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RBH-157 Princeton, III

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton, III, June 21st, 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 lie as long as we choose to pay interest for it. If our crops are good this year, it will be raised easily. If not, it will not, in its present form, be any obstacle. We had a long pull in getting rid of it, but have done it at last.

Mr Bascom prefers, of course, to sell his house, but will rent if he does not sell. He asks \$4500 for it. He will probably take a little less, though he has refused \$4000. There are half a dozen good houses in market, some of them 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 thereabout. 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 L. Boltwood

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197 7/11/1870 *From:* Rufus Carey *To:* Rev. RB Howard

RBH-158 Princeton, III

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton, III July 11th 1870

Rev. RB Howard

My Dear Brother,

Yours of 4th is recd. You report progress as we feel hope and pray n the right direction. It has been the prayer of the Church that He would make the path of duty plain to you, but perhaps we are a little selfish in our prayers, for most of us are quite tired of candidating. We want to feel settled, that we have a pastor, a friend and leader and we trust that God is inclining your heart to come to us, and it 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 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.

Brother Boltwood supplies us by himself or 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 Rufus Carey

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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".

My last letter from her was dated the 28th of Jan. Aunt Jane, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers were still there. His death will make little change. He gave everything to Mrs Patten as long as she should live. I suppose he has lost over half his estate within ten years. Uncle Lincoln arrived at N. Orleans the 23d 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 & Dellie since I wrote. I enclose Laura & Uncle Ensigns 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 & 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.

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199 8/16/1871 *From:* Lasarus Reeve

Wm L Anthony Caleb Cook H. L. Boltwood, Rufus Carey Princeton III To: Rev RB Howard

RBH-160

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton III Aug 16, 1871

Rev RB Howard

Dear Brother

The undersigned a committee of the First Cong. Church Princeton III 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

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

RBH-161 Princeton

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton Monday Morn Oct 30, 1871

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.]

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201 3/20/1872 *From:* Elihu Burritt *To:* Rev. J.B. Miles

RBH-162 New Britain, Ct.

Source: Bowdoin

New Britain, Ct. March 25 /72

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 raised 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 Whittlesey has been on to New London, and appointed a meeting there on Tuesday evening, April 9th, Clinton, April 10, Guilford, April 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 given to say "His will be done." I never saw such a field opening for work in the Peace movement, and if I am yet spared, I hope to contribute my write to it.

Yours faithfully & Ever Elihu Burritt

Pursuant to letters mussion from the First-lengt, behurch in Princeton Ill are reclimatical Council met with the Church at their house of worship at 3 oclock upon the 11th day of October 1872 to advise mich there to review their proceedings in the matter of a call extend. ed by them to Rev. R. B. Heoward & if judged expedient to assist in installing him over them we the work of the Gaspil The following Churches new representation leavenced Church in Ambay Rw. Schal leaverno Paster " J.a. allen " " Dover " " C. F. leurtis " Dra asulph wood del. " Malden Rev. J. D. Baker Paster " ellendota " E. He. Baker " " Kewance " fat Tompkins " Bro Mylo Deaty Del, beponset-Rw. Ho. W. leolmen Pasta " David Fodd " Providence Dra Lew, Pleushing Del. Sheffield Bro a. G. Borden " Red, L. P. Norcrofs. Pusto Sublitte also Rev. F. Buscom D. A. & Pry. J. Hyde D. D. of the Chicago Theol. Simi-Red. Dr. Bascom read the call to the Churches & he was Chosen moderator. Rw. L. P. Norcrope was appointed scribe.

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203 10/11/1872 *From:* L.P. Norcross *To:* R.B. Howard

Scribe

RBH-163 Princeton Ills.

Source: Bowdoin

Pursuant to letters missive from the First Cong'l Church in Princeton III. an ecclesiastical Council met with the Church at their house of worship at 3 oclock upon the 11th day of October 1872 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 Caverno Pastor

- " Breda Rev J. A. Allen Pastor
- " Dover Rev O. F. Curtis Pastor
- " " Dea Asalph Wood del.
- " Malden Rev. J.D. Baker Pastor
- " Mendota Rev. E. H. Baker Pastor
- " Kewanee Rev. Jas. Tompkins Pastor
- " " Bro. Mylo Doty Del.
- " <Neponsit> Rev. Geo. W. Colman Pastor
- " Providence Rev. David Todd Pastor
- " " Dea. Geo. P. Cushing Del
- " Sheffield Bro. A.G. Borden Del
- " 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.

The moderator appointed Bro. Tompkins & Bro. Curtis to confer with the candidate about the order of exercises of installation.

After consultation they reported the following order of exercises.

1st Reading minutes of Council by the scribe

2nd Anthem

3rd Invocation. Rev. David Todd

4th Reading Scriptures. Rev. J.A. Allen

5th Hymn

6th Sermon. Prof. J. T. Hyde

7th Installing Prayer Rev. O. F. Curtis

8th Right Hand of Fellowship. Rev. G.W. Colman

9th Hymn of Welcome

10th Charge to the Pastor. Rev. Chas. Caverno

11th Charge to the People. Rev. F. Bascom D.D.

12th Concluding Prayer Rev. J.D. Baker

13th Doxology

14th BenedictionBy the Pastor

Voted that we adjourn till 7 oclock this evening.

L.P. Norcross, Scribe

F. Bascom, Moderator

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

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 Cary on 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 their part.

The Council then listened to a very interesting account of the Pastor elects religious experience & the reasons wh. Led him to choose the ministry.

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

On motion of Bro. Caverno 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 pality of Rev. R.B. Howard the Pastor elect & that we proceed to Installation Services.

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

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204 12/23/1872 *From:* George Witham *To:* Rev R,B. Howard

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RBH-164 West New Brighton Staten Island N.Y.

Source: Bowdoin

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

Rev R,B. Howard Dr Sir

It is very pleasant to receive your frank and courteous letter, for the chief reward of literature is the answering voice to the author. Were I only less constantly busy, I should like very much to say some of the things which your note suggests.

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

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205 5/23/1874 *From:* R.B. Howard *To:* The Editor of the Nation

RBH-156 Princeton, Illinois

Source: Bowdoin

Princeton, Illinois May 23, 1874

To/ The Editor of the Nation

As a careful reader and a sincere friend of the Nation from its first number, I greatly regret your note in "the Week" on my brother Gen. Howard.

The sneer at piety is unworthy of the Nation, and of its readers, among whom are so many ministers of Christ, who, notwithstanding his holy heart, "knew what was in man".

As to the "mismanagement" and "knavery" of matters in "the Bureau" for which Gen. H. was "guilty," after an eight weeks investigation, a fairly constituted military court of inquiry failed to discover either.

As to the same, which you allege against Howard University, which you call "a College," I deny the truth of your statement, and, on behalf of my brother, court investigation with all his acts as President.

Gen. Howard did "voluntarily assume" an almost unknown task when he accepted Pres. Lincolns appointment as Commissioner. No man in the Country knew to what the Bureau would grow. Gen. Howard did his best, which may not have been the best, to meet the responsibilities as they rose.

I deny, and call upon you to point out a single case where his official incompetency or neglect or wrong-doing have caused the "much suffering" which you lay at his door.

Must I believe that my old friend & councillor of years is at heart not only ungenerous (when such an opportunity offered for a generous word for an abused man) but also cruelly unjust?

Very respectfully Yours R.B. Howard