Ypres: Monday, Nov 4th 1815

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I wrote Mrs Gray informing her that Mr Gray had proved very much worse since he left home, & that I had but little hope that he would survive many days, — at least I think she would infer that from what I did write.

Directly after our arrival here he relapsed into a state of utter helplessness & indistinctness, the quite ready, but since last evening he has been in a state from which it is impossible to arouse him but for a moment, & even apparently, to even perceive consciousness.

As soon as I discovered the change, I called Dr Sibthorpe of this city, by advice of our friend Judge Pratt, the subscribers, but held
out no hope that he will ever be better.

I address you as the friend of the family, hoping that you will break this sad intelligence to Mrs. Gray & Semey as only a friend can do.

I do not expect that he can live at longest more than a day or two, & I should not be surprised if he does not that many hours.

I will telegraph to you the time of his demise if I tea with him as I expect to do, with the hope that his friends may be ready to receive his remains & have arrangements made in advance of arrival for his burial.

In thus writing now I am far-flung for the world. God alone is able to raise him & perhaps he has still further work for him to do & may exercise his miraculous power to save him, but nothing else can do Repeal the evil. W. M. Beebe.

Since writing the foregoing the air has been in a way that makes it seem to be very near his end. Still it is probable for him to linger longer than seems now probable, that he will.

Very truly yours,

W. M. Beebe.
West Point, N.Y.
March 6th 1861

Dear Mother,

I hope you are still well. I have heard from you through Reel and at First Armory where he was blocked in with snow. Everything seems on here about us now. I am glad the 4th of March is past that we have a new administration. I think the country will soon get settled except the Cotton States. I hope it will be managed to give them their walking papers. Since they do much desire to leave us. I don't believe any good can come out of war. The first thing is to make a union. I think it will be managed very well with our honest President. I hope in the execution of the laws. So much
for politics. The church is the larger.
Meeting remain steady as usual. I am
the promise of a Christian office
to take my place, i.e., Professor Edmondson,
Lord's will for him. She is
willing to come. Of our new secretary
of war will other time. I have thought
today, what does Matthew think about my
leaving the Army? for the ministering services
I do so. I should like to have you pray
over it & tell me then what you think
whether it would give you joy or anxiety?
Soph's quite well. She's been to
Tang in very busy. The attended a Census
the night before this. First time. I
walked him up to go. I noticed him with
a blackboard to support playing in
imitation of a member of the Board.
He was a wheelbarrow that he & 99%
was another made by someone.
Addition, which he was thanks much
of talk Send love only well

My best regards to the neighbors, hope
Betsey Bates is better. Remember me
to Uncle Ensign. Love to Hattie
Any affectionately your son
O. V. Howard

Mary Green will send some to
send to Grandmother
Huntington, Oct. 5, 1861

My dear Brother,

Your letter came the same night that I mailed mine. I did not mean by any remarks that I made what you should keep your own counsel, but that you should be guided by your own convictions, not mine. I love to have you see and speak with me. Now if you have decided to assign this fall & hence next year to the Seminary, will you allow me to make one or two suggestions? There will be plenty of time to consider their wisdom. It seems to me that you had better, for the sake of your

Will remain with you when you come next spring, give our best love to Wm. Gray & Mrs. Jeannie. Ella feels very much for Jeannie & Mollie. The pet known best by inadequate everything the child they would be. Did with Mrs. Gray, brother leave her anything? I have a pretty good lab, yesterday, in many respects. It was a beautiful day & my audience was good to preach. Yes. That day I have not begun my prep. again yet. I feel too tired today but I hope to be ready by divine assistance, if well tomorrow. I went down to W. R. Rowland.
In future influence, not preach much more without a license. We here, is simply the approval of an association of Congregational Clergmens. Do I hope that your first inducement to staying will be to stay that night with the ministers. In order to secure you must be a member of a Church, and be able to undergo a satisfactory examination as to your religious experience and doctrinal views.

Many enter the Seminary for a year or already licensed. They can preach occasionally while there, without being thought forward as to good. Perhaps receive recommendation. At what time "died" you propose to resign? I hope you will be able to spend a good deal of time with us this summer. Our house is large so that we could stay without interference from the noise of the sermons. The feeling above here is good - so I may have a house at a considerably reduced rent. For that suits me very well. If I do, or wanted enjoying going about if we find a "Rock away" large enough. I heard all - Ella returned last night. She is very well indeed. Thinks the house is an old miserable thing are (Of course). The joins are in great line as you letter. Legise, the children at Mr. May. Remember us to 

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My dear Brother

The Contents of your last letter was all extremely interesting to me. It seems like another of the premonitions if you will, that you have the power of coming here sometimes. His goodness seems about our believers and the same much of the time I fail to consider it. The sorrow of Mrs. Amy & Mary have been much on my mind. How often they must have been and yet I know that as these great of suffering afflictions do not grieve or severely the greatest sufferer, I hope that Christ has been very near to them & that their hearts have been comforted in the Comforter in this time. How have they seemed? It has been very natural for me to take them to the throne of grace with me. I trust that they are brought into closer union with the Lord through complete harmony & has helped well by each additional trial. I wished to write them a letter when I first heard of their affliction but friend it would do no good. God must tell them how the 10-25 news came to them was serious. Did you preach after the Church last Sabbath?

I pay an account of the burning of Congreg in note quite well in place in the N. Y. H. & B. this morning or a new St. Pan. Suppose Mr. Nett's father is from the Office Naval Office of N. Y., is it so?
Dear Mr. Wright,

There were many innovations that I knew Mr. Wright was to present for. And what glorious news of the Rev. Mr. John Wilkes! I wish him all the best wishes. I wish he could become more acquainted with Mr. John Wilkes. The Rev. Mr. John Wilkes has heard of the Rev. Mr. John Wilkes. He was in at Bay's last night. Mrs. Wilkes is at home. He tells you about a house for sale which he liked much, but Dr. Sycamore is going to have it. He will begin building immediately. His wife is now at Sea of the South, and he says she is not a member of the Sycamore Club in Boston. Have you heard of Mr. Sycamore's? I pray it is in connection with the Sycamore Club. I heard from a friend that he was moving. He has a letter from one of them that he ought to. Suppose there is some doubt that he is resigned for 4 months, but the letter was from a Chipman. Mr. Sycamore was 

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Fort Rosedale, A.T.
March 29, 1852

Dear Howard,

The present time is favorable to my writing and I will improve it.

I am sure you have already been told by your superintendent that you have been promoted and I shall ask your pardon for my delay in informing you of the event. You have in fact deserved the promotion and the favor of much good in the army, but I am sure that you can continue to do as well and perhaps much better in the new fields of labor, where your skill will be more appreciated.

I know you may at first feel the change in the duties you have to do, but I hope you will find them to your liking. I have always had the best of feelings for our country and officers, and I am glad to see you continue in the path of duty. I am aware of the difficulties that you may face, but I am sure you will be able to overcome them.

I have no doubt that you will excel in your new position and that your talents will be put to good use. I am always ready to assist you in any way that I can. I am sure that you will be able to make yourself useful in your new duties.

I hope to see you soon, and I look forward to hearing from you. I wish you all the success and happiness that you deserve.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
subject and she too feels that this faith in
Christ remains strong although it is not.
She hopes to find peace and tranquility
in the warm and welcoming community
of the church. My faith is also very
strong in the Lord and I pray that
these paths will continue to lead me to
peace and contentment.

My situation is made more difficult by
the loss of my dear friend, who is presently ill with a
serious condition and is unable to come for the
consecration of the new church building.

I cannot conceive of a more beautiful
gate than this, with its fine buildings and
trees. As I sit here on Sunday afternoon and
reflect on the beauty of the surrounding
landscape, I find myself thinking of the
importance of our faith and the
importance of our fellowship.

I picture to myself a quiet scene, with
the church door open and the sun shining through
the windows. I am surrounded by a
circle of friends and feel at peace.
I find myself thinking of the
goodness of God and the
beauty of the world.

I am sorry to hear of your
illness and pray that you
will recover soon.

May God bless you in all your days.

Yours in Christ,
J.R. Coward

P.S. Please remember me to Mrs. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, and all my fond friends.

W.R.
Cornwall, N. Y. Nov. 10, 1861

Sirs,

Dear Sir:

In thinking further upon the matter of my visiting the Butternick Falls Church I want from next Sabbath, I have concluded to write you this line advising that the service be given out for a past hour, instead of from 9 o'clock as we talked about. Hoping that you will get this and appoint the time accordingly, I will make my plans for 10 o'clock service.

I hope there will be a number to unite with the new afflicted Church. You, sir, have the gratitude of that people too, doubtless the favor of hou for your interest in, and labors among them.

Yours, in love and work of Jesus,

J. P. Piddings
West Point, N.Y.
Mar. 30, 1861

My dear Mother,

I believe I let pass with you by without writing you.
Yesterday I sent a letter to New York,
and I am in hopes I hear from
both you I know every day. I want
to write to Della, if she is at home
give her my love. Tell him to
write me without wanting for me.
for my good care with my doctors.
My family are many more than this.
I order letter is well. I often think
of him pray for him. Wonder if
the new grown much older in looks during
the past year. I presume the state of
the country must be an all absorbing
affair with him. I am glad of
this peace policy. Of War Bu-
Ahman heard跛甲 the rebellion in its infancy, force could have been used to advantage. But since Lincoln has come in, war would only make matters worse. An immense amount of treasure & blood would be wasted on both sides. Tremendous hostility is established and useless air completely subjugated. The stake he would be in seems a settlement than now. This is the subject of politics to me. In religion I only know that we have had an increase in the number of converts since I wrote you. I think over a hundred have joined the Methodist church, a few will join the presbyterian church next Sunday. Mrs Gray & Miss Johanna are in great affliction & in rather poor circumstances since the sudden removal of Mrs Gray. Her children too is in poor health & the family has come.

is then on his salary & almost despairing of another minister of people would only consider that the death of their minister & church is of equal if not a superior consideration to that of their families, then could they give less gladly. If the poor churchers would not suffer as they do the poor glory would be forever from worldly instability. We are all well, Ivy, Jessie, Annie, Lizzie, Alice, Susan & Catherine. I hope this summer for you. I must stop now as the time for morning family prayers has come.

Affectionately Yours
O.O. Howard

Love from all