[Feb, 1861]

Friday morning

My dear husband,

I will write a short note, but I pray you will not receive it this way. The journey to Louisville did not last very long, and have not seen my long one. I wish it did not rain me till I opened the door. I did not find time as well as I expected and Aunt [illegible] say, that she was really glad I came. I am with [illegible] a man. Brother and I wrote these this morning. I am very well indeed, and hope you will be the same. I am here. I like them. I am to stay four weeks, but that does not make it that I shall. I assure you this it does not seem as friendly before I went to Waterloo to be alone. My place is with you, and
Wherever you are, and I feel it to be so, I did not see Charlie at
Germantown as I expected. I broke through the crowd till the Bell rang
then asked a student if Charlie Howard was at the Depot. He said he was not.
Then I told him if he please he might tell him that Mrs. Lum Harmon was
in the law. I waited 25 minutes
in Portland, and at least the Depot.
My friends are all well, and
are very happy, but surprised to see
you. and I shall see your children
soon. Whether is just as she was
when you were here. This letter 3 days
just because I am here. But
as we are on as she can. I shall
write to you very often, but not
with as much as always. Give my
love to all friends at Waterbury.
and write soon to your
Lorin.
Sunday Evening

Dearest, I neglected to mail my letter written Friday evening. I will add a few lines this evening and mail it tomorrow. We have had another pleasant Sabbath.

I read a very interesting book to the children this afternoon about a little girl who tried to do right and the consequence is, it has called forth this letter to you from Greece. She knows that she troubles me sometimes as you know her disposition is not always even and pleasant, her heart is very tender when I talk to her.

The children are quite well now, we are all very well for which I try to be thankful. Much love to Charlie, tell him I want one of his good, full letters very thoughtful on you to ask with Barratt to have some wood ready for use but you must not try to be taken out of us, but see, look out for myself while
you. I have too much to do. I have taken Jamie up over this evening and have not so much time as I wish. I have some coming to do tomorrow morning and cannot write them. I do want you to write to me as often as I can. I have not written you as often as I ought. I will write more as soon as I get over my illness. I have the children now quiet and will prepare for the cold weather and the next thing I am to work for myself. For if the Gen. should come home I must look very comfortable I dont much expect I will see him through this Winter. No more to night. Take care of yourself. From Love.
Feb 11th 1861

Dear Mother,

I shall just write you a few lines tonight to let you know that we are all quite well. All are in bed but Sophie is just retiring. I think the baby is a little more comfortable. Some times either she goes to sleep. Sophie sometimes gets very noisy every time as she is tonight, but we are thankful indeed for so many great blessings.

My Sunday school has increased lately. Some of the Professor's children attend. The Ladies' prayer meeting continues its interest. A great revival is in progress at Batavia that falls as present as many as fifty or understand some made profession of religion. There have been quite
often to attend the meetings and
always the last of them to arrive. She was instructed
in pointing them to Christ. The wife of the late Reverend Minnie, Mrs. Gray
in very low. She had had a severe
remission of the cancer. Your
dear minister Dr. Oglebay, the
latter such a good case of one who was
such as a Caelus there. The
son James Oglebay, a member of
my mathematical class, is quite
well and together now just bringing
him to the theatre. His father and
mother are home with him.
May love to Allen, Helen. My
sister Virginia is now home from
the Union. We can do without
the Gulf Station. We will hardly
miss them, or any of them, when
we are not called to
refill each other's blood. I hope
the hearts of the people of Leba.
Washington D.C. Feb. 18th, 1861

Sicut O. Howard

Respected Sir,

Allow me to thank you and your lady for the kind manner in which you have treated my wife and little ones since I left my home. I do not know how we will ever repay you for your many kindnesses to us but God will reward you. Our officers are very kind to us and we are as comfortable as can be suspected. Please remember me to Mr. Wells.

I remain with respect,

Your obedient servant,

Henry N. Fothergill
Leeds Feb 13, 1861

Dear Brother,

Your perence I am at home. It is snowing.

Brother set out on his tent in the morning. We got our meal tonight, which had been my only one of late. It fell with yesterday's snow and we had our first snow since then. The wind kept at it. No. I leave on the way up. You been perfect over the road this fall. They were compelled to leave many of the trees behind.

A letter from Brother tonight, tells me he has been quite sick during the winter. He has many symptoms similar to his but they have not been the same. He seems to be getting better. Another letter by of his, he is very sick. The Queen and very ill. There was no one in the house 2 or 3 days. I have not written to them because I was not sure to get a letter when I opened my door. I sent a letter and got an immediate reply when I opened my door. I sent a letter to them. I have been feeling so much better.

Mother is very much better. She is glad I am a little better. It has made me a little sad to see how ill she is.

I am very much better. I hope to have a letter soon.

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from Banger on the 1st. Friday was lovely and sunny. The moon gave the ground a soft, silvery light. At dinner and 8:30, dinner was 82°. The sun was shining brightly. I arranged to have dinner at Mrs. Carson's, at 8:30. Mrs. Carson's is a large, elegant hotel in the center of town. I arrived early, at 8:15. Mrs. Carson's was very quiet, with only a few people present. I ordered a large, juicy steak, which was very good.

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Leeds Feb 12th 1861

My dear son,

Your letter of the 1st inst was duly received and with much pleasure. The general tone of the letter was calculated to satisfy a Christian in his desires, and all your letters are a great treasure to me. Oliver Gilbert was in this morning and said that your uncle Hillman Leonard was dead, dead yesterday. He died in an instant without apparent suffering, he was as well as usual up to the time of his death. I think he has not been from home this winter, I saw Aunt Lydia at Church a month or two since, and only after her husband in particular. She said he was feeble, the funeral in next Tuesday. Charlie has spent the past week with us which was a pleasant week to me. He wrote to all of his brothers while here. The state of our country seems to be the all absorbing feeling of everyone, but I trust we have those amongst us who have an interest at the throne of grace, who make it a daily duty to ask our heavenly Father's blessing on our union, when we ask for blessing, how can
I am sorry for Mrs. Gray & have heard of the family so much. I feel almost acquainted with them. I cannot sympathize with such a terrible agony at the death of my friends, although every new stroke of the great messenger on our family tree leaves me more sorrowful. (Notwithstanding my poor, poor heart) I have been enabled to look beyond the grave, in my remembered and not dwell on the poor time which holds the immortal spirit. I think that I have wonderfully blessed in having a calm and seeing the kind of my divine master. I feel at this moment a fullness of gratitude towards my heavenly Father. For his sustaining hand on all my underservings, your father’s health, good as usual. Jos. Thomas’ health is feeble. The winter is trying. Old age has been in and says the funeral of esquire Howard is at 10 o’clock Tuesday. What a blessing in dying. Would to live with an affectionate husband 55 or 60 years, to see one’s children and grandchildren with the
Dear Brother Ole

My letter bears the above date because on our voyage from Leeds to Farmington the steam accidentally let on the track & finally about 1/2 hr. the engine gave out & I found a place of uncertain
never for Ole & myself at a 1/2 deragery. She keeps the 9. P. & I know you as a schoolmaster. We have comfortable quarters & wish very well the store of the N.H. allows us to go on so I have nothing to do other than to write letters. The family are unanimous in my nothing about prayers & Grace before meals. Ole is pretty well & pretty patient. Yesterday was very warm but Father was certain that are friends get through. He left Mother very well with a good girl as attended Uncle Stillmans funeral on Tuesday. I rode over to the house with Oscar. Aunt Lydia is deep in affecion. She feels alone. Uncle I. pressed willing to die in a "hope" but gone (no definite evidence of life & breath. I protest against this ink) the funeral was at the M.H. & collected a large congregation. A large number of relatives. I saw Uncle Necelia & Amelia & Uncle Frank. Uncle Eriza & Laura
Rode home with co. They have been a visit to Montville of three weeks. In the evening Mr. Chapin's wife came down & we had a very solemn prayer meeting at Capt. Simmes. A great deal of interest was manifested. I S. new preacher & Mrs. Nott Coffin repeated prayers a scene deeply affected. Ciliey Bates tells me she is quite sick at home and manifesting an excellent spirit such as gave me reason to hope that she is a Christian. She expected herself very much gratified at Chloe's visit.

While I was praying with her her mother crept into the room & near one corner seemed very attentive. I can't help thinking that there is a good spirit at work in our neighborhood. Mother is more than usually engaged. I read your last letter. Came glad to hear of the work of the Church. I do wish that the human instrumentality may be humble and patient, this except Miss Margaret. The Methodists are very apt to begin to nurse before the victory is won. I always distrust the thoroughness & maxims of these Kernels on which they are engaged. Ella & I are quite well now. I send our love to you & to Miss King & all the children.

Pearl.
Saint Louis Arsenal:
Feb. 23 1861.

My Dear Howard:

Amidst the great excitement caused by the unfortunate state of our political affairs, the many perplexities of life at best, your kind communication, etc., a few days since, was a most welcome visitor — it had been looked for, a long time —

With the gratification of learning that you were all well, that of knowing that you had been again blessed by an indulgent, gracious God, and additional pleasure.

Truly are we all blessed so that we could be more grateful to Our Father in Heaven.
Oh that our eyes may be turned away from beholding Vanity; so that we may be quickened in this way. I am happy to hear of the prosperity of the Cause of Christ in your vicinity. I pray that the fruit of your labors may be made manifest to all that others may take courage to fight in the same good cause. I pray that Prayer Meeting may become a permanent object in institution in the Corps - never to be forgotten or neglected.

As regards the Action of my State, I can but feel proud of the good Sons of Uxerre who have so nobly stood beside the Stars & Stripes. Not forgetting the purity of the Cause for which our Fathers fell.
At the blooded breast of war & the overshadowing Providence of Heaven. Through so many long years — Oh, that the hearts of men may be brought to a sense of the duty of gratitude they owe to God. I learn that the ways of God are full of mystery, that they be brought to rely solely upon them for all aid. The action of the leading States I consider unjustifiable, odious, futile, selfish and ungenerous. They treated some of them, the Border slave States, unkindly, refusing to take or ask Council with them. Although I believe heartily that the Abolitionists in the North are much to blame, that they have desired to wrong the South, I cannot justify the course that the Cotton States have adopted. I go on the principle that we...
The Southern People have equal rights with the North in the Union.

That it will never do to throw away those rights in order to secure them — the blessings of the Union are not to beCors and to the suffering South of which we hear so much.

I say if the North insists upon impinging upon our rights their Constitutional means of doing so by the evil — if they do it by the Constitution, force the Ultras out.

It would be good if Massachusetts and South Carolina could be tied together for a while. Then the two would find out more about each other. One doubtless be surprised to find that one was no worse than the other — But I must not disc

politics any further.
We have now quite a garrison at the Arsenal. All told, we number about 488—Rank file at Capt. Totten brings 85 to date making a total of 571.

Maj. Hagner is in command.

Major Bell having been seriously without any cause having been assigned for it—he is still here.


Allmess with Maj. Totten in my quarters—His Scott, Sherman is at the bottom of it all—we know not how long things will remain as they now are—Capt. Totten went out last evening—

Quite a military looking place
No danger of an attack now apprehended. Though there can be no doubt an attack having been contemplated —

You may easily imagine how busy I am when I tell you that I am Lieut.-Colonel of Post-Adjutant — under the new state of affairs — so many new arrangements, questions, clothing, eating &c.

The Armalises afford a state of or for defence as it can be put — guns mounted placed in position &c.

The Paymaster relieved us a little to-day by paying us one month's pay — as I've had none since November — it came my opportunity —

I have my brother here with me — reading Medicine —
He is a most valiant Boy agent. Company for me - when we are in ordinary circumstances, now there is Company in abundance.

As regards the Question you asked of me in your letter - I feel deeply grateful for the kind and manifest kindness towards me in the expression of confidence you would seem to place in me - but feel conscious of my unworthiness of any such honor.

I really would feel most diplomatically incapacitated to undertake to carry on the good work you have begun and so satisfactorily carried on at the Point - It would do my heart good were I to aid in the Cause of our Heavenly Master - but there is a specific situation for which each one is suited - in no other can he do much good - I fear much that I am not the man for the
place you would seem to wish to have
one occupy—And next here my pride
while it seems to me of my duties for
the religious duties that would devolve
upon me then, it sup. I can not
solicit such a place I could
never get my consent to ask of Prof
Church The situation for I should do
like so much to be refused I could
now be happy in a place
when I thought I was not able
As for my being able to do the duties
of Instructor I have always thought
it a bad plan for young officers
to go back to West Point—Though
I might honestly have but little
do with any of new with whom I'm
acquainted

I look upon the position as one
that would be highly creditable to me
if I were selected by the Professor
but to get there as some do I would not
The position is a very responsible one. I am going would be thrown with men of learning and ability. The advantages on that score to me would be great, but am I or would I be suitable for the place? You can understand my feelings to know how I write to you - I am desirous of doing what I feel to be my duty, in my power - but, I wish to be prepared for it suited to it. I can look to dependence upon you for advice, but I wish to understand distinctly, that I would not under any condition go unless Prof. Church approves of it. I would prefer to hear from you again. Finally, fear that I am not a suitable one for a director. All this I write in confidence to you.

I heartily sympathize with
Miss Laurier's family. Remember me kindly to her—
Send to me to my friends—
Jeanne has not written for a long time—
Do dear Off. day Santa
This about 10 or 3 A.M. —
Give my love to Mr. H.
To Miss Spencer —
May the Lord bless
You all —

Jr. off. friend

Mrs. Abigail

To
Sir O. G. Howard

Adjutant
Washington, D.C.,
23rd Feb. 1831.

Dear Sir:

It has occurred to me that in consequence of the distressed conditions of the country and the threatening aspect of the future, you like many other army officers, may be reconsidering your notions of resigning. And if this should be so, I think it my duty to call your attention again to that Miss Caroline Professorship of which we have heretofore spoken. I have just received a letter from the President of the College asking me to recommend a suitable person for the Chair of Natural Philosophy, which was vacated.
a few months since, and there is no one among my acquaintance whom I can heartily commend as yourself. The delay I believe is from a year with a knee. The neighborhood is a pleasant one, and the present President of the recently elected a most estimable and acceptable Christian gentleman. I believe that I mentioned to you that the Bishop must be a member of the Presbyterian Church, which I understand was not in accordance with your ecclesiastical preferences. As an officer of the Army, I presume of course that you entertain no regard of the secessionist constitution which must be objectionable to a southern community. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Truly your friend,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
Washington, D.C., 28th Feb., 1861.

Dear Sir:

Your of the 26th. I have this moment received. I have not a word to say except by way of encouragement in relation to your purpose to devote yourself to the ministry of Christ. I pray that you may find one by this blessing keep me free, a minister worthy of the Master. But I write more to suggest that at Davidson College you must study excellent studies for theological studies, and that I do not believe the Philosophic course much interfere with a successful prosecution of them. That you may be guided in this, and in all other things by that wisdom which cometh from above, and at last receive the crown of life, is the prayer of your sincere friend,

C.P. [Signature]
Newbern Feb 18, 1861

My friend Alice Dear sir, it is my humble prayer that you may be all well, always may continue so. The last that we have heard from you was when you left us, at our place, there you was not well, I hope you continue as well as we much have heard, but have heard all the time that it was not doing. You may think with propriety, perhaps, that if we had felt very anxious for your health that we might have written to you before, but that is not the reason by any means. For not at all, we do, but shall say that it is, you will say yourself that it is many more expensive, and it is not fitting, but it is this, I have thought, I think, as we go, that my scribbling, in my poor and unskilled manner would not bear all interesting to you, that has kept me from writing to you before this.

Respectfully yours,

Eben White.
But now I have begun tonight as well as the whole cause that stimulated me to write at this time; where we are, how the people are generally, as far as I know.

We are all well at our place. You probably have heard before this of Ernade's Children Death (Eliza, Ernade) in the fall whilst I was at Pottawatamie. They died without what some call the benefit. I believe the ten days before their death, I am told.

What disaster has permitted to a great extent this was round in different parts of the country. I continue to listen considerably yet. Some families it has taken all its members. We are escaped yet I feel thankful that we shall not be afflicted with it at all.

We have a week school here this Spring, it commenced yesterday. But to the other part of the Stimolion, I want to hire some money. Now I will tell you why I tell all about it; you know without my telling you perhaps, but if you don't know.

they do that it has been rather dull times for the last 14 years. There has not been much doing at my Trade, hailing.

Consequently I have not earned much, that is, I have not had a chance to get much money very much more than get a living. I built a stable, I had to get in debt. Some by the means of it. That is, I got $200 to under 3. Some other things of the Catharine Perley which amounts to about $600, debt in all. It ought to be paid.

I felt in hopes that I was going to get some money this last fall on a job of cathoning that I did at Pottawatamie, but it cost me so much to get my tools made I filled up to commence anew again. That had been out of the business I belong. What to do the work so cheap in order to get started again that I did not have but a very little left out of all the expenses which I had to be. Now I have got my tools in good shape again; so that when there is any cathoning to be done, I am ready.