

I believe & the rest of you like not read the both I send
 Henry when I come. I have a
 letter from Henry Ming last
 night. I think if you could
 read it & his previous one
 you would write him some time
 this summer. He is more
 miserable than ever with disapp.
 He wrote yesterday that
 he was well & that Nellie was
 down Saturday. I am very busy
 this week, with my summer "text",
 Seminary Exercises - & hazarding, to
 you will & care in that letter
 I will go to F. Lat. next via
 Leeds Junction D.V. = & whether
 I can stop one night at home
 will depend on my duties
 here. I hope to meet you Monday
 if I don't get a glimpse of you
 Sat. Why not come down to the
 Junction & dine with me Sat.?
 Love to all & kisses for the
 children. Your aff. Bro.
 Richard

R.B. Ward T14
 Bangor July 3^d 1860
 Dear Brother
 I was very glad
 to have you write. I have been
^{postponing} ~~proposing~~ writing you till I
 could be sure what day I
 would go to the Kennebec. I
 believe your plan is best, & I
 will deny myself & not go home
 till Monday. I have many things
 as you may wish to consult
 you & Lizzie about. A part of
 my object in going to Farmington
 now is to secure a boarding
 place & get the measure of a
 room that Ella proposes to furnish.
 She will go to Boston for a few days
 week after next to make some
 purchases. Lizzie's letter to Ella
 is very kind indeed. She forwarded
 it of course! I had proposed
 to take one of the Portlands

Steamers to N.Y. as acct. of the
Cheapness - but we will talk
that over - You know Ella is a
"deep-water sailor" - It is necessary
for me to have the money at
the time specified in my
letter to Mother & I hope Father
will have it for me - may God
bless your labors in Leeds - We need
always to remember that "the
Kingdom of God cometh not
with observation" - I am daily im-
pressed with the thought that I need
more trust, confidence, strength &
joy in God - & less in myself &
my fellow men: Why should we doubt
the promises - Why should we let
sight or the want of it, take the
place of our Faith - "Christ will
see of the travail of his soul & he
satisfied" - Blessed be God for that,
tho: I utterly fail of any good -
We had delightful meetings

of the State Conference last week.
Capt Edw. Waite told me about
meeting you in the cars - I also
met Mr & Mrs Thwing frequently - But
in these great meetings there is
too much of the "observation" element
before mentioned - I don't know
what you told Mrs Keagane, but
I have \$12. in Farmington & 15. in
Yarmouth for Lab. & in cities they
usually pay \$20 - If we can make
it convenient perhaps I had better
spend a Lab. there - tho: I can't
quite understand her authority to
invite me! Those things are man-
aged by Committees appointed for
the purpose - but I notice that there
is a small church & perhaps they
don't observe the "forms" - I am sorry
to hear that Charles' health does not
improve - but I don't think it was
to be expected - I will talk with
you both about Anniversary & the

Augustus Waite

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Livermore July 5th 1860

Dear friends; having just received a book from you I take this method both to inform you of its safe arrival at my hands, and that I wish you to receive my humble thanks for it.

Father, and mother, wish me to express for them, their thanks altho for it. Father, and mother, went to Paris yesterday and have just got home, not Paris in France but Paris in Maine where Grandfather, and Grandmother, live. We are all well, and we should be very happy if you would come and make us a visit, and stay a good long while.

From your humble servant
Augustus A. Waite.

...and glad to see Mr. Webster
...of the Boston Call.
...my wish to have him
remain. I am glad to advise the
scandal that is to aft to follow
the acceptance of such an offer
...bring a Union in the Cause
of our blest Master. Leave you
drop a note to me Monday & tell
me what you think of it. I want
space I shall have to give up here
you as an little P.C. Nic. but if you
go to Portland the last of next week
perhaps you might come round in
the boat for night & spend the
& Monday with me - but, you must
your little family in my acct. - If you
are not at Leeds - next after next
week to know it - you will change
my plans. Love to Lizzie & Kipper
to the little ones
M. aff. R. M. M.

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Dear Mother, I am very glad to
have a note which I
had from Charles, tonight I think
this may possibly find you in
Augusta tomorrow & that you will
go down to see Charles & Ella the
first of the week - Ella says she
is "all ready" & now in hopes that
you would get down this week - I
had a letter from her tonight / and
you would say that it is one of the
best letters I ever saw - I wish you
could see it - (the girls / her sisters)
are already quarreling as usual that

acct. of its cheapness - but
I don't want you & the child-
ren to go that way & be sick -

Perhaps it will be just as
well to divide - You know
newly married people are

apt to be "silly" & appear more
so to the eyes of their own family
than to strangers, at first - &

you'll get enough of it at
West Point! Love to Otis & the
dear children - & all the
rest - "I thank God that I

make mention of you daily
in my prayers" - "I had
a beautiful Lab. in Hampden -

10 miles below - yesterday - the
meeting were still & solemn -

God will see that the word
is not spoken in vain - We
are busy now preparing for
harvesting: Burleigh inquires
particularly for Charles - your loving Brother
Burleigh

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I saw Prentiss Whitman not long since - How much sicker
you quite in love with Otis - & indeed
your death is a great loss to
I am very sorry I was to hear that
dear Otis was sick & of the
fears that I have that you
may overwork yourself & have
an attack of the same kind -
May the good God keep & bless
you & overcome all this for the
best, in my daily prayers - Charles
must visit me as often as
he can consistently, & Otis when
he gets well enough - Meekness,
quietness, submission, & cheerfulness,
under fever & pain, are hard
to learn - but God sends sick-
ness to teach just these lessons -
I mentioned, just before
I left, the three buttons that
your dear Mother gave me
& which I feared were stolen,

I have thought much about them as the only keep-sakes that I had from her. who was always so kind & good to me. & felt grieved at their loss. & I would not part with them again only for this purpose, that they might go into the hands of one who loved her better than any but a daughter could. Will you accept them - dear Fizzie. from me. & while you wear them - associate us together in your love?

Ella writes today that she will go to Boston in the boat tonight. I fear it will be rather tempestuous - but it is a sweet thought. Her "times are in His hands" - God will take care of her & all mine. They are all His - us.

Have not heard anything definite about our boarding place & she will do nothing about the Chamber yet now - but get it in Portland by & by. She says - "Fizzie must come that week the propose. if she possibly can. It will be perfectly convenient & delightful to have her with me". If this occurs favorably & no other are rich I hope the project will succeed. I will probably leave Bangor a week from next Friday. You can go to Bath with me from Leeds on Sat - & stay as long with the next week as you please.

Or it may be you can go before. I preach at Harpswell a week from next Sat. I think Ella & I had better go the Atlantic route to N.Y. on

~~Robert Williams~~

Model

The two Tutors who are now in the college will probably be succeeded by others which will be something good for the next Freshman Class - There will be a new Prof. of Modern Languages - Probably Dr. Loeper - He once refused to take it, but now understands that he has consented to take it - In case he should come he will be a good addition to the college - We are now sadly in want of just such a man as Dr. Loeper - Has the reputation of being - I hope that none of the other members of the family will have your disease - Nettie told me that you were sick and also the cause disease. My love to Lizzie & the children, also to father, mother & Charles -

Your off. bro.

R. H. Gilmore

O. O. Howard
Leds

I heard a rumor that you were sick - Rowland was quite sick -

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Dord College

July 21. 1860

My dear Brother:

I was very glad to get your letter which was received this p.m. with \$40. enclosed - I have been busy part of the p.m. paying up my bills - I find that it is better to pay up at once and then you will have no opportunities to loan it or rather give it to other students - We have only one day more to remain in the Freshman Class as Students - Our last recitation comes on Monday - We are examined on Thursday - I think I shall be hardly able to go home before a week from next Thursday although I should be glad to and will try to make arrangements to that effect if I can - I have bought furniture of some

of the Levee which I cannot take
of till after commencement - I lost
many things last year because I did
not take sufficient care of them and
I prefer to look after them as I have
some pretty good things which the "Gazette"
could easily walk off with if they
so pleased and could get in -

I would like to be here at commenc-
ment so I think I had better remain.
I could go away before commencement
and could get some one to take care
of my things, but I don't think of any
one now that would not have as much
as he will want to do with his own
things - I should not know how, or where
every thing would be - I hope that
you will be here as it is your "Decennial".
I suppose that ~~many~~ ^{many more} of your class
will be here than at any other Commencement
since you received your A. M.
Degree - The exercises of the week will

probably not be any thing very extensive
besides the exercises of Commencement
day - The class is composed
of very many smart men and
their parts will be good -

The interest in Religion in college is,
I am very sorry to say at a very low
ebb - The prayer meetings are ^{prospiring} very
thickly attended even by ^{young} Christians -
The young peoples prayer meeting down
town now excites much attention from
any except those who go there to take
part - I am in hopes that it will be
differently next time - At the beginning
of a new year we are apt to feel more
enraptured and more like taking heed
as of any week than at the close of
a term like this - It is especially so
in regard to religious matters -

It is said that there will be many
changes in the studies of the students at
the next meeting of the Trustees & Overseers

Howard and yourself on
your return to the Point, and
that we may all be spared
to meet in health, and with
hearts filled with gratitude to our
Heavenly Parent, for all His
mercies. When you have a
leisure hour let me hear
from you, and with every
kind regards to your wife,
believe me to be
Sincerely yrs

J. R. Bacon

P.S. I am perplexed to
know what to do with
your money - I can't
make up my mind for
another as I could for
myself. When you come this
may it had better be definitely
settled, meanwhile I allow you
7% interest - Your Insurance
stock is entitled to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ dividend
of interest to July 1st -
J. R. B.

J. R. Bacon

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Long Branch

July 31. 1860

My dear Howard.

You will think
me strangely neglectful,
for not sooner replying
to your note of June 22?
but after I was well enough
to come to my office, on
the 17th of this month, I was
driven hard all the time
with work, and in fact, for
a man in my weak state
I worked, and am working, too
hard - I am thank God
gaining health & strength every
day, and since we came
here last week my wife
has improved very much
and I hope soon to see
her in her usual health.

God afflicted us very
heavily, and for a little
while it appeared so dark
but He was faithful to His
promises, and sustained
us most wonderfully and
graciously - I was so ill
for a day that my medical
attendant, and all my
friends, but my dear wife,
gave me up as past recovery.
Oh if I could tell you how
my God and Savior comes
to me then - the fear of
death has always been a
great fear & terror indeed, to
me, but He took all fear
away, and I was permitted
then to give my full
testimony to the truth of His
promises - May I never forget
that, and when troubles & trials
come, as come they must,
I do hope & pray that the

sweet consolations of that
hour may never be
forgotten - Then I felt truly
thankful that my little
ones had been taken to
Heaven - They were my
treasures, which God, in
wonderful answer to my
often prayer, had permitted
me to lay up in Heaven.
It is quite true that the
heart mourns, for the blow
it has received is a severe
one, and it is a sorrowing
time for us, but I can thank
God for all - We mourn
not for them (for they are so
happy now) but for ourselves
who are left behind - God in
His infinite mercy bring us at
last to those mansions which
He has prepared for his children.
"Oh where can rest be found,"
"Rest for the weary soul."
I hope we shall ^{see} Mr