

been walking with us in "Woodlands" (Cem-
etry) Alexander Hamiltons old Seat - a beautiful
Spot - Wm is in town - & we will be pretty
quiet today looking for the trunk tonight
by the Express Train -

I hardly think this worth three cents
but I will send it tonight after 2
have asked "Mile" about your money -

Evening - "Mile" says that those Railway
Shares are payable in installments,
& that he can draw on Bacon for
them as they become due - none have
been called for yet - but the first
one will be, in a week or two - It will
be about (\$120-00) If you are writing
Bacon - perhaps you had better mention
that Wm will draw on him as above -
The trunk is here & Ella is "dressed"
& waiting a call from her cousin Mrs
Lappan

Love to Lizzie & the children - Ella
joins in it & Sam has given a large no: of
kisses for each of you

Your affectionate Brother

Rowland

To Brooklyn Friday
Care of Mr.
Elmer, N.Y. City
We will go to
B. for order
& will not
be back to
West St. before
Friday of next
week

West Philadelphia Sept. 2. 60

I don't believe I can do any-
thing better than write you some acct
of our journey & stay here so far: we have a
most beautiful day, as you know, & a delight-
ful trip down the Hudson & across N.Y. Bay:
We took a Lunch at Tylers & passed some
time pleasantly in the coolness and stillness
of Trinity Church in N.Y.: Wm met us at
the Ferry, & our trouble was at an end:
We found our friends well & received
a very cordial welcome, & are very much
at home: Our only drawback has been the
fact that our trunk was not delivered
in time for the Phil. boat - by the Expressman
on the Thomas Powell to whom I committed
it. The consequence is that I am decked
in borrowed plumes & poor Ella - being so
much slighter than Maria - is left to her

Solitary "water proof" for comfort & beauty =
But I am rather glad we left it ^(the trunk) for
it has revealed a new phase of Elias
Character. When I broke the news to
her on the boat with much delay &
trembling. She received it as cheerfully
as the wind an unexpected streak of good
fortune! and we were merry over it
all the rest of the afternoon. But yestern-
ay - it seemed hard to leave her at home
alone all day - but she bore it so cheerfully
tho: she was so much disappointed - that I
could but love her better & better. My wife
will be more tried in the matter of
enduring patiently deprivations & disappointments
than in any other way. May God give her
strength to endure them. But to my Sabbath
As you may suppose, I started on my walk
to Mr. Barnes' Church with no very lively
feelings. I got there just at the right
time & heard him preach an excellent
(not "great") & temperate sermon. The first time
an absence - or "I was glad when they
said unto me let us go unto the
House of the Lord". Here is a high synopsis

I Objects of public worship

II The way to secure such objects =

I Objects - treated under 4 heads as follows
1st worship itself = 2nd Salvation of our souls 3rd Cultiva-
tion of right affections. He feels this more & more
& more as he grows older. The Sanctuary is for the
Cultivation & Stimulation of the highest & best affec-
tions of the soul. 4th Incidental blessings connected
with Sab. worship. Such as (a) Rest of body & mind.
(b) the diffusion of knowledge on religious topics.
(c) Influence on families - on morals - on community
at large - awakening them to a just humanity.

II Ways to secure these blessings - (1) Things in
the arrangement itself essentially adapted to
this end
(2) Arrangements dependant on ourselves, in order
to secure these blessings (3) Those dependant
upon God = By this you will get no idea of
the Sermon I fear. It was plain, simple affectionate,
fatherly & spiritual. No great Rhetoric or Logic
in it. No display of learning - but eminently quiet
Christian & instructive in its tone. I enjoyed
the Service very much - was melted somewhat
in new Gods blessings to me & mine. The
walk home seemed very short & almost
everybody looked like Christians as I came
along. In the evening I heard Mr. Wise &
heard him. He seems to be a good earnest
Christian - as unchurchy in his style as possi-
ble. He will do good here & hold up the
Cross of Christ. This morn. Maria & Sam here

Larrytown Sept 9th 60

My dear Howard.

Yours of 5th at-
hand today - I have
written Merriek to
draw as instalments
become due -

All well with us -

Am too much engaged
to visit you now, hope
to see you here with
Mr Howard this fall -

Mr Bacon joins me
in affectionate regards
to Mr Howard & yourself
& I am in, haste,

Truly Yrs,
J. R. Bacon

I hope to see you
 soon. I have
 been thinking of
 writing to you
 for some time
 but have been
 so busy that I
 could not find
 time. I am
 well and hope
 you are the same.
 I am, dear friend,
 ever your affectionate
 friend,
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

1860
Noorden Sept 15

My dear Mother

With great regret I learned from a letter received from Dellie yesterday that you have been suffering severely from Erysipelas or a disease of that nature. I was somewhat relieved to find that you considered the worst part gone through with & seemed to be getting well again. I had had some imaginings & fears that you might be ill. How thankful I ought to be to Our Heavenly Father that He has spared you a longer suffering & that He is bringing this to so happy an issue. It seems hard for you to be without a child & to be sick, but you have the daily prayers, thanksgivings of us all - I know very little about

your condition & if you are not well. I hope father will write me & I shall be very anxious to know how you are. Dellie told me what father wrote him I suppose - I had not had a letter from him till yesterday. He wants me to get him a school & I suppose I can do so here.

My own school is very flourishing - 46 scholars - and all seem interested in their studies except two little boys, who have been absent a week sick.

Rev. Mr. Southworth has gone away & expects me to read two of Bushnell's discourses to the people week from tomorrow.

A man from Bangor Supplies tomorrow - I thought I would not take my own sermons. He did not know I had written any & so asked me to read them or write

some of my own if I would but
be supposed I would not have
time to do that. Rev. Mr. F.
originator in Whitthrop - married his
wife there - He lost his wife but
write & send him all alone in
his house - taking his meals
at Deacon Fisher's about 1/4 mile
away. It seems rather a lonely way
of living especially nights - He has
a little girl living wth her grandpa-
rent in Whitthrop.

Last night I rode out to Bangor
with Mr. Newcombe (with whom I
board) & witnessed a grand triumphal
procession - torch-light - We
got home about 10 o'clock. I
had some books to get for my
school - I study all the time
nearly between school - Have
been hearing two scholars out
of school - One began the study
of French & has overtaken the

Claps - with the intention of going
into school work from next morning
after her father's return from his
a visit to Dartmouth Mass. I heard
that she did not conclude to do so
French tell recently that she
has been helping to oversee the class
I always hear two classes after school
school - taking care till 5 o'clock
regular day's work. My health
is good - not so tired this morning
as last. During the recess here
ground time to go out & play
ball & pitch quoits with the
boys occasionally - which is a fine
better than puzzling over some
mathematical questions - Our
meeting last Thursday eve. of
I had the charge - was longer &
was taken up by more speakers than
either of the previous ones. I hope
to see a work of Grace especially
my scholars. - If (an assembly

For work - You will perhaps have
 next soon time to reflect & pray &
 from wish very much that you will
 up. I spent some moments in prayer
 to the Lord as here & for the object I
 the one mentioned - Think how
 the dispensable a place I am in -
 after meeting daily in prayer before a
 5 min daily - who exercise no faith
 by heart - Christ - Standing hourly before
 this world - young men & women with souls to
 be saved - Calling upon God in their
 presence daily. How much I
 with the Lord Divine power to help me
 that is my line consistently every moment
 - come to pray in faith & fervency.
 - Dear Do you see much of Rev. Mr. Cha.
 of you - My regards to him - I hope
 your & his labors are blessed - Now much
 I pray that Father may decide
 I hope throw all his influence upon
 the side of Christ. - - -
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I studied part of this forenoon
then went down in the field
& dug potatoes $\frac{1}{2}$ hour - then
returned to study & to write this
letter - There were at Bangor
besides squads from each
the wards - Companies from
Orono - Dedden - Holden & Brewer
- & some drakes - with their torches
of all colors - & a band of music
in the center. - Just below
here & some men were thrown
from a carriage & three of them severely
injured - one dislocated his shoulder.
Last night after we got home the
harness broke right opposite our home
& the horse ran & kicked - They
at the next house below & were taken
home to Bangor - this morn.

Our life hangs upon a slender
thread - Let us commend ourselves
often to the mercy of God thro' Christ
our Lord - His word today but let me
hear soon - Yours affectionately Son C. H. H.

New York O. O. Howard
Sept 14th 1860

My dear Mother,

I was shocked
to learn of your sudden illness this
morning. Rowland & Ellen had gone
to Philadelphia & were to be in New York
yesterday - As soon as I got Uncle Ensign
Samuel's letter, I hastened to New York to
find Rowland to let him know. I must
go back without seeing him as I shall
have duty tomorrow morning - He is in
the city & will go up to West Point tomorrow.
and if tomorrow don't bring us good news
I shall encourage him to start for home
immediately. I do hope & pray that God
will spare you to us a little longer, that
we may see you again - Lizzie was very
anxious when I got home today & said we
had a letter from Lads with bad news -

Major Ramsay who came with me from
West Point says a Cranbury poultice has
invariably proved a sure remedy for your
disease when it has not struck a vital
part - With much love I am your

Affectionate Son, Otis



his Christian example during the
last hours of his life may be followed
by his children & that his prayers for
them be answered. It is unwise to
put off what will make us truly
at peace. Sickness & misery of soul
don't go well together. They aggravate
each other. And yet how many begin
to seek God the moment disease begins
to prey upon them - having altogether
neglected to seek him in health.
I hope you will find much comfort
from communing with your blessed
Saviour while you are suffering -
In this way bodily ills can be
counted only as blessings, if they induce
self-consideration to Christ. Tomorrow
is the Sabbath - I hope we shall
all enjoy it. I presume Rowland
has written you all his plans - The
children & Lizzie are asleep & I must
send love from them without the usual
endorsement - Love to Father & kind regards
to Isabella & all the neighbors - Your aff-
son. Ohio

How do Mr & Mrs Chapin come on in their good work?

O. O. Howard
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West Point N.H.
Sept. 22nd 1860
My dear Mother,
Rowland & Ella
left as yesterday morning. After they
had gone the letter that I was
expecting from Father came. I had
at him have the thirty dollars &
did as he desired me. opened Father's
letter. took the \$20 enclosed, & sent
him the letter to E. Cambridge.
I was glad to find you had improved
so much and sorry to think how sick
you still were. But I should thank
our Heavenly Father for his goodness
in sparing you to us & moreover in
answering our prayers to give you
a cheerful dependence on His will.
How truly kind your neighbors have
been to you in sickness. May their

works of love be restored to them
four fold. What a different.
What a delightful society we should
have, if men loved God with all
their hearts & their neighbors as
themselves. I was all prepared for
bed tonight, but could not have
a peaceful prayer till I had
fulfilled my promise to you - so
I slipped on my clothes & came to
my desk to write you. I have
a good many calls upon me and
am apt to put off what comes
irregularly before me - for instance
letter writing, but I ought to have
some system in this as in other
things. Since I wrote you, we have
been obliged to move into another
house. We are now in a house
with another family - that of Mr
Carroll occupies the lower half -
It is not quite so convenient as
an independent establishment, but

we hope to get on very pleasantly -
Alice Sands or rather Mrs Alice King
has been with us for some time -
her husband joined her this evening.
George King has been ⁱⁿmate of ship
Niagara. He has just changed to another
vessel. He met Randolph in New York,
who told him that Alice was
with us. Returns are pleasant, but
I think their long absence where
the month's days & hours are counted
must be tedious. This year I have
a Section in the 5th & another in
the fourth class, so that I have a
different Mathematical course to
teach this year from that I had last
year with one class. It does take a
great deal of time to get my lessons -
I usually get them in the morning before
breakfast. I am sorry to hear of Nelson
Gilbert's death. But I did not much expect
to see him again in this world. He said he
should not see me again - God grant that

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East Cambridge Sept. 24.

Dear Brother Oliver

I received Mother & Mr. Fitch's letter this A.M. - They were very welcome I tell you - I do hope that that illness is not going to continue long to afflict her - We found

Mr & Mrs Gray at the U.S. Hotel in Portland & they together with Alfred Patten her brother came on to Boston with us. We had to come by the Norwich route to get rooms & had to rise at 1. A.M. - a very disagreeable operation wasn't it Lizzie?

Ella & I walked out to hear Dr. Kirk yesterday (told Mr Gray) You must never spend a Lab. in Boston

Without hearing him. He
is most profoundly spiritual.
I was affected to tears while
listening to him. In the P.M.
I went with Mrs Hazard.
In the evening - I went to
Dr Kirk's prayer meeting &
a Baptist one afterwards
near by. Both were happy
meetings. I asked them to
pray for you & your
meeting & a clergyman
put up an earnest
prayer. We go out to
Harvard Coll. this A.M.
& to Brookline to a friend
of Ellen's to ^{see} her - We go
to Bath tomorrow night in
the boat.

I miss my shoe buttons.
If they "turn up" please send
them in a letter. I
just spoke with Geo. Wing

in N.Y. & presume he is with
Alice & this time give Ellen
& my love to her - to Lizzie
& lots of kisses to the children.
I felt very much like
writing you my feelings
yesterday but have no
time today. O that Christ
would come into their
household. All Oliver's
family are well & Letter
tells about Guy Grace
& Simon.

Your aff. Brother
Rowland

Norson Sept 27th 1860

Dear Cousin Otis.

It is with a breaking heart I write you these few lines to apprise you of the dreadful intelligence that my dearest Husband is in the Tomb. He died very suddenly on the morning of the 21st at 8.0 o'clock. He had had an attack of Hemorrhage from the Lungs, ^{two weeks before} from which he was recovering and the day before his death he sat up in a chair 3 hours. But an abscess (of which I was ignorant) broke very suddenly upon his Lungs, and he died in half an hour, and was not able to even speak to me. He struggled to death, as he had not the strength to raise it. His Faith in his Redeemer was strong, and full that it is

well with him, he is at rest in his
Father's bosom. But the affliction is
greater than I can bear, it seems to me,
he was so affectionate, and devoted,
as a Husband, & Father and these
dear Bobs that are left without a Father's
care. may God have mercy upon them
and upon me, for in 4 months another
poor Bopson will be added to them, which
adds tenfold to my great affliction.
The ways of God are so mysterious. I
feel that the hand of God has been
most heavily laid upon me. and
I feel so totally incompetent for this
great responsibility which has been
thrown upon me. Pray for me dear
Aunt, & Lizzy. my only relief is in
prayer. may Grace & Wisdom be given
me. But my utter, utter, loneliness
if I could flee from myself. Why should
one so much needed, be taken so soon
from these dear innocent Bobs, I pray
dearer it for my great sinfulness.

But these dear Children. Oh! may
God who has sent this affliction have
mercy upon us. Will you write to
Linda and tell them these dreadful
things. I have not the heart nor
strength to write to them now.

Yours affectionately & broken hearted
Cousin

Frank C. Caryer.

By his own request some time ago, Frank's
remains will be taken to Greenwood. I expect
Benny will be here about 6 weeks.

Lark.

Leeds Sept. 27. 1860
Dear Otis

I found Mother yesterday very much better than I anticipated & I hasten to inform you: Your letter came East Evening by the same train that I did - I left Ella at Bath & came on in the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ train. Mother seems not quite so well this morn: She thinks she has taken some cold. Tell Guy & Grace that I saw their picture in the paper & wanted to kiss it but couldn't reach! Mother walks from one room to the other - looks pale - but has not lost much flesh & is cheerful. Her Ulcer is gradually heal-

I enclose Ella's
last letter to
Mother - viz. through-
it interesting -

ing - the less Elizabeth Bates
a girl from Greene. I
hope she will stay as
she appears to be a
good girl - Elizabeth More
was here last week & they
have had 5 girls 4. days
each - \$1.00 apiece!

Ella is well. Saw Sellie
yesterday. He is ditto - I
go to ^{today} Farmington to arrange
for board, Ordination &c
& will return to Bath Sat,
& probably attend Mr. Fisks
meeting in Bath next
Lab. with Ella

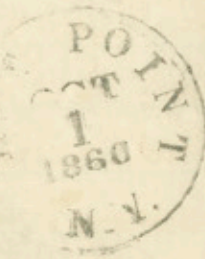
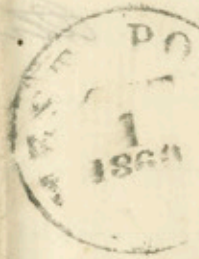
Much love to all your
dear ones in which
Mother joins. She will
write soon. Hopes to ride
out before long

Your Brother
Rowland

G.O. Howard
Sept 3rd 1860

Colonel G. Gilman

Seeds
Ma



West Point N.Y. September 3 1860

My dear Mother,

Saturday night has come round again. and I wish to write you a few lines before I retire. I received a letter from Rowland today enclosing one of Charlie's. I am glad you are as well as you are and hope the ulcer will soon disappear and leave no ill effects upon your system. I think we are very comfortable in our new house. St. Carroll's family are pleasant and I don't know why we may not be as happy here as elsewhere. It is hard to get used to having another independent family in the same house; but doubtless there is a Providence in this as in other things reaching forth into eternity.

Rowland's visit ^{to you} was a short one, but I presume you were glad enough to see him. With the rail road between you, you & Rowland don't seem ^{now} to be far apart. If you are well you can easily run up to see him & Ella; & vice versa. Mr Carroll has a horse & carriage - ^{by} and took or sent out the children to ride this afternoon.

They went about five miles & back and did not get in till it began to grow dark. Guy said when he got home, that if anyone should ask him to go to ride again, he should not go. he was so cold & tired. The weather is quite cold so that we have fire in two rooms. The children, Lizzie & myself are in our bed-room.

Sizzie is white for bed combing her hair & quoring
"Beerus" just now. Grace taking long breaths in bed her
Erik & Guy sleeping quietly in his bed in the corner.
They look very pretty when they are asleep. I think
they are good children. Grace obeys me now
with alacrity & cheerfulness. She saw somebody
yesterday while we were riding that she said was
grandmother. I expect it would be pleasant to you to have
her playing around while you are confined to your chair
& bed. Mrs Wing (ie Alice Sands) & her husband have gone
to New York. They went last Tuesday. We shall expect
her back when her husband again goes to sea & I
hope she will stay with us some time. for I have to
be away from Sizzie so much I think it will be
pleasant for her to have a companion. Tomorrow
I have engaged to speak for Mr Gray the Presbyterian
Minister at "the Falls" so that I have had to
employ much of my leisure this week in preparing
a discourse - and as a consequence my private
theological studies have not advanced much.

I have many drawbacks & many misgivings about
the will of God concerning me - but I have confidence
in Him that He will direct me aright.

My love to Father & kind remembrances to the neighbors
Sizzie sends her love to you - I hope the colt is
doing well. I shall send her oat money if I conclude to
draw forage for her - Write when you are able &
pray for me that I may do my duty. Yours
Aff. Son Otis

P.S. Monday Oct. 1st I spoke for Mr Gray yesterday
in the morning & afternoon went through with
my usual S.S. duties. Mr. [unclear] invited me to
be present at the meeting of [unclear] Class at 4 P.M.
Sundays which I did go [unclear] morning I
received a Tennessee [unclear] Father
with the election of [unclear] Gray is a
representative from [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
have swept the State [unclear] [unclear].

I hope you are gaining.
God bless you. & restore you
to complete health.

Otis