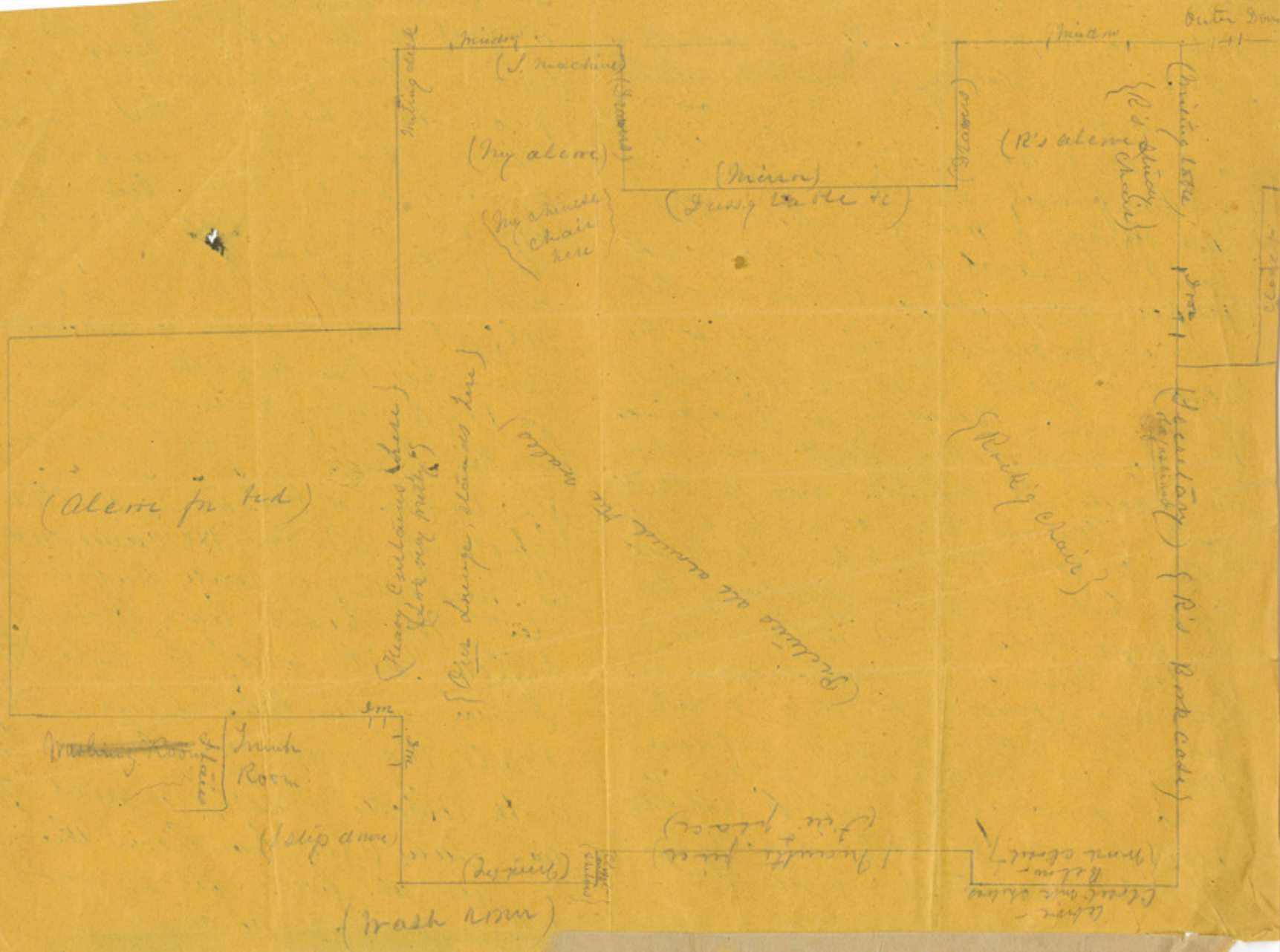


Dear Otis - Ella has given a little
out-line of our family. I wonder
if I can add any touches while
she is going to bed. Our room
is entirely away from the rest
of the family - it being formally
an office - & was furnished off
late by Jacob A. - We had red
paper - very elegant - two bright
winter pictures belonging to the
house - quite a no. of pictures
of our own. Ours is a fireplace
of the size of the North room one
in Leeds. It troubles me to study
with Ella in the room - but I
hope to form the habit. Mr. Cutler
keeps but one girl regularly - but
the girl's sister of 11. is here most
of the time & a French Washer
Norman comes Friday - & we
just our washing out seldom
costing us more than 33 cts. per
week generally 25. Miss Abbott's
pennants are entirely literary.
She does nothing about the
house & both the sisters are

in rather feeble health. The house
is full of the Abbott books - Guy now
has a fine time looking at the
pictures & hearing the stories -
Mrs. Cutler is 81 & Aunt Sallucia
a little more - both thin - Mrs. C.
has one eye a little turned round.
She is the widow of Rev. E. F. Cutler
who was settled three years in
Belfast. Mr. Went to Reading
Penn. for his health & died there
in 1843. away from his wife. She
has the ~~place~~ ^{place} of our room.
fiction and learned the great
lesson of Christ: "He came not to
be ministered unto but to min-
ister": My heart has often been
filled with grief of late that
I am so unlike him, & her,
& all the good in this - Mr.
A. & Abbott School is just opposite
us. Sam Otis has been there, but
is now at home for a vacation
of three weeks - No change in Vaughan
that I can hear -



You have probably heard of Fannie Oles' death.
Brother gave me the news last night. How
thankful we ought to be that she was pre-
pared for the great change.

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Bangor Jan. 2^d 1860.
[1861?]

My dear Brother

I have been expecting
a letter from you for some time
but conclude the best way to secure
one speedily is to write again.

How do West Point people regard
the Reception? I noticed by the papers
that three Cadets had gone home to
South Carolina. I perceived also by
the Register that two of them were
found deficient last June & turned
back. What do you think of Maj.
Anderson? Don't you think he
ought to be reinforced? Where
was he stationed before going to Ft
Moultrie? I believe I saw him
while at N.P.

I thought of you often yesterday.
Did not get so tired as on ^{last} New Year.
Did you visit "Frederic" this year?

I was in hope Lizzie would be
well enough by this time -

Those books I sent to Guy & Grace
I thought you would not consid-
er very elegant - for New Year's gifts
but I knew how pleased Guy
seemed to be last year with his new
~~book~~^{printer} & thought he would be
reminded how he began breast
Jan. 1st with me last year - Tell
him & Grace that I saw a picture
of 3 children upon the outside Grace's
& upon the inside of Henry's - I was
very sure one was Grace & one was
Guy but what the other little boy's
name was I could not tell.

Perhaps they can send me word
in Grace's letter who the other little
boy is. Guy will have to read
Grace's book to her I suppose so
that she may know about the
pictures - I wonder if his old book
got removed to the new house with

be you. Have you a cow now? I
have often thought of with some
pain of the expression of upon Guy's
Countenance when he saw the man
come for his calf.

Dellie spent New Year's with me
thas gone home today - He closed
his school three weeks earlier than
he anticipated by advice of the
Board whom he had called upon
to expel a couple of young men
from school. He felt very badly &
dreaded going home to Leeds but
we could devise no other course.
Week ago Sabbath I preached at
Holden - three old discourses, having
revised one of them. Dellie came
for me Sat. & they took me back Sat.
eve. Last Sabbath I heard the
most eloquent & interesting sermon
I ever listened to I think from
Prof. Harris - It had a bearing
upon our National affair - How

much I wish you could have
been there. He will repeat it
as nearly as possible (for it was
~~not~~ a written discourse) Friday night
next - The Fast Day - in accordance
with a request from those who
heard it. We begin to translate
Hebrew today - The first I remember
Genesis - We also are to conjugate
The 2^d word - a Hebrew word which
I think you learned in college
are to decline all the nouns &c.

The Gymnasium agrees with
me - I am better than I have
since my school closed - Our
recess comes the 2^d week of Feb.
What is Johnny Weir doing? I
great mind to write ^{a second} ~~letter~~ him
He will be saved any annoyance of the
kind by just forwarding a request
My love to Lizzie & a New Year's kiss
Guy & for Grace & Thos the latter a
sweet one for the little boy of the dark hair
I hope you are all in the best of health
(SEE top of next page)

How fortunate that Maria
 came in her sister once again
 this world - It must be so
 to come hastening home a
 long distance in anxiety & dread
 to see a loved one upon the dying
 bed & find him lost & gone.

Mother seemed deeply affected by
 his death - It brought up the
 many griefs of our family which
 have rent her heart - But she
 at length, it seems, obtained
 more than usual peace by trusting
 to her Saviour.

Rowland seems not in remark-
 ably good spirits probably owing
 in some measure to Ella's absence.

It rained here part of the day
 yesterday. The latter part of the eve-
 ning was at a Annual Meeting of the
 'Society' in the Vestry - a kind
 of Social Celebration - It is a

6 Charitable association -
We often hear the wish that
Gen. Scott were at the head
of affairs now - We should
probably have Military work
of it in such a case - I don't
like the dallying policy of
the President - I expect Lincoln
is unquestionably a man of energy.
How do your meetings prosper?
How is Mr. Gray? - Wish you
would give me the details of
your day at N. P.

My lepro calls me & I
will close.

Affectionately
C. A. Howard -

Wm. M. 1st Regt.

Massachusetts

Dec- January 12, 1861

My dear Sir:

Sir,

I have in

heard from you since
I learned you were sick.
I wish I could have
before I leave here. I
am going tomorrow in
the road & the storm will
permeate to the Southern
part of Maryland to
protect the citizens in the
right of suffrage. I now
have 5 Regiments & a
Squadron of Cavalry under
my command. without
a Quartermaster & without
a Commissary. I have a
fine man acting in both

You must not think
it wonderful or be anxious
if you don't hear from
me for a week. I
shall be back in 6
days, the Lord permitting.
Again I have to start on
the Sabbath day. I
must go, but I am
sorry to do so. It
is however a peaceful
mission.

Give much love to Mother
& many kisses to the
children. Oh, my! -
to be with her during such
months. I rode to town
& miles today in a pretty
heavy rain. Saw Willson.
He is to give up the military
business, can't stand it in
the field. He is an excellent
man. I never had appreciated

him as I do. Pray for
me that I may do my
duty. I got a letter from
Dellie tonight, rather a
down hearted letter. I have
written him so seldom &
the others too that he
feels as if there didn't any
body love him.

How is my little boy Guy.
I hope he is well. Do thank
Grace for her nice little
letter. God bless you
affectionately
Otis

only lately has she been able to
walk about. but I have heard
she was much better. Maj Anderson
was stationed ^{near} ~~in~~ Portland for
some time as F. B. Pottle. Two
of our Cadets (rather deficient ones,
both I believe having been once so
pronounced by the Academic board) are
in Fort Monroe. Cadets Blocker &
Reynolds. They left here some little
time ago. & are now Lieutenants in the
S. C. Army. Prob many officers have
yet resigned. As a general thing they
are strong for the Union. Some resign
almost against their will. Through
apprehension of civil war
or of final disunion when they would
be cloof without a means of livelihood.
I hope your will continue well. The
baby we shall call James Tate. I
would rather not call him Rowland. I
should prefer perpetuating Father's name
in my Grandchildren. Love to all. Aff.
Your son etc

O. O. Howard

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West Point N.Y. Jan 12 1861

Dear Mother,

You ought to have had
a letter this week. but I have got so much
interested in politics lately that I could
hardly keep from spending half of
my time over the News paper.

However I have had other important
concerns. I have now finished examining
both of my classes & commenced
again the regular routine of duty.

This week I have met the prayer meeting
Cadets every evening, to observe this
time as that set apart for the
prayers of all Christians of every land
for the revival of God's work among his
children & for the conversion of sinners.

Almost every one prays for reconciliation
between the different sections of our
Government, country. I kept a piece

Sign in quilt will I send, I am - Given is still a little deep. baby I think will soon be -

from my paper containing an
account of the taking of Mt. Vernon
Arsenal. You will recognize the
name of Danville Leavitt. I
am sorry to see him among the
enemies of his country. I received
Dellie's letter in good time, I am
sorry he did not succeed more to
his satisfaction with his school.
But he must not be discouraged. Usually
boys can cause a good deal of
trouble. I did not speak of little
Fanny's death as I meant to in my
last letter. I intended to have sent
you Maria's letter. I then thought it
was William Merrick's. Was it is?
I sent it to Rowland or Chas and asked
him to forward it to you. William
has since written me & said that
I must have received Maria's letter.
Containing an account of Fanny's death.
I am glad she was so ready to go. Vaughan
it seems is in Philadelphia. He must

have improved in health since I saw
him. I hope father has quite recovered
from his lame back. The rail^{road} reports
look well. Have they resumed paying
their Coupons? I should as wonder if
Uncle Ensign realized his twenty thousand
dollars yet. Dellie seems to think the
people at home are not very liberal
towards Mr Chapin in the payment of
his salary. I am almost out of
money I have not received an answer
to my last accounts that I forwarded
to the paymaster - but I think there
is plenty of money in the treasury - I
we shall get some soon. I know
Major Anderson very well. He was
here on a Court Martial when Chas.
was here & was on the Commission
sent here last summer on the case
of Stutz. He is a Christian & a fine
gentleman. His trust is in God & God
will direct him. His poor wife has
suffered much with a spinal disease

Detachment of U.S. Corps Cadets;
West Point, N.Y. Jan'y 18th 1861.

My Dear Sir;

In compliance with your request, I take great pleasure in giving you a brief account of my religious experience.

At the time of the great revival of the winter of 1855 & 1856, my father was pastor of a Chh. in Central New York. From my earliest youth I had been blessed with the religious instructions of a godly father, and a pious mother; I had been accustomed to hear the Word faithfully preached every Sabbath, & had frequently seen both old & young gathered into the fold. For these, & other reasons, I was little affected, at first, by the work of the Spirit; but before the revival had ceased, I felt that I had given myself to my Maker, & with an only brother & only sister, in company with about 50 others, took my stand before the world, as a Christian, and first partook of the Sacrament by the hand of my father.

Till the late mighty revival I lived far from my heavenly Father. When the work referred to was in the height of its glory, I was so tempted, that my determination was almost made, to dissolve my connection with the Chh. This critical period of my life ended by a fuller consecration of myself to the service of my Redeemer.

As a Christian, I am, perhaps, more in the shade than in the sunlight; doubts of my sincerity often overwhelm me; but these doubts, I think, teach me to rely more trustfully on the right arm of Him who hath died for us, and lead me to resolve anew, that, with the help of God, I will lead the life of a Christian man. Sometimes the light of God's countenance seems to shine upon me, and these happy seasons are oases in the desert of a sinful life.

Allow me to say, Sir, that I feel that I have grown much in
grace under the influence of our little prayer-meeting, and your
own counsels.

That God will abundantly bless you on earth, for your la-
borious efforts for the good of the Corps of Cadets; and that He
will reward you a thousand-fold in Heaven, is the prayer
and belief of,

Your Affectionate & Respectful
Friend;

H. G. Townsend.

To Lieut. O. Howard.

Mother for a long time. Your uncle Ensign
wrote me a short time ago he said Sam was well
but he hoped would soon be better, Lizzie is
playing sacred music, and Henry and Fred are
singing, Henry has a teacher come to the house
twice a week to give ^{my} Fred and Lizzie lessons
in vocal music, It spares no trouble or ex-
pense in the Education of the children
I wish you would take your little family and
come out here next summer instead of going
to Maine you ought both of you to visit the
great West. Henry likes his business as well
as ever, I think it is a very profitable business
and no trust, We bought a very nice, new
house last winter and sold the one we formerly
occupied we have a larger yard where we now
are, the house is not very large. Henry and
the children send love to both of you, and
you must kiss the children for us all.
I wish you would sit down and write a good
long letter in answer to this very soon.
I do not feel that I have anything very
interesting to write, so that my letters are
not particularly interesting. Adela and her
husband are boarding at a Hotel near us, they
spent last winter somewhere in Pennsylvania
they have no children, and can board or keep

Muse as they choose
I thank your Mother
has great reason to
be thankful that her
boys are so good, and
that now there is
settled so near her, I am
glad you are at West
as I hope you will not
be ordered South

With your affectionate
from
Sam & Martha Jane

Richmond Jay 13 1861

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I am ashamed to
say (although true) that I have thought every week
for the last two years, that I would write to you
but have just neglected it from day to day,
I should never hear from you, were it not for
your Mother or Olive, Olive is the only one of
my relatives that writes often, and she is just
where she hears from, and sees you all, and she
writes more news than all the rest put together.
I had a letter from Laura Ann last week saying
that my Oldest had died quite suddenly, the week pre-
vious, of Consumption, it seems as though I never
hear from my Eastern friends, unless some are
sick, or are dead, I think I should shrink from
a visit East, there have been so many changes,
It is nearly four years since we came here, to
live, and not ^{even} one of my most distant rel-

atives have I seen, since I have been here,
I suppose Guy has got to ^{be} a great boy learning
his A, B, C, and Grace quite a young lady playing
with her dolls, I would like to see them and
yourselves too, I suppose time has left some
marks upon you, I am growing fleshy which
is the only thing that makes me feel that I
am getting old, although Fred and Lizzie are
grown up, and one would suppose that would
make us feel old, but it does not. Our little
Amma is a nice little girl, trotting all over the
house, up stairs and down, and a great pet with all
Lizzie was away at school, for fourteen weeks this
fall, and winter, but was not well and is now
at home, she waits in Latin, and Geometry, to
her Father, and has a French teacher, she gives
two hours a day to her music, Carrie is about
as large as Lizzie was, when we came here,
and is a very good girl, Lizzie is as tall as Sam
and nearly as heavy, Fred is with his Father in
the mill, he likes the business very much.
We like living here very much, and I should

if we would be contented East now, of course
there are many changes there since we came here
and my never having been back they would strike
me very forcibly, We have all been well this far
and we like the climate, all but the heat of
June July and August, we never have high
winds, as they do where there is prairie and we
have not had what I call cold weather this
winter, we are having a little sleighing
now, Our house is warmed by a furnace and
we have only burned two cords of wood in it,
this winter and our house is very warm
I suppose you hear enough of war news
without my mentioning the subject - God grant
that great calamity may be kept from our
land, I am very glad Sarah Keight has
decided upon remaining at Masson for
the present, as it will give her more time
to decide upon the best plan to adopt.
I wrote a letter to Rowland and his wife soon after
their marriage and had a very pleasant letter in
return. I have not had a letter from you



Fort Randall N.T.

Jan'y 18th 1861.

Dear Howard:

Your letter of Dec. 10th came to hand on the 27th Ult.

I have long been looking for a letter from you in response to the one I wrote you just before leaving Oswego.

Upon my arrival at this post in June last I found a paper to my address containing your remarks on Military Subordination delivered before the Napoleon Club last winter. And I will add in this place, that these remarks have been read by several officers at this post, and, so far as I have heard, highly approved: Capt. Brown particularly commended them.

But neither the letter or paper, upon the religious history of West-Point which you mention as having sent me, has been received.

I was greatly rejoiced to hear of your continued labors in Our Blessed Mother's cause. I had, indeed, no doubt of your relinquishing the work of love

so successfully prosecuted, while your
physical strength permitted you to con-
tinue them - But I had heard that
you were overtaking your strength, &
would break down, if you did not fa-
vor yourself more. And this is the
reason why I have not written to
you since my arrival here - I did
not wish to add to your mental bur-
dens by obliging you to write to me. I
felt that my letter could do you no
good, and that although yours might
be of great service to me, yet, under
the circumstances, I had no right
to impose the tax upon you -
I really hope you are not neglecting
yourself in your desire to benefit
others - by preserving your health
you prolong your period of useful-
ness. Then, too, you know you have
a duty to discharge to your own fam-
ily - I speak this in genuine kind-
ness, and hope you ^{will} take it so - and
think of yourself - I know from sad ex-
perience that ill health diminishes our
capacity for usefulness as well as for
enjoyment.

In regard to my position at this place, I am compelled to confess that it is not one to command admiration, or excite pity. I have not the moral courage to stand up boldly and proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to sinful men. Therefore I have signally failed to enlist any souls in the cause of Christ. Neither has my life been of such a character as to attract others to me - but, on the contrary, as I have discontinued some things which others look upon as innocent, or, at least, harmless at this out-of-the-world place, I have estranged my friends from me - although I do not know that I have failed to command this respect as a general thing. It is a difficult thing to begin a Christian work here. I do not think it is impossible. On the contrary, I think a man of the right stamp might make progress even here - doubtless there are many hearts that could be touched if properly ~~targeted~~ approached - I think I might follow the lead of such a person

as yourself and do some good
for I doubt not were you there
you would soon find a way of
breaking ground & planting
true seed. I do not by any means
despair or despond. I shall not
turn back. I am far from
being a true Christian. yet I have
felt enough to convince me
that all the honors & pleasure
this world can not worthy to be
compared with the joy that awaits
those who inherit the promises
and even in this world the joys with
the Christian far out weigh
reality. all the boasted pleasures
the worldly. I am so steady and
common place, that I am like
to a cart horse. But I suspect I see
fewer tedious moments than most
other officers here - I have certainly
never enjoyed my self better
where else - nor have I seen the
time fly faster. Had I more religious
privileges, and a good woman
in hand, I should be very willing
to remain here another year, at
least. I have greatly improved

I am very glad to hear of your do-
mestic happiness - I hope the little
ones God has given you may grow
up to honor you & their Heavenly
Father - Mrs. M. joins me in the kind-
est wishes for your wife's health &
happiness - She feels that you are
both old acquaintances, although
she has never seen either of you - I
hope she will yet have the oppor-
tunity of meeting you both -
at a regret to say that Mrs. M.'s health
is not good this winter - she has been
sick - and that too, when our
visitor was too drunk (for days) to
attend to any-body - She is better now -
and we have a citizen Dr. employed in
place of the Army, so we feel easier -
secession is very popular here a-
mong the Officers - I stand alone as a
"Black Republican", and that too, tends
to diminish my popularity & influence -
But - "I still live" - and believing that
the North is right, and that God will
maintain the right - I am willing
to suffer continually, physical hardship
and pecuniary embarrassment - and, if
it need be, ^{to bring} ~~to bring~~ itself before me, and
to the Slave Power, at relinquishing the
Union - Yours Sincerely O. A. Black

health - which in itself would have con-
tented me to remain here - then I had
had command of a splendid company
and the charge of quite a little force
all of which has been very pleasing
to me - giving me occupation for body
& mind - with freedom from trouble
or fatigues - I have certainly
great reason to be thankful for
the great mercies showered upon
me - and I hope I am so - I pray for
courage & strength to overcome my
own weaknesses & shortcomings and
stand forth in my Master's
yard - I have not the gift of ex-
pressing myself well in conversation, or
the lack of interesting persons by
my mourners - there are great draw-
backs to my success as a teacher of the
Gospel to those who are cold & indy-
ferent - I am chilled by coldness, and
need sympathy to bring out the depths
of my feelings - but God is able to make
even of me an effectual instrument
of salvation to others - do pray for
me, dear Howard, that I may con-
quer the warring elements of sin, and
finally stand forth in the glorious liberty
of the Gospel of Christ -

We begin the 2^d chof of Gen. tomorrow in Heb.
There also the Harmony of the Gospels now in P.M.
A weekly exercis in Isaiah & in Romans.

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Bangor Jan. 17, 1861

My dear Brother

Your letter gave me
great pleasure. The wish often comes
up that I could have been nearer your
age so as to have known your father & your
mother & Aunt Fanny as you did & above
all our own father. But it is best as
it is. Mother spoke as tho' old wounds
were opened afresh for a little while aft-
hearing of Cousin Fanny's death. But
the Christian's faith & hope came to her
relief. — You were in the midst
of examination when you wrote. How
did it pass off? How many were "found"?

But the prospect of your joining
me here in Bangor which you speak
up to my wondering thoughts was
delightful for me to contemplate.

There is still so much uncertainty
however that I have tried to refrain from

all anticipation. I know you would
enjoy this place much & it seems
to me there could hardly be a better
for the study of Theology & preparation
for the Ministry - I like the Church
much - the control of which Profs
Harris & Shepard are porting & have
some thoughts of transferring my con-
nection from Hallowell to this.

I talked with Mr & Mrs. Stephens
about rent. Gen. S. thought such a
house as you would like would
be \$400 per year - A neat convenient
cottage - Prices range from 100 to 300.
Doct. Lincoln & family board at present
but will probably keep house this Spring.
He has two children 4 & 6 years old.
I thought it could possibly do no harm
to mention what I did to Mr. & Mrs. S.
I told them there was still so much
uncertainty about it that you preferred
not to have it mentioned - They both take
a great interest in you & your family &

are very desirous to have you come
Mrs. S. mentioned a house belonging
to Mr. Mills (I believe was the name)
who married a sister (she died) of Capt
Waite of Portland which is not far
from here very pleasant & convenient &
has been let for \$100 to a Lawyer
but might perhaps be engaged if spoken
for in season. Men. S. knew of
many cases of "leaves" for 6 months &
over where the intention was to resign.
I do not think it wrong to take such
for you may determine before the end
of that time not to leave the Congress
You might be directed by some un-
mistakable Providence to return to
your present occupation - Did you
mean 6 months from June or did
you intend to apply for this leave in
the summer during your furlough?
Men. S. hoped you would visit Bangor
in June or July & look about for your-
self & then obtain the leave & begin

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next year with us - I have often
 prayed Our Heavenly Father that he
 would direct you by His Providence
 & His Spirit - I should delight to
 have you here - & Lizzie too - I think
 she would like the Benger Temperance
 Society, they seem so cordial & unassuming
 & simple in their manners - and
 how much I would like to have your
 darling children where I could see them
 often - - - Rowland has not been so
 well of late but I hope is convalescing
 rapidly now from a letter from Ella right in
 fact. - Tell me whether Lieut. Halsey
 who is at Ft Sumpter is one I used to
 hear Miss Jennie speak of. Don't
 visit your vine stations in S. Carolina & D.
 Maj. A. I see is put in a category with
 ington & Horibaldi!! What is John
 Weir doing now? What about his
 Deception. Wasn't Seward's speech good
 Did you preach for Mr. May when

P. J. Will Sockelt resign 5
in case ^{two} against reception of Alabama?

suspected - and how is he now?
I felt like sitting down & writing
you immediately on the receipt of
your last but I delayed to make
inquiries - What pleased me greatly
is what you said of Lizzie's willing-
ness to accede to the idea of coming
over if she was not desirous of
going so of course you would not
want to come. Do you visit the
abolitionist's families as you used to? I
think you were about our Mother's
Hall for more than I & was in its
spirit for more while I was with
it - seems as tho' sometimes now
I would be more hearty with you
but may be they have deceived me for
she is wicked & I find not always to
be trusted even in regard to good desires.
I really hope Mr. Grogg is not
broken down in constitution tho'

6 I fear it might be so from his manner of life when I was there.

You speak of not feeling fit for the Pastor's duties now - I hope it is only that sense of unworthiness which constitutes the greatest fitness & will lead you to seek grace from the source you know so well.

This subject - A sense of unfitness for the ministry came up in our last class prayer-meeting & the remarks made & texts quoted were very interesting this brief.

It came up in connection with the experience of him in whose room we met - We have ^{the relig. experience of the class} ~~that~~ of one related such might & they make our meetings the best of him ever attended. Diller writes that Leeds people are all absorbed in politics & that Religion is at a low ebb. - My recap comes the 2nd week in Feb Sat. before the 2nd Mond. My love to Lizzy & Aug & home - I want to know what the other little one letters about - Can't Aug send me some word about his brother - Good night - Your affectionate Mother
Charlotte Howard

Hamington Jan. 20, 1861
 My dear Brother

I was glad to get
 your letter giving some acct. of the
 Sabbath's labors & I trust that the
 blessing you receive in your own soul
 in trying to be a benefit to others
 may stimulate you to renewed exertions.

"The time is short!" I exchanged with
 Rev. J. E. Adams of New Sharon yesterday
 & had a very stormy Sab. but I
 enjoyed preaching in the P. M. pretty
 well. I have two funerals of child-
 ren who have died of Diphtheria to
 attend tomorrow. One house that
 I visited today was much like a
 hospital - a child dead - parents
 & grandparents all sick - but the
 love of Christ was in all their hearts.

I have not heard from Mother
 or Sybil since I wrote Charles. Ella
 & baby go to Bath Thursday on a
 visit - and I hope to go as far
 as Auburn with them & see your
 family. Abby Abel goes with Ella.

Sarah's family continue unwell
but they are all recovering wth hope
& that the worst of her trial has
passed. She has become divinely
satisfied thro: it all. I have meetings
appointed ^{evening} every day this week till Friday.
O if I could only feel God sensibly
working with us. Charles's letter comes in here!
28th I discovered this before letter just
now & will add a little & send it along.

I staid at Sarah's last night sleeping
upon the sofa. Her girl, Emma Welch, died
yesterday P.M. of diphtheria after less than
four days sickness. She was a professing
Christian & died a happy death. I was with
her a good deal as she seemed to desire
it & I liked to be there on Sarah's acct.

The children are pretty well, tho: they have
not recovered from Measles yet & Sarah feels
a good deal of anxiety now about diphtheria.
I enclose Ellen's letter giving some acct. of
the Revival meetings at Bath. I have not
decided yet whether to invite Mr. Hammond
here or not. Our roads are very badly
drifted. but they will try to take the girls
remains home - 10 miles today or tomorrow.
Sarah spoke gratefully of you & Charles

letters. It is a beautiful winter morning
& a Chica-dee singing by the window. Seems as
if the Sun never rose more gloriously than
this morning. How God mingles our cups!
Sometimes I almost passionately love the world.
the glorious Creation around us. The second
thought always is - And Heaven is more
lovely than even this! O for God's Spirit
on our prayer meeting tonight! If diphtheria
continues so prevalent, I will not advise
Lizzie & the children to come here so early
as they intended. Few escape & many think
new comers especially liable to attack. I
have said nothing to Lizzie but have thought
much about this. She is happily situated
at Auburn & need not hurry to change.

With much love to Charles
Your Brother
Rowland

^{my} Framington Jan. 20/61

My dear Brother

^{my} This Lab. like my last is spent in my room: I have had the diphtheria, as I have expected since I came to L. But I had a light attack & am now quite convalescent & will be out of doors tomorrow or next day. Mr. Everybody warns me to be cautious lest I have a recurrence of the disease - Perhaps our Dr (Alexander) is as successful as Mr. Gray in his treatment. He did not apply the caustic to my throat & only made ^{two} applications of iodine with a brush - Else says you must get Mr. Gray's prescription before the "comes down": I hope the will not have it at all -

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She has had really a harder
time in my sickness, than
I have myself. I think - but
has been unusually well -
I was taken a week ago Fri-
day = I hoped to have had
a "Supply" today but the
disarrangement of our mails
on acct. of a heavy storm, pre-
vented it - & Mr Gooderson
has read Bushnell's Sermons
both Sab's = I wish that
I had some one as con-
venient as Mr. Grey = It has
been quite a "trial" to me to
sit here & feel that my con-
gregation were staying at home
& scattering my prayer meet-
ings thinning out & the work
of God apparently going
back so that it will
take some time to get
matters as well as before =

But God knows best what
is for his glory: This is the
2^d time I have been sick
and my people must think
they have a poor stick of a
minister: One case of hopeful
conversion has been like a ray
of light amid the general
gloom. Only two I hear were
at the last Wednes. Ev. prayer
meeting: I think we will
go down to Leeds & stay one
night this week and I
hope to write a Sermon & get
around among the people
Some what: I have had a
letter from Sarah wh. I am
much inquiring about Ham-
ington as a place of residence.
I note her what information
I could: It seems to me that
he cannot find a pleasanter
place to live economically &

bring up her children. I have
Lummer, it is unnecessary I
but our winters, as you know
are very severe = The cancer
live on her income (\$500.00)
I think here = If, in the
Providence of God, you have
to separate from your family
I hope they too would come
We will be as remote from
the War if it comes, as almost
any place I yet our daily
brings us into easy commun-
cation with the rest of the
world. I suppose you decide
right about the baby's name
I should not have written as I
did about mine, but at Mrs.
L's suggestion, and I suppose
her desire was prompt, to
the wish to perpetuate the

Name of our Father: Ella
I have occasionally talks
about "Jiminy". I can't
get up any love for him
like that for Guy & Grace - but
no doubt he is just as
lovely & we have only to get
better acquainted to think
well of each other. Ask Guy
for me whether the baby coasts
any with him? Tell the Child-
ren that our Dr. Seladan recite
verses & I wish they would
come & help - Sellie had
some trouble in his School &
is now at home helping the
Leeds people settle the affairs
of the Country, if he has not
left for Brunswick. I take
the Boston daily Journal: A
drifting snow storm deprived
us of a mail three days this
last week - but I couldn't

See but that the Country
got along just as well as
if I had worried about
it every evening as usual!

I want to ~~be~~ President terribly
sometimes! I wouldn't invade
any part of the South - would
not "Coerce" - But if they stole
furs & supplies &c. I would
drive the thieves out and
shoot if I couldn't hang
them - I would do with my
own land, houses & fortifications
what I chose - at least put
them in order & arm & equip
them - If attacked I would
defend them forever - God's
Law has its penalties - So
does common law and why
not National Law? Whoever
doubted it before now - Pen-
alty is in the very idea
of law - without it there

is no law - all is liberty, or
license. When the laws of
the Land are violated, let
the transgressors feel that the
penalty is as sure as the
pain that follows putting the
hand in the fire. If the
Laws are wrong, repeal them -
if the Constitution unjust, alter
it - but if we are to leave
our children anything but
anarchy, let us, for Heaven's
sake, maintain the supremacy
of law - The Civil arm fails -
then the Military must do
it - If traitors are not hung,
the Government will fall into
contempt & New York will
swarm with them as much
as St. Cardinal - Property, life
& real liberty will be jeopard-
ized, if not ruined - I have
read with interest the appeal

P.S. O. We have a piece of news,
wh. indeed may have reached
you thro: another channel.
Lizzie Patten is engaged!
The lucky gentleman is a
Mr. Chas. Rogers of Portland
son of an old friend of
her father's - Lizzie may know
something about him: He is
an invalid on acct. of a
lame knee and so he fell
in love with one some like
himself - He belongs to a
Unitarian family - is 35 -
has traveled - is wealthy
& an only son. She is but
17 - He is a man of the
world - has been rather
gay & we have all been
dreading the "offer" - but I
believe Mr. & Mrs. Patten have
now withdrawn all opposition
& the course of true love promises

West Point, N.Y.

January 31st 1861

My dear Mother,

I wrote a few minutes before breakfast this morning and will just write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well. I want to write Dillie & write as soon as I can get an opportunity. I hope you & the father are quite well. I had news from Rowland that he had been laid up with that terrible Diphtheria. I hope he is recovered completely before this time. We have changed superintendents & then changed back again. Major Blauvelt, I think, intends to resign when he gets back to Annapolis. Colonel

Deblafeld will remain here -
Floyd's Orders are apt to be
countermanded, fortunately for
the good of the country.

Grace has recovered from her
partial deafness. Guy has grown
& is so stout you would hardly
recognize him. Lizzie is pretty well,
gets very tired every day & has Gamie
to disturb her at night. But she
is in good flesh & has a good appetite.
Mrs Wing is still with us. I have
had a letter from Aunt Martha
of New - She says all her family are
well. She seems anxious about the
state of the country. I am giving
private lessons to Prof. McKim's
son in Algebra & continue the
study of Hebrew. The Methodists
are having quite a revival
at the Falls. Many have been
converted. I have been to some
of their meetings. Everything

is in "Statenquo" here now.
An Artillery company, which is
in readiness for Washington
has not left yet. My love
to all

Off. Yours Son
C. J. Howard