
1055 6/3/1859

From: Rowland [RB
Howard]

To: My dear Brother [OO
Howard]

OOH-0991

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor June 3d 1859

My dear Brother

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 your work very much and it is often in my thoughts & especially when I am on my knees.

On reflection I see that I treated poor Harvill 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.R. & I hope matters will go on smoothly now.

I have written Laura about Aunt Aurelia, in hopes that she may be prevailed upon to join the church soon. Gen. & Mrs Stevens are well. I haven't seen "Old Chez". Mother is very much troubled to obtain "help". I received a more cheerful letter from Charles night 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 Ella what you would like to have me know. You must inquire of her every single morning, if she hasn't a letter to send! I feel about her as I should think a man might in regard to a hand affected with some nervous disease so as to make its movements spasmodic & involuntary - i.e. I am "unconscious what a part of me is a doin of" & like to keep up the connection & observation as nearly as possible.

Our Lectures now are on Baptism. 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 read. I wish you were a good "Orthodox minister" today! The people are hungry for preaching & pastoral labor & Lizzie would be just the happiest little ministers wife in the world - were she once fairly in for it.

Love to her & the little ones.

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

1056 6/7/1859

From: G. Blocker

To: My Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-0992

Source: Bowdoin

Jun 7th 1859

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
G. Blocker

1057 6/17/1859 *From:* J.E.B. Stuart

To: My Dear [OO] Howard

OOH-0993

Old Point Va

Source: Bowdoin

Old Point Va
June 17th 1859

My Dear Howard:

I met with Jms 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 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 Flirtation. 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 "Wytheville Va" what the chances are for a vacancy in the Cav'y Dept. & who is likely to fill it. I have been recommended to Hardee by such as Lee Emory Hooke. Tell me all about yrself.

With high regard
Yours Truly
J.E.B. Stuart [USMA Class of 1854]

1058 6/30/1859 *From:* J. C. Stevens

To: My dear Friend [OO
Howard]

OOH-0996

Bangor

Source: Bowdoin

Bangor June 30 1859

My dear Friend,

I was very happy to receive your letter a short time since, and to learn that your love is growing warmer and warmer; your hopes brighter and brighter, your faith stronger and stronger. May it so continue 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 Cadet prayer-meeting has so much increased and continues to grow. God grant that it may yet include every member of the Academy, yes every immortal soul upon West Point.

I think my dear friend you have great 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 Cadets all bowing before God in prayer and supplicating his blessings upon themselves and their Companions. I think that you have great reasons to feel encouraged with regard to the Soldiers, the work has commenced in the right direction to exert an influence that might not other ways be obtained over that class.

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 receive his wish.

I am happy to know that Mrs H enjoyed her short visit at our house, and in hope that it may be repeated 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 Pret seems well satisfied with the result of Genl Scotts mission & so does the Genl probably.

With regard to the John Brown affair to which you refer, it seems to me that Congress is really making quite too serious a matter of that quixotic expedition unbecoming grave Senators, and yet it looks very much as though this topic might be one of the prominent subjects of debate in both branches, should an entire organization be accomplished.

I have great faith the believer that God will prosper your labors yet more abundantly. The position you occupy is one of uncommon responsibility and influence. The eyes of many are upon you.

May God sustain you, increase your wisdom & grace, will ever be the prayer of <>.

J. C. Stevens

Mrs S joins in love to Mrs H & the little ones.
J.C.S.