

Dear Sir

Mother

I was in N. York Saturday at
 12 o'clock on the way to the
 rich. The two weeks I spent there
 were I had no time for me.
 Gentle has a bad cold - he has
 Laura is still at the nursing. He gets
 \$250 per week and is quite healthy.
 Under her hand work - he has been
 given, but the highest rate since 1853
 this last week. Laura's meeting
 often is visiting me. He is 57. When
 well & vigorous in mind & body
 He is 93, & has just got his
 He is well and appears as a Christian
 He is 93, & has just got his
 He is 93, & has just got his

Feb 24/82
I wrote to Mrs French & got this reply -
I hope to go out to Eastern before a sister who
I was in Portland, Mrs. by Hallenwell
this week I spent one night at Bath.
Our friends at those places are well as
usual. I visited David's recitations & spent
a night with Alice. I did not go to Leeds
or joining with Mrs. French but to go to see a
good friend. Her husband gave me
a letter & told me. I had some
trouble & had to go home again
from Melton. Ella went as far as
York with me & greatly enjoyed
the visit to Graham's house.

your name, with several others -
She intended writing to ask you
to spend the night with us, but she
was very unwell at the time, and
having much to occupy her mind
she neglected doing so. She often
speaks of it with deep regret -
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
J. C. French.

226 2/20/1882 *From:* S. E. French

To: Mr [RB] Howard

RBH-187a

Source: Bowdoin

Mr Howard
Dear Sir

Mother has been confined to her bed for several weeks, but so far, has been able to receive two or three callers every day, and would be delighted to see you. I do not know how your trains run to Rockport but we have a train which returns to Boston at 12 M, another at 5 o'clock P.M. I hope one of them will accommodate you. Mother regrets so very much that you did not receive an invitation to the dedication. She put your name on the list but the clerk who sent off the invitations, omitted your name, with several others. She intended writing to ask you to spend the night with us, but she was very unwell at the time, and having much to occupy her mind she neglected doing so. She often speaks of it with deep regret.

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.

227 2/24/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]
RBH-187b R[ockport]

To: [Eliza Gilmore]

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

to use it to support
himself & David will be
got through college. Capt
Patten left his property
which is in 16 ^{1/2} of two
or three vessels - the Wash
house that rents for \$400 -
and some of the Andros.
Coggin R.R. Stock which
pays interest - to his
children or their heirs.
Mr 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
\$2000 a year, but it
will help pay his expenses.

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Brunswick Maine
Nov. 13. 1882
Dear Mother
You will
probably have received
my card announcing the
death of our dear Mr
Patten. He was very
happy even in his feeble-
ness, to try to do something
for David. Giving a set
of rooms which he
occupied with her - she
took her dinner in the
other part of the house and
he his meals at his
club. He seemed not
so well last Sunday &
rapidly grew worse with
symptoms of Pneumonia
on Wednesday. Lizzie came
Thursday & died. 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
lots 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
thy beauty are and glorious dress.
And flaming words 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
dreaded and missed of
glory. "O isn't it strange
she often said, with
a smile, that this poor
little body will so soon
burst into such glorious
beauty! Lizzie is well
as usual but by no
means strong & greatly dis-
hearted. When she thinks
of it, she feels very lonely
being the last of the dear
happy household, which I
so loved to love. David
appears well. It has broken
up all his plans & plunged
him in great sorrow. Mrs
Patterson's income was about
10000. She was going to

229 3/13/1882 *From:* [R.B. Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-188

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 Patten's 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.

Rockport Aug 22/82
Sorry not to hear what
you think about giving
10¢ for Old picture
in History of Bond
Coll. from you. ^{are}
Rich. Have written
Selle & Chiles for
10¢ each. Glad Selle
has moved to Denver.
His family is small
& inexpensive now &
he will have but one
child to educate - Got
good letter from Chas. &
stated Nov. 11. He was
perfectly well & then
a bad cold & throat.
Helen joins mine in
love to you & Katie.
Oscar Sumner died of pneu-
monia, Nov. 14. ^{see the}
N.B. H.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Ms Eliza Gilman
Care of E. H. Thompson Glencoe
Cork Co Ill

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

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

RBH-189

Rockport

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

Source: Bowdoin

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

Mr. Fatten's obituary was
left over of last week
advance greatly to our
disappointment. Laura
has not mentioned the
lettering of grandfather
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. Mr. Thomas
James 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. Chamberlain care.
I hope we shall see you
here again this summer.
Yours aff. Son.
Rowland

Rockport Nov 28/82

Dear Mother

Your postcard came this morning & relieved
my fears somewhat. But
it was very sorry to hear
of rheumatism troubling you
and of Katie's illness. I
trust this will find you fully
recovered. I will send the
43¢ for Olis picture to the
Committee when due. The
last of April - and you
can send the 10¢ to me
at your convenience. David
wrote 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

some expense in travel. we
have had a very unpleasant
autumn, but the sun
is out & I already feel
better & hope to be all
right before another frost.
Rivie & Ella are also
getting better of their colds.
Sarah called to see
Laura in Boston. She gave
her a shawl.

An hour and 70¢ worth
of standing word for
Laura this winter or
rather collected 70¢ for
her including 14¢ for
rent. She gets \$2.30 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. Ames
since the note I sent
you from Mrs. French. I
do not know what Oscar
Turner's wife will do, but
suppose she will go to Phila-
delphia to her sisters. Helen
wrote her love to you & Katie.
She has had a girl off
but expects one next week.
A woman comes in
to wash and iron. Our old
friend, Sen Dodd of East
Orange, has married a
widow in Utica N.Y. That
is all we know about it.

231 3/28/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-190

Rockport

Source: 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,

West Point, N. Y., Apr. 11 1884

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 the
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 anyway.

The Century Bile met 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 & .. did it. I enclose you

for portrait in Bond Coll. History

corrected copy of the Tribune
report of Channell's death re.

Billy ~~that~~ "Seminary" Shs.
have been put for Cemetery!

I did not even know what
the short-hand man wrote down
and over to me.

Major S. N. Clark sent his
proof. I wrote recalling the
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.

Sangfellow showed great wisdom
in not answering his foes. We could
if we had genius enough, couldn't
we?

Yours aff. brother
O. D. H.

Love to family, Laura & all
We are very well

232 4/11/1882 *From:* O.O.H. [OO Howard] *To:* My dear Brother [RB Howard]

RBH-192

Source: Bowdoin

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.

Rockport Apr. 22/82

~~Boston~~

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Dear Mother

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

I hear from Bangor
that Mr. A. started the
19th to visit Katie &
from Astoria that
Katie is on her way.

I now feel anxious
for you & wish you
were with us. Helen
will go to Farmington

room - Her father is no
better - David was at
home 8 days. went back
last Monday - He rooms
at Mr. Shopie's. Mother & pay \$18 a
week. Otis is still
at home. He is well
& will visit you. I do
not know what he will
do. Rattie has been
sick & neither he Ellen
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 bio-
tory of Bowdoin College

Sorry you keep yourself
so short of money by

8
investments. Glad to
have you give liberally
for Christ's 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. Will I
ever get to Easton.
I thought I had written
you often. Pardon remain-
ing neglect. Helen
has trouble with
eyes & teeth & just
now has no girl.
The 4 photos are soon.
All goes well in
the church as you
may see in these items
in advance occasionally.
You will see there
about my Washington.

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

Boston,

188

Visit Helen & Olin &
the children send love.

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

I did not see
the Leviston Journal
with notice of Oscar
& C. - Please send it
to me if you have
it. - I have other
numbers. Love to
the children.

Yr. aff. son
Richard

233 4/22/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-191

Rockport

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