

West College - July 14th, 52
Dear Brother,

It is but a just
return for your kindness, that
I should intelligence you as
often as possible of my well
being, & continuance as
an inhabitant of this
mundane sphere. although
I shall be ~~able~~ able at present
to do no more than this.

I rec'd your letter in due
time, & was more glad
than usual, if possible, at
the receipt of it, for I had
not heard from home for
a week, & have not heard
since, & I always consider
that you'd be likely to
know if anything very
important should happen to
the "folks at home", so it's

almost as good as receiving
missives from head quarters,

I wish next time you
write, you'd tell me all
that you know of James's
present intention, if he has
any. Mother has not said
anything of him lately,
& I don't really know,
if he's still at home or
not.

I am glad to learn that
continue to meet with
such kind friends & heat-
ment in Hartford, & hope
your situation will grow
more & more pleasant, the
longer you stay, or, I
doubt not, it will.

I don't know but I
shall be with you a while
next vacation. I have not
said anything to the folks

about the matter, but
I'm going out some sort
of work or other, next
vacation, & stay out a little
time off next term, &
earn a little "ready", to
"live" on after I come
back, & speak in college
parlance. I think I should
like to carry chain & poles,
as well as better than any
other business, for I need the
exercise, & desire the knowledge,
which I should thereby gain,
of practical surveying. &
I know enough of it now,
to take to the employment
handily, with very little
practice, I think; besides,
I flatter myself, that there
is enough "humbug" in
me to enable me to
accomplish, in a short time,

whatever I undertake,

I wish you'd learn from
 your Mathematical Boss, whether
 the services of such an
 intelligent & well disposed
 young man as your Brother
 one required in his depart-
 ment, & inform him that
 terms are not of much
 account with me, but
 I should simply stipulate
 for "liquor & cigars" & leave
 the remaining "stipend" to
 his magnanimity. Be sure
 that you make it clear to
 him that I'm the same
 individ' who used him
 up so effectually, on
 that intricate problem, &
 dividing up the expense
 of wear & tear on a

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Rail-Road, of which one
company own half & another
the quarters; or something
to that effect, & say nothing
at all to the people at
home about the matter.

If you hear of any
such situation whatever
that you think I'd like
to do duties of which I
could accomplish, putting
aside all joking, let me
know as soon as possible,
for I'm in earnest about
what I say, & I've been
thinking the matter over a
long time, & you know
that I generally have
strength of will enough
to put through whatever
project I really undertake.

of course Father will, or
 he always has, let me
 do as I really think best,
 I can hardly help
 hoping to see you & Ed
 Stanton here at commence-
 ment, as you spoke a
 little of coming. I wish
 you would come &
 hear me "Orestes" & "Hecuba"
 etc assembled thousands!

it would give me
 more pleasure than any-
 thing else, except to
 have Father & Mother
 here. Do make up
 your mind to accomplish
 it.

I shall not probably
 come through Hartford, on
 my way home, at
 the close of this term for
 I shall go via N.Y.

if the folks are there, I shall go down the North River with them, if not I have some thoughts of walking down it. if it were not for losing so much of my vacation, it would necessarily certainly, I would do so by all means, but as it is, I'm in doubt.

It would be fine to do so, as I could climb all the high mountains, see all the beautiful grand & wild scenery on both sides (by crossing the ferries) to a much better advantage than by sailing or riding down. & I can easily travel thirty miles a day on the shore.

for without vanity, I
can call myself one of
the best walkers in college.

I find my gunning &
fishing expeditions have
done me a great deal of
good in that manner &
I shall never cease to
feel the benefits of the
exercise which they led
me to take.

Two sheets of this paper
are more than equal to an
ordinary sheet of letter paper,
so you must credit me
a full sheet this time, con-
trary to my own expectations,
& good morning to you,
for the "small hands" are fluttering
away. Your aff' to Mother
Charles.

July 14. 1832

Monday morning July 13. 52

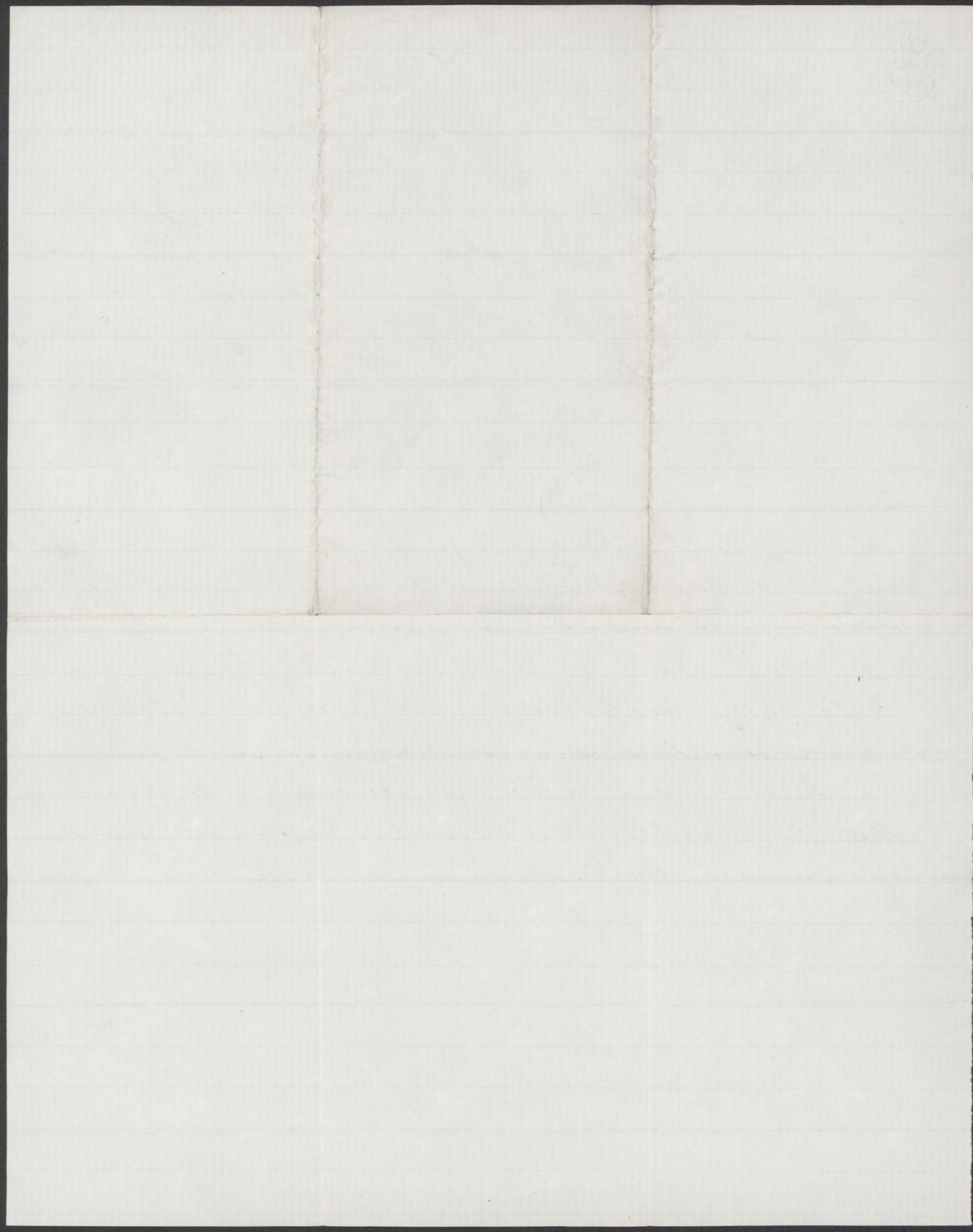
Dear Henry

I am so disappointed at not being able to write to you by this mail - I have been obliged to defer it from day to day, hoping to have more time - and now - here comes up the cupboard for dinner!

Well I will stop long enough to tell you how glad I am that you are coming home for a visit - come as soon as you can - and stay as long as you can - bring your friend with you.

I regret to hear that you are still on the sick list or suffering from swelled face. I thought you were over it, long ago -

Caroline Amy is very sick they thought her to be dying yesterday - they sent for Gordon. he came up last evening - they also sent for Dr Miller of Providence, he came up by express. they have yet some hopes of her recovery - she has her senses to day - in great haste hoping to see you soon - your Mother



Stonington. 8 July 1852

Dear Henry

Yours by J. Chesebrough I recd this morning. and I write
at once in reply. That you may have assurance that your visits at
home will always be acceptable and seasonable. Should you find
it convenient to come next week with your friend you will for
ought that now appears find us in a condition to entertain you.

I told you that Wm. Prime went on Monday night to New York
leaving with us Mary and his two nieces. This morning he returned
bringing his Brother Edward. who it is said will go back this evening
taking the girls with him. As Mary has not yet had all her dress
completed she will stay with Prime & Mantua maker until next
week say Wednesday Evening. If she goes ^{then} we shall have clear decks on
Thursday. You will choose your own time. and come on that day
or defer your visit until the ensuing week at you may think best.

I have a small dividend due at the Conn Fire Ins Co.
and enclose an order, wishing you to collect it and send me the
amount by mail if no other opportunity. The visitors of the Season
seem to be coming in at the Wadawonock Co. and we have fair
indications of a noisy season.

Yours affly

J. Fournell

G. Trumbull Esq^r.

Stonington

Pr. W^m Lyman Esq^r 3

Conn^t.

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Hartford, Thursday July 8th '52

My Dear Father

As one of the Contractors is just starting for Providence I will get him to drop a note at Stonington to let you know that I am flourishing condition.

I attended the party last night at Mrs. Perkins' & it was the largest one I was ever at, in Hartford or elsewhere, I should think there were 200 people there & perhaps more - Every body that I had ever seen any where in Hartford were there.

Miss Robinson whom I met there said that they were about to start for Niagara & that James had been notified to that effect, therefore I suppose that James & Mary & Prine will be absent for the next few weeks, but yet I am anxious to go to Stonington next week if it is convenient for the rest of the family, for Mr. Ashburner of his own accord proposed that I should leave at that time, & I

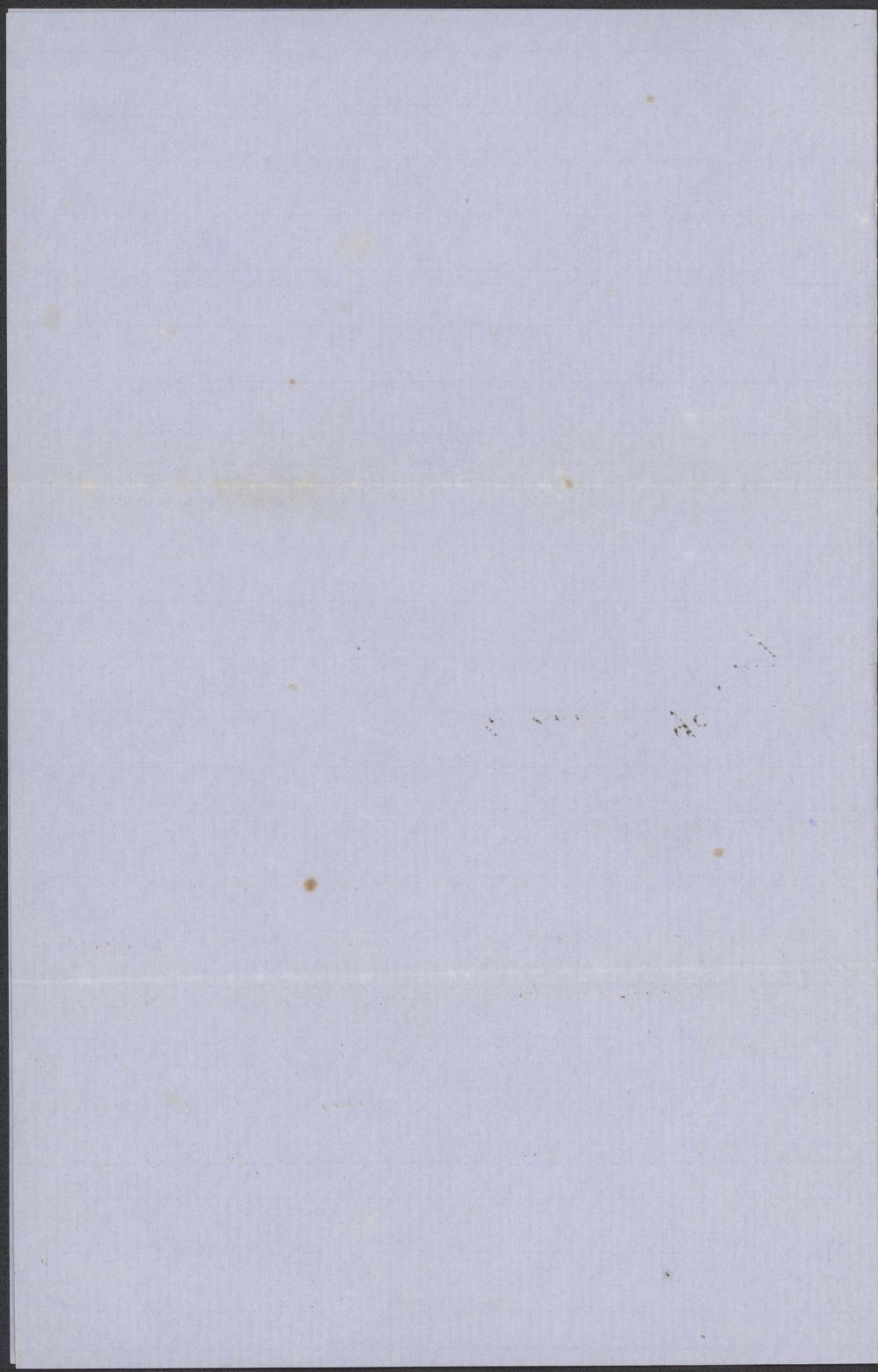
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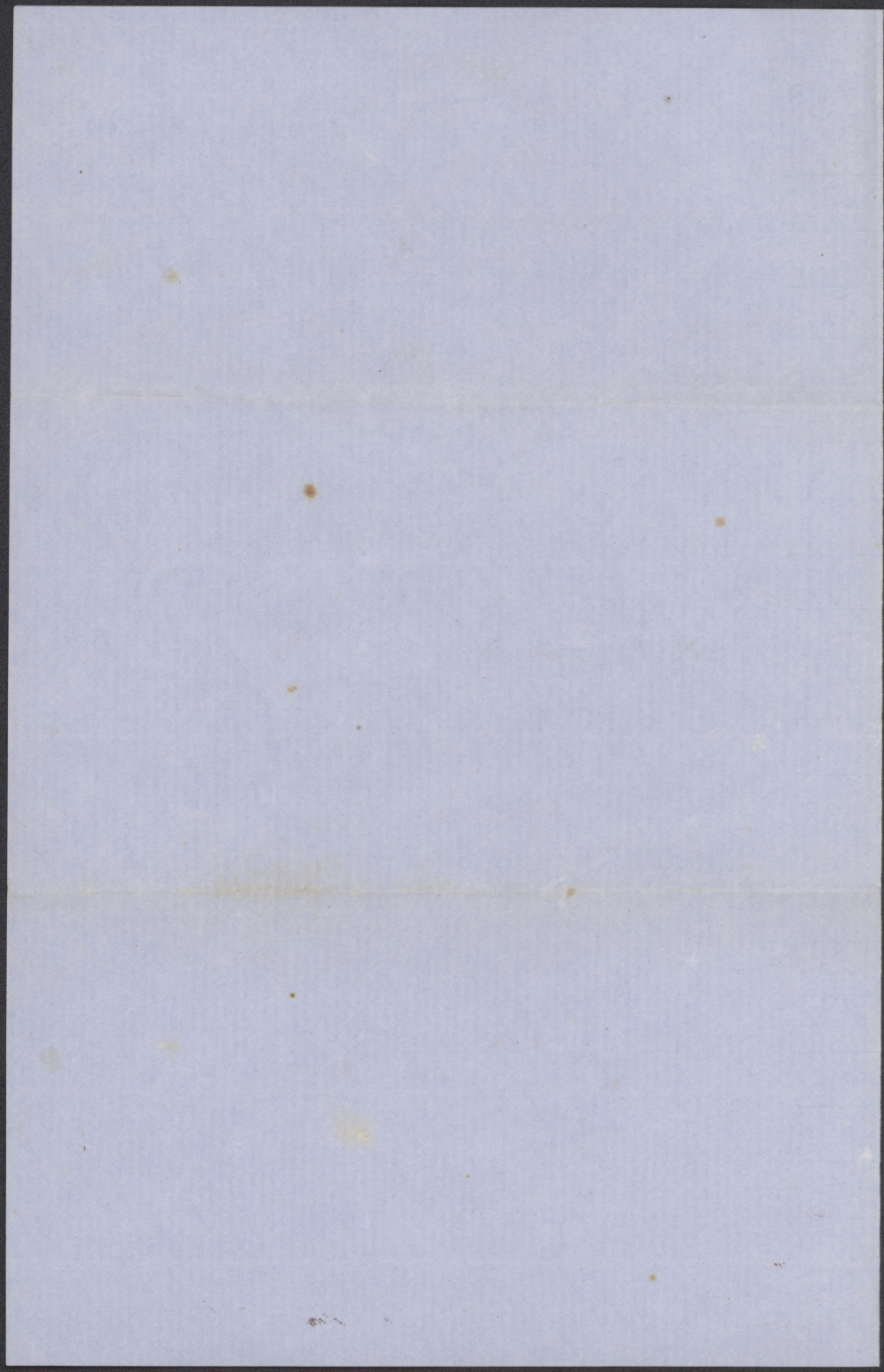
not be able to go from the Office again during the season, yet notwithstanding all this, if it is not convenient for you to have Ned Gallaudet & myself just at this time I will defer my visit for the present & trust to have another opportunity afforded me of passing a few days at home.

James & myself received an invitation for a meeting of the "work & play" last evening at The McKee Ferry on Craglum Hill.

In haste &c

Henry





Hartford, July 6th 1852.

My Dear Father

I am very glad that I have discovered the cabalistic sentence that will bring your pen to paper in a letter to your absent son, and that my epistle of Friday last, containing as it did at least the "soul of wit," was sufficiently voluminous to accomplish that for which four pages have more than once been written in vain.

I can assure you father that I have thought of you more than once in your purgatorial trial, and that gloomy visions of paint, soap, sand & suds, of dust and brooms, bare floors, and chairless, cheerless, gloomy rooms, of Enoch and of Winthrop Ward, have mingled with all my dreams of home and the loved ones there, for the month last past, and, mesmerically, I have suffered with you in all your sad privations and have shared with you the ill attendant upon your laudable endeavors to stay the ravages of time and to conceal the sad, sad truth that in this world all things are hastening to decay, and that time and the unwholesome air of earth will only tarnish all that may at first appear fair, pure and bright, and that it is only by ~~a~~ constant and renewed endeavors to cleanse & purify and cleanse again, that matter, body, or spirit, can be kept passably, bearably clean. —

But it is a great relief to me now to feel that we have got through house cleaning, and that

cobwebs, dirt and dust may once ^{more} accumulate unmolested in dark corners and in out of the way cracks until the flight of another season shall bring the signal for yet another general and terrible upturning and overhauling. — I am the more glad that you have finished your "dirty work" for the season from the fact that I would like to be with you before many weeks have passed and I could not bear to sleep in such a house as ours has been for two or three weeks past. —

I do not often notify you of an intended visit to Stonington but there are several reasons why I should do so now. — In the first place some of you may be intending to be absent, may be just setting out upon some summer jaunt and I am anxious that I should see as many of you as I can when I am at home. — In the second place I do not intend to come alone. — Nay, do not start, father, with some regret on account of "more company" to be expected. I am only intending to bring with me my little friend Gallaudet of whom I have said so much in my letters lately, and he will not be company. He and I are as intimate as brothers, we sleep in the same bed very frequently and eat at the same table either at his house or at mine. He knows most of our family pretty well by description and he will want to be with me "at home". You will not, you cannot be vicommoded by him. I am under great obligations to him and to his family for kindness shown to me here at all times since I first made their acquaintance. I have

again to ~~day~~ accepted a special invitation to take tea there this evening with Kate & Sam Goodrich, and I am very anxious to do something to repay their kindness towards me and as Ned Gullandet has been but very little by the salt water and would like to visit Hingham I have invited him to go with me the next time I visit home and he has promised to do so. I am anxious that all of you at home should see him and that he should see you and I therefore have thought that you would be glad to have him come with me, as I shall only stay a few days. - I should like to come home the latter part of next week if it should be convenient for you to entertain me with my friend Ned. - Will you write and tell me how it will be with you, for I can postpone my visit if it is not perfectly convenient for you to see us at that time. Will Mary & Prime be at Williamstown about that time, or will they be at Niagara? -

I enclose an invitation for James which came this morning with one for myself to Mrs. H. A. Perkins to-morrow evening. I have not been to a party or anything of the sort for some time but I shall endeavor to go there I think.

The circus is here and it is a terrible, terrible curse to the community. All classes, temperance men & rum drinkers acknowledge that there was never seen so much drunkenness in Hartford in one day, as yesterday. I was perfectly horror struck and I find that Nat Beach & C. D. Crooke & all other Hartford men acknowledge that there was an unusual amount of intemperance. -

The influence of the circus was sadly felt in our little Mission Sabbath School, for, on the last Sabbath, the day before the opening of the circus, there were less children there than usual & those that came were full of thoughts about the next day's performances,

One little girl broke in upon a Scripture story with the remark that her mother had promised to take her to the circus the next day, and one little colored boy looked up to me during the evening prayer meeting in our Sabbath school room, with the question "Mr. Trumbull won't you give me some money to go to the circus tomorrow." - It is a terrible curse to the community and all classes feel its injurious effects.

I do not know that James may have heard that poor Ashley was noticed in the New York papers about a fortnight since, as having fallen down a cellar in Broadway in a state of intoxication, and being injured badly by the fall he was taken to the Hospital where I believe he now lays.

H. A. Fitch, our Freight Master, a son of Col. Fitch has again commenced drinking, has left the road & is now off on a spree.

You may have seen a notice of my name in the Hartford ^{Courant}, as connected with a Young Men's Temperance movement in this city and lest James should fear I ~~am~~ ^{was} injuring my popularity or ~~am~~ ^{was} putting myself forward too far I will explain how it has happened that I am thus noticed.

The revival of religion of the past season has of course paved the way for Temperance movements on a different plan from B. E. Hale's or Timothy Williams' societies and there have been several calls in the Hartford Papers for a Young Men's Temperance Association. Who wrote these I do not know, but, Aaron Clapp, who owns the Melodion,

offered through the Hartford Courant, the free use of his room for the first meeting of the Young Men, whereupon a call appeared in the papers, & by hand bills around the streets, for a meeting of all the Young Men favorable to a Temperance organization on Friday evening last. - A very large number of the Young Men assembled at the designated time & place & some older persons were present.

Dr. Hawes son called the meeting to order and Henry J. Wright formerly with Howe, Mother & Co. as Bookkeeper was appointed Chairman of the meeting and I was appointed Secretary.

I declined the appointment but they urged it upon me so strongly, & ~~refusing~~ ^{me,} to excuse I was rather forced to accept the post. - They are now going on towards a permanent organization & I think that they have started right, but I will not accept any more Office under any circumstances & it was not from choice that I occupied the position I did at the outset. - The movement is however very popular among persons who have stood aloof from Temperance Societies generally - The Rev. Walter Clarke is greatly interested in it - James Bolter says that he will join it or do any thing he can to help it along for it is the right kind of a Temperance movement - He sent one of his Clerks to the meeting & ^(i.e. the clerk) he is on the committee of 25 to take the preliminary steps

for the organization - Nat Beach says that it is
a good thing & that he will do any thing he can to
forward it. Cha^s. Chapman sent word to the young
men through Jas^s. Bolter that he would gladly give ~~us~~ a
lecture if we would like it. - Mr. Chapman is now in the City.

It is understood that this movement is to be entirely
distinct from B. E. Hale & Co. & will endeavor to promote the
Cause of Total Abstinence & that alone, and I think that
you & James need not fear that I will injure myself
by belonging to it. -

I have been writing the last 2 or 3 pages of this
letter in great haste on Wednesday morning instead of
Tuesday afternoon as it is dated, and I have hurried
so much because I find that John Chasebro' is going to
Stonington this morning & I may get a chance to send
by him - You will therefore excuse the looks of this scrawl,
for I have so much to write about that 2 dozen sheets
seem small compass in which to condense it - I will
however not tell every thing now but will leave it to be talked
over when I get to Stonington if I should come as I now
hope to, next week, - Will not you or some member
of the family write to me this week on Thursday or Friday
& inform me whether you would like to see Ned & myself
next week & whether you will all be at home? - I ask this
because Gallaudet wants several days notice of the time of
my departure that he may arrange his business at the
Bank so as to leave it. -

And now with many thanks to you for your

last kind letter and with Love to each member of our
family I remain

Your affectionate son

Henry a

P. S. - Mention to Mr. Cleft that I intend being
in Stonington a week from next Sabbath, and ask him
not to exchange with Mr. Avery or Joshua Brown for
not only do I want to hear him myself but I have
said so much about him to Ned Gallaudet that he is
as anxious to see him & to hear him preach as he is any
other of the wonders at Stonington. -

H. C. T.

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Crescent

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