ~~you~~ he has
undoubtedly seen her.

I am disappointed to see that Sarah's
name does not appear among the
passengers of the 'Karnak'. I hope
she is on the way - by some conveyance
which will soon land her safely
in New York, her presence will be
a very great comfort to Mother
tho I fear the shock of meeting will
be very hard upon her, On that account
I almost dread going on, it is so very
long since she has seen me that I
fear even her determination will
not be sufficient for it.

Affectionately yours
Cousin Fanny

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Chicago, March 3, 1859.
Wednesday Evening

My dear Cousin,

Yours of the 24th was
received last evening - I thank you
sincerely for your kind attention
to my dear mother, & for your
interest in myself. Your former
letter prepared me for almost any
news from Mother tho I confess
I had hardly imagined the awful
extent of her sufferings. Her letters
rather encourage me to hope that she
might get along for some time without
these terrible agonies, & until the last two
they have led me to believe that Doctor
had her disease under control to quite
an extent. - These hemorrhages are very
alarming, and prove beyond a doubt
^{not only} that the disease has ~~is~~ progressing
with terrible rapidity. but that she
is likely at any hour to be taken
forever from us. I feel so certain

G. W. L.

of it that I shall try and make
such arrangements as will permit me
to visit her very soon. I trust, if
possible see my Mother once more, if
for only a few days. I received a long
letter from her this morning. from its tenor
I think she does not fully realize how
very little would snap the threads of life.
She wrote that Dr Waylie told her that
he had "no fears of an immediate termination
tho he thinks she cannot live until it
assumes a positively cancerous state." Taking
that opinion; with your description of
the appearance of the tumors & the hemorrhage;
it can be hardly possible for her to live
through the Summer. & yet she says she
is cheerful. I have tried to think what
would be my feelings under such trials
with the evidences of a final dissolution
so fast & surely approaching - & compare
them with hers. I have satisfied ^{myself} that
she possesses the only true philosophy
for such emergencies. and am obliged
to admit that the philosophy of religion

and the consciousness of having endeavored
to live by its teachings is the only
power which will sustain us thro'
the last trial. I know my Mother
to have been a sincere Christian & would
that I ~~was~~ - yet I have many doubts,
which - altho I know how much pleasure
& comfort it would give her - hold me
back keeping me in a perpetual state
of agitation & wavering.

You know how I am situated &
how many, & unkindly, circumstances
are keeping me away - & I hope you do
not think unkindly of me -

With much love to Lizzie and
kind regards to Puff Tupper, I am
Very affectionately your
Patric Silas

P.S. Since writing the above, I am
in receipt of a letter from Dr Cathers
in answer to my second - He thinks he
can do nothing us good, but promised
to call & see her before he sailed. & as
the steamer he intends going on, sails