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1140 6/4/1860

*From:* William H Merrick

*To:* My dear Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1083

Phila

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Phila June 4 / 60

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 I am (which will enable us to pay Wm Vaughan a visit at Cambridge) and to remain at Hallowell 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 4 years ago.

As to that letter, I am partly to blame & 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 pocket, for several days before discovered. I hope there was no harm done.

With respects to your wife I am  
Yrs Very Truly  
WHM [William H Merrick]

I have my letter signed &c & don't know after all whether you are any the wiser there for.

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

Yr W

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1141 6/6/1860

*From:* M. H. Wright

*To:* My Dear Friend [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1081

Saint Louis Arsenal

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 part 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 characterises you, & enables you to stand so steadfast, against every obstacle, maintaining & defending 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 noticed his arrival at any of the Hotels. As I am not much at town, 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 dare 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 nought 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 virtually does away with it, in as much as no provisions are made for any new structures. The provisions made by the 2d Sec. of 1st bill, for a National Armory &c, at Jif. Bar'ks, 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, & humbly pray, that yet they may see the error of their ways, & turn to Jesus, & follow Him, in deed & 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'm 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 & see little Guy & Grace".

Sincerely,  
M. H. Wright

Please remember me kindly to Miss Durnit & the Col's (H.) family, Prof. French & F. & Miss <David>.

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1142 6/7/1860

*From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Bro Otis [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1082

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor Jun 7, 1860

Dear Bro Otis

It is late tonight & I can write but a few words. I was glad to hear from you thro Mr & Mrs Abbott, & to receive the paper containing the Essay or Lecture. Your sentiment in regard to the desireableness 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 judgment, 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 Wet Point.

My engagement at F. will not commence till Oct 1st & if we are married the 22d, or thereabout, of Aug, it will give us five weeks before we enter upon our field of labor.

Would a, will it, be convenient for us to spend a portion of that time with you at West Point? You know we will wish to go some where, 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 so 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 spend the time delightfully with you, if it will be perfectly convenient.

Ella wished me to mention it before you left West Point, so that we might all know what plans to make. I suppose I might preach on the Sabbaths in the neighborhood of N.Y or West Pt. perhaps.

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

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

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 would not be made known in Maine at present. I have conversed with Mother all about it.

Love to Charles & Lizzie & Guy & Grace. Your loving Brother  
Rowland

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1143 6/14/1860 *From:* Lydia C. Tupper

*To:* Mrs. [Lizzie] Howard

OOH-1080

Brooklyn

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Brooklyn June 14 1860

Dear Mrs. Howard,

Maria 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 my self.

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

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 better I will write you.

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

Affly your friend,  
Lydia C. Tupper