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1060 7/7/1859

*From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* My dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0998

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor July 7, 1859 [Thursday]

My dear Brother

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 Bath Monday - & home yesterday. They are a pleasant farming community, a church of 150, a good parish & a congregation of about 300. They proposed for me to spend my vacation with them & would give 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 thru' the Semr'y & then "Settle" me.

They want me to come to Harpswell, & 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 duty is. I have tried to lay the matter before God & have about decided to decline both invitations.

Dr Tappan, who is Sec. of the Me. Missionary Society wishes me to go as missionary to Aroostook. 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.

The region is comparatively destitute. They need preaching & God's blessing on three months labor might result in planting a Church in the wilderness, wh. when the region becomes populous should 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 & Unity) but if God has given me peculiar talents to labor among the poor & ignorant in a new Country there is where He points me. If I only felt sure I wouldn'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 & Mrs S are very desirous that you should comply.

Have you decided to unite with the Church this Summer? Would Lizzie go with you? If so, or if you alone are to do so perhaps it might be done as conveniently here as elsewhere. To observe the ferries require <[ Right side of page 4 cut off]> would take from one Saturday till a week from the next <> as the "proper ending" is a week before the admission, & both are on the Sabbath.

If another course seems <better> do not, I pray you let my <feelings> influence you. If you should decide as above, Dr Shepard would receive you most cordially & your Church fellowship would be complete - to be transferred elsewhere or, as not, in future circumstances & duty might seem to require.

I found Ella, Dellie & Charles all well. Chas spent the 4th with Nettie at Bath. Ella expects you at Commencement. She thinks she must see the Children before they go back too. Whether I can go home at all is uncertain.

If I go East, I will probably start the week following Com week. I would like to preach the two Sabbaths between our Anniversary <> that time some where not <far> from Brunswick. I will probably have an opportunity. <I may> be at Harpswell, one of <them>, if I can get time to write a Sermon.

I think that Charles' best <course> will be to go to Hill N.H. to the Establishment there. <The> beneficial effects experienced, by those troubled like him, there seem to be reliable. His case is urgent & if now remedied will tell greatly on his future usefulness & length of life. If benefitted by a three months <stay>, he will then be able to teach <&> earn money, wh. he is not now. He proposes to spend a week at home after Com.

Love to Lizzie & the little ones. Love to Mother. I hope she will be able to go to Commencement. She & Father too.

We are examined by the County Association of Ministers next Tuesday for License.

Ella was delighted with her journey. She manifests a warm affection for her brother & sister, nephew & niece. She has told me many incidents of the journey & I feel under deep obligations to you & Lizzie for the kindness that you have shown her, tho' I do feel that "her own sake" is reason enough to love & care for her.

Good Bye  
Your Brother  
Rowland

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1059 7/7/1859

*From:* C.H. Howard

*To:* My dear brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-0997

Bowd. Coll.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bowd. Coll.  
July 7, 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 thought & attention & inquiry so I ought to know something of its nature & my own wants - and yet I am no nearer a cure today than I was 6 years ago, as far as I can see & I am very glad to have any 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 as 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 sail down the river and along the coast to Portland on Friday. Rowland came in to the cars Saturday & went to Cumberland. He returned Mond. Tomorrow to Bath. Nettie & I went down at 1 o'clock & he came at 2. He stayed all night returning to Bangor Tuesday. He stoppe an hour here on his way back. Nettie & I returned to Brunswick Monday Evening in the train which was very crowded. I went out to her schoolwith her the next morning.

I cannot write much more today but must mail this & try & do something on my part this afternoon. I want to come home & stay & work after Commencement before I go to W.P. 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 a little while at least & I think I may need to have my clothes repaired a little.

Rowland asked if mother was really coming to Com. He feared she wouldn't come. I'm sure I didn't think she ever entertained an 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 Maine.

Give my love to Mother, Lizzie & the rest. Please not read to others the first of this letter.

Your affectionate brother  
C.H. Howard

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1061 7/9/1859

*From:* Peleg S. Perley

*To:* Lieutenant O.O. Howard

OOH-0999

Henry Illinois

West Point, New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Henry, Illinois, May 15th 1859

July 9th 1859

Lieutenant O.O. Howard

West Point, New York

My Dear Chum,

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 happier than I used to be. I have worked harder since last Oct, than ever before in my life. At the Jan'y Term last I had over fifty causes in court, some paying me a 100\$ and some 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, Jany and May I frequently have 5\$ justice suits as high as 4 a week. I am city Atty and make about 300\$ 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 Chum, that I am not given to over rote 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 J.P. Esq Arnold who has an office with me has had more than 1200 suits before him this year past - has jurisdiction to 100\$ and it is my opinion has done more Judicial business than all the J.P.s in Ill in that period.

My wife and boy who will be a year old Aug. 8th next are on their way East, at Niagara now. Sam has gone too, and John and I are going soon to Me. We shall go by Albany and Worcester. I want to 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 cant be gone but about 4 weeks and unless you are going down to Me in August I don't believe I can come where you are.

I have got to go to Conn. to see if I cant get the agency of loaning 25000\$ and my next Court business I must be back here to get in order.

Write me to Livermore the latter part of this month and tell me whether you will be anywhere in August where I can see you.

Give my love to your wife and believe me as ever  
your

P.S.P. [Peleg S. Perley]

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1062 7/12/1859    *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1000

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor July 12, '59

Dear Brother

I recv'd yours in good time. I passed my examination for License today very well. I wish I knew as much as it indicated. The "Secy of War" is at Anniversary time, when Prof Keane's asks questions & not the ordinary ministers.

We had a very good Class prayer meeting to night, may God help me always to give up all for Christ.

I have about decided to go to the Aroostook. I will leave the week following Commencement week.

I have prayerfully tried to consider the whole case & concluded that there is my place unless Providence forbids. I have declined the Cumberland & Harpswell invitations. I preach in Winthrop next Sunday. I feel very much afraid but God will help me - pray for me.

Ella is anxious to hear from you & Lizzie & the children. Did you receive the \$7-?

I enclose an acct of Anniversary & I want you & Lizzie to come the Friday before, that is a week from next Friday. We have a S.S. Pic Nic & I will postpone it till Sat if you will come. Write by return mail if you can. You will have a pleasant visit here - religiously & Socially. We can leave Thursday morning the 28th.

I have felt today full of possibilities for Christ. O that this feeling might continue.

Love to Lizzie & Mother. I wish the children could come but they would tire Lizzie & make expense.

We are busy <buying> - I am "Forage 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 care about.

I shall get to Winthrop at 12 Saturday & leave about 3 P.M. Monday.

If you had a good horse idle, I would ask you to ride out Sat or Mon.

Ella feels badly about my going so far as 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 if God sends a Revival & expect he will I will have to work, that I like to do, if I am well.

Love to Father. In haste

Your aff Bro  
Rowland

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1063 7/13/1859    *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1001

Bangor Theo Sem.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Theo Sem. July 13th 1859 [The year was added in pencil]

Dear Brother

I was glad to receive your letter from Auburn & it contained much that was interesting. I wish Dellie 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 earnest prayer will go with you. I do so hope & pray that something may happen to make Ellas Father yield. He is very tender & sensitive in his feelings but has a strong will and often says things much harder things 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 "strong cryings & tears", for 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 dependence. Ella & I whether he yields or not with God's assistance will not cease to pray. God's Spirit can alone reach him.

The little mission S. School of which I am Sup is to have a pic nic a week from next Wednesday. It would be very interesting for me & them for you to be here then. Our Anniversary is the 28th of July. My "address" is the Mon. Evening preceding. I would like much to have you spend that Sabbath (before) with me, but you must do as is most convenient, most pleasant & least expensive. I shall probably be at home at Leeds (if you & Lizzie & Grace & Guy are there) the next day after Anniversary & stay in Leeds over Sabbath, and then go to Commencement. I have spoken to <> Maine Missionary Soc. and they will probably send me to spend this vacation in some destitute portion of the State.

Ella is going to Andover Mass (for a short visit) the next day after Commencement, & I shall probably start for my mission field so as to preach the following Sabbath. Speak of these things that you must regulate your movements accordingly.

O I am so anxious to see Lizzie and the dear children! Give my respects to Mr & Mrs Mulliken. Ella & I had a very pleasant time there & feel greatly obliged for their kindness. Don't <> Augusta people in running it <and> <> Webb will you? There may be a good reason some times why a minister should leave his people without being "turned out"?

All want you to know Fred Sewall, Geo. Richardson & a no. of other men convert at Bath. These two were Bowdoin boys (graduated before you). Fred was in my room this afternoon. and wants you to be sure to call on him. Capt Patten will introduce you. William Putnam is in the same office - you know him.

Give a great deal of love to Sister Lizzie & many kisses to the little ones. I hope Lizzie will feel at home & get rested at Augusta. Ella says she will expect you next week.

Your affectionate Brother  
Rowland

P.S.

Drop me a note from Augusta if you get time, & tell me your plans. You will find many friends of mine in Hallowell. 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 at all with my "part". It is just nothing but a "bore".

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at West Point. Finally, Charles graduated from Bowdoin in 1859, which is also consistent with the reference to "handing in his part".]

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1065 7/22/1859    *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1002

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor July 22d Thurs. Eve [1859 written in pencil]

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. O I was fearful that I would never hear the dear little fellow say "Uncle" again! The night I received your other letter, I didn't weep. I could feel the tears burning there every time I thought of him though. Mrs Emmons wrote Henry that Lizzie 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 that you will all leave Augusta for home. You will get in here Monday at 7 P.M., hear me 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 Lizzies wants rather than mine.

I rejected the "Part" that I had almost finished - have taken an old one for a base, rewritten it & read it to Prof Shepard today. It is rather hard for me to memorize - that is the worst of it.

Our Pic Nic passed off splendidly & you would have enjoyed it very much - the children were so happy - I devoted the whole day to it. The glen, the stream, the table & the children were beautiful & the speaking, singing & recreations all passed off well. We were about 200.

Drop me a note Sat. forenoon, if you think you will come. I am in hopes Ella was up to see you yesterday. She expected to be in Gardiner. She "never felt a disappointment so in her life" than that you shouldn't go to Bath, & that more for the cause than the fact.

I am glad to hear so good news from Mr M. Remember me to him & Mrs M. O I hope Mr Webb must get found. All his temptations seem to lie in that direction. I take it Mr Armatage is a more agreeable man in private. I hope you will make no decisions till we talk it over.

Love to Lizzie & kisses to the little ones.

Yr Bro.  
Rowland