

Stonington Sunday Eve 7 o'clock
(You see how I've dated my letter,
without thinking I wrote Stonington)

Dear Mother

As Father wrote home on Wednesday evening, and thought some of going home on Saturday, I have delayed writing home until this ^{late} day. James has finished and sealed a letter for you and told me I had better not ~~not~~ write until Monday or Tuesday, but I flatter myself that you will like to hear from me, although he writes at the same time, so I will write a few words which is all I can do as the letter must be in the office by 8 o'clock.

I have had a very pleasant time since I have been here, although the weather has been perfectly awful all the time. I am in excellent health, never better, and I find plenty to do. On Friday night I went to hear Fanny Kemble Butler read Shakespeare. She read "Measure for Measure" an exceedingly obscene play. She had notes sent her during the day previous begging her to read some other piece, Mrs Sigourney wrote to her, Mr J. W. Stuart called on her, & Mr Geo. Brinley Jr, begging her to change her determination, But 'twas no use, read that piece she would & no other. Many ladies sent back their tickets, but still she had a crowded house. I enclose you an article on her reading from the Times, She omitted the most objectionable

parts of it. — She is a most beautiful reader.

On Wednesday & Thursday I heard some great pleading before a Committee of the Legislature, by Cha^s Chapman, Hungerford, & Hubbard, the State Attorney for this County.

The three greatest lawyers in Hartford, Chapman did his very best as 'twas an important case.

I also this week heard some great Speeches in the Senate, on the Middleton Bridge question, James Dixon of this city, (late member of Congress) spoke 2 hours &

Mr Dutton of the New Haven Law school spoke 3 hours.

This morning I went to Mr Clarke's church, but William Patton preached. Dr Hyde, wife, wife's mother, & Stiles York went with us & sat in our pew.

I have this week seen Capt^m Alex^r Palmer & Mr Morse, & Mr Carew & Stiles York, all right from Stonington. The Legislature will not adjourn this week, but I have not heard father say one word with regard to my going home. — Mons. Pattermare is stopping at the United States, with father. — He has been into the office with James most all the time since he has been here. I don't know whether James has told you what he said with regard to his records, but he said that he had visited 28 of the United States & had seen a great deal of good writing in other Countries but he never saw any thing to compare with James' writing.

We have fun enough here in the boarding house, Whenever there is a fire or an alarm of one, the boarders lay it to Deacon Noyes Palmer. They say that he makes

a business of it. — To day, during the afternoon church service there was an alarm of fire proceeding from an old barn in State Street. At supper time Mr Palmer came in after we had all sat down. They instantly commenced on him, One asked him if he had been to church, another said that he did not wonder the Deacon was ashamed to come to the table, & White (one of the boarders) turned to him and asked him if he thought it was consistent Christian conduct, & whether he was prompted by Christian motives to set fire to an innocent man's barn on the Lord's day when all well disposed persons were engaged in worship. All that Mr Palmer said was "Be still", "now don't", "do stop".

I room with Dr Kendall of Derby one of the Reps. a first rate man. I got my hat from Prime while in New York, He made me take Mary's daguerreotype on to show James.

Mother I would write you a great deal more if I had time, but I must close, ~~yo~~ With love to all, Good Bye.

From your affectionate son
Henry —

P. S. An Irish funeral passed our window a few moments ago. I never saw any thing like it, 'twas at least one half a mile long. —

Vandenhoff, a great actor, will read Shakespeare here on Wednesday evening of this week. I cannot read my letter over, so pardon all mistakes. Yours.

H. C. T.

1850.

F. Amy Knapp Butler
James' writing.

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Stonington July 31st 1858.

Dear Henry,

It is about four o'clock P.M. and I have just got ready to sit down for the day - the question arises "what had I best employ myself about?" and without much hesitation I conclude to write to Henry - I thought when you went off - that I should write certainly once or twice a week - but I have not written to any of my dear absent-children as often as formerly, why, or how I been prevented I can hardly tell - only that I am in a hurry all the time - the principle reason, I think is my having two Irish girls to look after instead of one which takes twice as much time.

Where are you this cold day in New Haven or Hartford? Edmund left us yesterday with the full expectation that you would accompany him to New Haven.

Rime and Mary spent the last week with us - they left on Monday evening coming - and I believe they expected to start for Catskill tomorrow morning there to remain a few days and then go to Williamstown. I received a letter from Charlie yesterday - he seems very much pleased with the prospect that you would write to him once a week, he complains for want of clothes - having burned up his best suit - your Father expects to be in Hartford next week, and hopes to get him some. I suppose Edmund has told all the news of the place - I shall wait for you to come home and tell it

to me for I am at present entirely out of the way of hearing any thing about the young folks.

I suppose you know that Governor Tumbull honoured us with his company to tea one evening while in Stoughton.

Mrs Chesebrough called here yesterday, she sat down on the Sofa a few moments, and then begged my permission to sit in the Rocky chair - as she said "she was very nervous and the motion seemed to do her good" said she was always on the wing - she was not one of the Celestials but one of the Spirituals she was not quiet and Heavenly but restless as you sometimes see children.

— Your Father had quite a sick day last Saturday - I felt quite anxious about him as we have no physician now - but he did quite as well without one I think and got about immediately - but he is far from health, and I feel very anxious about him I dread the idea of his leaving home - his illness is so very sudden and so severe that I think he ought not to travel without some one with him who knows what to do for him.

Have you heard of the death of Mrs Jesse Beebe her cancer ate on to the jugular vein and she bled to death - Mrs Oliver Burdick is gone and left a distressed widower who is deprived of what resource he had, and wanders up and down the street disconsolate.

— — — I sent to the bakers for bread this morning for breakfast - they could not let me have a loaf - as they said that Mr Coleman had taken eighty loaves extra this morning beside his usual quantity, so I think they must have a good deal

of company there - Mr. Chase brought said
they had quite a large ball on Tuesday evening
that the young ladies of the village came in
Captain Charles daughters and Captain Eptains
daughter &c. they are to have another to night I
hear, Mr Phelps (the same one) plays for them.

I received a letter from Mary this morning -
she said she found Mr and Mrs Ballet on the
Boat the night she went down (Meribah) that
they had a very sociable time she inquired much
about James and wished her husband could
get acquainted with him - she expects to come
to Stonington in about two weeks and spend some
time she has a little girl about four months
old which she calls Caroline Amy.

Mr Prime and Mary went over to Watch Hill
Saturday afternoon with a small party mostly
Hartford folks - Mary came back sick, and continued
so through the night at the same time her Father
was sick, Prime watched with her and I with
your Father - Chevi's cured both I suppose.
we have had a great abundance and I never
knew them as good. Here comes Pa and wants
tea, he tells me Mr Bume will take up my letter.

Your Pa tells me he thinks James will come
down with the Governor on Saturday - I hope so
I care but little about the Gov. one way or the other
but James I do went to see always love to him
and accept a large share for your self from your aff.
Mother.

We are all well this morning - and manage to
keep warm by the help of blankets and winter
clothes. Friday Morning -

Stonington June 2th

Dear Henry

I hoped to have had you home with us to have spent your birth day, but I hope it will be for your good to remain in Hartford for the present. I hope you are as well as you pretend to be - but have some fears that your complaint is not eradicated yet - I wish you to take of your Balsam regularly three times a day sick or well, and when your bottle is used up get another I presume you have taken what you carried from home, you should have before this, and the expense is of no consequence, if it is of use to you, and wear a plaster of some kind all the time - and I should not think it advisable to leave off your flannel this summer I see the New York physicians recommend wearing it as a preventative to Cholera. Mr. Prime and his nephew left on Wednesday evening - they appeared to enjoy their their visit very much, I think will repeat it soon, and often this summer. Mr Prime thinks he shall not stay in the city much, if the Cholera rages as it does now. It is seldom you would have an opportunity of seeing as many Stonington people in Hartford as you did last week. Aunt Deacon and family got home Saturday night. I was very much surprised to see your father last evening. The tea table was set, and I was just thinking whether he would probably get a letter, before he left Hartford, if I woke last evening, when the bell rang and Charley went to the door, in a minute I heard Charley say walk in this way Sir, she is here, I felt out of patience that he should invite any sir, into my tea room without notice - when I looked up and saw the trick.

Tell dear James that I was duly apprised of your safe arrival last week by a letter from your Father on Thursday - I felt very anxious to hear as the weather was so bad I feared you would both get sick - but should have been sorry to have had James write, for I know that his time is so fully occupied that I would gladly excuse when it is ~~unconspicuous~~ - he has ever been so good and thoughtful too about sparing me any anxiety, that I often drop a tear of gratitude and love upon his letter.

I will write to James on Monday - I thought it was your turn to day - Mary too was contemplating writing James to day but found I was writing and as she did not feel very well she deferred it. I received a letter from Mother yesterday, she was at New Bureau and expected to leave there for New York to day, and be home on Wednesday or Friday of next week.

Tell James to spare himself as much as possible - your Father does not give a very good account of his looks - says he has so many irons in the fire - that he keeps himself thin. Captain Ben.

inquires often about you - says Ben wants exercise he has grown so fast the best thing would be to take a beam pole and give him a good thrashing - Dr Palmer thinks he has had two cases of Cholera here the past week, both persons from New York one a man who came in in a schooner and sent for him in the night, and Sam. Stanton - wicked Sam. he left New York after a drunken frolic, and an oysters supper and was very low when he got in here. They both got well however -

Love to James - you have been often remembered to day my child by others as well as myself - that you may live to see the pleasant return of many anniversaries of your birth - and be constantly preparing for a higher existence is the prayer of your affectionate Mother

London June 28

Dear Mary

My

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I have just received your letter of the 26th and was glad to hear from you.

I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same.

I have not much news to write at present.

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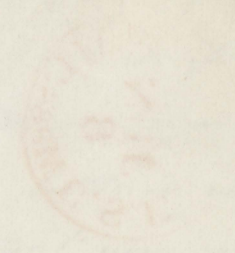
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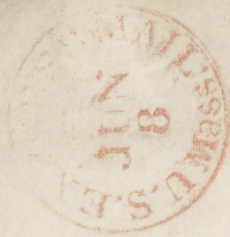
June 8. 1850

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Henry C. Turnbull

Care of J. Hammond Turnbull Esq.

Hartford Conn.



July 31. 1850

Mr Henry C. Turnbull

Care of J. Hammond Turnbull

Hartford.



Wednesday, Oct 10th 1850, Williams College

Dear Brother

I am very much obliged for the letter which I received yesterday, and for the money which it contained. But I think I had better not keep it, for Parker gave me ten dollars, and if I need any more I will write to Mother for it, and if she don't send it I will let you know, as I promised.

You may be assured, I was very glad to hear from home and especially from you, for your letters will keep of the blues, ~~from~~ from which I sometimes suffer a little although I am not exactly homesick. I am glad to hear that you think of me once in the while, at home, but I can assure you think of me once I think and speak of you ten times, for if I remember all the things which I have laid up to tell you of, it will take more than my vacation to relate them all.

You were very fortunate in saving your pocket book, I am afraid if you had lost it you would not think of Bunker Gill, hereafter, with very patriotic feelings.

I have, of course, famed a great many new acquaintances, I find some of them very nice fellows indeed, there is one, named Tom Rogers, who rooms across a little entry, just opposite our room, ~~he~~ is a first-rate fellow, he is very quick when he pleases to study, but is in no

immediate danger of injuring his health, by too close application. he looks exactly like Bill Breakfast only he is not quite so large, and he talks exactly like him, he says that he may very probably in Stonington next vacation, I am sure I hope he will, for I want you to see him, he knows you now pretty well, by reputation.

My room mate or Chum, as they call them altogether about here, is a first rate student, perfectly steady, and a really intelligent and clever fellow, I am very fortunate indeed I think in rooming with him. I believe Father intends to get me some sort of a great coat, I wish you would see to it, I don't want an expensive one, but I want it ship shape.

I wish you would send me a newspaper now and then a Picayune or Chronicle or indeed anything in the paper line and, if you can I wish you would get a copy or two of Six Months, If you write anything for the press, just send me a copy if you please. But Hester my Chum is waiting for me so I must bid you

Good Bye

One word more and I have done as the ministers say, Just please to ask mother to send along with my carpet some pieces of old carpets for rugs, And if you light upon any good stories, just send them along, they are in great demand in this region, and I have to stand up for the honor Stonington, hitherto I have matched every every story that I have heard but my stock is getting low. Remember me to all

inquiring friends especially all the Ladies, and partic-
ularly, to Father, Mother, Mary, Tom, Annie and Furdon,
and believe me

Yours affly
Charlie

Oct 16 - 1830

the paper and I have seen nothing in it
get a copy or two of the number if you will any
thing for the first just send me a copy of yours
But Hallowell is a very fine place so I must
leave you

Good bye

One said to me and I have seen nothing in it
Just please to ask mother to send a bag with
casser some pieces of old paper for rags, but if
you light for any good thing just send them
always they are in great demand in this region, and
I have to stand up for the poor. I'm right, his wife
I have marked every every name that I have heard
but my work is getting low, when you see me to all