

Rockport, Mass.

Aug. 4. 1882

My dear Mother,

Jim's letter was unusually good and interesting to us all & that is saying a good deal. I am pretty well & don't want to go to the meeting with me last evening but seems reluctant to take any part & expects to say. He has two pupils now occupying his time from 8 to 12. A. M.

Frank is getting a little weary & may go home soon - Otis talks of going on a Naval School Ship. Will he is 21. as he has little hope of getting into Annapolis. He wants to do

From the Publishing Co. & back to the paper.

Children -

David - Aug. 10. 1864

Oliver - Feb. 14. 1865

Frank - Sept. 19. 1869

Ellen - Dec. 13. 1875

Frederick - July 30. 1878

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Sea... is constantly off
on fishing & hunting & earning
since he left the Ministry
Office. I enclose Lura's
Card. I have written her
what you say about
Lizzie & Alis. She will
have to give up her
proposed visit to W.
H. Arthur Day proposed
that I should go to
California for a salary
of 1000! Some time ago
Dellie asked me to
come to Denver for
less. I would not object
to a small church if I
could live and if that
is all God expects a
man of my ability
& experience to do. But
I was able to give

a more important position for less
than to come to which I thought to
I will not leave these untried fields
now is open for a more promising field
and better pecuniary support. If the Min-
istry has me 500 \$ for 9.000 I can
keep out of debt. I should wish them
for less. We have great hunger meeting
many human wishes both in all
of these. The last time I came when they
go away & the audience here in
I think. Helen says we are quite well
you - I hope you will be able to
see me in the future

242 8/4/1882

From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-201

Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Mass
Aug 4, 1882

My dear Mother,

Your letter was unusually good and interesting to us all & that is saying a good deal. I am pretty well. David went to P. Cove to Pr. Meeting with me last evening, but seems reluctant to take any part except to sing. He has two pupils now, occupying his time from 8 to 12 A.M. Frank is getting a little uneasy & may go home soon. Otis talks of going on a Naval School Ship till he is 21 as he has little hope of getting into Annapolis. He wants to do nothing away from the Sea & is constantly off on fishing & sailing excursions since he left the Printing Office.

I enclose Lauras card. I have written her what you say about Lizzie & Otis. She will have to give up her proposed visit to W. Pt.

Arthur Day proposed that I should go to California for a salary of 1000! Some time ago Dellie asked me to come to Denver for less. I would not object to a small church if I could live and if that is all God expects a man of my ability & experience to do. But if I was able to fill a more important position for ten years to come I think I ought to. I will not leave here until the way is open for a more promising field and better pecuniary support. If the Miss. Society pay me 500\$ for P. Cove I can keep out of debt. I shall ask them for less. We have good prayer meeting, many summer visitors help us at P. Cove. The hard time comes when they go away & the audiences become small & stupid.

Helen joins me in love to you. Sorry you are not quite well. Can't you fill this blank for me?

Yr aff Son
Rowland

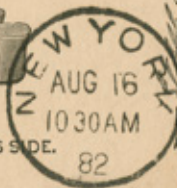
I want the Birthdays so as to keep the ages. I suppose you may have those of dear children.

David - Aug 10, 1861
Otis Feb 14, 1865
Frank Sept 19, 1869
Ella Dec 15, 1875
Rowland July 30, 1878

New York ~~Sept~~ Aug 13:
Frank & I came over
with Mr. Q on last night
on his return from
Backsfort Me. We met
him in 30 or 40. I
have got my pulpit
supplied & neighbors
& will go to W. B. to-
morrow & preach Sun-
day & go home Monday
by R.R. from Newbury
via Huntford & Green.
I heard of the passing
of Mr. Chickery - am very
anxious to hear how
he is - all well at
home. His David in
a tent by the shore. David
sends love. It was too
hot to sleep much on the
boat. We may go out
to East Orange & then
to N. L. L. L. L. L.
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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.



Mrs Eliza Greene
Glencor
Ills

243 8/13/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

RBH-205

Source: Bowdoin

New York

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe
Ills

New York Aug 13 [1882]

Frank & I came over with Bro. Otis last night on his return from Bucksport Me. We met him in Boston. I have got my pulpit supplied by neighbors & will go to W. Pt. tomorrow & preach Sunday & go home Monday by R.R. from Newburg via Hartford, Conn.

I heard of Chas passing thro Chicago. Am very anxious to hear how he is.

All well at home. Otis & David in a tent by the shore. Frank sends love.

It was too hot to sleep much on the Boat. We may go out to East Orange this P.M.

Love to Charles
Rowland

[Envelope]
Mrs Eliza Gilmore
Glencoe
Ills

[Postmark] NEW YORK AUG 16 1030 AM 82

Clifton 8. Aug. 24/82
9. Little.

Charles continues
to improve in
voice & other noise
but not so much
in hands & feet.
I walk out with
him & write his
letters &c. Katie

has got a pair of
slippers & a card
for his birthday Mon-
day - I expect to start
for home Sunday.

My throat grumbles
sometimes - Brief
& I have been to Cardiff
and Llangrann (10 miles)
today & there had three
teeth put in. off
Newland.



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Mr Eliza Gilmore
Glencoe
Ill

244 8/24/1882 *From:* Rowland [B. Howard] *To:* Mrs Eliza Gilmore
RBH-206 Clifton Springs N.Y. Glencoe Ills.
Source: Bowdoin

Clifton S[prings N.Y.] Aug 24 / 82 9 P.M.

Charles continues to improve in voice & other wise but not so much in hands & feet. I walk out with him & write his letters &c. Katie has got a pair of slippers & I a card for his Birthday Monday. I expect to start for home Monday.

My throat grumbles somewhat. Burt & I have been to Canandaigua (10 miles) today & I have had three teeth put in.

Affy
Rowland

We all want Charles to try these baths a few days longer.

[POSTCARD ADDRESS]
Mrs Eliza Gilmore
Glencoe
Ills.
[Postmark unreadable]

Rockport Sept. 6/82

I suppose Ois & family
have come & gone from
you. I have not heard
from Charles since
I came away - He
will go home soon
if he continues to
improve - Frank
goes to Portland to-
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will go about
the 15. His term
expires Oct 1st.
Helen & I hope to
be at Portland Oct
3. Ella is not all
well & Runkie has
Chronic swollen toe
kils. Helen joins
in love to you
Runkie

Franklin Murphy & me will go



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Mrs Eliza Gilman
Glencoe
Levitt
Ill

245 9/6/1882

From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

RBH-208

Rockport

Glencoe
Cook Co.
Ills.

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Sept. 6/82

I suppose Otis & family have come to & gone from you. I have not heard from Charles since I came away. He will go home soon if he continues to improve.

Frank goes to Portland tomorrow. David will go about the 15. His term begins Oct 1st. Helen & I hope to be at Portland Oct 3. Ella is not all well & Rowlie has chronic swollen tonsils.

Helen joins in love to you.
Rowland

Funeral Monday & one today.

[Postal Card Address]

Mrs Eliza Gilmore
Glencoe
Cook Co.
Ills.

[Postmark] Rockport, Mass. Sep 6

Rockport Sept. 10/82
I hope the visit of Alice
& family was not too
much for you. We are
well as usual. Frank
went to Portland Monday.
He has been a real com-
fort to us. David finishes
his "tutoring" this week
& will go to Farmington
next week with his
mother & children. I
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expect to meet his mother
in Portland at the meeting
of the Board. Oct. 3. a com-
bination together. Nest has
asked me to "report" on
has been in a hardware
store here temporarily. He
is still set upon going
to see but may attend to
some school for eight
or ten weeks before Oct.
is a matter of ill health &
misfortune to the crop
Laura spent a pleasant



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Mr. E. Gilman
Blencoe
Cookes
Ill

246 9/10/1882

From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Mrs E. Gilmore

RBH-207

Rockport

Glencoe
Cook Co
Ills.

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Sept. 10/82

I hope the visit of Otis & family was not too much for you. We are well as usual. Frank went to Portland Thursday. He has been a real comfort to us. David finished his "tutoring" this week & will go to Farmington next week with his mother & children & thence to Brunswick.

I expect to meet his mother in Portland at the meeting of the Board, Oct 3 & come home together. West has asked me to "report". Otis has been in a hardware store here temporarily. He is still set upon going to sea but may attend some school for eight or ten weeks before.

Louisa writes of ill health & misfortunes to their crop. Laura spent a pleasant week with us.

Helen sends love.
Rowland

[Postcard Address]
Mrs E. Gilmore
Glencoe
Cook Co
Ills.

[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS Sep 11

prayer meeting there last Sun-
ing. It was stormy & only
18 were out. one half of
them the unconverted, and
one person besides me to
take any part! I do not hear
from Lucia fear she is rich.

Olier Ames is Republican
candidate for Lt. Gov. He
is ^{very} spruced & attached on
his father's account. One
biography of him speaks of
his being "a self-made
man". showing his industry
in making shovels for hair
in early life & his ability
financially in settling his
father's great estate &
getting rich himself. Neither
Mr. ^{Ames} Ames or his friends
belong to the highest type
of men. I think. His brother
appears better to me than
he does. How took crops

Rockport Sept 28/82

Dear Mother

Katie wrote
me good news from Chel-
sea with. & I have written
one of them about every
week. No news from Olier^(son)
or Nellie. My son Olier went
out as a companion of
Capt. Giles a neighbor of
ours on a voyage to Gouvier
Heights N. D. last Saturday.
The voyage usually takes
2 months. They have had a
long & hard September gale
ever since they sailed. Olier
now is doing navigation &
learn sailors duties so as
to be able to ship on a
large ship from Bath
if he likes it. I hope he
will come home rich of
it & go to school this
winter. I said next to

Maine ~~Assess~~ Friday night
by Bath boat, spent one
day at Bath. & the Lab.
at Keallowell. & met his
mother who left home Sunday
Morn: at Leeds Junction
& went to Farmington. He
writes that Aunt Ellen is
well now. No one knew him
at L. He goes to Brunswick
tomorrow to begin his term
on Tuesday. He rooms with
another boy in College. Helen
is busy helping her mother &
putting up preserves. She gets
her mother's cord, pork, boiled
cider &c at Farmington.
Her mother is well & as
usual. Her brother is not
well. He works for 18¢
a day pressing coats at
present. I suppose you
noticed that Roland

Gilman is jurymen at Lewiston
this term of Court. My old
friend Ludden is dead. I
go down to Portland next
Tuesday & hope to meet
Helen there. The children
will stay with her mother
till after the meeting. We
will shut up the home a
week, if I can get my pul-
pit supplied a week from
next Sabbath. There were 76
in our Society last week
& 25 in Pastor's Class & I hope
for better days spiritually. Our
people are poor & many of
the best. (The two Brooks families)
are moving away, but our
Ch. affairs costing over 500%
are all paid for & my small
Salary 25% a week comes
regularly. I made seven
calls at P. Core & attended

are good & I hope Henry
& Laura are doing better.
Have not heard from them
except thro' Rev. Mr. Linn
Pastor of Ch. in Houlton.
No one goes to meeting
but Joe = The Maine
political victory was
very gratifying. The Republi-
cans will lose Mr. Allen
& probably the next House
of Reps & perhaps deserve to.
Most of Rockport people,
Republicans & Democrats
will vote for Ben. Butler.
He has, like Linn, "bewitched
them by his foreboding
out that he is more great
one". It is one of those strange
"possessions" that I cannot
help, but it "hurts" me to
have some of my best
men vote for him "for a
change". But I don't think
he will be elected =

87
Mary McLean (our girl) put
4 cans of Luncheon for
Heleen yesterday. They grow
in the next garden. So:

you like borberries? They
grow wild by bushes
all around us. Our
grapes are ripening pretty
well. The "shell-beans" &

green corn still hold out.

The tomatoes are fine
& the cabbages will be
if the frost holds off.

Our big apple tree
bear well (fall fruit)

Our single pear tree bore

a dozen or so. Frank Gilman

only remaining ^{John Emory} ~~side~~ has become
demented & bed-ridden. I

see him quite often. Give
my love to the children. Tell

But Rennie did not play

Possum as well as he

did. Yours affectionately
Rowland.

Write me how many
letters will be

ForWARDED next
week to Portland.

247 9/28/1882 *From:* [Rowland B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-200

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Sept 28/82

Dear Mother

Katie wrote me good news from Chas last week, & I have written one of them about every week. No news from Otis (Gen) or Dellie.

My son Otis went out as a companion of Capt. Giles a neighbor of ours, on a voyage to Gonaives Hagti W.I. last Saturday. The voyage usually takes 2 months. They have had a long & hard September gale ever since they sailed. Otis was to study navigation & learn Sailors duties so as to be able to ship on a large ship from Bath if he likes it. I hope he will come home sick of it & go to School this winter.

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I do not hear from Louisa - fear she is sick. Oliver Ames is Republican candidate for Lt. Gov. He is both praised & attacked on his fathers account. One biography of him speaks of his being "a self-made man", showing his industry in making shovels for Fairs in early life his ability financially in settling his fathers great estate & getting rich himself. Neither Mr Oliver Ames or his friends belong to the highest style of men, I think. His brothers appear better to me than he does.

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Frank Gilmans only remaining sister Mrs Emory, has become demented & bed-ridden. I see him quite often.

Give my love to the children. Tell Burt, Rowlie did not play <Pasnum> as well as he did.

Your aff. Son
Rowland

Write me here. My letters will be forwarded next week to Portland.

locked to say this morn:
I was pledged anonymously
by but published in a note
read by Sec. Allen with good
effect. I like the lesson, but
it seems unnecessary now
when we are not for the edifice.
All I hear of North manage-
ment is unfavorable. I
thought to me (Missis) when
to my my letter & asked
where he could run find
them. The half hour prayer
meeting interjected into
the business hour has not
been a success as a
prayer meeting & the whole
spiritual tone of the meeting
has not risen to that
"General point" that has
sent us away melted
& humbled as well as
inspired before. Our

Portland Oct 6. 1882
My dear Brother

If I were at
all disposed to forget you
in the delightful engrossment
of this occasion, the many
kind & sympathetic in-
quiries for your health
would not allow it. Mrs
Whittlesy was particularly
earnest & sends ^{devotedly} great
love to you & Katie. Dr
Hamlin & many others
occur to me as I write
as affectionately solicitous
for your recovery. I came
down Tuesday noon
& Helen met me, leaving
the children at Harney
town we have been enjoying
each other & the grand
themes & social joys
of the occasion as almost
never before.

The meetings have been
as large as at Lowell
Two overflow meetings going
on most of the time & the
great hall packed as
I never have seen one.
The remarkable things were
to a speech from Prof.
Park, and two remarks.
The ones as he has ever
delivered, by R. S. Stone D.D.
Dr. Hopkins at 82 was
in no what ~~but~~ low
himself in his 32
minutes address on "Love
as a motive, & duty as
a guide & limit to its
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President of Harvard, con-
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The spontaneous spoken
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additional for next
year when the Board
needs \$100,000 & the con-
tributions to replace the
accrued Old legacy,
now exhausted - was a
terrible occasion following
a prayer meeting & remind-
ed us of Providence & its
\$40,000. Dodge doubled ^{making \$80,000} &
scores followed - I gave \$4
300 \$ which Mrs. Latten
accumulated years ago
from the sale of milk
& which she requested
standing should be
devoted to Foreign
missions. I have it in my

Clifton Sh. Oct 7 - '82
Sat. A. M. 7 -

Dear Mother:

I forward this as
Requested. Kitty
is not so well but
I continue to
gain. Dr. F. says
I must stay two
weeks longer. It
is hard to wait -
Love to you & all
Your son Charles

as a Missionary of the
Mass Home Miss Soc
as Higgin Cove at 25-08
a year. - Say that I may
deserve this increased
money by earnest self
sacrificing & faithful
service. I am planning
for a protracted meeting
there with an evangelist
to help. We propose to visit
my home in the vicinity
for personal consecration
& prayer.

Friends here ^{are} as well as
usual. Helen sends much
love to you & Kate. I have
engaged a "supply" and
as nobody seems to want
me to preach I hope to rest
a little Sunday at Framing-
ton ^{on} little Tuesday. Our Year-
ly Conference is next
^{Wednesday} ~~Thursday~~. I engaged Dr.
Cullis to come & speak
on "Faith-Cures" & am to
make a special report
for Congregationalist -
You may be interested
to see this letter of Gilbert.
God bless you & yours
Your loving brother
Randall

P.S.

Helen and mother
this. I received my commission

248 10/6/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: My dear Brother [CH
Howard]

RBH-203a

Portland

Source: Bowdoin

Portland Oct 6, 1882

My dear Brother

If I were at all disposed to forget you in the delightful engrossment of this occasion, the many kind & sympathetic inquiries for your health would not allow it. Mrs Whittlesey was particular & earnest & sends great deal of love to you & Katie. Dr Hamlin & many others occur to me as I write as affectionately solicitous toasts for your recovery.

I came down Tuesday morn & Helen met me, leaving the children at Farmington & we have been enjoying each other & the grand <thermes> & social joy of the occasion as almost never before.

The meetings have been as large as at Lowell. Two overflow meetings going on most of the time & the great hall packed as I never have seen one. The remarkable things were a speech from Prof. Pack. And two as remarkable ones as he has ever delivered, by R.S. Storrs D.D., Dr Hopkins at 82 was in no <whit> below himself in his 32 minute address on "Love as a motive, & duty as a guide & limit to its impulse." Dr Hill, formerly President of Harvard, confessed to the whole orthodox creed as to Missions in a way most surprising & delightful.

The spontaneous spoken pledges of about \$25000 additional for next year when the Board needs \$100,000 extra, contributions to replace the accustomed <old> legacy now exhausted, was a tearful occasion following a prayer meeting & reminded us of Providence & its \$40,000. Dudge doubled making \$10,000 & scores followed. I gave 300\$ which Mrs Patten accumulated years ago from the sale of milk & which she requested when dying should be devoted to Foreign Missions. I have it in my pocket to pay this morn. It was pledged anonymously but publicly in a note read Dea. Alden with good effect.

I like the leisure, but it seems undutiful not to be at work for the Advance. All I hear of West's management is unfavourable. A stranger to me (Minister) spoke to me of my letters & asked where he could now find them. The half hour prayer-meeting interjected into the business hour has not been a success as a prayer meeting & the whole spiritual tone of the meeting has not risen to that "revival point" that has sent us away melted & humbled as well as inspired before.

Our friends here are as well as usual. Helen sends much love to you & Katie. I have engaged a "supply" and as nobody seems to want me to preach I hope to rest a little Sunday at Farmington, & till Tuesday. Our Essex Co. Conference is next Wednesday. I engaged Dr. Cullis to come & speak on "Faith-Cures" & am to make a special report for Congregationalist.

You may be interested to see this letter of Gilberts.

God bless you & yours.
Your loving brother,
Rowland

P.S.

Please send mother this. I received my commission as a Missionary of the Mass house Chris Soc at Pigeon Cove at 250\$ a year. Pray that I may deserve this consecrated money by earnest self sacrificing & faithful service. I am planning for a protracted meeting there with an Evangelist to help. We propose to visit every house in the vicinity for personal consecration & prayer.

249 10/7/1882 *From:* Charles [H. Howard] *To:* Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

RBH-203b Clifton Spg.

Source: Bowdoin

[added at the bottom of the preceding letter from Rowland written Oct 6, 1882]

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Sat A.M.

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Love to you & all. Your Son
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