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My dear Brother

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You & West Point were very earnestly remembered in prayer in our morning meeting the morning of my return. My visit has deepened my interest in you much very much and it is often in my thoughts & especially when I am on my knees. On reflection I see that I treated poor Marshall too abruptly - but I thought he had been drinking too freely & I dreaded drunken familiarity in the presence of a lady. If I had been alone - I would have felt & acted differently. May God bless him & lead him to the truth as it is in Jesus. I hear from Portland that Father has received some money from the R.N. & I hope matters will go on smoothly now.

I have written Laura about Aunt Aurelia - in hopes that she may be persuaded upon to join the Church soon.

Edw. & Mrs. Stevens are well. I have seen

"Olee Chez". Mother is very much
troubled to obtain "help". I received
a more cheerful letter from Charles
yesterday before last. He is badly afflicted
still with the piles & is undecided
about his "part" - You will now be very
busy & if you don't get time to write
you must tell Ellen what you would
like to have me know. You must inquire
of her every triple morning - if she has
a letter to send! I feel about her
as I should think a man might in
regard to a hand afflicted with
some nervous disease so as to make
its movements spasmodic & involuntary -
I.E. I am "unconscious what a part
me is a doing of" - & like to keep up
the connection & observation as nearly
as possible. Our Lectures now are on Rep-
tism. I very much regret losing those
on "the Church" - for Prof Harris must
have demolished those "Church humbugs"
I think. I must get them to send -
I wish you were a good "Orthodox min-
ister" today! The people are hungry
for preaching & pastoral labor & I
would be just the happiest little
minister wife in the world. Here
the ace fairly is for it -

Love to her & the little ones

Your aff. brother

R. W. C.

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Jun 7th 1859

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My Dear Sir.

I received your very kind letter and should have answered it but I have not been very well since.

I thank you very kindly for your attention to my son in visiting him &c. I hope you will continue to do so and advise with him.

I hope and trust in God that he will pass his examination. I hope you will do all you can for him, and all I have to offer is the prayer of the widow.

Yours very respectfully.

N. Blocker

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Dear Sir,

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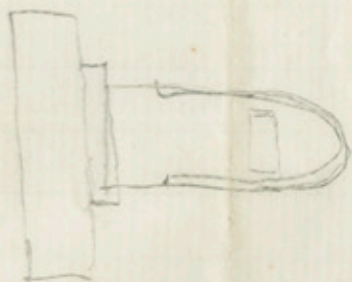
Yours faithfully,
R. B. B. B.

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Old Point Va -
June 17th 1839.

My Dear Howard:

I met with Mrs Reed here from whom I was gratified to learn that you were accomplishing so much good in a Christian's sphere at West Point, I wish you from my heart God Speed. I devoutly trust that we both may in our day & generation be instruments of good. I have for some time been desirous of being on duty at West Point in the Cav^y Dept, though I have not made any official application for it, nor do I like to do so, till a vacancy in that Dept is likely to occur. I presume it is a



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place much sought for. And
not knowing Col Hardee
beyond a casual introduction
my chances are perhaps not
so good as others better known.
I would like to take with
you some of those rambles
we once took around Flirt-
ation. My time has been
spent entirely on the frontier
since we parted, and I have
heard very little of you, but
have neglected no opportunity
to inquire how & where you were.
Poor Emily! How sad! how
desolate!

She says you have become
dreadfully(?) good, I trust
you will be the means of
making her equally so.

Do write to me "Wichville
Va" what the chances are
for a vacancy in the Cav. Dept.

& who is likely to fill it. I
have been recommended to
Hardee by such as Lee Emory
& Cooke - Tell me all about yourself
with high regard

Yours Truly
J. E. Stuart

our citizens one dying one after another, Mr. Jones Gemmings died
last Sabbath about this time in the day, you recollect that
he and I once married sister in their youth, I did not
attend the funeral, as I had a head ache and the weather
was intensely hot, our railroad is doing well, it is said
I understand Louisa is very lame and cannot step &c
I am seriously apprehend it will be a ^{long} while before she
will get well, I recollect telling you that Isaac Howe was
dead and I heard so and thought so but it proves otherwise
last fall he was brought back to Leeds a pauper, and after
recovering from a bad sore which broke on his shoulder, he
began to gain his own livelihood, this summer he has
lost his health, and is now at Charles Bates, supported by
the town, Charlie has been in and talked with him he enquired
after you, said there were a number shown when it
was reported that he was, and he laid out all night, and
froze himself some, our garden is handsome, there have
been flowers in it ever since the first of May, com-
prising almost every color you can mention, Bethuel Jones
has called here today, I mentioned George to him, he looked
very sad but talked some about him, says Lydia is discon-
tented in California, Mary Howe receives a number of
letters from her, Charles called to see Mrs. Sampson yesterday
found her health very much improved, Mary had been
to Dighton to see her father who is employed in a
hatting factory, Amelia Leach better has lately returned
from Lowell I have not seen her I understand ^{she is not} in good
health, tell Lizzie she must answer some of the many
letters she owes R. B. and C. F. H. and Mother are all
feeling that justice is not satisfied, Thomas Brickham
and his mother are gone on a visit to China to visit
Owen's family I have covered the whole sheet with
what kind of matter I leave you to say.

My dear son,

Leeds June 16. 1877.

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Last evening's mail brought us a thrice welcome
letter, I had been looking a number of ^{from Mrs. H.} mails for one, my last letter
from Roundland, told the same story, no letter from Ohio, I am glad to think
the last year has past off so favorably, and the beginning of the
new Academic year, has commenced ^{with so bright} ~~my personal~~ prospects, I hope your
health will be good through the encampment, those piles I know some
things of them, I have had them until very lately, I cannot im-
agine why you should be so troubled with them, Charles has written
you not long since I did not read his letter, but suppose he wrote
all the news, Charles went to Wayne yesterday with Roger, who had been
here four weeks we were quite anxious, how he would leave
the removal, ^{Charles} ~~but~~ ^{says} he appeared quite comfortable after
the ride his family were six weeks from home two weeks at
Mrs. Bishop's sometime while he was here I thought he never
would leave us, he was so sick, and then he would gain some.
There have been some whole days that he could not speak
he was so filled with phlegm, but after spitting of the phlegm
he could talk with Lizzie again, he has three large abscesses
that discharge constantly, he may live years, I think in his
disorder state, my general health is rather impaired but still is
not very bad I frequently have long communications with you
in inspiration, but do not retain them long enough to write
them to you, what a close tie of nature is a mother with a
child, no situation can sever the link that binds their nature
together, let no restraint ever be between them in general

we have no stated preaching at the centre, I have not been there since the first day of May, that day Mr Barre^r delivered the funeral sermon of Leaon Lane, Mr Barre^r has been gone to the Caymans, preaching what is called the home mission, in the thinly inhabited towns, his family are here, Annella is in a poor state of health but I am in hope she will soon regain it. Mother staid with me several days I think it rather confused her ^{not} visit being here when Mrs & family were here, but she did say so, Mr Bar's visit was so short I hardly knew he had been here, I have not written much to him since his return to Brunswick, Charles left a portion of clean paper for me to write some ~~on~~ to Rowland, but before I had half filled it out I saw Mr Leonard coming by the old barn, from the chamber window and directed it, without even writing my name, in Rowland's last letter, he complained of not having my letters, he says he can study better when he has letters, often, in his letter he talked as though he was coming out the Greek day after day I hope he will not make too hard work of it and get sick, I hope you will find time to write him an encouraging letter occasionally, those drawings you sent Lizzie, were sent back immediately, her name was attached to them, and as your father went on to Boston a few days after his return from New York and took them with him, he gave them Allen Haines, Esq, who said he would immediately send his boy to Lizzie with them, together with an air ball. I would like to know whether she has obtained them or not I have not heard from Portland since William came ^{from} there, I wish Lizzie would write me, I she and her Mother would come up and see me now, the strawberries are ripe, our garden strawberries in the garden are very plenty, they

just now turning red where they are most exposed to the sun they will be good in a week, Rowland did not say anything to me that he had given up going to see you this year, when at home, but his expenses have always been higher than yours were while getting your education and last year he lost a good deal in his take it in all besides his time, he never mentions it but think about it and I think he does, everything even his traveling expenses comes out of his income, I used to save two dollars to you when I sent for you or sent you to Brunswick, it accumulates to quite a sum in year, he earned \$25 this spring but board will be very high in Brunswick this summer, I would be glad to have him visit you at West Point, and call at the world's fair but you know our purses are light, I do not know what Mrs Waite and him have concluded about going, you must remember you are as near our hearts as if we did visit you, Charles I should not dare to have him go unless he had some one to go with him, Bapt Turner has quite a desire to go to the world's fair but it is very uncertain which will triumph his love of money, or the desire to see New York and the Crystal Palace, I think some of your more distant relatives may call on you when visiting the world's fair your Uncle John and wife are talking attending the World's fair Martha told me when in Portland, Henry had ask her to go but she should not leave her little girls to go, Roland St Gilmore I have heard is going but he has said nothing to me of it yet, I think he may go, if ^{he visits you} he does I shall ask him, although he never was more odd and hogish than this summer, he had a cousin made us a short visit from Boston in May, he did not spend a minute with him except

Monday Morning - Last night I went to hear Mr. Van Meter from "Five Points" New York. His lecture was a very good one. He said that we should preach Jesus and that would certainly bring sinners to Christ. The real object of his ~~mission~~ discourse was for the purpose of getting money to ~~buy~~ ^{buy} clothing &c for the "Five Points Mission". After he got through there was a collection in which he obtained \$70.00. A hundred was soon after made out. Some of the students went around the commons this morning to obtain such clothes as they could and a person at our club ^{said} that they had received in all enough to fill a box 7 feet square and a "hoghead" more. After they had filled the hoghead they received 2 pairs of new shoes besides a lot of other things. I am in hopes he will have as good success in other places as here. Some who could not be persuaded to give a cent for the spreading the Gospel elsewhere gave dollars for this one. After I came from the lecture I went to the prayer-meeting which is held in the room above mine. I was very much interested in the meeting though I did not take part. After the meeting one of the ^{theological} students came in here and I had a very good talk with him. I wish Rowland was coming here but I don't think he will. I am not getting along quite as well in my studies as I have some time back. I am now much lower than a great part of

the class but I mean to study hard now until the end of the term. I have not the advantages of some of the students of getting some one to help them out of bad ~~some~~ places, so that when I go into the class I miss on such points as I do not know, but if studying will do any good I am bound to do that let what may happen. It is time now that I was up to that business so excuse me until I can write again - July 6th - I find that I began a letter to you some time ago but on looking it over I see that what I have written will do about as well as if I should copy it and have another date. I received a letter today from Charles. I was taken greatly by surprise in hearing the death of Mrs. Waite as I did not know that she was unwell before. I should think Lizzie would feel very bad under this affliction. But Charles wrote me news which nearly counterbalances the other, viz. Lizzie has found a hope in the Saviour. Lizzie, Charles says, hopes that her mother has gone home; What a blessed thought for a Christian. How much help it will be for her to bear the affliction God has sent upon her. She will doubtless feel that God gave her a kind mother and he has a right to take to himself what he has permitted to remain here a few short years. O may we all feel that we are to remain here but a few years ourselves

With regard to the Lib. B. Co.
affair to which you refer. It
seems to me that Congress is
really making quite too serious
a matter of that quixotic expedition
pursuing some Senators, and
yet it looks as if much as though
this topic might be one of the
prominent subjects of debate
in both branches, should the
entire organization be occupied.

I have just faith the belief
that God will prosper our labor
not men abundantly. The position
you occupy is one of uncommon
responsibility and influence.
The eyes of many are upon you.
May God prosper you, increase
your wisdom & grace. With love to
the friends of my dear Mother & the dear
Mrs. G. living in her to Mrs. H. & the little ones
H.C.

Gen. Stevens

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Bryn June 30. 1859.

My dear Friend,

I received your letter a short
time since, and to hear that
you have in passing received
and received, your hope
brighter and brighter, your
faith stronger and stronger,
may it be continued unto the
eternal day.

This I believe to be the privilege
of a child of God, and yet how
few of us realize this blessing.
I rejoice to know that the Acad.
society meeting here so much increased
and continues to grow. God grant
that it may yet include every member
of the Academy, yet my immortal heart
rejoices that that -

I think my ~~dear friend~~ ^{dear friend} you
have got reason for encouragement.

It really seems to me that your
labors have been blessed of God.

It must as you say be a very interesting
sight to see that number of hearts
all turning to God in prayer
and supplicating his blessing
upon themselves and the Company.

I think that you have good reason
to feel encouraged with regard
to the holding. The work has come
nearer in the right direction to
great influence that might
not otherwise be obtained were
that close. I am glad to hear
that your brother is laboring with
you. "Let us not be weary for in
due season we shall reap if we
faint not"

our Morning Meetings are
continued with much
the same interest as when you
were present, we feel very much
to desire the prayers of Christians
that God would send his work,
I am happy to know that Mrs. H.
enjoyed her short visit to our home,
and we hope that it may be re-
peated next season.

I see your brother Rowland
frequently. he is well and
keeps busy doing all the good
he can I hope. Our winter
has been unusually severe thus
far. two or three feet of snow
upon the ground at this time
with a fair prospect of more.
I see that the Anti-Slavery cause will
be satisfied with the result of Goul.
I feel suspicious & so does the Anti-Slavery.