

Princeton, Ill., June 28th. 1870.

Dear Bro. Howard;

Your letter was received yesterday, and I am glad to hear that you are disposed to consider our case favorably. We are needing you here, I think, and the Lord seems to have made plain the road for your coming, so far as the Church is concerned.

There is no ecclesiastical society here apart from the Church. No other body is to act upon the call.

The number present at our Church meeting and voting was fifty. Although this may seem a small number, compared with our membership, it is a larger number than ever met before to vote on a call. I think there has never been a more satisfactory vote on any subject, and there was not the slightest opposition.

Our Church debt is reduced to \$750. The money is borrowed and can be

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for it. If our crops are good this year,
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to be had cheap, but it is difficult to get
a rented house here with any certainty
of keeping it. I bought on coming here,
finding it cheaper to pay interest than to
rent. There are houses which would do very
well which are renting for \$250 to \$350. and
can be bought for \$3000. or thereabouts. If
you decide to come, we can provide you
a home in good season.

I have supplied the Church
for three Sabbaths past, and expect to do
so until we hear positively from you.
All well. Yours in X. Henry S. Bottum

196 6/21/1870 *From:* Henry L. Boltwood *To:* Dear Bro [RB] Howard
RBH-157 Princeton, Ill
Source: Bowdoin

Princeton, Ill, June 21st, 1870

Dear Bro. Howard;

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Yours in X.
Henry L. Boltwood

Please preserve & return.

Princeton N. J. July 11th 1890

Rev B B Howard

My Dear Brother Yours of 4th rec^d. - You report progress as we feel hope and pray in the right direction. It has been the prayer of the Church that We would make the spirit of duty plain to you - but perhaps we are a little selfish in our prayers - for most of us are quite tired of undulating. We want to feel settled - that we have a pastor & friends and leaders - and we trust that God is inclining your heart to come to us - and if would please us as soon as the interest of all will permit to have you with us - there is no discordant feeling - all feel not only satisfied but cheerful and rejoice that you are coming - As to a home I think you can suit yourself although most of the houses are 1 1/2 story that are for sale. No one can select for you - but my advice would be to rent for one year - and before that time is out you would be decided whether to purchase or not and where. If Mr. Bascom would rent his house for one year my advice would be to take it - but you will not be left out in the cold when you come

for many, have large cabins. You speak of it being a
troublesome time with you. - Am aware that these ties
are hard to be broken. - have felt it all. - but brother
you will find as good friends as good Christians and as
precious souls here as you are now leaving. - The field
is white for the harvest. - And your wife will also find
as cheris sisters and friends in the church and
community as she is leaving. - It will only be leaving
true friends for friends as good as true only that they have
not been true. - Oh! we feel so much to weep under
such circumstances. - May God guide direct and
sustain you. - And may you go through the change with
fortitude feeling that our Master bids you come. -
Brother Bollwood supplies us by himself for exchange.
He is a noble good brother and you will not only always
find him reliable. - but he will be a great help to you.
We feel a pleasure that we have such a brother in the church.
With my best wishes for yourself and wife.

Yours truly

Wm Carey

197 7/11/1870 *From:* Rufus Carey

To: Rev. RB Howard

RBH-158

Princeton, Ill

Source: Bowdoin

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As to a house I think you can suit yourself although most of the houses are 1 ½ story that are for sale. No one can select for you, but my advise would be to rent for one year and before that time is out you would be decided whether to purchase or not and where. If Mr Bascom would rent his house for one year my advise would be to take it, but you will not be left out in the cold when you come for many have large cabins.

You speak of it being a tearful time with you. Am aware that those ties are hard to be broken, have felt it all, but brother, you will find as good friends as good christians and as precious souls here as you are now leaving. The field is white for the harvest. And your wife will also find as choice sisters and friends in the church and community as she is leaving. It will only be leaving tried friends for friends as good as true only that they have not been tried. Well weep, its manly to weep under such circumstances.

May God guide direct and sustain you, and may you get through the change with fortitude feeling that our Master bids you come.

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With my best wishes for yourself and wife

Yours truly
Rufus Carey

P.S. Daddie, Elizabeth & I get
on nicely. Daddie goes to
the public school. We had
bags filled & some other
things which we left sent
in a box & they are very com-
venient but the freight bill
was \$11.00. about 4 times as
high as in the summer.

I don't understand what
Melvin Perry is to marry.

I hope you went to see
Mrs. Ames in her trouble.
R.

R. B. Howard,

Princeton Feb. 1. 1871

My dear Mother

Ella arrived
in Portland about 11 O'clock
Sat. Jan 22^d. She spent the
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He had said "I am ready,
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Funeral was Thursday after. at
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greatly surprised with the
hymn

"There is an hour of peaceful rest"
My last letter from her was
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June. Mr. Wm Rogers were still

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little change. He gave everything
to Mrs Patten as long as she
should live. I suppose he has
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ten years. Uncle Lincoln arrived
at N. Orleans the 23^d ult.
He will not go home now.

Ella will stay a few weeks
with her mother. I don't know
just how long. No news from
Charles & Belle since I wrote.

I rec'd from Laura & Uncle Esig.
letters. I am expecting Otis
to come & lecture in March.

I sent you a paper containing
some remarks of mine at a
Dr's funeral. Give much love
to Lizzie & Grace & all the
children. Not forgetting Otis.

Your aff. son

Rauland

198 2/1/1871 *From:* Rowland [B Howard] *To:* My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-159

Princeton

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton, Feb 1, 1871

My dear Mother

Ella arrived in Portland about 11 o'clock Sat Jan 22d [Saturday was Jan 21, 1871]. She spent the Sabbath with Lizzie [Patten] and reached home Monday [Jan 23] at 10 a.m. Her Father recognized her and she staid by him till 2 PM. Then he fell asleep. He had said "I am ready, come Lord Jesus" and seemed to fully trust his Saviour. The Funeral was Thursday after, at 3 P.M. Ella was newly and greatly impressed with the hymn "There is an hour of peaceful rest".

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Give much love to Lizzie & Gracie & all the children. Not forgetting Otis.

Your aff. Son
Rowland

P.S.

Dadie, Elizabeth & I get on nicely. Dadie goes to the public school. We had boys sleds & some other things which we left sent in a box, & they are very convenient but the freight bill was \$11.00 about 4 times as high as in the summer. I don't understand who Melvin Berry is to marry. I hope you went to see Mrs Ames in her trouble. R.

Princeton N.J. Aug 16, 1871

Rev B B Howard

Dear Brother The undersigned a
Committee of the First Cong Church Princeton
NJ would respectfully submit to your
consideration the following vote of the
Church -

At a regular meeting of the Church
Aug 2 1871 it was voted unanimously that
Rev B B Howard be invited to become the
settled Pastor of this Church with a salary of
\$2,000 per annum -

Voted That the Deacons and Clerk of the
Church be a Committee to communicate
this vote to Rev B B Howard and make
other arrangement which may be necessary
to accomplish the wishes of the church -

The Committee are happy to say - that an
entire unanimity of feeling prevails in the
Church in reference to your settlement as Pastor

And now does brother permit us
personally and in behalf of the Church which
are represent to express our earnest desire that
you will accept of the invitation of the Church
to become their settled Pastor

Praying that God will guide and assist
you in the decision you may make we
subscribe ourselves in behalf of the Church

Yours Brethren in Christ

Isaerus Rice

Abm Le Anthony

Leah Book Deacons

W L Bottoms

Wm J. Kearney Clerk

199 8/16/1871

From: Lasarus Reeve
Wm L Anthony
Caleb Cook
H. L. Boltwood,
Rufus Carey
Princeton Ill

To: Rev RB Howard

RBH-160

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton Ill Aug 16, 1871

Rev RB Howard

Dear Brother

The undersigned a committee of the First Cong. Church Princeton Ill would respectfully submit to your consideration the following vote of the Church.

At a regular meeting of the Church Aug 2d 1871 it was voted unanimously that Rev R.B. Howard be invited to become the settled Pastor of this church with a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

Voted that the Deacons and Clerk of the Church be a Committee to communicate this vote to Rev R.B. Howard and make other arrangement which may be necessary to accomplish the wishes of the church.

The Committee are happy to say, that an entire unanimity of feeling prevails in the church in reference to your settlement as Pastor and now dear brother permit us personally and in behalf of the church which are represent to express our earnest desire that you will accept of the invitation of the church to become their settled Pastor.

Praying that God will guide and assist you in the decision you may make we subscribe ourselves in behalf of the Church.

Your brethren in Christ
Lasarus Reeve, Deacon
Wm L Anthony, Deacon
Caleb Cook, Deacon
H. L. Boltwood, Deacon
Rufus Carey, Clerk

Princeton Monday Morn:
Oct 30. 1871

My dear Mother

Our dear
sufferer still remains
with us showing wonderful
power of resisting disease.

Her mind wanders and
fastens on unpleasant
topics very often. We have
watches every night now
& I sleep in my study
lounge. In her delirium
she has spoken of you
& thought you had come.

I cannot tell how
long she will linger. Kitty
will send you a telegram
if she should be taken away.
She has a "pap" in the
telegraph lines. We will

hence as I mean to let Mr. Schantz select
they think. I know you always remember
as at the house of grace. I hope to be in
again here in four weeks.

Yours affectionately
Amos

R. B. Howard

Start from here the day
following & go to Brunswick.
It takes about 3. days, if
we make connections. I
expect to leave dadie at
a boarding place. Elizabeth &
Clean & put the house in
order. to take Frankie to Portland
& Otis to Brunswick till I
can find a place for him.

I want you to get all
ready & come back with
us & make a visit. Then
you can go & see Seltie &
Charles when you please.

If I am not sure of
a healthy faithful capable
girl in her place - & that
Elizabeth could have a good
place, I would discharge her -
but it is almost im-
possible to get even a decent
girl - & no one would know

the places of things & the ways of the house as
Elizabeth does. I preached twice yesterday
without the fatigue. There was no Methodist
meeting and our house was well filled - I
met Mr. Nelson from. who lives at Mr. Hammetts
in Augusta now. that you would let her know
I.E. He came just out of college where you. She
news from Ellen - Our trials are very great, but
God is very good. I had a very good letter from
Uncle Emory - He wants to enlarge & improve
the burying ground at the corner & have the private
grounds merged in it - Would it not be better
for us to take a lot & more pasture & our two little
brothers some time & purchase the lot for others by an iron

200 10/30/1871 *From:* Rowland [B Howard] *To:* My dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-161

Princeton

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton Monday Morn
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My dear Mother

Our dear sufferer [Note 1] still remains with us sharing wonderful hours of resisting disease. Her mind wanders and fastens on unpleasant topics very often. We have watchers every night now & I sleep on my study lounge. In her delirium she has spoken of you & thought you had come. I cannot tell how long she will linger. Kitty will send you a telegram if she should be taken away. She has a "pass" on the telegraph lines. We will start from here the day following & go to Brunswick. It takes about 3 days, if we make connections. I expect to leave Dadie at a boarding place. Elizabeth to clean & put the house in order, to take Frankie to Portland & Otie to Brunswick till I can find a place for him.

I want you to get all ready & come back with me & make a visit. Then you can go & see Dellie & Charles when you please.

If I only was sure of a healthy faithful capable girl in her place, & that Elizabeth could have a good place, I would discharge her, but it is almost impossible to get even a decent girl, & no one would know the places of things & the ways of the house as Elizabeth does.

I preached twice yesterday without extra fatigue. There was no Methodist meeting and our house was well filled. I wrote Miss Helen Graves, who lives at Mr Famells in Augusta now, that you would let her know i.e. she could find out by calling upon you, the news from Ella. Our trials are very great, but God is very good.

I had a very good letter from Uncle Ensign. He wants to enlarge & improve the burying ground at the Corner & have the private grounds merged in it. Would it not be well for us to take a lot & move father & our two little brothers some time & prepare the lot for others by an iron fence &c. I mean to ask Otis & Charles what they think. I know you always remember us at the throne of grace.

I hope to be in Maine three or four weeks.

Your aff. Son
Rowland

[Note 1. Ella Patten Howard died Nov 11, 1871, age 36.]

New Britain, Ct. March 25
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Rev J. B. Miles.

My dear friend.

I am very sorry that we must go to New Bedford to speak on Sunday evening, for several reasons; and one of these is a new one - My chest is much affected, and I feel concerned for myself. I bled considerable blood the other day, and have been very sensitive since. I made a short address yesterday at our Sunday School, and today feel the effects of it. So I feel very uncertain in regard to my ability a week hence. But as you have engaged me at the meeting on Sunday evening next, I will do my utmost to be there and will meet you as proposed at the principal hotel. I think it likely that some one will invite

me to be their guest, before I
leave home.

I wish, however, you
would not commit me to any
other meetings than the one
at New Bedford; for I dare
not engage to speak at several
in succession. Besides, Mr Whittier
has been on to New London, and
appointed a meeting there on
Tuesday evening, April 8th.

Clinton, . . . 10
Guilford . . . 11

Now I want to have you
prepare yourself to attend these
meetings if I break down
previously. I fear I may
not be able to fulfil these
engagements - that I may be
disabled completely for public

speaking before that time. I
pray our Heavenly Father to give
me life and strength for some
more work in this cause,
but I hope I may have power
to say "this will be done". I never
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work in the Free movement,
and if I am yet spared, I hope
to contribute my mite to it.

Yours faithfully & truly
Elizabeth Barrett.

201 3/20/1872 *From:* Elihu Burritt

To: Rev. J.B. Miles

RBH-162

New Britain, Ct.

Source: Bowdoin

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Yours faithfully & Ever
Elihu Burritt

Oct 1872

Pursuant to letters mission from the First Congt. Church in Princeton Ill. an ecclesiastical Council met with the Church at their house of worship at 3 o'clock upon the 14th day of October 1872 to advise with them to review their proceedings in the matter of a call extended by them to Rev. R. B. Howard & if judged expedient to assist in installing him over them in the work of the Gospel ministry

The following Churches were represented in Council

Church in Amboy	Rev. Chas ^r Leavens Pastor
" " Buda	" J. A. Allen "
" " Dover	" C. F. Curtis "
" " "	Bro Asaph Wood del.
" " Maliden	Rev. J. D. Baker Pastor
" " Mendota	" E. H. Baker "
" " Kewanee	" Jas ^r Tompkins "
" " "	Bro Mylo Doty del.
" " Wapenset	Rev. Geo. W. Coleman Pastor
" " Providence	" David Todd "
" " "	Bro Geo. Pleushing del.
" " Sheffield	Bro A. G. Borden "
" " Sublette	Rev. L. P. Norcross Pastor

Also Rev. F. Bascom D.D. & Prof. J. D. Hyde D.D. of the Chicago Theol. Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Bascom read the call to the Churches & he was chosen Moderator.

Rev. L. P. Norcross was appointed Scribe.

Session of Council was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The Pastor elect then laid before the Council the proper vouchers as to his ecclesiastical & ministerial standing. wh. on motion were deemed entirely satisfactory.

Bro. Leary of the part of the Church laid before the Council the action of the Church in giving the call to Mr. Howard from wh. it appeared that perfect harmony existed on this part.

~~Preliminary proceedings being~~
The Council then listened to a very interesting account of the Pastor elect's religious experience & the reasons wh. led him to choose the ministry.

He then gave full expression to his personal views in regard to the doctrine of the Bible & the work of the ministry. the Council questioning him at much length in relation thereto.

On motion of Bro. Leavens it was voted that the examination be arrested & that the Council be by themselves.

Voted Unanimously that we are entirely satisfied with the Christian experience, views of doctrine & Church polity of Rev. R. B. Howard the Pastor elect & that we proceed to Installation services.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Josephus & Bro. Leutis. ~~was~~ to confer with the Candidate about the order of exercises of installation.

After consultation they reported the following order of exercises,

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| 1 st | Reading Minutes of Council. | by the Scribe |
| 2 nd | Anthem. | |
| 3 rd | Invocation. | Rev. David Todd |
| 4 th | Reading Scriptures | Rev. J. A. Allen |
| 5 th | Hymn | |
| 6 th | Sermon | Prof. J. T. Hyde |
| 7 th | Installing Prayer | Rev. R. E. Leutis |
| 8 th | Right Hand of Fellowship | Rev. G. W. Holman |
| 9 th | Hymn of Welcome | |
| 10 th | Charge to the Pastor | Rev. Lehol Leutis |
| 11 th | Charge to the People | Rev. F. Boscom S. S. |
| 12 th | Concluding Prayer | Rev. J. S. Barker |
| 13 th | Doxology | |
| 14 th | Benediction | By the Pastor, |

Voted that we adjourn till 7 o'clock this evening

L. P. Forcrops
Scribe.

F. Boscom

Moderator.

In the evening Council called to order after Installation Services. The minutes were approved after directing the Scribe to certify that the foregoing programme of exercises were held.

I Certify that the above is a true copy
of proceedings of Council held at Princeton
as ~~at~~ specified, & that Rev. R. B. Howard was
duly installed over the aforesaid church, at
the time & place above mentioned

Attest

L. P. Krcmp

Secy.

Princeton Ills.

October 11th 1842

Proceedings
of an Ecclesiastical
Council at
Princeton Ills.
Oct. 11th 1842

203 10/11/1872 *From:* L.P. Norcross

To: R.B. Howard

Scribe

RBH-163

Princeton Ills.

Source: Bowdoin

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" " Dover Rev O. F. Curtis Pastor

" " " Dea Asalph Wood del.

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" " Kewanee Rev. Jas. Tompkins Pastor

" " " Bro. Mylo Doty Del.

" " <Neponsit> Rev. Geo. W. Colman Pastor

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" " " Dea. Geo. P. Cushing Del

" " Sheffield Bro. A.G. Borden Del

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I certify that the above is a true copy of proceedings of Council held at Princeton, as specified, & that Rev. R.B. Howard was duly installed over the aforesaid Church at the time & place above mentioned.

Attest
L.P. Norcross
Scribe

Princeton Ills.
October 11th, 1872

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Nest New Brighton

Norham Island N.Y.

Dec 23. 1872

Rev N.Y. Hummer
Sir

It is very pleasant
to receive your frank and
courteous letter, for the chief
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I cannot help thinking
that one is the fulfilling
of the ~~law~~ highest law
and all who think so

copy
letter from G. M. D. W. C.

Have the most intimate
bond of Union. I thank
you most truly and
I am

very faithfully
yours

George William Curtis

204 12/23/1872 *From:* George Witham
Curtis
RBH-164 West New Brighton
Staten Island N.Y.

To: Rev R,B. Howard

Source: Bowdoin

Copy
West New Brighton
Staten Island N.Y.
Dec 23, 1872

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Dr Sir

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At least whatever the theological form of faith, I cannot help thinking that love is the fulfilling of the highest law and all who think so have the most intimate bond of union.

I thank you most truly and I am

Very faithfully Yours
George William Curtis

Princeton Illinois
May 23. 1874

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