



A. G. Caproni & Co.

Hotel Royal des Etrangers

Naples, Tues Aug 4. 7.30 <sup>AM</sup> 1889

Darling, I sit with my morning window  
open facing Naples unequalled  
bay with the island of Ischia in  
the smoky distance. Two fishermen  
have fortified a one-legged boat just  
unmoored there. To the left  
& fully in view of the little balcony  
of my room is old Vesuvius, with  
volcanic light than old blue (the  
is 4000 ft) & about on near Naples  
apparently as powder house hill  
and Naples & land around the  
bay to that side under other  
names. A great city of 60,000  
people with lofty bluffs facing it  
near the sea. It covers no more  
face than a porch. but lofty houses  
inhabited by the ridgepole with  
masses of human beings. Lazaroni  
lying around the rubbish, sheets & any  
spot where there is space. children  
who seem to appear with all the  
facilities of kittens & rabbits, with as  
little of the parents. will  
easily fill the circus. Breakfast  
that same morning as home  
started waiting for them  
to come to breakfast

It seems nothing is quite in fashion!  
All the new-fangled more like begin  
on the 7th page! Well, after breakfast  
we went to the other end of the city  
in canoes, 3 in each, to the Museum.  
It is a vast collection of Statuary  
& paintings, collected from Rome  
Capua. Herculaneum & Pompeii.  
The latter place furnishes most things  
of the whole. Vases, Bronzes, Coins, & the  
fruit head, eggs. bas-reliefs & c. in.  
Innumerable. In general these statues  
are made, but many a beautiful  
dropped & all female figures &  
most male figures are partially  
so. Even in the small room con-  
taining certain obscene representations  
that were more disgusting than  
exciting. the instinct of humanity  
even in heathenism seems to have  
had a degree of modesty. In the latter  
room, which contains actual sculpture  
from Pompeii and even are ad-  
mitted. The representations are less  
objectionable in general than those  
consecrated by Anthony Caravaggio  
in America. many being human  
& not mankind in low positions  
It was hot riding shared & am  
& there washed & shaved & am  
ready for table de Hotel which  
means you sit down & state  
what comes  
in small



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quantities for each course. Yesterday the dinner here was the best we had had. It was real ice-water with which 2 hot ginger (essence), a nice fish, some like Halibut (Cusk) Beef cut in slices & served with little carrots turnips cabbages & onions, as big as robins Eggs & lying around the meat. Potatoes (boiled) & chicken slices. There are always chicken a quail. (Yesterday both) the latter in bits of meat. Then there was cake, squab. The almonds are served green, as are the figs. Peaches are getting ripe. We see immense olive orchards but never here them in the form of oil. I must now go to dinner, but I long to have you see this bay, Darling & Tennesse, & especially their extraordinary, Original, unique, incomparable, wonderful & indescribable street scene - which even these bounding school girls seem ashamed to apply their well-known adjectives. Elegant, lovely, beautiful, gorgeous, sweet, pretty, as can be seen. 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 words & pen cannot describe. Just back of us towards the harbor & in the old town is the fish market. Then shell fish of 20 kinds & 2 which I never

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except as shells in collections. But the people. Stout women, mean, scolding, one biting her neighbor. Children by road & 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. All women the color of mahogany. Men more ragged & filthy than you can conceive but happy & smiling - hothouse makers singing at their work. - 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 & being of fashion. Donkeys innumerable with loads innumerable harnessed with horses, oxen, cows & each other - driven by the tail - by rained & by leading. Mules - Old bones of horses in loads with brass enough on their harnesses to found a church bell - boat. I found a Church bell - boat of all kinds, pelnykan, Stear less - the Stear <sup>hand</sup> <sup>boat</sup> of the Kidline of Egypt is here - he having been compelled to resign waiting to make his home somewhere with his harem &c. -) Dinner



# HÔTEL ROYAL DES ÉTRANGERS, NAPLES.



A. G. Caprari & Co. Proprietors.

Aug. 5. 1879. 7. Hills.

At 2.30 p.m. yesterday we rode in  
carriage to the depot. 1 1/2 miles - a  
look the cars 1 1/2 miles across to  
the other side of the bay & of Vesuvius  
to Pompeii & Pompeii about that  
burned city which was buried in  
ashes 1800 years ago this month  
has been in process of restoration  
since 1700. & Pompeii about 7  
Feb. & got through with 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 shrouded  
like old blue - I send up smoke  
like a pile of brush in the garden &  
as night you see almost everywhere  
the shroud of the flame from the  
summit. I was too tired to take  
the trip to the Crater of S. S. S.

Of this I enquired next with a  
guide. It costs 13 1/2 for 2  
De Lours says it may be 20  
smoking when you arrive there as  
to prevent seeing anything - It was  
too bad for her to go alone & the  
looked rather sober when we left  
her last night. Pompeii is a well  
preserved & he elegant. The rooms  
of the one story stone houses seem  
small - the streets are narrow &  
the foremen - 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 had at  
work & excavating - within three  
weeks a palace 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. Most of the houses  
deaths. One room of a house  
had obscene pictures - not seen  
except by request - but in general  
everything is pure & surprising & pre-  
served - When they find a skeleton  
they find some soft mosaic sub-  
stance into the hold round the  
fosses & preserve the attitude of the  
person when he died - we saw  
a number of such - also a dog &  
several other domestic animals  
dressed in white, bangles



se all retain recognizable forms.  
It was a very interesting visit to  
a bye-gone age - and the best  
possible interpretation & illustra-  
tion of historic descriptions &  
poetic allusions. Pompeii was  
a summer resort & many of  
the chief Romans had their  
villas there - the incredible thing  
is that - other enough - even came  
from there not six miles away  
bury it - the matter accounted  
one was by those who saw the  
affair - thing was one & he  
was 18. at the time - I have  
slept in a fair - my legs are  
rain with flea bites half way  
to the knees - that picture of the  
hotel is very good & apt that  
there is an elegant restaurant  
where the game 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 - with floor black furniture  
with a gilt stick & marble top - an  
iron bedstead with a needle &  
mosquito net - the sea rolls  
here & goes - I shall now build  
the place filled up - A miniature  
spring was found in the cellar  
& the water seems good -  
I must drink some before breakfast  
Good Bye Darling.

If the 7<sup>th</sup> does not arrive in  
London - it will be forwarded to  
Liverpool by Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> & I can  
pay Dr Loomis for my Scotland  
trip - I find every day brings its  
sorrows - I hope to find my bag  
(that that bundle) at Herin  
but I have had to replace  
several things & get out of  
collars & shirts &c every man  
I 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 persuaded so in  
in ~~the~~ miles of country in this  
hot weather that I must have  
a clean shirt this still - O  
Darling, God bless & keep you - We  
start for home tomorrow & indeed  
did last night when 15 miles  
south of Naples in both cars north-  
We stop little & sleep in Switzerland  
land & Paris & the days will  
which will show 11 & 12  
in steamer - I may have to stay  
in N.Y. to look for employ want  
a little while to see going back  
there - I suppose they the ~~services~~ of  
us old will wait me the in  
Lyon Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1894



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*From:* [R.B. Howard]

*To:* Darling [Helen Howard]

RBH-176

*Source:* Bowdoin

A.G. Capraini & Co.  
Hotel Royal des  
Etrangers  
Naples

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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 carrots 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.

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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 N. H.

April 2, 1880.

Rev. 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 less 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  
thanks for the effort which you have so bravely  
made, and my thanks again for the personally.

I am, most cordially yours.

Wm R. Jewett.



216 4/2/1880

*From:* Wm. R. Jewett

*To:* Revd. R.B. Howard

RBH-178

Concord N.H.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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



Concord. N. H.

April 23, 1880.

Recd R.B. Howard.

Nur der Broschur:

I enclose ac-  
cording to the request of my Father - Rev.  
H. R. Jewett - Checks & your order  
to the value of \$250.00.

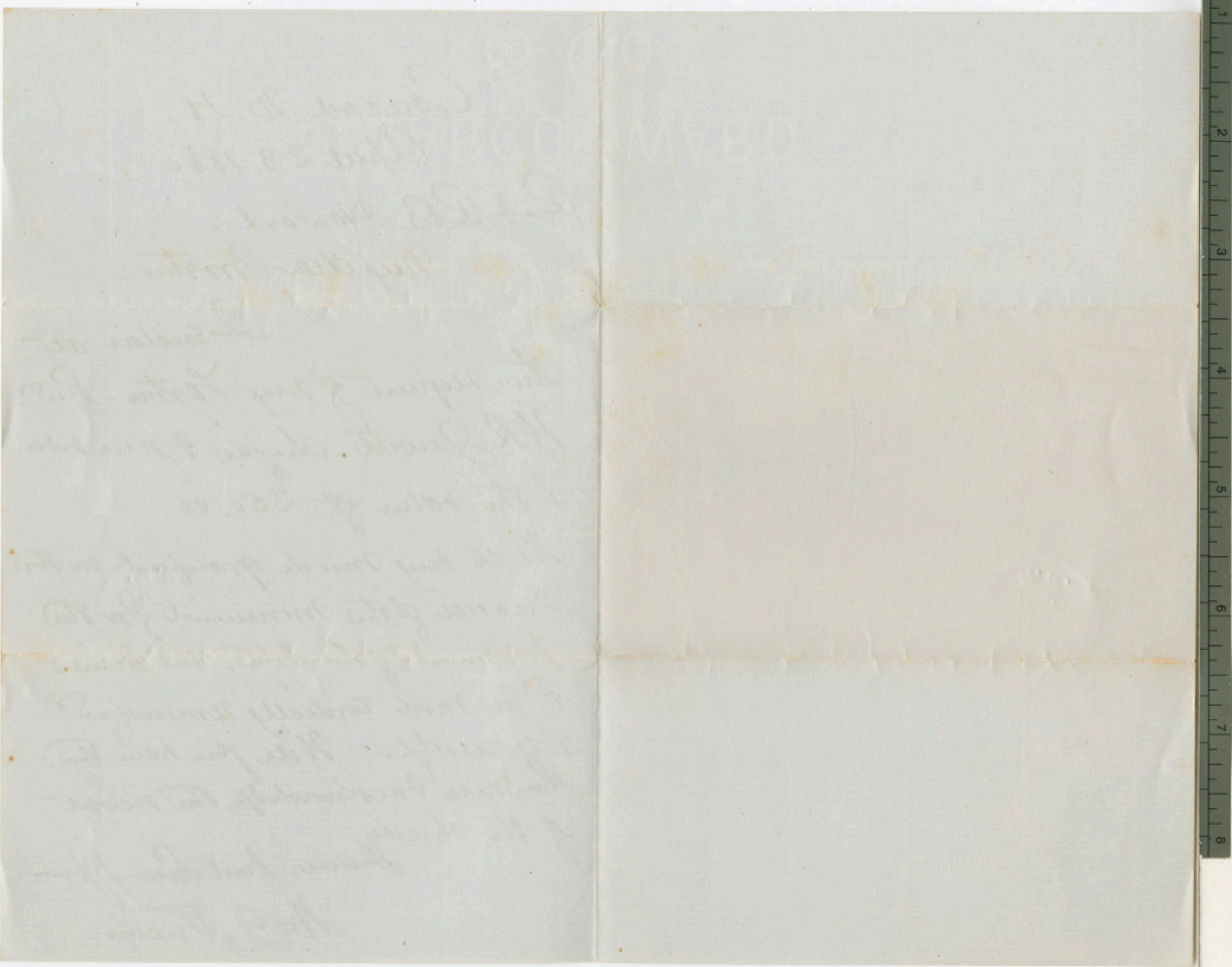
He is very much gratified in the  
success of the movement for the  
payment of the debt, and desires  
to be most cordially remembered  
to yourself. Will you have the  
kindness to acknowledge the receipt  
of the checks.

*Lau. mit Linsengr.*

Mr L. Tucker.

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217 4/23/1880     *From:* Wm J. Tucker

*To:* Revd. R.B. Howard

RBH-179

Concord N.H.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Concord N.H.

April 23, 1880

Revd R.B. Howard

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

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I am, most Sincerely Yours,

Wm. J. Tucker



1856, Roland & Howard.

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. Sem. and  
graduated 1860.
- (3) I was ordained Pastor at  
Farmington N.H. and re-  
mained in that office ten  
years - 1860-70. I was Pastor at  
Princeton Ills. 1870-75 - East  
Orange N.J. 1875-79 - Rockport  
Mass 1880 —

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

Yours friend & former pupil  
W. B. Lawrence



(4) My first marriage was to  
Mary Ellen Parker 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. Jones of Farmington  
Maine Sept. 12. 1873. We  
have two children a daughter  
(4) & an 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.



Rowland B. Howard, Esq.



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218 9/26/1880     *From:* R.B. Howard

*To:* Prof A.S. Packard

RBH-180

Rockport Mass

*Source:* Bowdoin

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

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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



There are thirty a  
municipal loan  
& we do not see  
why they are not  
as good as for 4

Samuel C. May & Co.,

Bankers and Brokers,

No. 12 Lisbon St.

Lewiston, Me.,

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1882

R. B. Howard

Boothport Me.

Dear Sir.

We have grown  
from date.

See Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> have  
20 grown to run. We  
can offer you only  
a few thousand subject  
sale at 105 1/2 Cent. They  
bought the whole loan  
\$15,000. & they are nearly  
all sold. If you wish  
to secure any you would  
do well to telegraph or write  
of this. Yours truly S. C. May & Co.



Received<sup>2</sup> the reply  
which I enclose.  
Mother beautiful.  
I am nearly gone.  
Called on Laura  
in Boston yesterday.  
Met Mrs. Chamber-  
lain. Mrs. Foss Turner's  
sister. wished to see  
me. She is dying  
of Schirron's Stomach.  
He seemed glad to  
have me pay with  
her. Mrs. Matilda Turner  
is recovering from her  
displacement. Kneecap.  
Kellen joins in love  
to all. A few weeks  
of "no give" we have  
one of about 50. - say

Rockport Nov 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 de-  
scribed in the enclosed  
photo.

Thank Mac for his  
good letter. I send  
it to Frank and

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him & used to ~~work~~  
to working out. She  
has a fine repu-  
tation. She will  
not stay long though.  
Our little girl  
got homesick &  
left. I also  
send you Ralph's  
good letter.

At the meetings  
this week. The  
two meetings a  
day & the funeral  
last week were  
too much for me.

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

RBH-181a      Bankers and Brokers,      Rockport Mass  
*Source:* Bowdoin      No. 12 Lisbon St.  
Lewiston, Me      Lewiston, Me

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[LETTERHEAD]  
Samuel E. May & Co.,  
Bankers and Brokers,  
No. 12 Lisbon St.  
Lewiston, Me. Jan 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 ½ & 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.]

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222 1/10/1882     *From:* [RB Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-181b

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[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.



Rockport Jan. 2<sup>d</sup>

Thank you for letter  
with Xmas news  
Mr. Day also wrote  
me. I judge from  
what you say that  
you prefer Charles  
Shmed interest at  
the West. Let me  
know when you  
draw the money -  
The Savings Bank at  
Princeton has closed.  
Mr Reed is said to  
be insane. I think  
Mr Waller will see  
that the farm Bonds  
are paid. The tobacco  
crop is all right.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. S. Gilmore  
Glencoe  
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220 1/2/1882

*From:* [RB Howard]

*To:* Mrs E. Gilmore

RBH-182

Rockport

Glencoe  
Ills.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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

Rockport Mass.

Jan. 24, 1882.

Dear Mother

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Mr Gilman to send you  
money to you as soon  
as I received your  
letter & I hope Mr Foster  
will <sup>be able</sup> to - the investment  
as you suggested. He would  
be a good adviser as to the  
"Can. Ins. 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 day.



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It is 10° below zero. We  
are all quite well. I  
in Boston as usual  
yesterday. The ocean  
foils like a hot &  
the steam & frozen  
particles fill the  
air. We had 8. School  
Teacher to tea last night.

We have a slim, steady  
& elegant 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 weekly printed  
Rockport Review.

Thank Laura for  
his letter. Ella can't

begin to write so well.

I fear he did not apprehend  
the extra effort which  
it cost me to put <sup>my letter</sup> in  
rhyme. People naturally  
practise like his mother  
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 & Ois the College  
Fast Day. Thursday Jan 26.  
They have great temptations  
& both have yielded, but  
are again "trying" to do better.

No news from Ois &  
family since Jan 1. =  
A. J. Rowland

I did not understand your  
figure "150" as to Charles' part  
in the prison off the Glenese Clarion.

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

RBH-183                      Rockport Mass

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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 prvly 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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card <sup>to my sister</sup> to my boys & to  
Roland Gilman & will  
write Louisa. Laura will  
feel sellies loss as like  
her own. I had not  
heard of the illness  
in Otis family. am sorry.  
Will give up going there  
I think, & if I have to  
go to city go by the Boat  
instead of that new R.R.  
from Boston to Newburg  
on which I have a pass.  
I had been to go to  
Brooklyn with me. Mrs  
Stearns <sup>aged 18</sup> died about  
Dec. 20, much as Ralph  
did. the 2<sup>d</sup> within a  
year. I hope that "Our  
First Company" will prove  
a good investment. I  
like that better than the

to hear much good news of her health & of her  
affairs. A.B.P.

Rockport Feb. 2. 1882

Dear Mother

Your letter  
confirms the feeling I had  
that your affliction  
next to sellie, would  
be greatest in Ralph  
also. Sellie wrote me  
a card Jan 26. which  
I answered yesterday. He  
asked that I forward  
letter written to him.  
He did so and I  
have answered that to-  
day. We pray for him  
with all our hearts. In  
his letter to you he seems  
best glimpses of Gods  
purpose. to near him  
from earth - to prepare  
him for usefulness - to  
fit him for heaven.  
Ambition or money



to rescue us from indolence  
and put us upon some  
Enterprise of moment; like  
all other qualities of our  
hearts, leads to pride <sup>and</sup> selfish-  
ness if gratified; and to  
despair if disappointed.  
For sorrow is suffering from  
disappointment as well as  
bereavement.

But O the grave, with <sup>perhaps</sup>  
in Jesus, which <sup>Ralph</sup> he pressed  
a week before he died. is so  
much better than a life  
of sin! He has escaped  
temptation & is forever  
with the Lord. Life = 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. As soon as 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  
gains we sorrow over, their  
losses 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 his father it  
is an irreparable loss. He  
can not say it nor better  
in than many other ways.  
Wealth - Riches, are  
better <sup>to</sup> a parent  
to hear than <sup>the</sup> death of his  
child. God may have  
seen both for Ralph &  
have taken him away in  
mercy to his father and



John Weyte Marshall & daughter.  
 Mr & Mrs R. Brooks and baby.  
 Mr & Mrs Nettaher. 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  
 cloth open. Sliced tongue  
 corned beef & sardines with  
 sliced cucumber. Trimmings  
 with our parsley which looks  
 green in the garden under  
 the snow even now. Briscuit,  
 Bread, cake &c We invited all  
 but one family who have  
 invited us. I fear some will  
 feel badly who were not in-  
 vited, but Helen thought  
 this way was best to bring the  
 persons & ourselves together. She  
 joins me in love to you  
 & Katie. We are so glad

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is deposited you can buy  
another bond if you wish.  
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clerk a confident. Arthur  
is better. Mr. Foster got  
away as I feared. tho.  
I sent <sup>the money</sup> as quick as  
possible. I suppose the  
2<sup>d</sup> less than \$60 now for  
freight to Auburn &  
back & "change" making  
the whole amount \$20.68.

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.

Here a good girl. Our  
company were. Mr. Linnell. son  
daughter & husband. Mr. & Mrs. Allen



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224 2/2/1882

*From:* RBH [RB Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-184

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Rockport Feb 2, 1882

Dear Mother

Your letter confirms the feeling I had that your affliction next to Dellie's would be greatest in Ralph's 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 God's 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 Dellie's 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 confidant - 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 lemons, trimmed with our parsley which looks green in the garden under the snow even now. Biscuit, 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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very much engrossed  
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Farmington. Helen &  
the children are quite  
well. Annie went  
over to Mrs. Bartlett's  
& staid to tea tonight.  
Her long hair drawn in  
his "lag" - "High - Give my  
love to Katie & the children.  
I hope you have sent

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225 2/15/1882     *From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-186

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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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.

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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.