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Bethel. May God go with. O has wicked,  
vile heart. Heaven is the reason there  
are no fruits. I have been  
from Lizzie for a fortnight. She was  
then getting on well. I have written  
her. Ellie is at home & will have a  
good time with us. I envy her.  
Mum. Mum. Will definitely if you can  
when time you will be likely to be at  
home. It may make some difference  
in my own arrangements. But as much  
as I longed to see you. I thought it would  
be better to put off your coming until  
Lizzie was entirely well. The wants to  
go to the this fall & if she can't  
go with you I think the winter. But  
that cannot not be October till Oct.  
but may be you "leave" will extend till  
then. It seems Charley fell a little short  
of the prize but it was the opinion of  
Ella & Mr. Fiske (her, I may say, our  
minister) that he ought to have had  
one. So he must have done well. I shall  
expect a reply if you get a "Leave" before &  
don't know. Our family & Laura Lewis are  
well. I am "Papa" & contribute a column  
of Appeals in the Christian Standard. I

If you were in the Vineyard - Good for life that  
 I don't think I should ever get ~~when~~ when I should "speak like a Methodist Minister".  
 Children into such unruly shape. Let it be like Paul. Peter. Whitfield  
 but I am doing as well as <sup>2</sup> t Payson. "With the Spirit & the Power" The  
 can to bring them under greater <sup>3</sup> Spirit is the Power. He is weak who repulses  
 but I prize myself no often feel written. Meditated a Bitterness. what matters?  
 & impatience - Pray for me dear <sup>4</sup> If God has beaten upon it - it has life.  
 but my "Faith" may be kept alive - if not, it is dead. It is easy to tickle  
 Our meeting at London will now do & set the papers - but who can reach  
 very solemn air. I shall begin soon the heart. Who can feel that any blow  
 can look for fruit? I must visit <sup>5</sup> mothers upon the man's nature & dealing  
 of these families. A little instance of <sup>6</sup> time but he whose weapons are forged in  
 straightness & kindness touch me in God. "The highest style of man is the  
<sup>7</sup> Christian." The highest style of the Christian  
 Anna Page - young ladies - daughters of <sup>8</sup> the in the most spiritual - The highest rank of  
 Anna Page - asked me if I named <sup>9</sup> the spirit is the salvation of souls. O you  
 a bouquet to Bath today for them - They <sup>10</sup> can think how I look down upon Alexander,  
 knew I was going. It pleased me to see <sup>11</sup> you <sup>12</sup> Renapart & Wellington. Clay. Webster & Coblentz  
 for a little time - I do care & care nothing by faith & looking to Heaven, & hoping  
 for any "attention" & "kindness" than <sup>13</sup> in Christ, than any of these! I am tried  
 Ella than I do for myself. She is <sup>14</sup> worn - I will write more tomorrow - Good night  
 plain & so retiring & especially since the <sup>15</sup> very dear Mother & may God bless you for Christ  
 been "engaged" she has received but little - she -  
 I think she is happy with & in me. I  
 want her to go up home with me & get

Sabbath Morn. Aug. 2.

I have got my School lesson with Johnny & there is a little time to-morrow. Sam & Mary are going this morning. If they will all stay in the Adoration I shall feel as if I had accomplished something by coming here. Aunt Alice is Unitarian in her views - but loves a Christian & thinks she is one in her way. I doubt it - she can't help seeing the doubt in an Unitarian as rather contained - the says other denominations always seem to think that Unitarians are not Christians and she never feels free to talk with any such disbelievers. Both the girls yet are still are Methodists. "George" - the man I have had no religious conversation with. I have heard him swear - Mr. Lee wrote me pretty fully the other day in regard to his religious not - He says - he "hopes his life is governed by the precepts of Christ" but if he has ever had a "change of heart" it was so gradual as not to be assignable to any point of time. His little daughter was born the 1<sup>st</sup> ult. Mr. Lee is well & his "Mother & Jimmy" with her & is happy with them & "the sweetest little baby, the very picture of me" as she says in her letter to me. This will make her sure of a woman & I am in

hope this & her mother's influence will open his eyes to the importance of Religion. Mrs. Fipp is a Baptist & a real Christian. I should judge therefore you - I believe I will give you that my "Clap" are 1 young ladies - One a "professor" when I write it. One joined the Church with me. One told me last evening that she thought she would go forward at the next Communion - 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. One is under deep conviction and I went over & talked & prayed with her last night - the next, before Lucy, was rejoicing in hope. She is in the right road and only seems to lack that "immediate faith" - May God bless our efforts to bring the rest into the fold of Christ. & I want to tell you so much but I don't time - I will when I see you. Albert Rice of Augusta son of Judge Rice & Cleopatra of mine in College & very mild as I am in hopes one of my children - or not mine but Lucy - but we do have that communion together. Henry Edmunds is now his second year now as a stranger just begun it. He is at home & a dear fellow he is too! Here I used to hear by his side in Church meeting Friday nights & pray out our sins together in prayer. He will preach some this vacation. His father has left them in rather poor circumstances - but Henry is not in grace & gifts - He often speaks of Ois - He is different from what you have him

I am going down to Bath tomorrow & to con-  
mencement with Ella - I have not been  
"Dear River" for few weeks - The children  
like to have a vacation & I am so  
happy in thinking of being with my  
Ella that I can hardly keep sober  
enough for "dignity" - We have been down  
down side by side & enjoyed the streetcar  
communication with Christ - O that you  
could look right ~~over~~ her heart  
as the Lord did me - I know you would  
love her - I am in hopes that my  
writing may have some effect on  
my Clementine whom I shall meet -  
& I pray that everything I shall say  
may be blessed of God if in  
accordance with His Spirit - 1 o'clock  
My Sunday School was interesting there  
was a tear in one eye - O God  
grant that the result is in that heart -  
William Sprague walked home with  
me - we sing together in the choir - I have  
been begging him to take Christ with  
him - now that he is going west - No  
prayer meeting at London till is at five

Brunswick July 7. 1859

My dear Mother

I received your note  
enclosing the \$10 - last Evening.  
It came very opportunely & I thank  
you from my heart.

I preached in Cumberland  
last Sabbath - went over Sat. to Pratt  
Sunday - & home yesterday -

They are a pleasant farming com-  
munity - a church of 150, a good  
parish & a congregation of about  
300 -

They proposed for me to spend  
my vacation with them & would  
pay me \$10 - per Sabbath & board  
me - but I do not see that it  
is my duty to go yet - If we should  
mutually agree they would like to  
wait till I am done the Lewis' &  
then "Settle" us -

They want me to come to Kenyon  
well - & I must give a final ans-

to both places this week. These things have occasioned me  
no little anxiety - for I do not  
know what else is - I have tried  
to lay the matter before God &  
have always decided to decline  
both invitations =

Dr Tappan - who is Secy. of the Am  
Missionary Society wishes us to  
go as Missionaries to Crookston.

It seems to me that my  
best & most unselfish feelings  
incline me to go - to labor in  
the town of Patten & vicinity -

The Soc. pay but \$8.- per Sabbath =

In view of comparative des-  
titute - they need preaching & pros-  
elyzing or their multitudinous labors  
might result in planting a  
church in the wilderness. etc.  
When the region becomes pop-  
ulated there will be the seed of  
a great & abiding influence  
for Christ there =

Ella feels badly of course about  
my going so far and would  
prefer any of the other places (It  
has been intimated to me that  
they would like to have me at  
Winthrop. Orland & Austin) but  
if God has given us peculiar  
talents to labor among the  
poor & ignorant in a new country  
(this is where she points me off)  
I only feel me I needn't hesitate  
a moment - Pray for me that  
I may do just right =

Gen Stevens sends a very  
cordial invitation to you &  
your family to come to his  
house our Anniversary week -  
He & Mr S. are very desirous that  
you should comply =

Hear you decided to invite with  
the church Mr Hammer & Anna  
Sylvie go with you?

If so - or if you alone are to do  
so, perhaps it might be done as

conveniently here or elsewhere I go East. I will probably  
to observe the forms required at the week following our week-  
ended here from our Sabbath I would like to preach the bi-  
ble a week from the next Sabbath between our Anniversary  
as the "preaching" is a nice quiet time somewhere not  
before the admission, & both i from Brunswick - I will  
at the Sabbath - probably have an opportunity

If another course seems best at Scarborough - one of  
do not, I pray you let my father - if I can get time to  
influence you. If you should write a Lecture =  
decide as above - or Speach I think that Charles will  
would receive your most cordial vote to go to Hill  
& your Church fellowship would be to the Establishment there =  
be complete - to be transferred beneficial effect experienced,  
or not, in future circumstances & those similar like him, then  
might seem to require = ever to be reliable - this case  
I found Ella, Sallie & Celia urgent & if now remedied  
all well - Charles spurs the H. to go gently in his future  
with Nettie at Bath - usefulness & length of life -

Ella expects you at conveniently benefitted by a three months  
she thinks the ~~next~~ see the day he will then be able to teach  
before they go back too = same money = wh. he is not  
whether L. can go longer <sup>on</sup> =  
all is uncertain = e proposes to spend a week at

hours after came - love to Higgins  
& the little ones - love to mother.  
I hope she will be able to  
go to Commencement - she &  
Mother too -

We are favoured by the Evans  
Association of Ministers next  
Tuesday for license -

Ella was delighted with  
her journey - the manifested  
warm affection for her brother  
& sister - nephews & nieces - She  
has told us many incidents  
of the journey - & I feel under  
deep obligations to you & Siggie  
for the kindness that you have  
shown her - but I do feel that  
"her own take" is reason enough  
to love & care for her -

Love always

Your Brother

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July 9. 1859-

My dear Brother

I was very happy to get even so  
brief a letter from you - one so full of sympathy &  
interest in my well-being. When I see you I can  
talk the matter over. It has been for 6 years a  
subject of my thoughts & attention & inquiry so  
I ought to know something of its nature & my  
own wants - and yet I am no nearer a con-  
clusion than I was 6 years ago, as far as I  
can see & I am very glad to have my suggestions  
from you. I am accustomed to eat heartily of  
all kinds of wholesome food - Have eaten no  
warm bread for a year - Drink tea morning  
night. I have followed this course not so  
much because I thought it the way to get well  
as from necessity. enough of this for today.

I am trying to write my part tho' I  
have not a word of it written yet. Had a very  
pleasant visit at Bangor - the Strawberry  
festival in the New Chapel came the night  
I was there - Thursday night - I had a beautiful  
ride down the river and along the coast to Ogunquit  
on Friday. Brother came in the cars Saturday  
and we came back - We visited Mrs. Johnson

to Pete. Nettie & I went down at 10 o'clock & he  
came at 2. He stayed all night returning to  
Brayton Tuesday. He stopped an hour here on  
his way back. Nettie & I returned to Brainerd  
Monday evening in the train which was very  
crowded - I went out to see a show with her  
the next morning.

I cannot write much more today but must  
mail this & try & do something w<sup>r</sup> my part this  
afternoon. I want to come home & stay  
with after Commencement before I go to St. Paul.  
I shall want to stay there 3 months. It will  
cost me at least 75 dollars - I wonder if father  
thinks it best for me to go.

I want to see mother & letter & I think  
I may need to have my clothes repaired a little.  
Roxland asked if mother was really coming  
to Com. He feared she wouldnt come - I'm sur  
I didn't think this over but arrived on idea  
of staying at home - Mrs. M. would be very much  
disappointed - she is expecting Father & mother as  
a matter of course.

How does Lizzie do & how are the little ones?  
I hoped you would come down & see me. Ella  
is all rested & seemed to be happy. Told me  
a good deal about her excursion in returning  
to Minn. Give my love to Mother, Lizzie &  
the rest. Please not read to others the first of the  
letter. Your affectionate brother G. W. Coward.

Perley

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was a little older than I am now  
and not very strong. I had to go to school  
very early but did not go to school  
till I was 10 years old. I went to  
a small school and my teacher  
was a woman who taught me  
all the time. She was very kind  
and I liked her very much.  
I have been to school ever since  
then. I have been to many  
different schools and have  
been to school every year  
since I was 10 years old.  
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since I was 10 years old.

At Henry, Illinois, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1859.  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Sgtmtnat O. C. Howard

West Point, New York,

My Dear Cham,

Thus far and thus far only did I progress in a  
letter to you a good while ago, but now I  
am going to write you a short letter  
anyhow. Yours was received and I was  
very much pleased with it, very much.  
I am as wicked as ever but much hap-  
pier than I used to be. I have worked  
harder since last Oct., than ever  
before in my life. At the Daisy Fair  
which I took over fifty cases in  
bank, some paying me a 100% div.  
none less than 10% and averaging  
twenty dollars or more; and last  
May term I had over 30 cases.

and in the interim between Circuit Court in Oct. I say on May I frequently have 5% Justice suits as high as 4 a week. I am City Atty and make about 3000 a year in insurance Agency and you may easily conceive I have to work. I have worked this winter all night frequently and sundays too; have had to.

I don't work Sunday except as a necessity and never did and never mean to. You know Chas. that I am not given to over rate what I do and that what I tell you is not above the reality. There is a great amount of law business here and no mistake. The T. P. Esq. Arnold who has an office with me has tried more than 1200 suits before me this year post - has jurisdiction to 100\$ and it is my opinion he has done more judicial business in August than all the T. P.s in the in that period,

My wife and boy who will be a year old Aug. 8th next are on their way back, Chicago now - Sam has gone too and John and I are going soon to Ute. We shall go by Albany and Worcester. I would see you very much but hardly know how to do it. I have so many places to go to and so short a time to stay. I can't be gone but about 4 weeks and unless you are going down to Ute in August I don't believe I can come where you are.

I have got to go to Conn. to sue if I can't get the agency of losing 25000\$ and my next Court business I must be back here to get an order. Write me to Saugus the latter part of this month and tell me whether you will be at home in August where I can see you. Give my love to your wife and little one when you get home.

If you had a good home  
idle. I would ask you to  
visit our Sat., or Mon-

Elea feels badly about  
my going so far at Patten-  
which will be my headquarters  
in vacation. It is some miles  
from any other town -

My health is better away  
from the sea -

But of God sends a Revival  
& expect he will I will have  
to work. That I like to do -  
if I am well -

Love to Father & family  
Yours affecly  
Portland

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Baugh July 12, '65.

Dear Brother

I rec'd yours  
in good time - I passed  
my farm in a few for  
fiscuse today very well -  
I wish I knew as much  
as it indicates = The "big  
of war" is at Anniversary  
time - When Prof. Stearns  
asks questions & not the  
ordinary minister -

We had a very good  
Clap prayer meeting to-  
night - May God help  
us always to give up  
all for Christ -

I have about decided  
to go to the Crookston - I  
will leave the week following  
Commencement next week -  
I have prayerfully tried to

Consider the whole case  
& concluded that there  
is my place now left  
Providence forbids - I  
have declined the Cumberlands  
& Harpswell invitations.

I preach in Winterville  
next Sunday. I feel very  
much afraid but God will  
help us - pray for us -  
Ella is anxious & hear  
from you & Fannie & the  
children - Did you receive  
the \$7 - ?

I enclose an acct of  
Anniversary & I want  
you & Fannie to come the  
Friday before. That is a  
week from next Friday -  
We have a S.S. Re. Pic  
& I will postpone it till  
Sat. if you will come -  
Write by return mail  
if you can -

You will have a pleasureous  
visit here - religiously &  
socially - We can leave  
Thursday morning the 28<sup>th</sup> -  
I have felt today full  
of prophecies for Christ &  
that the feeling might  
continue - love to Fannie  
& Mother - I wish the  
children could come but  
they need the Fannie & make  
expenses -

We are busy buying - I  
am "Storage Master" this  
year!

Father expected some  
money in July - Can he  
let me have the \$25.00 -

Please to ask him -  
My board bill is all that  
I can afford -

I shall get to Winterville  
at 12. Saturday & leave  
about 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday -

Bangor Pres., Lem., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>.

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Dear Brother

I was glad to receive  
your letter from Auburn & it contained  
much that was interesting. I wish  
Bellie had let me know that he  
was about joining the Church. I might  
have made some suggestions to him of  
value. My faith for him increases. I  
was very glad to hear from Ella that  
you & Lizzie would probably visit her.  
They will be very glad to see you  
all and you will enjoy your  
visit very much. My most fervent  
prayers will go with you.

to hope & pray that something may  
happen to make dear Father grieve.  
He is very tender & sensitive in his  
feelings but has a strong will and  
often says things much harder than he  
feels. I think there has not a day,  
passed since my own conversion but  
that I have prayed for him at  
times with "many sighs & tears":  
& I love him - & his conversion would  
seem to open the way for all the  
rest of the family. His morality is  
without a stain & this is his depend-  
ence. Ellen & I whether he grieves or  
not with loves assistance will not

Come to pray - God's spirit can alone  
reach him. The little Mifflin St. School  
of which I am Sup. is to have a picnic  
a week from next Wednesday - It would  
be very interesting for me & them for  
you to be here then. Our Anniversary  
is the 25<sup>th</sup> of July. My "address" is the Mon.  
Evening, preceding - I would like much  
for you spend that Sabbath (before) with  
me - but you must do as is most con-  
venient - most pleasant & least trouble.  
I shall probably be at home as Lees  
(if you & Lydia & Grace & Foy are there) the  
next day after Anniversary & stay in  
Lees our Sabbath - and then go to

Commencement. I have spoken to you to know Fred Lowell  
Maine Missions Soc. and Geo. Richards & a no<sup>t</sup> of other men  
will probably send me a present at Ruth - there two new Bowdoin  
(this vacation in some class graduate before you)  
portion of the State. Ella is go<sup>n</sup>-ing<sup>to</sup> New York this afternoon  
to Anderson May<sup>s</sup>, the next day she wants you to be here to call on her -  
Commencement. & I shall probt<sup>r</sup> Pto<sup>r</sup> will introduce you. William  
Hart for my mission field so "man" is in the same office you know  
to preach the following Sabbath.

Think of these things that you may - Give a great deal of love to  
regulate your movements according to Lizzie & many kisses to the  
dear children! I am so anxious to see Lizzie with others - I hope Lizzie will find a  
dear children! Give my respects  
dear & dear Mulliken - Ella & I had some & get ready as Augusta - Ella  
very pleasant time there & feel greatly  
obliged for their kindness. Don't forget the will expect you next week -  
Augusta people in running it on  
Webb will you? There may be a good  
warm time when only a minister &  
these his people with us being turned

Your affectionate brother

Randall

R.S.

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Drop me a note from Augusta  
if you get time & tell me your plan.

You will find many friends of mine  
in Healdwell - Remember me to our  
relatives - Albert Rice is a friend of  
mine in Augusta. He would be glad  
to see you - and also Mr. Webb. Ella  
& I feel pretty well acquainted  
with him - I have been half sick  
for a week & don't get along as all  
with my "part". It is just nothing  
but a "Bore"

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Dear child -  
I am sorry to say that I have  
not had time to write to you  
since you last wrote. I have  
been very busy with my work  
and have not had time to write.  
I hope you are well and happy.  
I have not seen any of my  
friends lately as I have been  
very busy with my work.

Danvr July 22<sup>d</sup> Thurs. Am

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Dear Brother

Mr. Fiske didn't come up till  
this afternoon with your welcome note - &  
I was so glad to hear that dear little Guy is  
better - so thankful to God, as I hope - & I  
was fearful that I would never hear the dear  
little fellow say "thank" again! The night  
I received your other letter, I didn't sleep.  
I could feel the tears burning there every  
time I thought of him though - Mrs. Garrison's  
note seems to me to say that Figgs did not look well  
I try to pray for you all, that is all I can  
do - I want you to come over Monday - if  
you can leave & Guy is not so bad you will  
all leave Augusta for home - You will get  
in here Monday at 7 P.M. here we speak  
& I will return with you just as soon as you  
have to go - but I would like to have you stay  
till Thursday morning - but as to that, hear  
to Figgs wants rather than mine -  
I rejected the "Fair" that I have almost

finished - have written an old one for a base  
written it & read it to Prof Shepard to  
It is rather hard for me to memorize - this  
is the next of it -

Our Po' Nic paper off splendidly & you  
all will have enjoyed it very much - the  
children were so happy - I didn't think the  
whole day w'd do - the girls - the stream - the  
little & the children were beautiful &  
the speaking, singing & recreations all  
papered off well - We were about 200 -

Drop me a note Sat. afternoon - if  
you think you will come - I am in  
hope Ella was up w/ us yesterday  
she expected to be in Gardiner -  
She "never felt a disappointment so in  
her life" than that you should go to Bath.  
that were for the cause than the fact -

I am glad to hear so good news from  
Mr. & Mrs. Webb - Remember me to him & Mrs. et al -  
& I hope Mr. Webb will yet prove - all his  
temptations seem to lie in that direction -

I like it Mr. Amalgate is a more agreeable  
man in private - I hope you will make no