

Wright M. H.

in great danger, from flattery, or pain - I
humbly thank you for it - It has done me, I
trust no little good. It has ever been ringing in
my ears, & I could always keep before me the
word, beware of growing pride - Visiting my
numerous friends at home, who I know love
me, & fully appreciate me. I had often to bring
to mind your words - For you know how your
own friends look upon a boy, as I was rightly
considered by them all - They think they can say any
thing to him - & are often guilty of stirring up
my vanity, when they would only express their love
& feelings - I mean not to boast of being highly
esteemed, I speak as to a kindred soul - And you
know the advantage of "confessing our sins one
to another -"

I trust my dear friend Mrs. Howard is
well & those dear little cherubs - How happy
to have the guidance & holy instructions, of such dear
children - What a charge it is - & how great the
responsibility - May the Lord bless you & them -

I will be happy at any time to hear from you & shall
certainly expect to hear from you often -

Give my love to Mrs. Howard & kiss the children -

I pray that the Prayer Meeting may still be pleasant - &
that the Sabbath School may progress well -

With my best love to all, I am most truly,

Yr. friend -

St. O. Howard
W. A. M. -

M. H. Wright

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My Dear Friend:

Having become pretty
well settled, & learned some little of the
"management of the ropes &c." I begin to feel
a little at home, & will now try & let you know
how I am situated & how pleased -

Lieut. Sell & I occupy the North Brick Barracks,
& have Mrs. McFarthy (alias Ellen) to attend
to things for us - So do all you have some
remembrance of Ellen, & could wish always
to have such a woman to manage affairs
about the house - I am up stairs - I have
the back room - Sell occupies the small room
down stairs, adjoining "our Parlor". So we
have 3 rooms "furnished", if course you will
not ask us how? However we are comfortable,
& support a "Carpet" for each room -

St. Bolch who now messes with us, married
last Tuesday 11.30 Am. Miss A. Cushman, & will
occupy the South side of the Barr. up by the Bridge.
Strong occupies the South half -

I find the situation very pleasant, in

many respects. Major Mordcaid & family are very kind & agreeable - The Young Ladies very interesting & intelligent of course - I mean not to criticise at all.

The duties I need not mention - I've only had two or three drawings to do. Alas, I fear, however, a phony in Contemplation -

I have not yet decided where to attend Church - I've been to the Episcopal & Dutch Reform, on this side - & once to Troy - I find no Church of ^(mine) my Denomination here, I mean the C. P. Church - I would of course, prefer attending it, were there one here; not that I am peculiarly sectarian on the subject, but I think one should always pay that respect to his own Church - If not, why join it? True it matters little where we go, for we should go, not for the sermon, but to worship. As to the forms of worship, it matters little, their differences, provided they conform with Christian usages -

The Episcopal is most convenient - but you know, although I'm much attached to their customs, that it is not my preference - The Dutch Reform is next at hand - but I am

not so well pleased there as I should like - Think I will try it again, though - The Presbyterian in E. Troy, Dr. Burman (?), I've not seen - I heard an excellent sermon in the Unitarian Church in Troy, last Sabbath - Let - ("The Answer of a cher conscience to God" -

My desire is to go where I may best most service - Not that I would put myself up as an example - but that I should gladly lend a helping hand towards enlightening any poor soul on the subject of Jesus & Him crucified -

I must say that I almost wish to be a Cadet again, just to enjoy those snuggly afternoon lectures, fruitless as they may have been -

I cannot make any promises about how I may do - I will only say, I will try & do right, by the help of Divine Grace - I sometimes, nay too often, feel very sad - I know I am a great sinner, & do not my work faithfully, as I ought - I feel that I need much help, not all from above - My poor weak self, is often sorely tempted - I wish you & our pray for me -

I often think of the remark you made to me, as I was about leaving - viz: that I was

Perry Lee

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New York Nov 8, 1839

Dear Otis

I was glad to get your note a few days ago and have tried to find time to get up & see you, and had Sarah not been ill last Saturday I think I should have gone up, but it is now out of the question, for I have a matter on my hands that keeps me here every day and I fear now I shall not get through with it. it is in relation to the title of my house. Sarah & I regret very much not being able to see you all, and that our children could not have met & known each other, but it seems that it is not to be so this time.

No expect to leave on Friday
next in the steamer, and in
five days thereafter hope to
be in Japan.

I am very glad to hear that
your meetings are larger and
more interesting, and trust
that the Lord will smile
graciously upon the efforts
that are being made for
the bringing in of souls
into His Kingdom. I have
been travelling about so
much that I have enjoyed
to a very limited degree the
means of Grace. We had
no preaching at Leeds, and
but little any where else.
I heard from Uncle Ensign
yesterday, the folks are all
well there. They have a
minister settled (Mr Chapin)
and I sold them a Bible

for their meeting house -
I hope their minister will do
them good, and preach nothing
but Christ.

Sarah joins in regrets that we
are not going to see you - and in
love to you - we are very glad
that Charles is so much
improved, but should he have
a remembrance of his troubles and
want to go south I think I
can get him a good position
at Nagasaki. Remember me to them
and believe me

Yours Affly Cousin
J. J. Sargent

Portland Nov^r 11. 1859
 Lieut O O Howard

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the
 27th Ult. and Enclosed \$72 - in Bills
 on Bank - as follows \$50 bill N^o 137
 \$20 bill N^o 913 \$2 bill Atlantic Bank Boston -

I have not heard whether you need it
 I also made some allusion to A & S
 L. Rail Road Stock - it is thought by some
 who pretend to see ahead - that this Stock
 will not always pay 6 per cent -

Yours Truly
 E Maitland
 (H. B. 11)

P.S. Nov^r 29th

I laid this aside for a day or two
 after it was written and had forgotten it
 untill to day - all well -

E M

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

I have not had time to write you more fully, but I have been thinking of you very much, and I am sure that you will be satisfied with the result of my efforts. I have been very busy, but I have not forgotten you, and I am sure that you will be satisfied with the result of my efforts.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Thompson

Rachel Whitt

of every earnest christian man - with the decline of that interest in religion & the desire to increase the interest in intemperance, intemperance and those other vices peculiar to college life are visibly increasing. During the first eight weeks of the term it is said that not one "hard drunk" had taken place either in this or the other end of North College but within the last few weeks they have taken place a number of times - "Roasts" are frequent and the rotting of her roots more so - I am sorry to record all these things but I thought it ~~is~~ necessary in order to direct your special attention to the subject, so that you and all with whom you have an influence will pray more earnestly for us - I am glad to be able to state that these evils exist to a less extent in one or more than in any other class in college - There are not two in the class that have the reputation of having taken any liquor.

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Bond. Coll Nov. 13 1857.

My Dear Brother:

I received yours & Charles letter last evening. I carried Charles letter to Nettie immediately - She didn't seem to like the idea of Charles writing her through me as she got a short letter thereby - I think you greatly mistook my idea of secret societies in my letter to Charles. There is no one that dislikes some of the evils of secret societies more than I do and as for debating while I am a Freshman: I don't care to do that but I like to attend literary meetings and listen to literary exercises of every kind. In college we are now enjoying the excitement attendant upon making alliances for the next Freshman election and next spring term is as likely to involve as hard a contest as has been run in the election. The parties are very equally divided.

There being 22 votes considered sure on
one side and nineteen upon the other
with 21 doubtful votes, from which
must come the material to decide the
contest - I am on the side that can
~~count~~ count upon 22. The D. K. E. & F.
Ψ. Ψ. composing the alliance with me as
the only "ouster" - All the other "ousters"
go with the X. Ψ., O. Δ. X., & A. Δ. Ψ. alliance.

I write this partly for you and partly
for Charles Benefield as he probably is much
more interested in these things than you are.

The prospects now are decidedly against us.
A. One man are lazy, i.e. they don't think
it is best to do anything till next spring
^{while} ~~the~~ the other side are now sending men
all over the state in order to get votes
pledged - I don't care much which way
it goes, although I shall be historian
if one side carries the day -

Nettie is well and sends her
love to Lizzie and Kip for

She doesn't send her love to Charles. Perhaps
she thinks it needless to have it go through
more than one channel - The religious
interest in college is, I am pained to say,
at a rather low ebb - The prayer meetings
are thinly attended and by professors of
piety alone - One prayer meeting of the
freshman class seems to be best attended,
for we usually get about ten or a dozen
while in the other class prayer meetings
they have six or eight - The Thursday
noon meeting is thinly attended and the
meeting of the Praying Circle on Sabbath
morning doesn't seem to create a great deal
of interest - As for the prayer meetings in
town, those only are well attended which
are held on Sunday evening - The week
day meetings are so thinly attended that
it really seems discouraging and it also
makes us feel that many attend on
evening for other than religious
Purposes for us - We need the prayer

and they have now both signed the
 Temperance pledge. But I am told that
 students don't usually commence drinking
 during the first term of their Freshman
 Year but as most of those who are now in
 college of our class have signed the pledge
 I am in hope that we shall have quite
 an exemplary class in that respect -

I had a letter ^{from mother} not long since. She
 talks seriously of going to Augusta this
 winter and staying with Father, but
 what are these arrangements more than
 that I am unable to ascertain as mother
 can seem to be very communicative on
 the subject, perhaps not knowing exactly
 what to do herself -

I shall spend Thanksgiving day at
 Bath if nothing "turns up" unforeseen to
 prevent - My school will commence
 - Falmouth on Monday after Thanks-
 giving day - How I shall succeed, the

I saw Portland when he was here last Sabbath and also on Tuesday and Wednesday -
day. He seemed to be enjoying good health and generally in good spirits -

result very nice show - I have been
to hear the Unitarian minister this
pm. I like Mr. Wheeler very much -
The sermon was delivered for a funeral
sermon - Miss Sarah Thompson's brother
died of the Yellow Fever in Havana -
Charles knows Miss Thompson - that
heard that she was one of his old
"flames" and it is for his benefit
that this is written - I shall write
him and you often - You will
remember when I commenced my school
at Falmouth so that my letters
may go there instead of Brunswick -
Give my love to Leggie, Charles &
the children - Charles will hear from
me ere long - Pray for me always
Your very affectionate
brother

R. H. Gimre
Lieut. C. C. Howard Brunswick
N. H. P. Y.

am
very
kindly
yours
R. H. Gimre

by looking at the crops in
which he is hung they may
catch a view of hazen Serpent.
O that the hearts of this selfish
mean-pensionary people could
be turned into their Grob =

Two weeks ago tomorrow I rode
down to see Vaughan Otis & Laine
an hour. He appears like a
confirmed consumption. He is
well cared for in body - but
I fear he will not recover.
He speaks in a whisper &
does not go out. He is too
weak to go to Texas or Kansas.
He has had two or three bad
bleedings at the lungs. Aunt
Martha Jane has written
mother a good long letter
about her new baby &c =
I hope you & Charles will
write Vaughan - I did not
speak to him this time
about his soul, because

Leeds Nov 25th 1859

Dear Bro: Otis

As I wrote Charles
last, this shall be to you =
In spite of the rumor wh.
we all receive in West Po.
& which on some acct. I would
like to have been true - I did
not go to Bath Thanksgiving
I never intended to or hinted
that I might. I don't go there
now-a-days unless by going
in the morning to preach on
the Sabbath. I can save half
my R.R. fare - Ella forwarded
your & Charles letters & I
was just as glad to read
them in Leeds. I came
home Wednesday & found
all well. I preach in
Winthrop next Sabbath
& so come home to thank
giving & will return to Bath

for Monday: Please don't
take any trouble to "keep the
rem" of me but write to
Benny as often as convenient.
I intend to be there all
the time except Sundays =
We had a pleasant thank-
sgiving. Mother staid at home
but Father & I went to meeting.
He is very lame with Rheuma-
tism today - can hardly rise
from his chair without assist-
ance = They have a real good
Methodist-like Minister = He
is 35 - has a wife & no child.
& has been best two years
out of the Society = He will
labor for a Revival & let
us pray for his success - the
M. Ch. is improved - but
not so much as the former
munity & good numbers
& good love night - have

improved it = The hall is a
fine one & the pulpit con-
venient = Warren & Lucina
Kolan & Agatha ^{& their families} & Georgie
Gilman were here yesterday =
Warren & I prayed & sang
before we separated in the
Evening, You & Charles would
have enjoyed it greatly - He
is very earnest & fervent.

It is excellent singing
& I have been up & dined
with Laura & called on John
& the Minister, Mr. Chapin =

Laura boards the Schoolmaster
& would be quite happy if Helen
would forgive her for marrying
Uncle & would treat her kindly.

I don't dare to say much lest
I should widen the breach =

all the Society people are
proud of them. M. Ch. & hell
- my prayer & hope is that

It seems to me that the excitement of preaching will be less
R.B.M. = more or less uniformly
has done for the Railroad
but there are some rather
dangerous contingencies
yet =

Speaking of Thanksgiving
I have the most to be
thankful to God for =
the most rich & un-
grateful heart of all -

Albert Patten is at Sea
with a Capt. Dummer - his
uncle is at home = Hannah
Loggins full of animal spirits
has been almost uninterrupted
in spite of her troubles - If
they would sadden - it seems
as if they might benefit
her - but who could wish
her to be less cheerful =
Mother sends love
Yr. aff. Mother
Rowland

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I could not see him away
from his family - Ella seems
to have enjoyed her thank-
giving - she attended the wedding
of one of her cousins - gives a
glowing acct. of the silver plate -
& says she hopes the custom
of giving will hold out till
we are married! Mother
thinks now they ^(father & herself) will board
at Laura Ann's - I hope
they will - Mother has been
so long accustomed to the
narrow circle of home that
it will be quite a change
to her to receive & give "calls"
to "drop" in the afternoon &c =
But her good sense will
secure respect anyhow - It
bids fair for a storm to go
to Wintthrop in - but what
are outward difficulties com-
pared with these inward

struggles & failings - The Church
in Waltham is very cold &
dead generally & sometimes it
seems like mockery to preach
to such a people as if they were
alive - but Jesus preached just
so to Everybody - I hope you
have been to see Luntill as
you proposed - I know he will
be glad to see you - Tell
Lizzie I hope she will use
her Sewing Machine more than
Ella does hers - Tell Guy - those
kipes that he has sent were
rather dry before they got
to Maine - Charles rather
brims in his letter to Mother
that some do not "love & respect"
Nettie as much as they ought -
If he thinks that of Ella I
want to disabuse his mind -
I am the greatest Enemy
Nettie has in the family

& how much of an one I am
let my future acts testify -
Words, after all are but of
small account - Mother says
the nurse like very much
to visit Otis - I hope my
writing will not discourage
her - Tell Charles I don't
want Mr Wells to make an
Episcopalian of him & I wish
that Effort at Putnam was
for the Free Church - altho:
the Methodist Minister that
visited Aunt Ann seemed
like a very good man - I
enjoyed last Sabbath at
"Upper Stillwater" very much -
had a good attentive audience
with some marks of penitence
in the Congregation - The
meetings were never so full
at the Center as now - they
hope that a brighter day