Dear Brother Joe:

I am getting very hungry for a letter from you & news from your dear family. I wish to begin by sending my most sincere love to my little nephew Guy. Tell him just as soon as he can read writing I shall write him letters. I often think of him & pray that God may help him to be a good boy & an energetic one too. Oh! you may smile, but I begin to look less to the children - the boys particularly - to take my place in the world. My great hope is that in the years of my ministry even if they be few - I may leave behind some humble Earnest work in my place. "Many little children have given the Heavens to live" from
Among our dear people this winter we have been drawn together to catch and love each other by these things. But the Schencks has now wholly left us. I have not heard of a new case for a fortnight. Ella has been away at both new three weeks but I hope to see her again before the close of this week. I have been unusually well and preached the last three labs with any half a day to change with Mrs. Morill. Give my best love to little Grace too. I can almost hear her saying "Uncle Bowland". Jamie I don't know but if father, mother, brother, sister love him, why, I must! Has he shown any signs of will yet? Much love too to little Lippie. You don't know how much pleasure I am.
Native from hearing you all
with us a part of your fun-
ough - We have engaged a nice
large house with plenty of room
so we will try to have enough
To eat & plenty of Christian love
& many thoughts - Our love belong
To Dea. Carter whom you met
at Jasperwell. He is just mov-
ing out to live with his aged
father - It is on the hill, N.E.
of the village, quite overlooking
it & a long quarter of a mile
from the church. This last is the
greatest objection - for our view
in Summer will be splendid.
but the hill is hair for Ella
To Climb & the Winter seems
Colder up there. But Providence
has supplied us with it at a
reasonable rent & we hope to
get settled by the 1st of May.
Capt. Patton will bring tend
The heavy articles of furniture, I
mean permission. Yesterday
was Quarter Day—Our bills I believe I have had
prepaid but after pay
bills I believe I have had
that will do nicely. For of our
hens have been more than
plenty happy as will the next
Quarter comes around. Our
meeting are well attended.

Rowland and I hear no train for any special invite
but we will look

of the church—God is helping
me abundantly. Our turn will rest
in the depth of a foot

in the east these mornings.
So you hear from Cousin Sarah? I wrote her last month to reply to her letter about coming to Harvard to live. I would like to hear from her again. If she is coming I think I can now secure her a tiny little house - but how long I cannot tell. I was too busy with the Faculty when in PB. I called on no one but Nettie - I regretted not having time to call at both sands - but Ella was in and I have a walk some distance to meet me engagements with the College. Give my kindest regards to all. Ella will join me in all these kind wishes. See you here = 25 miles soon. You all Brother.

New Castle
Make some walking. Must reach by last day. Summer next week. I am taking it—proceeding. We have a service meeting in that day. The people will feel disappointed if my sermon is religious, but I don't see how I can conscientiously make it otherwise. Dolly got involved in an unfortunate brawl with the freshmen at college. I was suspended. She is staying at Pamworth. I went down to see the faculty. I hope they will commute his punishment at the beginning of the summer term. If the ends of punishment making come near careful. I conscientious in future. Have been surrounded. Have not heard from our other friends for some time.
Portland April 2, 1861

Lt. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir,

Yours note with coupons and orders was received last evening. I have today collected the dividends as below:

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Don't forget to make us a call on your way East. Should be glad to know at what time we may expect your—

With much to your good Wife & Children.

Your affectionate Uncle

Elmira
O. If you will find a cordial reception from either church, I didn’t know but you might remain longer. Mrs. Goodwin and Mr.7614

My dear Brother,

I have been trying to get a letter from you for some time but have not had as much leisure for writing as late as usual. I had a dissertation as also did all of my class to be read before Prof. A. M. Mac's last Monday. I had for my subject: Summary of Prof. A. M. Mac's argument - It is found in the 4th Vol. of his Contributions to Nato. Series. Which I believe you have in the library. About this time I had a dissertation before the Rhode Island Soc. but I read over an old part from some original declamation before Prof. A. M. Mac. The report of the students - You can see considerable extra labor. I am reading some of Volume 3 of H. in the town.
This is more difficult than what we have been reading about, much issued from the heart of the
Orestiopsis. I have been thinking a great deal about West Point of late—I was
gathering epigaea of this season
again, writing on the daily
about West Point—I wonder how
it is with you. I am
that perhaps you are occupied
in reading for the people—I am
just much anxious to hear about Mrs.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn. Sometime have
thought of writing to them. Johnny
has not written for some time. Have
much harder to have him
for a companion in some way
spending weeks as I did last year. The
ground is getting to be too rough to that I have taken an
walk and intend
to follow that with many more in
quick succession. I am living in

and hope that you will come
to share these dull busy pleasures
with me. I shall I expect for in
June? Dr. Sinclair has gone
to keeping house in a very pleasant
locale in Cedar St. I took tea with
him a few nights ago. I know him
at the former having this morning the
look crept in a very interesting episode
moment as he always does. I feel very much in the finest spirit in
experience. I think I have
asked for
Mrs. and Mrs. G. were greatly rejoiced
at the news of your last letter last
so to your coming to stay the week.
Hope you will tell me further about
the work in the H.H. School—Now
I wanted to invite you from them
to attend the Hammond H. Church.
They seem quite curious then you
stay there. A Mrs. Drummond & Mrs.
Norton both from Dr. Park

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Thursday Apr. 11 the 1861

Fast Day.

My dear Brother,

I have just returned from the funeral of Rev. Mr. Smith of Brewer Village. He died very suddenly last Sat. night. He had a disease of the heart for some time but was about to he had been all winter. He leaves a wife and children. Several of my dears accompanied me to the church. The service in the funeral was down about 2 o'clock. Prof. Otis prepared a very excellent discourse and gave a brief sketch of Mr. Smith's life. He has been settled there ever since the church was formed, 15 years. Prof. A. has a good deal to say in Commendation of him. His house was originally at Litchfield. He became pastor for college by his own exertions & graduation.
at Portland then here at this time. Portland was to exchange with him a white egg but on account of sickness Mr. J. failed to make for him. He has been upon an agency for the Sunday in hopes it would be beneficial to his health as well as serve a benevolent purpose. This former I heard a somewhat political sermon from Rev. Mr. Aldman of the 1st Parish. Do you think many more offices will keep up if there is a war? Dr. Stevens, I prefer not opinion. I met him in the gymnasium yesterday. He was a spectator, remarking that it was rather too much exertion for him to do anything there. He has that appearance. Very very heavy thinking. Where is Jack Wilson now? Dr. Shearly expects Mr. Wright to take your place. Let me hear from you at once.

Sr. Affr. Res. White
Auburn, May 19th, 1861

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your kind letter. It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I am glad to know that you are doing well.

I trust that you will forgive me for not writing sooner. Life has been busy, and I have not had much leisure time. However, I hope to see you soon, and I look forward to the day when we can meet again.

May 19th, 1861

Yours truly,

[Signature]
I value time. I look forward to some happy hours that we may be permitted to spend together. You are undoubtedly aware that it was upon a time to influence your preaching that I have received a call to the Ch. of the Falls for the Summer. I look forward to your long ones. I shall give myself up to the Ministry of the Word. I hope the great God of the Ch. will bless my labors. Continue his favor to that people. The Ch. will be necessary for one to find a boarding place for the Summer. After enquiring advice, I think I found convenience for the family. It is better board with Mrs. Gray as being more convenient for one to the Ch. than elsewhere.

I also understand that there was a stipulation in the sale of parsonage that all should be used by a married family or if unmarried he cannot lose them if otherwise be used to proper reverts to the original holder.

I understand that the family would have no objections to an arrangement. I shall endeavor to give them as little trouble as possible. There are reasons why I should like to board elsewhere but on the other hand, I am satisfied that this will be for the best. I enclose with this a note to Mrs. Gray which you will be as kind as to deliver at your convenience, also to Mr. Eberard who was delegate to the Presbytery. I send along with this a Cast of our item. Please remember.
New York April 16, 1861

My dear cousin,

I arrived here last Sunday, have been sitting up most of the time thinking I should run up and spend a night with you. Sarah was quite sick when I left her here a few weeks ago. She is now very well and has a hard time of it, but was out of danger when I left. The Thinks of going to Farmington to live but I think I shall want me to remain in Missouri another year as we cannot Live where there will be war and the few many
Two months ago I left... if I go out to Mason again I should be happy to have her father go with me. But I do not think I shall go in the spring again with your permission. Your affectionate son,

Mrs.

Write me for a week & the Washington Hotel is as I have heard several letters that have been sent to Mr. Cressall.
Bradsfield, Apr 17, 1861

Dear [Name],

Your form is fine. It is now impossible to tell what may come out of the present state of things. I think however that no calling from this state to any one who wants to come. Voluntary enlistments will be had by asking. If any man wants to volunteer you ought to write to [Name] and he will be glad to assist you.

Very truly,

[Signature]

[Name]
West Point, N.Y.
Apr. 20 1861

Sir,

I have the honor to request a
leave from 7 A.M. Monday till 1/2 past
9 P.M. of the same day.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Howard
1st Lt. Ordinance

A. R. W. Mitchell

S/B Holabird
1st Lt. 1st Infantry

Approved, the escort will be issued by
myself or one other officer of the 1st.

Ch. E. Church
for a new commander. If you were to remain in the army another year or year and a half, it would seem desirable to me, for you to have that station; but I do not wish to press for you my desire to be subordina
to the will of our Heavenly Master, I do not hear much from Balston since Flom's death, I heard through Farmerland that Allen did not take his little girl to Philadelphia with his father, went to Augusta in March alone; but I was not associated with that attack.

In March, we had a very severe winter which has left a
dark shadow at home. Mother and all the family are well and we have been since they have lived at Richmond. She mentions writing to you and letters, this letter is the same and your answer her, she says the state of the country makes her heart sick. If I think of it, but not so with your brother. I feel drawn in prayer to the great number of all things to ask, that if it is to leave us to another, that is to make it into this especial care, direct us in all things.

As you were in some other one of your family, and you did not wish me to know it, because of the anxiety it would give me, remember me with much love to Guy. Tell him, Johnny was in the way to study, he is in the way to pay off your debts.

I suppose you are in the way to send for new books, and some degree of pleasure now to the time we shall meet.

This is the 21st, I hope. I suppose, I suppose, I suppose.

Mother Blues Gilmore

Oct, my dear son,

Leds, April 21, 1861.

After saying you that your sister and I are in our usual health, I ask how it will with your health this week, since you wrote, it seems a long time since, because I have been in daily expectation of one from you, your last letter gave me the blessed intelligence that the gospel was not preached in vain in all places, although I met with objections in conversing, it seems to be a healthy state of feeling towards this business, but as further we do not pray, unprofitably in the great work of salvation. The bushy seems always to be a tender, and affectionate, cheerful and a ready helper in his company, our subscription is filling out better than time before, nearly all who have subscribed have added to their own of last year, all these things are favorable, and we have reason to thank God for them, we have a comfortable place of worship and a minister I wish to preach to us. Today Mr. Bales was on the bridge, and the church will do very well.

I think of this congregation, I think,
Since she was here, you were in Florida and Mrs. Prest
belle, and you, your duties of our family; many changes since
that time. Land and Ella have not written me for a long time
I wrote them last. I shall write and remain with this care soon. I suppose
they are about going to leave keeping as he wrote me in his last letter
he had obtained a house. Charles has not written for a long time, but a
news paper from him a few days since told me he was still in the
lands of the House I got a letter from belle a few days since, he
says he has many letters in his mailbox, but none that are written to
me. I have written to him. The time has been in the House I am now, I am going to
sleep, are you, and am now beginning to think about the House, your father seems to have some letters
of that, I think it will be cheaper than to seek to know the most
and I shall begin to love the garden to do what the rest of winter he left
me to calculate this year all these times of spring around me that
the time is approaching when we shall welcome you and Land and
Ging. and the most sweet little farm house in this world, but
quiet home, I am often reminded Ging as I go about, the lake and
there we have content have a blanket on this one, the traveling
will do to make up to the little sick. I received a letter from Mrs.
North of that land, and a few days since, it was a pleasant letter to
and see Ging very highly, because I do not desire it, I have not
court since last Sept, her little day, she said it was next four
you
Oregon, May 10th, 1861

John C. Howard,
My Dear Sir,

You very welcome letter dated, May 1st, was duly and thankfully received, and the enclosed contribution of $100, came safely to hand, and is very acceptable to me, and I am sure you would excuse my seeming neglect, and want of action. I am not that I have been unmindful of you, nor of those associated with you in the kindly offering, or the donation itself, as since its receipt, I have had so much to occupy my time, on the standing committee of the Home of Industry, as to give me little leisure for writing. Sillen, says, therefore, I have before me a letter, from Sillen, with bearing similar to yours, and which I have not been able to acknowledge. You will, I am convinced, congratulate me on the success of more than from the friends of our cause, than I am able to answer. My attempt for relief has been most promptly and liberally responded to, and in God's blessing, we have passed this long winter very comfortably, and paid off most of the small debts, encountered by reason of my absence last summer. Since my return, however, I have paid good wages for three 13 boys, and girls in the State, and the necessary are made for children, about daily. My health is not yet quite restored as I should go again, return to the East, for more money and children. Sillen, thank you to accept, for yourself, and express to the ladies, whose names I
you have proved me with my heartfelt gratitude. In these sympathy and Christian kindness men. It is my earnest prayer that God, our own God, would give you His blessing and in return your generous offerings, so splendidly blessed, in good measure and return even unto your own bosoms. I still remember, with pleasure, the hour of prayer spent with you, and the offering some of us all of the elders who have joined their offering to yours, this then of sympathy in our cause, and it gives additional solace to the contributors to believe that it came from their circle of prayer. May the blessing of God rest upon them all. The Nation's Pastors and Elders will need encouraging confidence in our work and not in time a thing. Entirely this long delayed act of recompense of your gifts may come too late to find any one of you at first sight. The City of the Country is low and incomplete, you may also have gone to the defense of the poor. I pray God that you will not kill, but the trial must come out well of your work and this—of your faith in God. Those who have daily pleased the evening hours will you in reading the word of God and prayer will not forget you are the holy lessons you have taught them in the field of battle. How precious are the thoughts of God at the time of danger! I would thank you to say thanks of the same, if you have the opportunity, for our prayer and our gratitude will follow them whenever they go.

Many a earnest prayer has been offered that the God of peace would direct the hearts, thoughts, and actions towards measure, and make them to converge together in harmony and unity, but as the war is already begun, the earnest longing that the blessing of the Lord on the men and women in this cause is right.

There is no arrow, she has his quiver filled. The faithful reeling on high by our spirit. The Eastern paper are in great demand. In the Christian, you really are—yes, already our country has carried them there, the numbers them now. Our four Young men has enlisted in the country service, and I hope that in no, in that service in the path as he has been or ever at the time. I would greatly furnish some kind of figures, go myself to the defense of my country, but my duties are here and many, but we propose to aid as far as we can from our cause. The families of the voluntary,

You can also offer a prayer for the success of your task,

That it may still be our homes, when the war is brought to our door. We are now very busy in farming, we have bought another farm and with a view to find more of the hungry and weaker to be in farming on a larger scale. But hope and faith to have enough and to spare. I have recently received a letter and contribution from Miss Elizabeth Pearson who came in Miss Lewis to be visited you last fall. She speaks in terms of heartfelt gratitude of the kind attention she received from your help and also Howard and the call when you are my service, you will please accept my thanks for the same. And of course, take me with it, through all this and I addressed my most, and acknowledgment to you. I have it remember me will most gratefully to thanking for the Order you receive and many your kind and words be kept in the knowledge and love of God.
DO perceive let me acquaint you my coming home this summer. The seat of health I should from that privilege. I pray God's prosperity. I shall probably also in April. I give the very Best to you and to Mrs. Mann. She is to have a carriage and house in some beautiful situation.

I will not prosecute his case. The 25th of June, 1861, with a vote of thanks to the Senate.

My dear Mother,

I receive your letter today. I think you ought to have received one from me before you sent this. It has been such a shock to the country. The war has been long and bloody. The whole country is at war. The enemy has been long, bitter, and bloody.

I am writing this letter from home. The President has just issued a proclamation for the Union. The President is in Washington. The Union is in danger. The enemy is in the city. The Union is in danger. The President is in Washington.

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son must be the trial to Miss Roberts in the loss of her little one. God alone can bind up broken hearts. Steady is the afflicted soul that already is united to him in faith. More inquiries along the war, is with me war! War! I read of it, I think of it. I pray almost 24 hours of war. I don't seem to be much excited. When in New York Monday, I felt shocked for my countrymen, when talking with one enthusiastic cleric who was soon to speak for the defense of his country. I am in principle strong for the government. I do not feel that I can leave this army now, while there is so great a call for my services.

When our own people would suspect one of my surrendering my resignation. I doubt if my resignation would be accepted now. So many officers have been taken from me. Most of my clerks say I shall soon have to leave on a whole class instead of his section as I now have. I shall probably be left there. In Maine, the 1st of September the 1st regiment of volunteers has been requested to become Lieutenant Colonel of a Volunteer Regiment. Credit comes of the 1st class has been asked to become Lieut. Colonel of one of the Regiments from Maine. The Officers continue.

The same rank in the regular Army, while serving in a high place in the rotation of the Government allows them to do so. I'm thin every regiment of new men get disciplined officers to instruct them.

I hear from private authority that Jeff Davis is at Richmond Va. Then the last time the Virginia set off secession. As soon as Maryland declares herself for the Union, Washington will be attacked.

Our city is well surrounded by enemies, and there are still plenty of Confederate friends in the District of Columbia. The defense will be vigorous & probably Baltimore & other obstructions will be cleared away. But I think unless interior friends or beloved capital will be destroyed. I say Mr. Carroll has returned to Washington from here. We shall soon get reliable news from them. The progress cannot be held on. They have got the important things.

Dr. Hammond & State-Kelton are orders to Washington yesterday left this morning. Large amount of SouthernCadets have gone. Why few of them serve again. Our Pads of the 1st & 2nd Classes have applied for duty to Washington. They will probably be graduated immediately.
West Point, N.Y.
Apr. 27th 1861

My dear brother,

I received your kind letter in answer to mine. My plan was to go to Bangor to unite with one of the churches there but my wife not to pray without a license. But the state of the country is such that I felt bound to forego consecrating my purpose as a preacher. If I should undertake the designation I doubt if it would be acceptable now. And if it should be the general impression would be that I favor secession. I do not feel that it is a proper time to change my profession for the cause of Christ and I am willing to do all I can to strengthen the hands of the Government. Perry Lee is seeking a place in the Navy. I gave him letters to promising men in Washington. I presume he is there now tendering his services. First the union of Northern men wonderful. The time is as distinctly drawn now that I can see nothing but war as ultimate division. Tell God come to
all things. Over a hundred Cadets I believe have left. Many of our officers have been asked to join volunteer troops in the capacity of Capt. Lieutenants. Majors. Capt. Ames has been chosen Lt. Col. of a Maine regiment. If they get permission from Washington they will accept these places & still retain their rank in the regular army. Our civilians have all been sick with cholera. From those away were quite sick in consequence. So was Harry Carroll & the little boy. The little died. He was a beautiful boy. Nothing could exceed his beauty as I saw him in his little coffin. With his chalk tinged to the indescribable place appearing in every feature. Carroll prayed, but I fear he has not yet given his heart to God. Give much much love to our dear Sister. We are all well. The state of the country is awful, but we trust Washington is safe. Though surrounded by enemies to the government. Let us commit everything into the hands of God while we do what we can.

Affectionately yours,

O. T. Brown
Washington D.C., 27th April, 1861.

My dear Sir,

We arrived in New York about 9 o'Clock a.m. Thursday, and ascending Room No. 2, the Hotel.

There seemed nothing extraordinary to the usual and mean appearance of the place, nor length of waiting to the platform, we left at 2 o'clock for Philadelphia. We learned from Eulah Patterson, in conversation, that a train would leave the next morning at 11.30 for Port Royal, communicating with a steam transport for Boston. We accordingly made our dinner comfortably, and took them, leaving about two hours in plenty to reach their point of landing about a mile east of

E. S. Whitt
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