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1107 1/4/1860

*From:* C. H. Mulliken

*To:* Dear Oliver [OO Howard]

OOH-1048

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston Jan'y 4th 1860

Dear Oliver

Your ever welcome letter of the 16th of Dec'br came duly to hand and was right glad to learn yourself and family were well and still at West Point. I have expected to hear from you as settled in some other locality for it seems a long time you have remained at one post.

To commence with answering you enquiries I will say we have another Boy! A New Year's Present!! born last Sunday morning at (9) nine o'clock perfect in all respects and weighed (9 ½) nine & one half pounds. Sarah is very comfortable and had no difficulty being sick from 5 a.m. till 9 a.m. The Physician coming and leaving within this period as she has her former nurse (Mrs Leman) we feel as though we might get along nicely and trust we shall. Our wish was for a little girl but as it is we can only be too thankful to Him "who doeth all things well" for the preservation of both Mother & Child to utter a murmur or complaint. To think we have four little boys - three here and one in Heaven - seems hardly possible but so it is. Hen & Jonny are delighted with the Baby. Jonny says "is this our other little Brother come back to us" even he has not forgotten our dear little Charlie that has gone never to return and I sincerely hope he never will forget him.

I am well and have been all winter and my Business is prospering beyond my expectations even. I do not mean by this that I am making a large sum this year or have made a fortune not by any means but I think our business bids fair to increase and grow into something satisfactory ere long our business is exclusively "Texas Commission Business" principally Hides & Wool but some Lead Cotton Rags &c &c all from Texas - thus far about half our goods come into New York but eventually all will come here direct.

If nothing happens, and I have my health all will come out right. We are living in a very pleasant neighborhood at the South End and all of us are very happy & contented in fact we like here very much. You & Yours are often mentioned by us and when we were all at Augusta is looked back upon with pleasure for we really enjoyed each other's company much and all our associations were pleasant. Sarah Hen & Jonny send love & kisses to Mrs H, Guy & Grace.

As for news - anything here would not be of great interest to you and at Augusta very likely you are posted as well as I am as I generally hear from Father every week and all Gossip is excluded in his communications. Aside from this I know nothing of matters there. You may not have heard of the death of my mother which occurred Dec'br 17th Saturday at 12 m. she had suffered very much for several months past - more than she even mentioned but ever since the trouble with her Teeth commenced she has gradually failed. She was conscious to the last and my Sister who has devoted herself to my mother's comfort day & night ever since she has had this trouble says "she perfectly understood all that was said" recognized them all "but could not utter a word". As soon as I heard of the attack I hastened home but not in season to see her alive - her death was quite sudden. She went to Church one half day (rode both ways) the Sunday previous and although sick and confined to her bed after Monday, still Doct Hill said Thursday evening "she was better and might be as well as she had been" but Friday they were satisfied she was worse and sent for me. Although I disliked to leave Sarah at that time still I hastened at once to my Fathers only to find my poor mother in that sleep that "Knows no waking". I had not seen her since I left Augusta last April, but she looked so perfectly natural I could but believe she would still speak to me. Alas! Only the perishable was left. My poor Dear Mother she is in Heaven and at rest. Father's house seemed lonesome and very sad, but "God's ways are not our ways". He knows best and will provide for all.

With kindest regards to you all  
I remain your friend  
C. H. Mulliken

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1108 1/11/1860    *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* My dear bro. Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1049

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Jan 11, 1860

My dear bro. Otis

Having completed letters to Dellie & Mother I will drop a line to you. My correspondence with Charles has rather broken up ours, but as he is getting negligent - I hope not sick - I will return to you again. Tell Charles that Fullers offer of rooming with him is an advantageous one every way. The room is one of the best. I believe I wrote Charles about my Christmas. I have been here steadily since attending my two Lectures a day & a part of the time taking care of a sick classmate who has now recovered. "The General" was very kind to him in his sickness bringing me something two or three times in a day.

Ella & I can hardly conceive of you in your new house, but we talk it over & try to as well as we can. I will greatly rejoice when the time comes around that I can see you & Lizzie & the dear children again. Does the new year add anything to your penitence & faith. Does it affect your meetings any? O that this year the Lord might favor you more than ever. Accts from the Old world & from Philadelphia seem very favorable. Our Annual Fast was a good meeting but Religion is very low in Bangor - the morning prayer meeting thinly attended &c. I preach in Brewer next Sabbath. If you get this Sat. Night, I know you will pray that God may help me. I am coming up into high & holy responsibilities. I tremble at the prospect & feel to say "who is sufficient for these things"?

My health is fair - at least I am as fleshy as ever - but sometimes I feel disposed to seek a Western or Californian field on acct of my hoarseness. Then I think - If God wished me to go there He would "call" me. The Abolition question distracts some of our churches. O I pray to God that he may stop politicians from agitating it & solve it Himself. Yet these deprecated means may be just the ones He has ordained for its final solution. I preach a good part of the time. Sometimes I am paid, sometimes not.

Dellie does not write me. Mother wrote me yesterday. She is now pretty well settled at Henry Wingate's & the Hallowell people seem to be paying her a great deal of attention. Vaughan is no better. I hope Mother will rest & read & attend meetings a good deal this winter, but the walks to meeting are rather long for her. Hadn't you & Charles better write Vaughan. He must be quite lonely there at home, tho' Ellie Dwight, to whom he is partial, is quite attentive. O I wish he would think about his soul. He assents to truth, but will do nothing.

Love to Charles Lizzie & the Children.

Your aff. Brother  
Rowland

Oscar Turner called on me today! He reports all well at Leeds.

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1109 1/11/1860 *From:* E Waite

*To:* Lieut O O Howard

OOH-1050

Portland

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Portland Jany 11 1860

Lieut O O Howard

Dear Sir

I now Enclose (\$3500) of Mortgage Bond on Atlantic & St Lawrence Rail Road. Three of \$1000 each & one of \$500. They have been articles difficult to obtain. I got the last one yesterday of 1000. I was in hopes to get 500 more which would have about equall to the 6300 of RR shares. Expect to be able to get it soon - otherwise I will invest the Balance in Bank Stock - if to be had - which I should have done before could I have found any for Sale. Shall do the Best I can.

We are all quite well. Hope this will find you and family enjoying the Same blessing. Susie [Susan M Waite] was married on 28th Dec to our good Minister, Edw'd Payson Thwing. They are now attending the Conference at Jonesport.

With our kind regards to yourself and dear Wife & Children, wishing you all a happy New Year,

I Remain Your Affectionate Uncle  
E Waite

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1110 1/20/1860 *From:* J. H. Otis

*To:* Dear Cousin Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1051

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Leeds Jan 20. 1860

Dear Cousin Otis

I have just returned from Lewiston. Mr Strout (the man who I am owing) has given me 10 days to get him \$400.00 or 350.00 would answer. I have about concluded a bargain with Mr Issachar Lane for a portion of the wood lot if he can raise me the money I can get it squared with Mr S but he cannot at present and if you could let me have \$400 I will secure you on the place in thirty days the time Mr Lane wants to raise the money. Your letter dd not arrive until Tuesday last, or I should have written before.

Please write me soon.

Your <aff.>

J. H. Otis [John Harrison Otis]

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1111 1/23/1860 *From:* [RB Howard]

*To:* Dear Bro. Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1052

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Jan 23d 1860

Dear Bro. Otis

Your letter & Charles' really did me much good. If there were not one exception to make I should say that it was the richest Epistolary that I have had for a long. But Ella has been getting what she calls "sweet glimpses of the Saviour" very often of late and her letters are full of what she sees in Him & what He is doing in her. More of this anon. I gave Ella a synopsis of Charles' & sent her yours & treated mother conversely. "Lodiana" is in the no. of India", tell Charles. Whenever you buy a new book, get Newcombs Cyclopedia of Missions. It is indispensible. I send you a book that has done me good. It is the cheapest way I could impart my own tho'ts to Lizzie & you all. Read it & may God bless it to all of you as He is doing to many. Tell Charles that Ella will give it to Nettie by & by but he must "keep dark" & it will be no present at all.

I have read a "Report" on the Island of Ceylon tonight before our Soc. of Inquiry into Missions. I have been quite interested in reading for & writing it. I preached at Brewer Village Sunday & truly Enjoyed it - a thing of rare occurrence with me. Glad Charles is going to see Tuthill. I want him to write all about his mother & home to me. I did not mean Aroostook for "next Summer" as Charles seems to think, but as a final field of labor.

Frank Gilman has written & offered me \$10 from L. Parish in Portland to use for miss purposes. He is afflicted in the insanity of his Sister Ellen. Hattie lives with & takes care of her in Boston. It was caused by a nervous disease & he fears that it is permanent.

But I must now bid you good night.

Tues Evning. If I should have a call to the West or California I should interpret it very favorably. I could not live long laboring in a New E. Climate I am convinced.

But I was going to tell you some things Ella has said. "Do pray that I may be so hid in Christ as to forget self. There is great danger to me when I am happy in Christ, for I am so apt to feel satisfied, that Satan is constantly making evil suggestions. That is one reason why I don't like to lead so much in our (female) meetings - the feeling of being looked up to & depended on, makes me too self-righteous. O I am so miserable, & Jesus is so gracious! I love him all the time lately! When I am alone, I am quite overwhelmed sometimes with thoughts of his condescending love to me! But pray that I may be kept from self-complacency". The underlining is hers. In a letter the day before she says, "I have not told you lately all I have been thinking and feeling because I didn't know how, but I have had such longing for Jesus sometimes! Two or three times within a fortnight I have lain awake at night & it seemed as if I wanted to stretch out my arms & grasp something which I could not reach. I could see my Saviour "afar off" but could not get near. Now He seems to be coming nearer, & at times, my Soul is filled with love & longing. It is not ever present, but I am longing for holiness. I began to have these recurring desires about a fortnight ago. I remembered how when I first read the "Higher Life" I could feel what lively faith was, & I began to think how far I was from "living by faith" & then I prayed for Faith & it was that that I tried to grasp at night. I couldn't get it. The way seemed dark as at first, but it has been growing brighter every day & I begin to feel its sweet influence in my heart already. This memoir (Miss Newton) has helped me much, and the Bible is clearer to me than it used to be. Even those old Testament Chaps, that you & I read daily look in a different light. O how cold I have been! How little my heart has responded to a Saviours love. God grant that I may be "kept" in future!

In another place she says, "I sometimes feel very sad, very. I can't always quite tell the cause, but (she speaks of several causes & then continues). I say they make me feel sad, sick sometimes. I felt so today, and I had to come up stairs in the dark & pray it away, & thank God. He took it away & gave me "trust" instead, and my prayer is that I may never lose sight of his hand in this trial but that I may by it learn to bear meekly & submissively the cross wh. My Father places upon me".

I have written these, to me, very sacred things, Otis, not for my own, nor Ellas, but for your's & Christs sake. It

is very instructive & stimulating to see how He leads the lambs of his flock. Next in interest & importance, as parts of Christian Experience, to Conversion are the stirrings of the Spirit - these revealings of his counte-  
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1112 1/24/1860 *From:* John R. Bacon

*To:* My dear [OO] Howard

OOH-1053

New York

*Source:* Bowdoin

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New York  
Jany 24 / 60

My dear Howard

I owe you an apology for not before replying to yr note, - but being busy I forgot it.

The balance is of course in my hands. If I were in yr place I think I would put it into Gas stock of the Brooklyn new company. I think you will be sure of 10% there & probably more, but there is no haste to invest it for two months yet as the stock is not yet put out except to get funds to carry on the works. I know all about this company and think it a most excellent investment.

I send you the certificate of yr Insurance stock.

Heard from Nassau recently. All well there.

Make my kind regards to Mrs Howard & believe me

Yrs Truly  
John R. Bacon

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1113 1/28/1860    *From:* O.O. Howard  
1st Lt. Ordnance  
OOH-1054            West Point, N.Y.

*To:* Judge [Nahum] Morrill

*Source:* Bowdoin

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West Point N.Y./ Jan 28 1860

Dear Cousin

I received your letter yesterday and now I am writing what I would do for you in the power less state of my <>. I would now be willing to forward you <> while it <> I don't think it would be so well for you and what I propose for I am in hope with what new terms I offer you may be able in 30 days I wish a final settlement. <>

(Copy)  
West Point, N.Y.  
Jan 28 1860

Judge [Nahum] Morrill  
Dear Sir,

Mr J. H. Otis of Leeds, Me, desires a loan from me of three hundred and fifty dollars in part payment of a debt of his to a Mr Strout of your place. I wish you would do the business for me. I am not willing to let Mr Otis have the money till the present incumbrances on his estate are removed. If Mr Strout will wait till Mr Otis effects the sale of a wood lot (which he contemplates doing as soon as possible), I will then loan Mr Otis the 350 dollars, provided it can be secured by a first mortgage on his real estate. With this understanding if any arrangement can be effected with Mr Strout I will forward you the money, which money I desire you to retain till you have received Mr Otis' note on interest & payable in one year from its date & secured by a first mortgage on his real estate.

I understand that Mr Strout has promised to wait a few days (10 days) to let Mr Otis raise the 350 dollars and that Mr Otis expects the money from his sale in 30 days from the 20th inst so that if Mr Strout will wait the 30 days I should think the matter would be completely adjusted.

Very truly yrs  
O.O. Howard  
1st Lt. Ordnance



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1114 1/31/1860 *From:* N. Morrill

*To:* Dear Sir [OO Howard]

OOH-1055

Lewiston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Lewiston Jany 31 1860

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th inst is rec'd and contents noticed. I have written to Mr Otis, notifying him of your willingness to loan him the sum of money you name, & requesting him to come here and make such arrangements as will be necessary for your security in case he has the money. As soon as I see Mr Otis, I will confer with Capt Strout also and will endeavor to protect your interests.

I am very much rejoiced to learn of your success in maintaining the prayer meetings you told me about. I think you will find great satisfaction and reward in the efforts you are making for the conversion of the Cadets. I have very often thought of your labors, and I believe they will be owned & blessed by our blessed Master.

I know of no position in which there is a greater demand for persevering christian effort than the one you occupy and I earnestly pray that you may have grace & strength to perform the duties you have assumed. I feel assured you will be doubly blessed. Blessed in giving & receiving. What is sweeter than the calm & holy communion of Christian friends? And what affords no greater and more abundant satisfaction than the faithful performance of Christian duty?

The Young Mens Christian Association in this place has not flourished so well as I had hoped, but still we have had some delightful seasons of prayer, and I think there is a very deep religious feeling in our society & village, and our Sabbath school has increased very much this winter and we hope, when we get into our new church, & have conveniences for social meetings, we shall see a revival of religious interest.

I shall be very glad to hear from you at any time, & shall be happy to communicate such matters of a religious nature as may come to my knowledge. My own soul has been greatly refreshed by Christian intercourse, & I remember with much pleasure our former intercourse, & hope we shall meet again to renew our Christian fellowship.

Be good enough to remember me to Mrs Howard.

I remain very truly & sincerely  
your obliged friend

N. Morrill [Nahum Morrill]