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1144 7/3/1860

*From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* My dear Brother [OO  
Howard]

OOH-1084

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor July 3d 1860

My dear Brother

I was very glad to have you write. I have been postponing 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 guess 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 have proposed to take one of the Portland Steamers to N.Y. on 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 impressed 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 if the travail of his Soul & be 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 Hazzard, but I have \$12 in Farmington & 15 in Yarmouth per Sab. & in cities they usually pay \$20. If we can make it convenient perhaps I had better spend a Sab. there, tho I can't quite understand her authority to write me! Those things are managed by Committees appointed for the purpose, but I notice that that it 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 Sem'ry when I come. I had a letter from Henry Wing 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 dispepsia.

Ella wrote yesterday that she was well & that Dellie was down Saturday. I am very busy this week, with my Sermons, "Part", Seminary exercises, & hazing, so you will excuse a short letter. I will go to F. Sat. 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  
Rowland

If Charles & the rest of you have not read the book I send him I think it will give you a laugh.

Hope you will be able to get some better ink than that I left at home next time!

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1145 7/5/1860

*From:* Augustus A. Waite

*To:* Dear friend [OO Howard]

OOH-1085

Livermore

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Livermore, July 5th 1860

Dear friend:

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 also 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

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1146 7/16/1860     *From:* Rowland [RB  
Howard]

*To:* My dear Sister Lizzie  
[Howard]

OOH-1086

Bangor

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bangor July 16 1860

My dear Sister Lizzie

Need I tell you how 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 & overrule all this for the best, is my daily prayer. Chas must write 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 sickness to teach just these lessons.

I mentioned, just before I left, the sleeve buttons that your dear Mother gave me & wh. I feared were stolen. I have thought much about them as the only keepsakes 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 with the hands of one who loved her better than any but a daughter could. Will you accept them, Dear Lizzie, 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.

We have not heard anything definite about our boarding place & she will do nothing about the chamber set now, but get it in Portland by & by. She says, "Lizzie must come that week she proposed if she possibly can. It will be perfectly convenient & delightful to have her with me." If Otis recovers favorably & no others are sick 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 Sab, & stay as long into the next week as you please. Or it may be you can go before I preach at Harpswell a week from next Sab. I think Ella & I had better go the outside route to N.Y. on acct. of its cheapness, but I don't want you & the children 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 Sab. in Hampden, 15 miles below, yesterday. The meetings were still & solemn.

God will see that the word is not spoken in vain. We are busy now preparing for examination. Burleigh inquired particularly for Charles.

Your loving Brother  
Rowland

I saw Prentiss Whitman not long since. Rev Mr Sleeper got quite in love with Otis, & seemed quite enlivened by his conversation aboard the "Secor". He has gone into my old "field".

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1147 7/21/1860     *From:* R.H. Gilmore

*To:* O.O. Howard

OOH-1088

Bowd College

Leeds

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Bowd 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 Seniors which I cannot take <[torn corner]> 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 "Yagers" could easily walk off with if they so pleased and could get in.

I would like to be here at commencement so I think I had better remain. I could go away before commencement and could get some one to take care of my things, yet 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 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 very thinly attended even by professing 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 term. At the beginning of a new year we are apt to feel more invigorated and more like taking hold of any work 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 & Observers. 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 Solges. He once refused to take it, but I now understand that he has concluded 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 Solges 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 disease. My love to Lizzie & the children, also to father, mother & Charles.

Your aff. Bro.  
R.H. Gilmore

O.O. Howard  
Leeds

I heard a rumor through some Harpswell people, that Rowland was quite sick. Is it so?

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1148 7/31/1860    *From:* J.R. Bacon

*To:* My dear [OO] Howard

OOH-1089

Long Branch

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 22d, 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 came 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 feeble 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 consolation 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 Mrs 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 our very 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 cant make up my mind for another as I could for myself. When you come this way it had better be definitely settled, meanwhile I allow you 7% interest. Your Insurance stock is entitled to 3% dividend of interest to July 1st.  
J.R.B.