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**215** 8/4/1879 *From:* [R.B. Howard] *To:* Darling [Helen Howard]

RBH-176 A.G. Capraini & Co. Hotel Royal des

Source: Bowdoin Etrangers
Naples

A.G. Capraini & Co. Hotel Royal des Etrangers Naples, Tues. Aug 4 7:30 A.M. 1879

### Darling

I sit with my swinging windows open facing Naples unequaled bay with the island of Ischia in the smoky distance. Two fishermen bare-footed & bare-legged have just unmoored their boats. To the left & fully in view of the little balcony of my room is old Vesuvius, not looking loftier than old Blue ("He" is 4000 ft) & about as near Naples apparently as Powder House Hill, only Naples extend around the bay to that side under other houses. A great city of 600,000 people with lofty bluffs, forcing it near the sea, it covers no more surface than Newark, but lofty houses inhabited to the ridgepole with <swarms> of human beings. "Lagaroni" lying round the wharfs, streets, & any spot where there is space - children who seem to appear with all the facility of kittens & rabbits, with as little clothing & care of parents, will easily fill the census.

Breakfast. That pause marks an hour starting waiting for them to come to breakfast.

It seems mother is quite in fashion! All the new-fangled note paper begin on the 4th page!

Well, after Breakfast, we went to the other end of the city in carriages, 3 in each, to the museum. It is a vast collection of statuary & paintings, collected from Rome, Capria, Herculaneum & Pompeii. The latter place furnishes instances of the whole - vases, bronzes, coins, petrified bread, eggs, bas-reliefs &c &c innumerable. In general these statues are nude, but many a beautifully draped & all female figures & most male figures are partially so. Even in the small room containing certain obscene representations that were more disgusting than exciting, the instinct of humanity even in heathenism seems to have had a degree of modesty. To this latter room, which contain actual sculptures from Pompeii only men are admitted. The representations are less objectionable in general than those confiscated by Anthony Comstock in America, many being animals & not mankind in lewd positions.

It was hot riding home at 12 M & I have washed & shaved & am ready for Table-de-Hote which means you sit down & take what comes & in small quantities for each course. Yesterday the Dinner here was the best we had had. It was real ice-water into which I put ginger (essence), a nice fish, some like Halibut (Turbot), Beef cut in slices & served with little carots turnips cabbages & onions, as big as robins eggs, & lying around the meat, & potatoes (boiled) by themselves. There is always chicken or quail (yesterday both) the latter on bits of toast. Then there was cake & quint. The almonds are served green - as are the figs. Peaches are getting nice. We see immense Olive orchards but never have them on the table except in the form of oil.

I must now go to Dinner, but I long to have you see this bay Darling & Vesuvius, & especially these extraordinary, original, unique, incomparable, how wonderful & indescribable, oil street scenes, which even these boarding school girls seem ashamed to apply these well-worn adjectives - elegant, lovely, beautiful, gorgeous, sweet pretty as can be &c to.

But really from Liverpool to Naples, unlike each other except in the fact that each has the most elegant & well-kept hotel of the whole trip. Scenes occur that utterly outstrip all the old words, that I know, to describe. Just back of us towards the harbor & in the old town is the fish market there shell fish of 20 kinds, 12 of which I never except as shells in collections. But the people - stout women swearing, scolding, one biting her neighbor, children <cry> round & playing as naked as they were born, men urinating (as all over Europe) in plain sight of the street, women suckling children & forgetting to replace their dresses, old women the color of mahogany, men more ragged & filthy than you can conceive, but happy & smiling - basket makers singing at their work - crowds every where - soldiers, Officers in neat dresses - Priests in black gowns & three cornered hats - Capuchin Friars in thick reddish cloth gowns, many of them begging - beautiful carriages with coachmen & footmen in livery & ladies & gentlemen dressed in the extreme of fashion - Donkey innumerable, with loads

inconceivable harnessed with horses, oxen, cows, & each other, driven by the tail, by reins & leading, mules - old bones of horses in hacks with brass enough on their harnesses to found a church bell - boats of all kinds, felukas, <Steamlein>.

(The Steam Yacht of the Kedhive of Egypt is here - he having been compelled to resign & waiting to make his home somewhere with his harem &c.)

### Dinner

#### Aug 5 1879, 7 A.M.

At 2.30 P.M. yesterday we rode in carriages to the Depot, 1 ½ miles, & took the cars 15 miles around to the other side of the bay & of Vesuvius to Pompeii & tramped about that exhumed city which was buried in ashes 1800 years ago this month & has been in process of restoration since A.D. 1700 & tramped about till 7 P.M. & got thoroughly tired out. We got home about 9 & then ate supper & I came to bed too tired to write. It was very hot but there was a cool breeze. The mt. was 6 miles away but looked nearer & seemed shaped like old Blue. It sends up smoke like a pile of brush in the garden & at night you see almost constantly the stirring of the flume from the summit. I was too tired to take the trip to the crater at 5 A.M.

Our Miss Penfield went with a guide. It cost 15 <dollars> extra & Dr Loomis says, it may be so smoky when you arrive there as to prevent seeing anything. It was too bad for her to go alone & she looked rather sober when we left her last night. Pompeii is so old & ruined to be elegant. The rooms of the one story stone houses seem small. The streets are narrow & the pavements well worn. About 1/3 of the city has been "dug up". It was 35 feet under ashes which formed good soil & yielded crops. The government hard at work excavating. Within three weeks a portico with four fine white pillars have been unearthed. Also walls of rooms with well preserved pictures. Most of the pictures are classic. The temples were to Venus, Mars & other heathen deities. One room of a bad house had obscene pictures - not seen except by request, but in general everything is pure & surprisingly preserved. When they find a skeleton they pour some soft mastic substance into the hold round the bones & preserve the attitude of the person when he died. We saw a number of such - also a dog & several other domestic animals, dresses, wheat, barley &c all retain recognizable forms. It was a very interesting visit to a bye-gone age, and the best possible interpretation & illustration of historic descriptions & poetic allusions. Pompeii was a summer resort & many of the chief Romans had their villas there - the incredible thing is that ashes enough could come from that mt six miles away to bury it. The written accounts preserved are two by those who saw the affair. Pliny was one & he was 18 at the time. I have slept only fairly, my legs are raw with flea bites half way to the knees.

That picture of the hotel is very good except that there is an elegant restaurant where the <gine> is in the picture. The old building in front is an old castle now used as barracks for soldiers. My room has - like the whole house - tile floor black furniture with a gilt strip & marble top - an iron bedstead with a needed mosquito net. The sea rolled here 8 years ago. A wall was built & the place filled up. A mineral spring was found in the cellar & the water seems good. I must drink some before Breakfast.

# Good Bye Darling

If the \$75 does not arrive in London, it will be forwarded to Liverpool by Sept 3d & I can pay Dr Loomis for my Scotland trip. I find every day brings its expences. I hope to find my bag (Shawl strap bundle) at <train> but I have had to replace several things & get out of collars & shirts &c every now & then I have to buy, but I will have them all to use. I do not get very good ones. We left every thing at Rome this time. I have perspired so in my miles of tramping in this hot weather that I must have a clean shirt this A.M.

O Darling, God bless & keep you. We start for home tomorrow & indeed did last night when 15 miles south of Naples we took cars north. We stop little except in Switzerland & Paris & the days will whirl till those slow 11 or 12 in Steamer. I may have to stay in N.Y. to look for employment a little while & to save going back there. I suppose they the Advance if unsold will want me to be in Syracuse Oct 7, 9 & 10

Concord W. H. april 2, 1880. Kul R.B. Howard. They dear Brother: L'am in Heupe- of Jour letturo his regard of The debt- eifn the Kockpot Church. Ale four may well Duppore & am duply interested in are That Concerne the Church in which my father to long proched, and which is to Endland to me by his memony. Clev 2 may assur plu no live of my sympasty unto jou

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**216** 4/2/1880 *From:* Wm. R. Jewett *To:* Revd. R.B. Howard

RBH-178 Concord N.H.

Source: Bowdoin

Concord N.H. April 2, 1880.

Revd. R.B. Howard

My dear Brother:

I am in receipt of your letter in regard to the debt upon the Rockport Church. As you may well suppose I am deeply interested in all that concerns the Church in which my Father so long preached, and which is so endeared to me by his memory.

And I may assure you no loss of my sympathy with you in your personal endeavor to remove entirely the present debt.

Please accept my subscription for \$250.00 upon condition that the debt is paid. I will send check for the amount whenever the same is pledged.

I am,

Most Sincerely yours Wm. R. Jewett

P.S. As I return to Concord N.H. for a day or two, from my duties at Andover Mass, I find your letter awaiting my Father's reply. At his dictation I have written the above letter. Will you allow me to add my very hearty respect for the effort which you have so bravely made, and my hearty regard for you personally.

I am, most cordially yours, Wm. J. Tucker

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Concord N. H.

April 23, 1880.

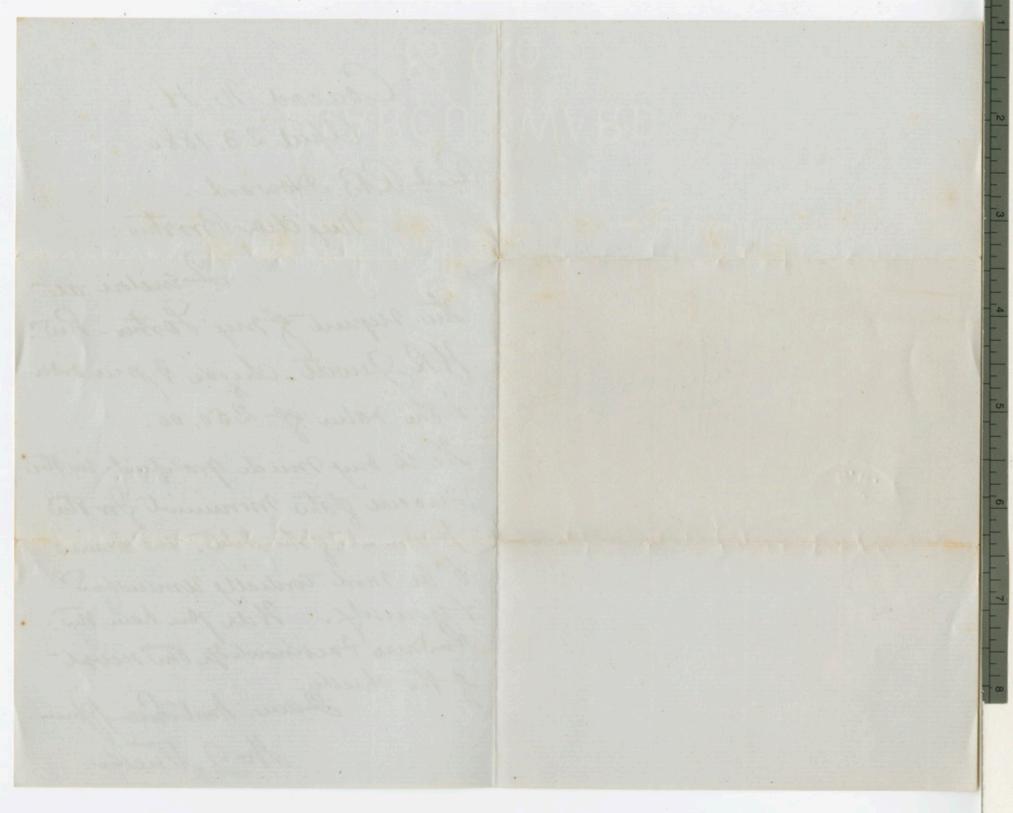
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**217** 4/23/1880 *From:* Wm J. Tucker *To:* Revd. R.B. Howard

RBH-179 Concord N.H.

Source: Bowdoin

Concord N.H. April 23, 1880

Revd R.B. Howard My dear Brother:

I enclose at the request of my Father, Rev. W.R. Jewett, checks to your order to the value of \$250.00.

He is very much gratified in the success of the movement for the payment of the debt, and desires to be most cordially remembered to yourself. Will you have the kindness & acknowledge the receipt of the checks.

I am, most Sincerely Yours, Wm. J. Tucker

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**218** 9/26/1880 *From:* R.B. Howard *To:* Prof A.S. Packard

RBH-180 Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

1856 Rowland B. Howard [This was probably written by Prof Packard. Rowland was a member of the Bowdoin class of 1856.]

Rockport Mass Sept 26, 1880

Prof A.S. Packard Dear Sir

I hasten to answer the questions of your circular

- (1) I did not teach after graduation.
- (2) I studied Law at Albany (N.Y.) Law School 1856-7. I took the full course at Bangor Theol Semry and graduated 1860.
- (3) I was ordained Pastor at Farmington Me. and remained in that office ten years 1860-70. I was Pastor at Princeton Ills. 1870-75, East Orange N.J. 1875-79, Rockport Mass 1880.
- (4) My first marriage was to Mary Ellen Patten of Bath Maine Aug. 21, 1860. We had three children sons who survive their mother who died at Princeton Ills Nov. 11, 1871. My Second marriage was to Helen J. Graves of Farmington Maine Sept. 12, 1873. We have two children a daughter (4) & a son (2) making five children in all.
- (5) I have been Associate Editor and a weekly writer on The Advance since 1875, contributing in 1879 a series of letters from Europe. I have published nothing in book form.
- (6) I have never held a political office.

With congratulations to the alumni that you can do this work for us, and with the highest personal regard.

Your friend & former pupil R.B. Howard

Samuel C. May & Co., Bankers and Brokers, No. 12 Lisbon St. Lewiston, Me., Jany Lewiston, Me., Jany y 1882 SEX33 Hochfort Map Lear Sir. Me han grown Lew aubum 4 ham 20 grow to run. The can affer your only a few thousand subject sale at 105/2 tint. They Sought the whole lower 15,000. I they air money all Lold. If you wish to secure any your would will to lily right in neight of this. Yourthury & & May &

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**221** 1/7/1882 *From:* Samuel E. May & *To:* Rev. R.B. Howard

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RBH-181a Bankers and Brokers, Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

No. 12 Lisbon St.
Lewiston, Me

[LETTERHEAD]
Samuel E. May & Co.,
Bankers and Brokers,
No. 12 Lisbon St.
Lewiston, Me. Jany 7th 1882

Rev. R.B. Howard Rockport Mass

Dear Sir,

We have your loan date.

New Auburn 4 have 20 years to run. We can offer you only a few thousand subject sale at  $105 \frac{1}{2}$  & int. We bought the whole loan \$15,000 & they are nearly all sold. If you wish to secure any you would do well to telegraph on receipt of this.

Yours truly S E May & Co.

These are strictly a municipal loan & we do not see why they are not as good as <Gr> 4.

[The following letter from Rowland to Eliza Gilmore of Jan 10 1882, was written on the back of this letter.]

222 1/10/1882 From: [RB Howard] To: Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-181b Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

[Written on the back of the preceding letter from SE May.]

Rockport Jan 10/82

Dear Mother

I did not reply to this as I knew you would think the interest too low & the premium too high, but thought you would like to see what Mr May ("Ellery") said.

We are all well & have delightful weather. I attended the funeral of two of the men described in the enclosed extract.

Thank Mac for his good letter. I sent it to Frank and received the reply which I enclose. Weather beautiful. Snow nearly gone. Called on Laura in Boston yesterday. That Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs Thos Turner's sister wished to see me. She is dying of Schirron's stomach. She seemed glad to have me pray with her. Mrs Matilda Turner is recovering from her displaced knee pain.

Helen joins in love to all. After a week of "no girl" we have one of about 50 - very kind & used to working out. She bears a fine reputation. She will not stay long though. Our Finn girl got homesick & left. I also send you Ralphs good letter.

No extra meetings this week. The two meetings a day & 4 funerals last week were too much for me.

R.

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Mu S. Gilmore Glencoss Lee **220** 1/2/1882 *From:* [RB Howard] *To:* Mrs E. Gilmore

RBH-182 Rockport Glencoe Ills.

Source: Bowdoin

## Rockport Jan 2/82

Thanks for your letter with Xmas news. Mr. Day also wrote me. I judge from what you say, that you prefer Charles should invest at the best. Let me know when you want the money. The Savings Bank at Princeton has closed. Mr Reed (Pres) is said to be insane. I think Mr Waller will see that the farm Bonds are paid. The <Childrens book> came all right. Ella & Rowlie like to look at it & Frank has read it.

A happy New Year to all.

Will Mac try for the Oak Hall prize?

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD]
Mrs E. Gilmore
Glencoe
Ills.
[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JAN 3

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223 1/24/1882 *From:* Rowland [B Howard] *To:* Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-183 Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Mass Jan 24, 1882

Dear Mother

I telegraphed Mr Gilman to send your money to you as soon as I received your letter & I hope Mr Foster will be able to see to the investment as you suggested. He would be a good adviser as to the "Car Trust Co". I can know nothing about it. Indeed I would greatly prefer to invest all you have in Bonds where the interest would be paid without giving you or any one any trouble and then after your living expenses, you would know just what you had every six months for other things.

It is 10° below zero. We are all quite well. I in Boston as usual yesterday. The ocean boils like a pot & the steam & frozen particles fill the air. We had S. School teachers to tea last night.

We have a slow, steady excellent girl, but fear we cannot keep her.

Glad Charles got off before the cold snap & I trust it did not get ahead of him.

You will notice the unusual longevity of Rockport people in our prvtly printed Rockport Review.

Thank Laurie for his letter. Ella can't begin to write so well. I fear he did not appreciate the extra effort which it cost me to put my letter in rhyme. People naturally poetic like his mothers family - do not!

Helen joins me love to you & Katie & the children & Mr Foster if with you. There are no signs of religious awakening. We must all remember David & Otis the College Fast Day - Thursday Jan 26. They have great temptations & both have yielded, but are again "trying" to do better.

No news from Otis & family since Jan 1

Affy. Rowland

I did not understand your figure "\$1.80" as to Charles part in the paying off the Glencoe claim.

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**224** 2/2/1882 *From:* RBH [RB Howard] *To:* Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-184 Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Feb 2, 1882

Dear Mother

Your letter confirms the feeling I had that your affliction next to Dellies would be greatest in Ralphs death. [Note 1] Dellie wrote me a card Jan 26, which I answered yesterday. He asked Otis to forward a letter written to him. He did so and I have answered that today. We pray for him with all our hearts. In his letter to you he seems to get glimpses of Gods purpose. To wean him from earth to prepare him for usefulness to fit him for heaven - Ambition is necessary to rescue us from indolence and put us upon some Enterprises of moment, like all other qualities of our hearts, tends to pride and selfishness if gratified, and to despair if disappointed. Poor Dellie is suffering from disappointment as well as bereavement.

But O the grave, with the hope in Jesus, which Ralph expressed a week before he died, is so much better than a life of sin! He has escaped temptation, & is forever with the Lord - safe. I was not fit to die at his age but had I been, It seems to me as if death would have been a great gain over life as I have lived it. No sooner do our own ambitions for success begin to die out in the advance of old age, but we begin to be ambitious for our children. Their sins we sorrow over, their hopes we share. It is well so, else our life would be a poor faded leaf in old age. To me Ralph's death seems a blessing to him. To his father it is an irreparable <loss>. We can only say, it was better so than many other ways. Invalidhood, wickedness are both harder for a parent to bear than the death of the child. God may have seen both for Ralph & have taken him away in a mercy to his father and himself.

I sent my card from Dellie to my boys & to Roland Gilmore & will write Louisa. Laura will feel Dellies loss as like her own. I had not heard of the illnesses in Otis family. Am sorry. Will give up going there I think, & if I have to go to N.Y. go by the Boats instead of that new R.R. from Boston to Newbury on which I have a pass. I want Helen to go to Brooklyn with me. Mrs Kearns son aged 18 died about Dec 20, much as Ralph did - the 2d within a year.

I hope that "Car Trust Company", will prove a good investment. I like that better than the mortgage. As your money is deposited you can buy another bond if you wish. I should not make Mr <Hatt> a confident - Arthur is better. Mr. Foster got away as I feared, tho' I sent the money as quick as possible. I suppose the 2\$ less than \$60 was for expressage to Auburn & back & "exchange" making the whole amount \$20.58.

I was about to prepare a notice of Ralph for Advance but will not do so now that you say one is to go in. I do not know his exact age.

Helen & children are well. We had company (17) Tuesday night to tea. Have a good girl. Our company were - Mrs Sewall, son, daughter & husband, Mr & Mrs <Stein>, John Whyte Marshall & daughter, Mr & Mrs R. Brooks and baby, Mr & Mrs Wetherbee, Dr. & Mrs Lanhorn, Mr Bartlett, wife & daughter-in-law. We had a long table in dining room & a square one in the sitting room, with folding doors open - sliced tongue, corned beef & sardines with sliced lemmons, trimmed with our parsley which looks green in the garden under the snow even now. Buiscuit, Bread, cake &c. We invited all but one family who have invited us. I fear some will feel badly who were not invited, but Helen thought this way was best to bring these persons & ourselves together.

She joins me in love to you & Katie. We are so glad to hear such good news of her health & Charles.

Affy RBH

[Note 1: The eldest child of Dellie and Rosa Deane, Ralph Gilmore, died January 24, 1882. He was born May 2, 1867. Rosa had died Sept 25, 1876.]

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**225** 2/15/1882

From: Rowland [B.

Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

**RBH-186** 

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Feb 15th / 82

My dear Mother

I sent Dellies letter to Louisa & got the reply which I enclose. I also asked her if she would sell their old fashioned round table,< turning up> with a seat. Do you remember any in Leeds that I might buy. Helen wants one for the Kitchen.

Charles wrote Feb 6 from Arizona, a little blue at the non-receipt of letters, but well as usual. I dined with Mr Foster & Johnny at Revere House a week ago Monday & last Monday John came in & went to Ministers meeting with me. I took Ella in and left her with Laura, who is very much engrossed with her two patients. Mrs Matilda Turner is there. Helen & I went out at 4 P.M. today & made some calls. The snow has melted & it is wet & muddy off the side-walks. Ella & her mother have gone to the Sale & Fair which continues three nights this week. I will go for them soon.

I had a pleasant letter from Dea. <Gitanch> telling me of the return to Christ of an old backslider, who confessed his sins against me & the church. I had but 23 that stormy Sab. & repeated my Sermon last Sabbath. There is no special religious interest among us, but they are having good meetings at the Baptists with some encouraging results. I want to have extra meetings after my return from Maine, to which I expect to go three days next week to see my three boys & attend to some Advance & other matters. Will not probably go to Leeds or Farmington.

Helen & the children are quite well. Rowlie went over to Mrs Bartletts & staid to tea tonight. He loves to be drawn in his "'lay" - "sleigh". Give my love to Katie & the children. I hope you have sent Charles' address to Dellie. There is not much prospects of Helens going to N.Y. right away, nor of my going at present. Glad to hear through you that Otis family are better. Perhaps Johnny & Harry will visit us this summer.

Mrs Whipple now seems likely to recover. Some others are very sick & cannot live long. We have a good, plodding, steady, reliable girl, & live more at ease from anxiety than ever before, I think. Helen's father felt no better & her Mother often gives up & takes to her bed. Her brother gave her (Mrs Graves) \$100 Christmas & they live on it. John C. Stewart who lived opposite us gave each of his children \$1000. I hope you continue well. I sent to Boston for a box of Cosinoline. It helped a cold I had. Helen joins in love to you Katie & the children.

Affy Rowland

I preached & attended Communion at Pigeon Cove last Sab. besides very hard work.