

Phila June 11 1860

My dear Otis

Your kind note is just at hand and I hasten to apprise you of our movements. The original programme as to W.P. will be adhered to, and your cordial invitation thankfully accepted. The only change from our original plan is that I have decided to go on all the way with Maria and Sam (which will enable us to pay Mr Vaughan a visit at Cambridge) and to remain at Wallingford while Maria is there - in plain English cut the "shop" for a month - a thing I have not done but once since I was married and that was 14 years ago.

As to that letter I am partly to blame. I owe an apology therefore - Maria did look in her pockets for it the day after you left but not finding it supposed you had received it - when it was found it remained buried in the depths of my pockets for several days before discovered. I hope there was no harm done.

P.S.O.

With respects to your wife I am, Yours Truly,  
J. S. O.

I have my letter signed to I don't know  
after all whether you are any the wiser  
there for -

Know then that Dr. we will start on  
Saturday next at 9 oc & go up to  
N.Y. in the 3 oc Boat - remain with  
you until Wednesday or Thursday &  
go on to Boston & out to Cambridge -  
to spend the next Saturday.

Yrs W.

W. H. Merrick

virtually does away with it - in  
as much as no provisions are made  
for any new structures - The pro-  
visions made by the 2.<sup>d</sup> Sec. of 1<sup>st</sup> bill  
for a National Armory &c, at  
Lif. Bort<sup>h</sup> having been struck  
out -

I was pained at the news with  
regard to certain friends who once  
associated so pleasantly with us in  
the Prayer Meeting - I humbly pray  
that yet they may see the error of  
their ways, & turn to Jesus, & follow  
him, indeed & in truth -

Soon you will leave the Point  
for a season - May Heaven's blessings  
attend you & yours, as you sojourn  
among old & familiar friends & relations  
at home - & May I request to be  
remembered in the prayers of your family.  
I need much help. I am very weak. Oh may  
God give me strength - I shall hope to  
hear from you during your leave - Give my  
love to Mrs. Howard - & to the children - I wish  
I could come over little Guy & Mary.  
Sincerely, M. H. Wright -

Please remember  
them me kindly, to  
Mrs. Bennett & the  
Col. (H.) family -  
Prof. French &  
Miss Davis.

M. H. Wright

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Saint Louis Arsenal,  
June 6. 1860.

My Dear Friend:

Your kind  
letter, & the papers sent also, have  
been duly recd - I regret to  
say that your favor addressed  
to me at Huntingdon, never  
reached its proper destination.

I am rejoiced to see that  
your zeal in the Lord's cause  
has not diminished, & that  
you still find the service of  
Christ so pleasant & delightful.

Would that I could have  
that entire devotion to my Savior  
& his will, that I know charac-  
terizes you - & enables you to  
stand so steadfast, against  
every obstacle, maintaining & de-  
pending the Christian's hope.

The more I contemplate & realize the goodness of God, his great Mercy & long forbearance, the more I feel my utter unworthiness - The more I appreciate the total depravity of the human heart.

May the Lord give us that grace which is sufficient unto all things - May a simple & childlike faith lead us ever to look to Him & Him alone for aid & succor - May we grow in grace & the knowledge of the Saviour - & May we dedicate ourselves anew to His cause daily, & consecrate our lives for the attainment of the chief object of life -

I had not the pleasure of seeing the gentleman to whom you alluded - Nor have I re-

ceived his arrival at any of the Hotels - As I am not much at home, it would be very natural for him to escape me, unless he should call at the Arsenal -

I have just united with the Church at this Place, by letter. Although my stay may be very short, I thought it best so to do -

Knowing my own weakness, I felt certain that I don not have a single cord unstrung that would tend to preserve me from temptation - & from falling into sin -

I pray that God may sustain me - & that right but pure motives may influence my actions -

I do not know how matters will yet be arranged - You may have noticed the Bill for removing this Arsenal - Well as it stands, it

I have talked with Mr.  
& Mrs. Patten about our  
marriage - He is unusually  
embarrassed for money now  
& says he can do nothing for  
us this year - but seems  
quite willing that we should  
marry & run the risk. Tho' at  
first he mentioned waiting  
a year till I had something -

But we want to commence  
our work together & live within  
our means - This letter is  
Confidential & I would  
prefer that its contents should  
not be made known in Maine  
at present - I have conversed  
with Mother all about it -

Love to Charles & Fizzie & Gus  
& Grace

Your loving brother  
Rowland

Bangor June 7. 1860

Dear Bro: Oliver

It is late tonight  
& I can write but a few  
words - I was glad to hear  
from you thro' Mr & Mrs Abbott.  
I to receive the paper containing  
the Essay or Lecture. Your sentiments  
in regard to the desirableness  
of piety in the Army are not  
to be sure those of the Times -  
but thank God, they are those  
of the Ages of Eternity. One  
might feel diffident in speaking  
them before an audience like  
yours - but they will stand the  
test of the judgements. I do believe

I have been at Farmington  
three Sabbaths & they have  
invited me to become their  
Pastor for one year at a

Salary of \$800: I will accept  
the call next week - If  
God permits, & prospers  
us, Ella & I propose to  
be married just before  
your return to West Point.  
My Engagement at H.  
will not commence till  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> & if we are married  
the 22<sup>d</sup>, or thereabout, of Aug:  
it will give us five weeks  
before we enter upon our  
field of labor.

Would a, Will it it be  
convenient for us to spend  
a portion of that time with  
you at West Point?

You know we will wish to  
go somewhere - we are too poor  
to travel - or to go to the  
Sea- Shore &c - & the time will  
hardly be spent as desirably  
at Leeds as we will settle

to near & have so good  
opportunity to visit there  
hereafter - We could take  
the boat on the Portland &  
N.Y. Line & go to West Pt. with  
comparatively small expense  
& could <sup>spend</sup> the time delightfully  
with you - if it will be per-  
fectly convenient.

Ella wishes me to men-  
tion it before you left West  
Point - so that we might all  
know what plans to make.

I suppose I might preach  
on the Sabbath in the neigh-  
borhood of N.Y. or West Pt. perhaps.

I go to Yarmouth again tomorrow.  
O may the Lord go with us.

I saw Sam Hicks at Lewiston  
last Tuesday - He says that  
his family are well. but have  
not heard from Mrs Jones lately.

Miss Lydia W. Howard

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Brooklyn June 14 1860

Dear Mrs. Howard,

Mania is still so low that she does not move herself at all nor see any one. I thought your kind invitation would only excite her and make her feel her confinement more than she now does.

She has had four relapses and the doctor says every thing depends on her being kept perfectly quiet.

She is still under the charge of nurse and doctor. So I considered it best not to tell her of your letter but to tell you how matters stand myself.

The baby is quite well. Mr. Lloyd has had quite a serious fit of sick-

miss. ~~Let~~

I hope you will all enjoy your  
pleasant times as much as  
Maria would were she with you.  
When there is any decided change  
for the letter I will write you.

Conelia unites with me in  
much love to you, Mr. Howard and  
all our friends.

Yr friend,

Lydia C. Tappan.