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*Source:* Bowdoin

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She received a paper from Golden, giving particulars of Ralph's death. She would like very much to know where Aunt Eliza is.

Hoping we shall see you here, I am, with kind regards from Mother, to you all,

Yours Truly, S. E. French

[Note 1: Susan Eveline (Ames) French was the daughter of Hon. Oakes Ames and Eveline Gilmore and husband of Henry W French. Eveline Gilmore (1809-1882) was the sister of Capt. John Gilmore, the husband of Eliza (Otis) Gilmore.]

[Note 2: Ralph refers to her cousin Rodelphus Gilmore's son Ralph Gilmore, who died 24 Jan 1882 in Golden, Colorado.]

[Note 3: The reference to the dedication is probably referring to the dedication of the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall in North Easton on November 17, 1881.]

[Note 4: The date was not given on the letter. I have assumed Feb 20, 1882 for the following reasons. This letter must have been written after the paper giving the death of Ralph, Jan 24, 1882, was received by Eveline Ames. Rowland wrote to his mother using the same paper as this letter and was dated Feb 24, 1882.

Source: Bowdoin

[Written on the paper of the previous letter from S. E. French] R. Feb 24 / 82

I wrote to Mrs French & got this reply. I hope to go out to Easton before a great while. I was in Portland, Bruns, & Hallowell this week & spent one night at Bath. Our friends in those places are well as usual. I visited Davids recitation, & spent a night with Otie. I did not go to Leeds, or Farmington. Mrs. Graves has to go to bed a good deal. Her husband grows more feeble & troublesome. If I had some one here Helen should go home again for a month. Ella went as far as Portland with me & greatly enjoyed her visit to Frank & Maria.

We will not go to N.Y. right away. Otis writes that his family are well except Lizzie who has many aches & pains and is quite depressed. He will write the Advance about Mr Blaine's eulogy next Monday.

I saw Mrs D.F. Lathrop at Portland Depot on her way home from Limerick. She was well & sent her love to you. I had no time for news. Rowlie has a bad cold - so had Frank. Laura is still at her nursing. She gets \$2.50 per week and is quite restive under her hard work.

We had but little <snow>, but the highest tide since 1853 this last week.

Camp Meeting John Allen is visiting us. He is 87, thin, but well & vigorous in mind. Capt John Patten is 93 & has just lost his only son. He is well and appears as a Christian should.

With love to Katie & the children.

Yr. Aff Son Rowland

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**Brunswick Maine** 

Source: Bowdoin

Brunswick Maine Mar 13, 1882

Dear Mother

You will probably have received my card announcing the death of our dear Mrs. Patten [Elizabeth (Hunter) Patten, d. 12 Mar 1882]. She was very happy even in her feebleness, to try to do something for David [her grandson, David Patten Howard], hiring a set of rooms which he occupied with her. She took her dinners in the other part of the house and he his meals at his Club. She seemed not so well last Sunday & rapidly grew worse with symptoms of Pneumonia on Wednesday. Lizzie [Hannah Elizabeth (Patten) Rogers] came Thursday & staid. I reached here at midnight Saturday. She was very nervous and weak at 9 A.M., when I first saw her. We had a long talk. Her mind was full of all spiritual and unworldly thoughts text of scripture on which experience and the Spirit had thrown new light, and ardent desires for the salvation of her friends. One of her last acts was to request us to have prayers which we did in her room. She repeated this verse -

Jesus, Thy blood & righteousness My beauty are, and glorious dress; Midst flaming worlds, with these arrayed With joy I shall lift up my head.

She had experienced the truth of the text - "Be anxious for nothing" &c. She had dreams and visions of glory. "O isn't it strange" she often said, with a smile, "that this poor vile body will so soon burst into such glorious beauty!" Lizzie is well as usual but by no means strong & greatly exhausted. When she thinks of it, she feels very lonely being the last of the dear happy household, which I so learned to love. David appears well. It has broken up all his plans & plunged him in great sorrow. Mrs Pattens income was about 1000\$. She was going to use it to support herself & David till he got through College.

Capt Patten left his property which is in 16ths of two or three vessels, the Bath house that rents for \$400, and some of the Androscoggin R.R., Stock which pays interest to his children or their heirs. Mrs Patten had a life use of the income. It will now be divided between Lizzie & my children. Of the latter I suppose I shall be guardian. That coming to my children will be divided by three & the income of his part can be used for David. Of course it will be small - perhaps 200\$ a year, but it will help pay his expenses.

[see Note 1] The funeral will be at Bath Wednesday at 10.30 A.M. at Uncle Lincolns. Helen will not come. Otie will be here.

In haste with love to Katie & children. Rowland

[Note 1: The remainder of this letter was in a fragment RBH-319. It belongs here as the closing for the following reasons. The reference to Uncle Lincoln (Patten) probably means that the funeral was someone in the Patten family. The mother of Rowland's first wife was Elizabeth (Hunter) Patten who died Sunday, Mar 12, 1882. A funeral on Wednesday, Mar 15 would have been reasonable. The reference to Katie probably means that the letter was written to his mother, Eliza Gilmore, who was staying with Charles in Glencoe at the time of Elizabeth Patten's death. Thus the note was written between Mar 12 and 15, agreeing with this letter of Mar 13 to Eliza Gilmore.]

[Note 2: Helen is Rowland's second wife, Helen Graves. Otie is referring to Oliver Otis Howard Jr, born Feb 14, 1865.

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#### 230 3/22/1882 *From:* R.B.H. [Howard]

**RBH-189** 

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe, Ills Care of C.H. Howard Cook Co.

Rockport Mar 22/82

Sorry not to hear what you think about giving 10\$ for Otis picture in History of Bowd. Coll. Hear you are sick. Have written Dellie & Charles for 10\$ each. Glad Dellie has moved to Denver. His family is small & inexpensive now & he will have but one child to educate. Got good letter from Chas dated Mar 11. He was perfectly well. I have a bad cold & throat. Helen joins me in love to you & Katie.

Oscar Turner died of Pneumonia, Mar. 14. [Oscar Turner was the husband of Rowland's cousin Rozilia Augusta Howard.]

Affy R.B.H.

Our children are well. Helen has had nearly all her teeth out & eats with trouble.

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD] Mrs Eliza Gilmore Glencoe, Ills Care of C.H. Howard Cook Co. [Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS. MAR 23

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# 231 3/28/1882From:Rowland [B.<br/>Howard]To:Dear Mother [Eliza<br/>Gilmore]RBH-190RockportSource:Bowdoin

Rockport Mar 28/82

Dear Mother

Your postal card came this morning & relieved my fears somewhat, but we were very sorry to hear of Neuralgia troubling you and of Katies illness. I trust this will find you fully recovered. I will send the 43\$ for Otis picture to the Committee when due, the last of April, and you can send the 10\$ to me at your convenience. David writes today that as his vacation is but a week he may not come home but stay at his Aunt's in Portland. I will be disappointed but it will save expense in travel. We have had a very unpleasant month, but the sun is out & I already feel better & hope to be all right before another Sabbath. Rowlie & Ella are also getting better of their colds.

Sarah called to see Laura in Boston. She gave her a shawl.

Mr Foss sold 70\$ worth of standing wood for Laura this winter or rather collected 70\$ for her including 14\$ for rent. She gets \$2.50 a week beside her board, so she is pretty well off. I suppose she has made a will, giving the farm to John's children. If I were able I would like to own it. Charles has had an offer for part of his Florida land, so he wrote me. I hope to go down & see it some time when it is pleasant to escape the East Winds.

I have not heard from Mrs. [Eveline] Ames since the note I sent you from Mrs French [Susan Eveline (Ames) French, daughter of Eveline Ames]. I do not know what Oscar Turner's wife will do, but suppose she will go to Philadelphia to her sisters.

Helen sends her love to you & Katie. She has only a girl <> but expects one next week. A woman comes in to wash and iron.

Our old friend, Dea. Dodd of East Orange, has married a widow in Attica N.Y. That is all we know about it.

Mrs Patten's obituary was left out of last weeks Advance greatly to our disappointment. Laura has not mentioned the lettering of Grandfathers monument to me. I suppose she expects to come here for a kind of a home when she is released from her care in Boston. Mrs Thomas Turners sister, Mrs Chamberlain who rents the house is very near her end. She has a nurse now & Laura is chiefly employed caring for an insane woman who was placed under Mrs Chamberlains care.

I hope we shall see you here again this Summer.

Your aff Son Rowland

#### HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT,

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,

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#### 232 4/11/1882 From: O.O.H. [OO Howard]

## *To:* My dear Brother [RB Howard]

RBH-192 HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY West Point, N.Y.

[LETTERHEAD] HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY West Point, N.Y.

Apr. 11 1882

My dear Brother,

I enclose you the \$10 but it hurts. I am working very hard as you are to make both ends meet. I went to Newburgh & had this picture taken. They wrote me to try again. I declined. Had I known it would have cost you & the rest anything I should have said no. There are too many pictures of me any-way.

The Academy Bill went thro the House, was amended in the Senate & went back to the House. Since then it waits. I had the most important items which the House struck out restored in the Senate - i.e. Senator Hale &c did it. I enclose you corrected copy of the Tribune report of Chancellorsville &c.

Pity that "seminary" shd. have been put for Cemetery! I did not even have what the short-hand man wrote down read over to me.

Major S.N. Clark read this proof. I wrote recalling this article as it was delayed so long, but it was too late for recall.

It is good enough to show that one "braced up" & is not afraid.

Longfellow showed great wisdom in not answering his foes. We could if we had genius enough, could'nt we?

Your Aff. Brother O.O.H.

Love to family, Laura & all. We are very well.

For portrait in Bowd. Coll. History

Eastern Office of the Advance No. 6 Congl. House Boston. Rev. R. B. Howard. Eastern Editor.

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### **233** 4/22/1882 *From:*

From: Rowland [B. Howard] Rockport

## To: Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

**RBH-191** 

Source: Bowdoin

[Letterhead] Eastern Office of the Advance No. 6 Congl. House Boston Rev. R. B. Howard Eastern Editor.

Rockport Apr 22/82

Dear Mother

Glad to get yrs of the 16th on my return. I am well but very tired. Had a pleasant time in Washington.

I hear from Bangor that Mrs F [Catherine (McGaw) Foster, Katherine Foster Howard's mother] started the 19 to meet Katie & from Arthur that Katie is on her way.

I now feel anxious for you & wish you were with us. Helen will go to Farmington soon - her father is no better. David was at home 8 days - went back last Monday. He rooms at Mrs Shofields, Willies mother, & pays 1\$ a week. Otie is still at home. He is well & will write you. I do not know what he will do. Rowlie has been sick & neither he Ella or Helen are at all well. We have a cold backward Spring.

I send 20\$ for my Obligation. Please endorse 30\$ on it & I will pay you 10\$ for Otis picture in the history of Bowdoin College.

Sorry you keep yourself so short of money by investments. Glad to have you give liberally for Christs cause every way. Hope Charles will be home soon. When will you come on? I suppose I will go to N.Y. about May 10th. Wish I could get to Easton. I thought I had written you often. Pardon seeming neglect. Helen has trouble with eyes & teeth & just now has no girl. She expects one soon.

All goes well in the church as you may see in Mass. items in Advance occasionally. You will see there about my Washington visit. Helen & Otis & the children send love.

After the peach & plum blossoms of Washington it seems late & cold here.

I did not see the Lewiston Journal with notice of Oscar &c. Please sent it to me if you have it. I have other numbers.

Love to the children.

Yr aff son Rowland