

Rockport June 9/82

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is at work in printing  
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next to the highest in  
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very well. I have a good  
keeper. Mrs. Dr.  
Waskell is in Chicago  
visiting a nephew. I do  
not know her address.  
She wanted to go out  
to see you. If she does  
why can't you come on  
with her & her brother  
Pulford

POSTAL CARD



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE

Mr E. Gilman  
Glencoe  
Ills

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234 6/9/1882

*From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Mrs E. Gilmore

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Rockport

Glencoe  
Ills.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Rockport June 9/82

Glad Charles could have a Sunday with you. Helens father is no better but her mother is slowly recovering. A nurse comes next week & Helen hopes to come home for a while at least. Otis is at work in printing office here. Frank is next to the highest in his school. David is very well. I have a good house-keeper. Mrs Dr. Haskell is in Chicago visiting a nephew. I do not know her address. She wanted to go out to see you. If she does why can't you come on with her & her brother.

Affy  
Rowland

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD]  
[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JUN 9  
Mrs E. Gilmore  
Glencoe  
Ills.

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

Dear Mother  
I attended to some private business in Portland - & ran after Helen & Jim

your minister -  
Frank is  
went to  
the highest  
real  
in  
School  
Lizzie  
as well as  
usual i.e.  
not very  
well -  
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Rockport  
Boston, June 17

1882

I attended to some private business in Portland - & ran after Helen & Jim

I was glad to hear from you by letter last evening in my return from Maine - Please sign this Receipt & return it to me & I will get your Div. & send you check for it. Glad to hear that you are so comfortable in health - I do not know Mrs. Haskell's address - It was a very great thing in her own retirement to go to Chicago - Helen & the children run on well as usual - Her father no better - Creeps



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235 6/17/1882 *From:* R. [B. Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-194a

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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

Rockport, June 17, 1882

Dear Mother

I was glad to hear from you by letter last evening on my return from Maine. Please sign this Receipt & return it to me & I will get your Div. & send you check for it. Glad to hear that you are so comfortable in health. I do not know Mrs Haskell's address. It was a very great thing <on her own inclination> to go to Chicago. Helen & the children now as well as usual. Her father no better - creeps about some with his canes - neither eats or sleeps & has to be watched like a child. Her mothers cough is some better but she looks very badly. The nurse Helen engaged was taken sick & cannot come till next week so H. could not come home. We hope Mr Beale (Uncle) will help us pay her.

We got a woman to stay one day & took Rowlie & rode 10 miles to Industry to Co. Conference. You know how pleasant the hills of Maine are in June. We also had one other ride in F. with the children. Ella goes to school every day, looks pale & is nervous. I got there

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I attended to some Probate business in Portland & saw Mr Gilman a few minutes. Frank is next to the highest seat in school. Lizzie is as well as usual, i.e. not very well.

R.

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

Rockport June 22/82

Boston,

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Dear mother

I was glad  
to get your good long  
letter & the Receipt. I  
will write Mr Gilman  
to send you a draft  
for 228\$ less the  
change.

The loss of 40\$ a  
month by Mr West  
notification that he  
does not wish me  
longer on the Advance  
puts it out of my  
power to send you  
any money tonight.

I will do so however  
as soon as I can.

I suppose you endor-  
sed the 30<sup>th</sup> on the  
obligation - I cannot  
understand why with  
your income you are  
so short of money. I  
would see the principal  
if I needed it or ~~it~~  
~~needed~~ if you would  
enjoy giving it to any  
good object.

Charles writes that he  
is recovering after a  
weeks sickness at Seaside.  
He seems to think he  
will get out of the  
Advance pretty well  
if next pop up. But  
he will miss his  
\$3000 salary as I do  
my \$500. You know I have

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Eastern Editor.

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year from Fisco's  
people & the Missionary  
Society. I shall attend  
prayer meetings. Much  
Boston, 188

over there once a Sab. and  
hire some one to help  
me when I must. I  
wish Otis & David had  
the heart to help in  
such work & I could keep  
a horse. I am sorry  
to hear that you cannot  
come to see us this  
Summer. In Robert's case  
it is a question of tender  
care and humanity & perma-  
nent invalidity. We  
shall send our book  
to Arthur at Brimfield  
Mass. next Monday. I  
do not know what your

to Arthur  
present, is, but am glad you  
will have something to give -  
As to repairs on the Leeds  
Church I shall give some-  
thing & hope you will. Laura  
has not mentioned it at  
all - She goes to Leeds next  
Wednesday & will help Theresa  
care for Uncle Frank. She  
will go via Bath. I saw  
her today in Boston. David  
will come home a week  
before Commencement, <sup>July 15<sup>th</sup></sup> &  
advertised for scholars for  
Evins basis here. But one  
has offered yet. Write me  
some time how much  
you are giving Jamie if  
you have no objection - I  
suppose that is what keeps  
you feeling poor. Charles  
thinks Nellie's wife cannot  
recover - says Nellie's business  
is good.

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236 6/22/1882 *From:* [R. B. Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-194b

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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

Rockport, June 22/82

Dear Mother

I was glad to get your good long letter & the Receipt. I will write Mr Gilman to send you a draft for 228\$ less the exchange.

The loss of 40\$ a month by Mr West notification that he does not wish me longer on the Advance puts it out of my power to send you any money tonight. I will do so however as soon as I can. I suppose you endorsed the 30\$ on the obligation. I cannot understand why with your income you are so short of money. I would use the principal if I needed it or if you would enjoy giving it to any good object.

Charles writes that he is recovering after a weeks sickness at Dellies. He seems to think he will get out of the Advance pretty well if West pays up. But he will miss his \$3000 salary as I do my \$500. You know I have

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year from Pigeon Cove people & the Miss Society. I shall attend prayer meetings, preach over there once a Sab. And hire some one to help me when I must. I wish Otis & David had the heart to help in such work & I could keep a horse.

I am sorry to hear that you cannot come to see us this Summer. In Katies case it is a question of tender care and insanity & permanent invalhood. We shall send our book to Arthur at Brimfield, Mass. Next Monday.

I do not know what your present to Arthur is, but am glad you will have something to give - <if> <to> repairs on the Leeds Church. I shall give something & I hope you will. Laura has not mentioned it at all. She goes to Leeds next Wednesday & will help Theresa care for Uncle Frank. She will go via Bath. I saw her today in Boston. David will come home a week before Commencement, July 15. I advertised for scholars for him here. But one has offered yet. Write me some time how much you are giving Jamie if you have no objection. I suppose that is what keeps you feeling poor. Charles thinks Dellies wife cannot recover - says Dellie's business is good

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cannot come - I never  
with so much interest  
in my home as at  
Rockport - but may have  
to leave it any time. It  
is now rented but a  
journey & I feel that  
my improvements will  
help some poor min-  
ister who may follow  
me. I had that chamber  
set in the spare room  
painted & two lounges  
recovered this spring. My  
father's easy day chamber  
set is in Helen's room  
& her father set (green  
plush somewhat worn  
& covered with cotton)  
in the sitting room. I  
have naked in the garden  
vine the usual and  
it looks quite well. I

Boston July 3. 1882

Dear Mother I was so completely  
exhausted after yesterday's  
services, Communion and  
all that I fear I will  
not be able to carry through  
my two Church programs -  
I seemed to be weak, numb  
& dizzy after I was thro:

I hope to see Helen & the  
children today. She is so  
very good & kind to rub  
me & not find fault  
when I am nervous &  
exhausted even if I have  
not preached very well,  
that I have missed  
her these ten weeks very  
much.

I called on Arthur &  
wife at River House today.  
She is very pleasant & will

be a great addition to  
your Glencoe Circle.  
They will not go West  
for a week. Mrs. Sunday  
are to be at home for  
next Sat. I hear I  
could not go to the  
wedding, no time - no  
money - no clothes! my  
black ones are very shabby.  
I hope for a new  
suit next fall. Three  
joined the church yesterday  
(Ladies). I could not  
understand from your  
letter whether you owe  
Charles & Charles over  
you a note for \$400.  
I lunched with Frank  
Gittman at the Bank.  
I suppose my Frank  
may come with his

Mother. Laura was to  
be in Salt Friday. I  
hope to hear from Uncle  
Frank through her. He  
suffers very much. No  
news from Charles since  
he left Denver. The  
Advance <sup>business</sup> papers were  
all changed - the transfer  
made & the money <sup>note</sup> paid Saturday. I may  
correspond occasionally  
but my official commu-  
nication, if it comes today -  
I suppose Mr. Gilman  
sent you the Portland  
Dividend direct as I  
asked him to do - David  
will be home next week.  
I think our house from  
being empty will be  
full - I am sorry you

I covered the drain that  
you may remember  
and put a high lattice  
with fencing lattice ac-  
ross the foot of the  
Garden. I hid some un-  
right things beyond - I  
put <sup>with</sup> the current bushes  
from the wall & set  
them in the center in  
two rows & put up new  
trellises for the grapes. I  
have pole & low beans. lettuce  
radishes, beets, sage. cucum-  
bers &c growing well - Frank  
Howard is at the head of  
his school looking one - David  
is doing very nicely except  
in Mathematics in  
which he stands high -  
We hope to enjoy our  
4<sup>th</sup> year quietly together - Helen

may have to go back  
any day - hardly dared  
come / away - her son  
father is so low =

Mr Arthur Day spoke  
gratefully of your  
present & your note  
to them -

They go back to Birmingham  
today - Mr & Mrs Foster  
went to N.Y. Sat. &  
will sail July 31  
in the Britannia -

If you were a little  
younger I would ask  
you to take me to  
Europe with  
you!

Your Son

Reverend

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237 7/3/1882

*From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-195

Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Boston July 3, 1882

Dear Mother

I was so completely exhausted after yesterdays services - communion and all - that I fear I will not be able to carry through my two Church programs. I seemed to be weak, numb & dizzy after I was thro. I hope to see Helen & the children today. She is so very good & kind to rub me & not find fault when I am nervously exhausted even if I have not preached very well, that I have missed her these ten weeks very much.

I called on Arthur & wife at Revere House today. She is very pleasant & will be a great addition to your Glencoe circle. They will not go west for a week. Mr & Mrs Day are to be at home for next Sab. I hear. I could not go to the wedding [see Note], no time, no money, no clothes! My black ones are very shabby. I hope for a new suit next fall. Three joined the church yesterday (ladies).

I could not understand from your letter, whether you owe Charles or Charles owes you a note for \$1400.

I lunched with Frank Gilman at the Bank. I suppose my Frank may come with his Mother. Laura was to be in Leeds Friday. I hope to hear from Uncle Frank [Benjamin Franklin Howard] through her. He suffers very much. No news from Charles since he left Denver.

The Advance business papers were all exchanged - the transfer made & the money & notes paid Saturday. I may correspond occasionally but my official connection, pay & c cease today.

I suppose Mr Gilman sent you the Portland Dividend direct as I asked him to do. David will be home next week I think & our house from being empty will be full. I am sorry you cannot come. I never took so much interest in any home as at Rockport, but may have to leave it any time. It is not rented but a parsonage & I feel that my improvements will help some poor minister who may follow me. I had that chamber set in the spare room painted & two lounges recovered this Spring. Mrs Pattens every day chamber set is in Helens room & her parlor set (green plush, somewhat worn & covered with cotton) in the sitting room. I have worked in the garden more than usual and it looks quite well. I covered the drain that you may remember and put a high lattice work fence of laths across the foot of the garden to hide some unsightly things beyond. I took the current bushes from the wall & set them in the center in two rows & put up new trellises for the grapes. I have pole & low beans, lettuce, radishes, beets, sage, cucumbers & c growing well.

Frank Howard is at the head of his school lacking one. David is doing, only fairly except in Mathematics in which he stands high. We hope to enjoy our 4th quietly together. Helen may have to go back any day - hardly dared come away - her poor father is so low.

Mrs Arthur Day spoke gratefully of your present & your note to them. They go back go Brimfield today. Mr & Mrs Foster went to N.Y. Sat. & will sail July 5 in the Bothnia.

If you were a little younger I would ask you to take me to Europe with you!

Yr aff Son  
Rowland

[Note: Arthur Day was the first cousin of Charles' wife, Katherine Foster Howard. He was married to Sarah Hubbard on 29 June 1882 in Brimfield, Mass.]

Rockport July 4/82

Heelen & children met  
me all right at Salem  
last evening. They seem  
to be pleased to get home  
after 10 weeks as we  
were to have them. Old  
is out riding in a  
boat beating a drum  
with a Calcuttumpian  
Band & processing  
"horribles". Your  
second letter came  
last evening. Glad to  
hear again of you.  
Just Charles continues  
to improve Heelen joins  
my love to you. It  
is very much after  
a needed & glorious  
rain. Rowland

For the first time since  
"moments"

The new tower such in our hearts

POSTAL CARD.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr Eliza Gilmore  
Glencoe  
Ct. Me.

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238 7/4/1882

*From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

RBH-196

Rockport

Glencoe

Ills.

Cook Co.

*Source:* Bowdoin

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Rockport July 4/82

Helen & children met me all right at Salem last evening. They seem as pleased to get home after 10 weeks as we are to have them. Otis is out riding in a boat beating a drum with a Calathumpian Band & <practicing> "Horribles."

Your second letter came last evening. Glad to hear again so soon. I trust Charles continues to improve. Helen joins me love to you. It is lovely weather after a needed & copious rain.

Rowland

The new town clock in our steeple struck for the first time this morning.

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD]

[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JUL 4

Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe

Ills.

Cook Co.

Rockport July 5/82

Helen's father died  
this A.M. & we  
go at 5 P.M.

Leve Ella in Port-  
land. Helen was  
home but his dog.

He left a good nurse.

Whether she returns  
with me I will

depend on her

mother's state of  
health. We

had a pleasant

7<sup>th</sup> — All well.

Rowland



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Mrs Eliza Gilman  
Glencoe  
Cahoon Mass.

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239 7/5/1882

*From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

RBH-197

Rockport

Glencoe

Ills.

*Source:* Bowdoin

Cook Co.

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Rockport July 5/82

Helens father died this A.M. & we go at 5 P.M. Leave Ella in Portland. Helen was home but two days. She left a good nurse. Whether she returns with me Sat will depend on her mothers state of health.

We had a pleasant 4th. All well.

Rowland

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD]

[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JUL 5

Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe

Ills.

Cook Co.



Laura is with Uncle Frank - he is more comfortable -

of Summer hunt to yesterday. The protest in Boston of the Season. but am better today. My Doctors Class has an out-of-door meeting in our yard at 6-30. Helen is well but tired out. Otis is still at work in Printing Office but has worked 25 days at 1.75 a day & bought a suit at 20.75.

Charles wrote me from Abbeysville. He will have to put up with his slight by just to make the best of it - I am afraid I will have to wait a long time for my <sup>last</sup> months pay. All well - Helen joins in love in haste  
attd. - Edmund.

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240 7/12/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

RBH-198

Rockport

*Source:* Bowdoin

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[LETTERHEAD]

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

Rockport July 12 1882

Dear Mother

Your letter explaining Charles note made the matter plain.

Helen & I Rowlie went to Farmington July 6, attended Mr Graves funeral the 7 & returned home Sat. night, 8th, leaving Ella for a visit in Portland. David came yesterday & will commence hearing recitations of a few scholars Monday. Frank will come with Ella by & by.

I had an attack of Summer trouble yesterday, the hottest in Boston of the Season, but am better today. My Pastors Class has an out-of-door meeting in our yard at 6.30. Helen is well but tired out. Otis is still at work in Printing Office here - has worked 25 days at 1\$ a day & bought a suit at 20\$.

Charles wrote me from Albuquerque. He will have to put up with his slight by West & make the best of it. I am afraid I will have to wait a long time for my last months pay.

All well. Helen joins in love. In haste

Affy  
Rowland

They pay me 5\$ a Sab. at Pigeon Cove & the Miss. Society will add something by & bye. David's rank at College was 8.4 in a scale of 10. He's now a Sophomore. Laura is with Uncle Frank. He is more comfortable.

Rockport July 21/82  
I see by the paper that  
Mrs. ~~Chen~~<sup>Ames</sup> died Wed.  
Wednesday is to be buried  
Sat. I can go & get  
back Sat. at 11. Tell  
which is for prepara-  
tion for three sermons  
on Sat. I shall go be-  
cause I think you  
would like to have  
me represent your  
family. We certainly  
love her, if no one  
she has left behind -  
I send notice to  
children all home!  
All well. S. S. die Nic  
yesterday. Helen joins  
me in love -  
Portland.

POSTAL CARD.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Ms Eliza Gilman  
Glencoe  
Cook Co Ill

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241 7/21/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.  
Howard]

RBH-199

*Source:* Bowdoin

Rockport

*To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe  
Cook Co  
Ill.

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Rockport July 21/82

I see by the paper that Mrs. Ames died Wednesday & is to be buried Sat [See Note]. I can go & get back Sat at 11 P.M. which is poor preparation for three sermons on Sab. I shall go because I think you would like to have me represent our family. We had reason to love her. Certainly if no one she has left behind. I send notice to Advance.

Children all home! All well. S.S. Pic Nic yesterday. Helen joins me in love.

Rowland

[ADDRESS SIDE OF POSTCARD]  
[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JUL 21  
Mrs Eliza Gilmore  
Glencoe  
Cook Co  
Ills.

[Note: Mrs. Eveline (Gilmore) Ames died July 20, 1882 in Easton, Mass. She was the sister of Eliza Gilmore's husband, Col John Gilmore, and the widow of Congressman Oakes Ames. This date is from the Easton, Massachusetts record of deaths. This was a Thursday, but Rowland gives Wednesday as her day of death.]