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great. I reached the depot
at N. Ledy at 6. They would
accept no pay for the
horse & I had a pleasant
call on Mrs. Alvin Ross
& Mrs. Frank J. He was
Vester Ross. Clark Leadbetter's
wife mother. Mrs. G. W. spoke
of running you. I reached
Leicester at 9 P.M.
Stopt at a hotel & was
with David at breakfast
in Brunswick at 7.30 A.M.
He has a chamber & they
have fitted up a College
room. He seems to be
doing well. Keeler &
children met me there
Tuesday noon & we reached
home at 6.30 P.M. I
have had a cheerful letter
from Nellie since my re-
turn & a few lines from
Laurie. They are well but

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Rockport Oct. 13/82

Dear mother

We returned
home Sunday night with
the children and found our
house &c all safe. I was
glad to get your letter and
to hear of you & Olis visit
&c. I preached in Wedd
Sunday. I got a horse &
carriage in Farmington H.
& took a new one - I
saw Warren Woodman's three
boys at Wilton. The oldest
is learning the printing trade.
They all look well. They have
nothing sent them by John
Olis. Olive has sent them
two or two occasions.
Her heart has a hard time
& grows old fast with
her care for the two with
her. They came to hear me
Speak Sunday night on

my return from Nedd. On
Sunday I went to North
Leeds - got a horse of
Frank Foss, son of Alvin,
deposited horse and rode
to Wazee. dined at Stillmans.
He & his wife wish to be
remembered as did Aunt
Rhoda who lies there with
Lucy in another house.
I was sorry to hear of Mrs
Alvin Lane's fatal sickness
at Granston - Aunt R.
is better in old age than
when we used to know
her. I rode round the
pond, called on Clark Lead-
better & went up by the
meeting house to Mr. Foss.

I called at Laura's house
a few moments. The m. d.
is shingled and painted
a pleasant color. not
white & looks well. They

will do nothing to the in-
side till next year. I
found Uncle Frank sitting
in his chair with his
night shirt on & his foot
on a box. He looked natural
& seemed cheerful & talked
much more than he used to
do - spoke much of my father
& wished to be remembered
to you. His toes are like
Charcoal in look and
substance & there is a
very deep sore as large
as a dollar on the inside
of his foot, the thickest part.
He had no paroxysm of
pain while I was there. He
may live months yet - then
even looks old & worn. He
has pretty children. Religion
seemed to have no place
in these thoughts. though

13 Oct. 1882

had no apples or potatoes
to sell this fall.

Our days in Portland
were crowded with meetings
and engagements but very
enjoyable. Our Co. Conference
at Hamilton Wednesday
was good. Dr Charles Bullis
addressed us on Faith Cures
and I wrote some acct.
of it for Congregationalist.
There is a Teachers Institute
in Rockport this week. We
had to dine with us
today. Last night Helen
sat up with a sick
person. I went to Pigeon
Cove to prayer meeting.
Mr Foster wrote me a note
from Boston. They went to
Bangor Wednesday & I did
not see them. Helen joins
me in love -

Yours truly, R. W. R. R. R.

P.S. We hear nothing from my
son Ovis. We have had
low weather for Oct. We
have plenty of grapes this
year. I bought some
butter of Theresa & some
at Farmington paid the
former 28 cents per lb. It
is very nice & just suits
us. 30 lbs. I hope to
hear of Charles & Katie at
home in your next. It
seems we are to be under
Democratic rule in spite
of Maine. Ohio having gone
over. Tenn & N.Y. seem
likely to follow. I recently
went to see Mrs Arthur
Yesterday & day before in
Boston.

250 10/13/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-210

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Oct 13/82

Dear Mother

We returned home Tuesday night with the children and found our house &c all safe. I was glad to get your letter and to learn of you & Otis' visit &c. I preached in Weld Sunday. I got a horse & carriage in Farmington, H. & Rowlie went with me.

I saw Warren Woodmans three boys at Wilton [Cony Warren, Oliver Otis & William Fenderson Woodman]. The oldest is learning the printing trade. They all look well. They have nothing sent them by John Otis [cousin of their mother]. Olive [(Woodman) Hazard, sister of their father] has sent them 20\$ on two occasions. Mrs Hunt [Mary (Hiscock) Hunt, sister of their mother] has a hard time & grows old fast with her care for the two with her. They came to hear me speak Sunday night on my return from Weld.

On Monday I went to North Leeds, got a horse of Frank Foss, son of Alvin, Depot Master and rode to Wayne, dined at Stillmans. He & his wife wish to be remembered as did Aunt Rhoda [(Mitchell) Howard, widow of Dea. Warren Howard] who lives there with Lucy [widowed daughter Lucy (Howard) Ramsdell] in another house. I was sorry to hear of Mrs. Alvin Lane's fatal sickness at Granston. Aunt R. is better in old age than when we used to know her. I rode round the pond, called on Clark Leadbetter & went up by the meeting house to Mr Foss. I called at Laura's house a few moments. The M.H. is shingled and painted a pleasant color, not white & looks well. They will do nothing to the inside till next year.

I found Uncle Frank [Benjamin Franklin Howard] sitting in his chair, with his night shirt on & his foot on a box. He looked natural & seemed cheerful & talked much more than he used to do, spoke much of my father & wished to be remembered to you. His toes are like charcoal in looks and substance & there is a very deep sore as large as a dollar on the inside of his foot, the thickest part. He had no paroxism of pain while I was there. He may live months yet.

Theressa looks old & worn. She has pretty children. Religion seemed to have no place in their thoughts, though the trouble seemed so very great. I reached the Depot at No. Leeds at 6. They would accept no pay for the horse & I had a pleasant call on Mrs Alvin Foss & Mrs Frank F. She was Vesta Foss. Clark Leadbetter's wife's mother, Mrs Gott spoke of knowing you. I reached Lewiston at 9 P.M., slept at a hotel & was with David at Breakfast in Brunswick at 7.30 A.M. He has a chum & they have fitted up a College room. He seems to be doing well. Helen & children met me there Tuesday noon & we reached home at 6.30 P.M.

I have had a cheerful letter from Dellie since my return & a few lines from Louisa. They are well but had no apples or potatoes to sell this fall.

Our days in Portland were crowded with meetings and engagements, but very enjoyable. Our Co. Conference at Hamilton Wednesday was good. Dr Charles Cullis addressed us on Faith Cures and I wrote some acct. of it for Congregationalist. There is a Teachers Institute in Rockport this week. We had 5 to dine with us today. Last night Helen sat up with a sick person. I went to Pigeon Cove to prayer meeting.

Mr Foster wrote me a note from Boston. They went to Bangor Wednesday & I did not see them.

Helen joins me in love.

Yr aff. Son.
Rowland

P.S. We hear nothing from my son Otis. We have had hot weather for Oct. We have plenty of grapes this year. I bought some butter of Theresa & some at Farmington paid the former 28 cents per lb. It is very nice & just suits us, 50 lbs. I hope to hear of Charles & Katie at home in your next. It seems we are to be under

Democratic rule in spite of Maine - Ohio having gone over - Penn & N.Y. seem likely to follow. Thousands went to see Pres. Arthur yesterday & day before in Boston.

I am convinced of the reality
of Faith-Cures. Read a paper
before our Assn. Tuesday.
Wish you would try the promise
Job. V. 14/18, with Dr. Cullen.
The arguments against modern
miracles would destroy all
prayer for temporal blessings.
God still answers prayer
for healing.

All well as usual. ^{Dr} Olin
not heard from. David Norris
in college & his bills keep
me very short of money. I
want to send some to you
& to Mother. I had a letter
saying that people stand away
from my church because
I spoke so loud. Between
those and the deaf, it is
hard to choose. As always
hitherto, there is nothing in
my services that "drams".

Glad to hear that you & Katie

Rockport Oct. 14, 1882

Dear Brother

Thanks for your note
re Olin & Whittier's letters en-
closed.

Of course W's suggestion is
only tentative, as the "Indian
Transfer" may not be effected
& if it is, may not be the place for
12 months as there are legal
& other details that will
be delaying & perplexing. Dr
Means ^{at Portland} where mentioned it
as an "outline" for Mill.
It to be carefully considered.
As to your fitness for the
place - especially the Indian
field work - relations to
Government &c. there can
be no question. The
questions of health & salary
are important.

Expensive to improve, tellen joining me in love to you
both - Yr aff. brother
Portland

Perhaps you could do your
present work as well as that,
with impaired health - rather
better. I should think so. But
as your relation to the Govt
is a business one merely
& in no sense even a
benevolent one. I have
been expecting some suggestion
of resignation from your
Official Head. General
kindness may make them
wait, or an appreciation of
your value to the Service =

In case your health should
be restored, & if your salary
could be equal to Dr. Stieglitz's
I would want you to try
it. But poor health & a
small salary would soon
destroy you. As to going to
the Church & to help
on rare occasions, I

would not consent to that
as a part of the work =
A man like Fenell, with
small education, no great
wisdom & no experience in
the field, but having the
gift of speech & dramatic
talent, could do that work
more successfully & at less
cost =

But as Gen. W's recommenda-
tion might not be followed,
even if made, the whole
thing is problematical =
Hope you see Cargill = both
without Gilbert's introduction.
This week has an acct. of
a Faith-Cure discussion by Dr
Cullis & others at our Conf.
which I note at Richardson's
request - You noticed my
Sunday article on Adrian =
It had a good "display" =

251 10/19/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Brother [CH
Howard]

RBH-211

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Oct 19, 1882

Dear Brother

Thanks for your note & Otis & Whittlesey's letters enclosed.

Of course W's suggestion is only tentative, as the "Indian Transfers" may not be effected & if it is, may not take place for 12 months as there are legal & other details that will be delaying & perplexing. Dr Means at Portland merely mentioned it as an "overture" from A.M.S. to be carefully considered.

As to your fitness for the place - especially the Indian field work - relations to Government &c. there can be no question. The questions of health & salary are important.

Perhaps you could do your present work as well as that, with impaired health, rather better, I should think. But as your relation to the Govm't is a business one merely & in no sense a benevolent one. I have been expecting some suggestion of resignation from your official Head. Personal kindness may make them wait, or an appreciation of your value to the Service.

In case your health should be restored, & if your Salary could be equal to Dr Striadgo I would want you to try it. But Poor health & a small salary would soon destroy you . As to going before the churches &c except on rare occasions, I would not consent to that as a part of the work.

A man like Powell, with small education, no great wisdom & no experience in the field, but having the gift of speech & dramatic talent could do that much more successfully & at less cost.

But as Gen. Ws recommendation might not be followed, even if made, the whole thing is problematical.

Hope you see Congst. Last week's had Gilberts introduction. This week has an acct. of a Faith-Cure Discussion by Dr Cullis & others at our Conf. which I wrote at Richardsons request. You noticed my Sunday Article in Advance. It had a good "display". I am convinced of the reality of Faith-Cures. Read a paper before our Assn Tuesday. Wish you would try the promises Jas. V. 14, 15, with Dr. Cullis. The arguments against modern miracles would destroy all prayer for temporal blessings. God still answers prayer for healing.

All well as usual. Son Otis not heard from. David rooms in College & his bills keep me very short of money. I want to send some to you & to Mother. I had a letter saying that people staid away from my church because I spoke so loud. Between those and the deaf, it is hard to choose. As always hitherto, there is nothing in my services that "draws".

Glad to hear that you & Katie continue to improve. Helen joins me in love to you both.

Yr aff brother
Rowland

Dear mother Rockport Nov 24/82

You will like to see the bag of letters. I was very glad to get a good long letter from you. Helen has been in Boston & vicinity this week with Ellen. They came home last night. I had two favors to ask a wedding-walk Route to the former. we have had

Our Ell shingled on one side & our sitting room floor painted. Our carpets now worn out & as will use a rug. I hope soon can come home for Thanksgiving. All well. No news from Otis. Helen joins me in love to all. She called on Laura in ~~the~~ Boston. Yr aff. son
Frederick Rowland

I have been elected elegist by the class, my part to come at the burial of Anna in the spring. I rather think they have made a mistake this time as I never wrote a rhyme in my life. I shall have to write a prose elegy.

We have themes every week and last week I had to have one for society. Its hard work but I am interested in it.

I go down to Hurd's and play some. I did go down most every evening for half an hour but she works evenings now.

There is going to be a course
of lectures here and I have
promised to take a season ticket
\$2.00. I thought I ought not to lose
the lectures. They are to be in
Memorial Hall. I suppose the
\$2.00 must be forth coming soon.

Pres. Chamberlain is going to
lecture on Gettysburg. The boys
call him the little hero of Roundtop.

There has been snow on
the ground all day and altho
the sun has shone, it has
been pretty cold.

Give my love to all the

family. Where do you
think I had better go for the
Thanksgiving recess of three
days? I have not been invited
to Portland. The Nyphos sailed
from Bath last week.

Your aff son
DPM

253 11/24/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-212a

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Nov 24/82

Dear Mother

You will like to see the boys letters. I was very glad to get a good long letter from you.

Helen has been in Boston & vicinity this week with Ella. They came home last night.

I had two funerals & a wedding - took Rowlie to the former.

We have had our ell shingled on one side & our sitting room floor painted. Our carpet has worn out & we will use a rug.

I hope David can come home for Thanksgiving. All well. No news from Otis.

Helen joins me in love to all. She called on Laura in Boston.

Yr aff Son
Rowland

[Attached to the following letter from David]

252 11/22/1882 *From:* DPH [David P
Howard]

To: [RB Howard]

RBH-212b

Source: Bowdoin

[Attached to the preceding letter from Rowland. Assume date is Nov 22 1882.]
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I have been elected elegist by the class, my part to come at the burial of Anna in the spring. I rather think they have made a mistake this time as I never wrote a rhyme in my life. I shall have to write a prose elegy.

We have themes every week and last week I had to have one for society. Its hard work but I am interested in it. I go down to Neodies and play some. I did go down most every evening for half an hour but she works evenings now.

There is going to be a course of lectures here and I have promised to take a season ticket \$2.00. I tho't I ought not to lose the lectures. They are to be in Memorial Hall. I suppose the \$2.00 must be forth coming soon.

Pres. Chamberlain is going to lecture on Gettesburg. The boys call him the Little hero of Roundtop. There has been snow on the ground all day and altho' the sun has shown, it has been pretty cold.

Give my love to all the family. Where do you think I had better go for the Thanksgiving recess of three day? I have not been invited to Portland. The Hyphon sailed from Bath last week.

Your aff son
DPH [David Patten Howard]

week before last. Spent one
night in Boston, one in
Cambridge & one at
Dorchester. Between Halden
& Boston. She did not
get to Halden. Sea cutter's
death shocked us all.
He went to his usual
& died of malarial fever.
His wife & son arrived 7
hours before he died & she
recognized them. She
is left a widow (Fothergill),
with two sisters dependent
on her. They being in ill
health. Mr Cutler's rich
brother (Danae), will not let
her suffer. Charles Cutler
a son at Brunswick.
He is the only son left.

We have had an sitting floor
painted & varnished & use
a rug which covers most
of it. Our carpet was too

Rockport Dec. 1. 1882
Dear Mother

We spent
Thanksgiving very quietly at
home. With only the
two little children & Anne
Pickerson who has boarded
with us & goes to school.
May (our girl) is staying
with her old sisters, Mrs
Newman, a widow & a
neighbor who is sick. We
visited a firm of dress-
makers, Misses Hadley
& Mason, to dine, but they
could not come. A
Union meeting was held
here at Baptist Church
& I went to Fagin Cove
to preach. It rained the
night before & many things
were out. It only melted

one else joins it. Mitten off her feet
off her feet

in the middle of the day.
I had but 25 hearers
& no organ player & had to
hire a horse to go. No 2
am quite uncertain whether
it paid. Some paid fair
attention to my sermon
but no one said anything.

Helen said the Baptist
Minister preached an
excellent sermon: David
enjoyed to stop with
his Aunt, as he expects
to come home Christmas
"Ella does not seem quite
well. lies on the lounge
& reads her mother's book
of poetry - Paulie clatters
the dolls home with
his tools, his work &
his play. He is quite
handy with his hands.

He speaks no plainer, & may
have to have his pulpit operated
on before he can both plow.

Mr Appleton gave us a
turkey or usual. We made
it call the edge of the
evening. On Mr & Mrs Galt
who go to Colorado Springs
for the winter next Tuesday.
On Mrs Dunning, the widow
of a former minister's wife
who was here for the day
& whose son recited to
David this summer. She
is a beautiful woman -
Episcopalian - not much
older than Rev. Ed. Abbott,
& indications are that she
may be the 2^d Mrs. A.
though neither of them say
anything about it. Helen
had a pleasant visit

254 12/1/1882 *From:* Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-213

Rockport

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Dec 1, 1882

Dear Mother

We spent Thanksgiving very quietly at home with only the two little children & Anne Nickerson who has boarded with us & goes to school. Mary (our girl) is staying with her old mistress, Mrs Neaman, a widow & a neighbor who is sick. We invited a firm of dressmakers, Misses Hadley & Mason, to dine, but they could not come.

A Union meeting was held here at Baptist Church & I went to Pigeon Cove to preach. It snowed the night before & many sleighs were out. It only melted in the middle of the day. I had but 25 hearers & no organ player & had to hire a horse to go, so I am quite uncertain whether it paid. Some paid fair attention to my sermon, but no one said anything.

Helen said the Baptist Minister preached an excellent Sermon. David concluded to stop with his Aunt, as he expected to come home Christmas. Ella does not seem quite well, lies on the lounge & reads her child's book of poetry. Rowlie clutters the whole house with his tools, his work & his play. He is quite handy with hammers. He speaks no plainer, & may have to have his palate operated on before he can talk plain.

Mr Appleton gave us a turkey as usual. We made three calls the edge of the evening, on Mr & Mrs Gott who go to Colorado Springs for the winter next Tuesday, on Mrs Durning, the widow of a former ministers wife who was here for the day & whose son recited to David this Summer. She is a beautiful woman - Episcopalian - not much older than Rev. Ed. Abbott, & indications are that she may be the 2d Mrs. A. though neither of them say anything about it.

Helen had a pleasant visit week before last, spent one night in Boston, one in Cambridge & one at Everett, between Malden & Boston. She did not get to Malden. Dea. Cutter's death shocked us all. He went to Geo as usual & died of malarial fever. His wife & son arrived 7 hours before he died & he recognized them. She is left a widow (Lottie Hunter) with two sisters dependent on her, they being in ill health. Mr Cutters rich brother (Isaac) will not let her suffer. Charles Cutter is a Tutor at Brunswick. He is the only son left.

We have had our sitting room floor painted & varnished & use a rug which covers most of it. Our carpet was too
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one else farms it.

Write as often as you can.

Yr aff Son
Rowland

Headquarters, Department of the Platte,

COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Omaha, Neb. Dec. 9th 1882

Dear Mother -

Charles

letter of the 7th was quite
startling - but fortunately I
did not get it till the postal
came a day later, saying:
"Mother decidedly better." I

hope now you will soon
be on your feet again. I
have so recently come home
~~that~~ I cannot well get
away again. I have
accepted an invitation to deliver
a "pro-father's address" at
Creston, Iowa, the 21st inst.
They promise me \$50 & expenses

I hope you will soon
be well enough to read
Francis letter.

With much love
to all.

With a heart full
of sympathy I leave.

Your son
Otis

255 12/9/1882 *From:* Otis [OO Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
Gilmore]

RBH-209

Source: Bowdoin

Headquarters,
Department of the
Platte,
Commanding General's
Office
Omaha, Neb.

[Letterhead]

Headquarters, Department of the Platte,
Commanding General's Office
Omaha, Neb. Dec. 9th 1882

Dear Mother,

Charlie's letter of the 7th was quite startling, but fortunately I did not get it till the postal came a day later, saying: "Mother decidedly better." I hope now you will soon be on your feet again. I have so recently come home that I cannot risk get away again.

I have accepted an invitation to deliver a "fore-father's address" at Creston, Iowa, the 21st inst. They promise me \$50 & expenses.

I hope you will soon be well enough to read Jamies letter.

Give much love to all.

With a heart full of sympathy & love.

Your Son
Otis

Rockport Bath 2/83

Dear Mother

Your good & long
letter added much
to our happy New Year.
I will write to Nellie
& Aunt Martha June.
I am very sorry to
hear of Lizzie's con-
dition. The boys have fine
skating & we all rode
out to the pond yester-
day to see them skate.
They hauled Ella & K.
on a sled. We have
no snow. About 60
attended a very good
morning singer meeting
Jan. 1. in our Vestry.
Hope I will see all these
Ladies, Riggs & Thaddeus
will go to Bangor. Love to



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr Eliza Gilman
Glencoe
Cort Co
Ill

256 1/2/1883

From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Mrs Eliza Gilmore

RBH-216

Rockport Mass

Glencoe
Cook Co
Ills

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Jan 2/83

Dear Mother

Your good & long letter added much to our Happy New Year. I will write to Dellie & Aunt Martha Jane. I am very sorry to hear of Lizzie's condition. The boys have fine skating & we all rode out to the pond yesterday to see them skate. They hauled Ella & R. on a sled. We have no snow.

About 60 attended a very good morning prayer meeting Jan. 1 in our vestry.

Hope I will see Arthur [Day Howard]. Suppose Mr [Thomas Lawrence] Riggs & Theodore [Foster Riggs] will go to Bangor.

Love to all
Rowland

[Postal Card Address]

Mrs Eliza Gilmore

Glencoe

Cook Co

Ills

[Postmark] ROCKPORT MASS JAN 2

and so at some
time. Will you go to
Bowdoin College with
Carmichael or to
Harvard where your
Uncle John went?

I will always
be glad to hear from
you. If I had
a paper I would
print this Indian
Story. With love to
all

Your aff. Uncle
Randall

P.S.
Please thank your Mother
for the childrens Xmas
cards

R.B.H.

Rockport Mass.

Jan. 5. 1883

Dear Mac

Thank you a
thousand times for your
Every day well written
account of the visit
of the Sioux to
Glencoe. I will have
it read to my Father's
Class of 25. who
have a missionary
Society called "The
Birds Nest" and con-
tribute every Quarter
in jugs for the Dakota
Schools. We have twice
discussed the question,
whether it is better to
educate the Indians
at Hampton or Carlisle
or their reservations.

I would like to have your
ideas on that question.

Wish you & ~~all~~ your
family a Happy New
Year in which your
Aunt Helen joins.

You will see your
Cousin Pauline's

picture sent to
Grandma ~~at~~ or

I would send you
one. He is not quite
as bright and cunning
as Bob. But makes
care and fun for
us all.

We have two meetings
each day of the week
of Prayers - David
Spoke in the New
Years morning
Prayer meeting.

I hope you have begun
to take part in the prayer
meetings and I
would be glad to
see you a good
minister or Mission-
ary. But you must
be a true Christian first.

Our boys invited 10
young people to have
a Candy pull Wednes-
day night. They have
had a fine run of
skating. Our bus
a most and spirit
and sail to hold
while the wind
blows him along. We
have a nice fresh
water pond two
miles away. I
hope you will come

257 1/5/1883

From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: Dear Mac [Otis McGaw
Howard]

RBH-214

Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Mass
Jan 5, 1883

Dear Mac [Otis McGaw Howard]

Thank you a thousand times for your every way well-written account of the visit of the Sioux to Glencoe. I will have it read to my Pastors Class of 25, who have a missionary Society called "The Birds Nest" and contribute every Quarter in <juga> for the Dakota Schools. We have twice discussed the question, whether it is better to educate the Indians at Hampton & Carlisle or their reservations. I would like to have your ideas on that question.

Wish you & all your family a Happy New Year in which your Aunt Helen joins.

You will see your cousin Rowlands picture sent to Grandma or I would send you one. He is not quite as bright and cunning as Don [Donald Charles Howard, b. 28 Sept 1879], but makes care and fun for us all.

We have two meetings each day of the week of Prayer. David spoke in the New Years morning Prayer meeting. I hope you have begun to take part in the prayer meetings and I would be glad to see you a good minister or missionary. But you must be a true Christian first.

Our boys invited 10 young people & had a candy pull Wednesday night. They have had a fine run of skating. Otis has a mast and sprit and sail to hold while the wind blows him along. We have a nice fresh water pond two miles away.

I hope you will come and see us some time. Will you go to Bowdoin College with Cousin David or to Harvard where your uncle John [John McGaw Foster] went?

I will always be glad to hear from you. If I had a paper I would print this Indian story. With love to all.

Your aff Uncle
Rowland

P.S. Please thank your momma for the children's Xmas cards.
R.B.H.

Assurance, from no
fault of mine - & call
that some took it out of
personal regard to me =

We have a slight snow
for two days but no
sleighing. The air at
Rochport seems to
me far less chilling
& piercing than at Boston.

Our Catholic priest, about
my age, dropped dead of
heart disease this morning.

I suppose the rail
will go for San Francisco
via Cape Horn, Jan 20.
from New York. Helen
joins me in love to
all at your home.
I believe I have lately
written Mac & Mother
& one Katie a letter
too - from Brother Roland.

2.1 (to Charles)

Rochport Mass
Jan. 8. 1883

My dear brother

Ella made
this pin-ball one of
her first accomplish-
ments in sewing for
your Xmas - but it
is late getting off.

We were very glad to
get yours of the 3th
written at Chicago - I
hope ^{my} Ellen has no designs
other than to let you rest.

Mac's account of the
visit of the Sioux was
very creditable to him
& helpful to me, as I
note his Grandma's letter.

I could not go to
Boston to see Arthur today

I suppose I will not see
him before he goes West.

I never meet Mr
Abbott. he being Episcopal.
but I wish you might
get some books that
may. the Chicago ones at
least. they would hardly
send them from the
East to be reviewed there
for a Boston paper. The
Abbott's paper is the Lit
World not magazine or
Review as you had it.

Ellen is deeply concerned
for Nina's health & we all
greatly hope that it will
disable her for only a
little while.

Glad to hear of more
household comforts. If
you are to live at Gloucester

the out-house seemed
necessary. I do not
think a Water closet
in the country a safe
or good thing & fear
some of your richesses
are due to your. If there
were he would be left
for sickness or some necessity
drainage bad flooding
~~imperfect~~ ^{imperfect} out-of-order.
Especially there are the insuper-
able objections.

Arthur will hear of books
today. I am sorry not
to. I find my interest
in more public events
as such, has greatly sub-
sided since I do not
have to hear & report for
advantage. About here
the Lobs are stopping the

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From: Rowland [B.
Howard]

To: My dear brother [CH
Howard]

RBH-215

Rockport Mass

Source: Bowdoin

Rockport Mass
Jan 8, 1883

My dear brother

Ella made this pin-ball - one of her first accomplishments in sewing for your Xmas, but it is late getting off.

We were very glad to get yours of the 5th written at Chicago. I hope Teller has no designs other than to let you rest.

Mac's account of the visit of the Sioux was very creditable to him & helpful to me, as I wrote his Grandma Foster.

I could not go to Boston to see Arthur today & suppose I will not see him before he goes West.

I never meet Mr [Edward] Abbott, he being Episcopal, but I wish you might get some books that way - the Chicago ones at least. They would hardly send them from the East to be reviewed there for a Boston paper. Mr Abbotts paper is the Lit [Literary] World not magazine or Review as you had it.

Ella is deeply concerned for Nina's knee & we all greatly hope that it will disable her for only a little while.

Glad to hear of more household comforts. If you are to live at Glencoe the out-house seemed necessary. I do not think a water closet in the country a safe, a good thing & fear some of your sicknesses are due to yours. It should never be used except for sickness or some necessity- drainage, bad floodings, imperfect, out-of-order. Easily these are the insuperable objections.

Arthur will hear Jos Cosh today. I was sorry not to. I find my interest in worldly public events as such, has greatly subsided since I do not have to hear & report for Advance. About here the Subs are stopping the Advance, from no fault of mine, except that some took it out of personal regards to me.

We have a slight snow for two days but no sleighing. The air at Rockport seems to me far less chilling & piercing than at Boston. Our Catholic priest, about my age, dropped dead of heart disease this morning.

I suppose Otis will sail for San Francisco via Cape Horn, Jan 20, from New York.

Helen joins me in love to all at your home. I believe I have lately written Mac & Mother & owe Katie a letter too.

Your aff. brother
Rowland

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Rockport Jan 18/83

Dr Mother

I sent the 2 \$ to
Laura today & explained it.
I enclose some cards
about Aunt James death.
I tried & failed to get an
exchange so I could go
to funeral. Her home, she
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me & mine always. Since
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I must answer when
I get time. Love to
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Dear Mother

I am so glad to hear from you

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RBH-217 Rockport

To: Dr Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

Source: Bowdoin

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Rowland