

## Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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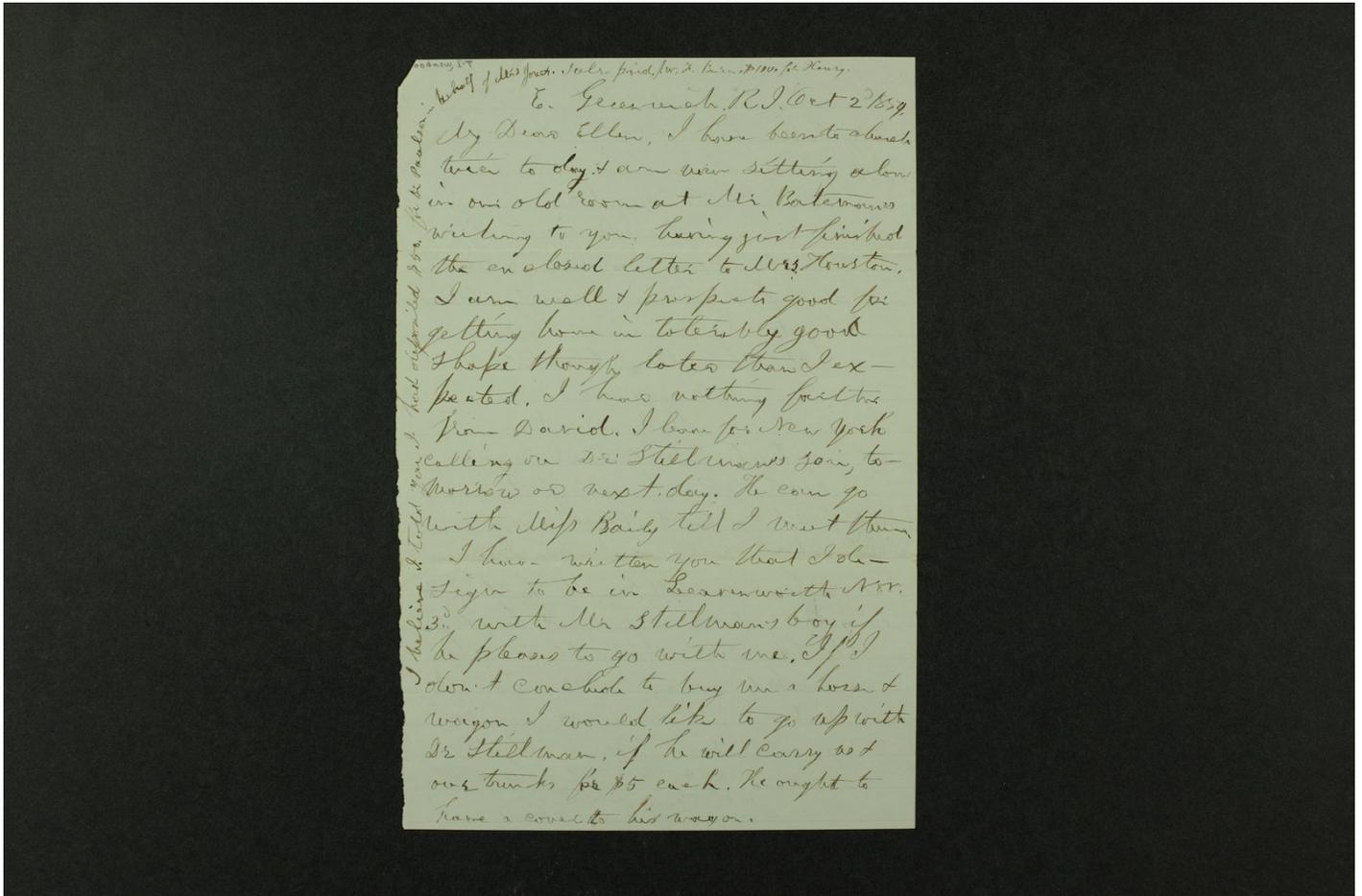
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Please pay or send to the Editors of  
Manchester Express \$200. & have the  
paper sent to

Wm. B. Lawton,  
Providence, R.I.

Also to George Emerson, 6 months  
\$100. if it is not already ordered,  
I forget; he paid me the \$100.

It should be directed to  
George Emerson,  
Melrose, Mass.

If he likes he will take it longer.

Ask Wm. Parkerson if the taxes  
are paid on Lot 644 Woodl.?  
if not I will pay when I come.

Furthermore tell him to hold on to  
every lot sold east & not have them  
sold for taxes: I possibly may have  
overlooked some. I will work it  
all right with him, as soon as I  
come. All send love to you.

Yours as ever with love to  
all the children &c  
Isaac Goodnow.

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Goodnow, Isaac T.

East Greenwich R. D.

Oct 2 1859.

My Dear Friend, Mrs Houston,

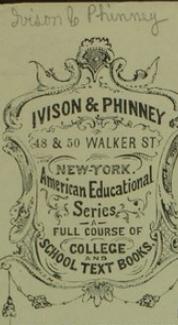
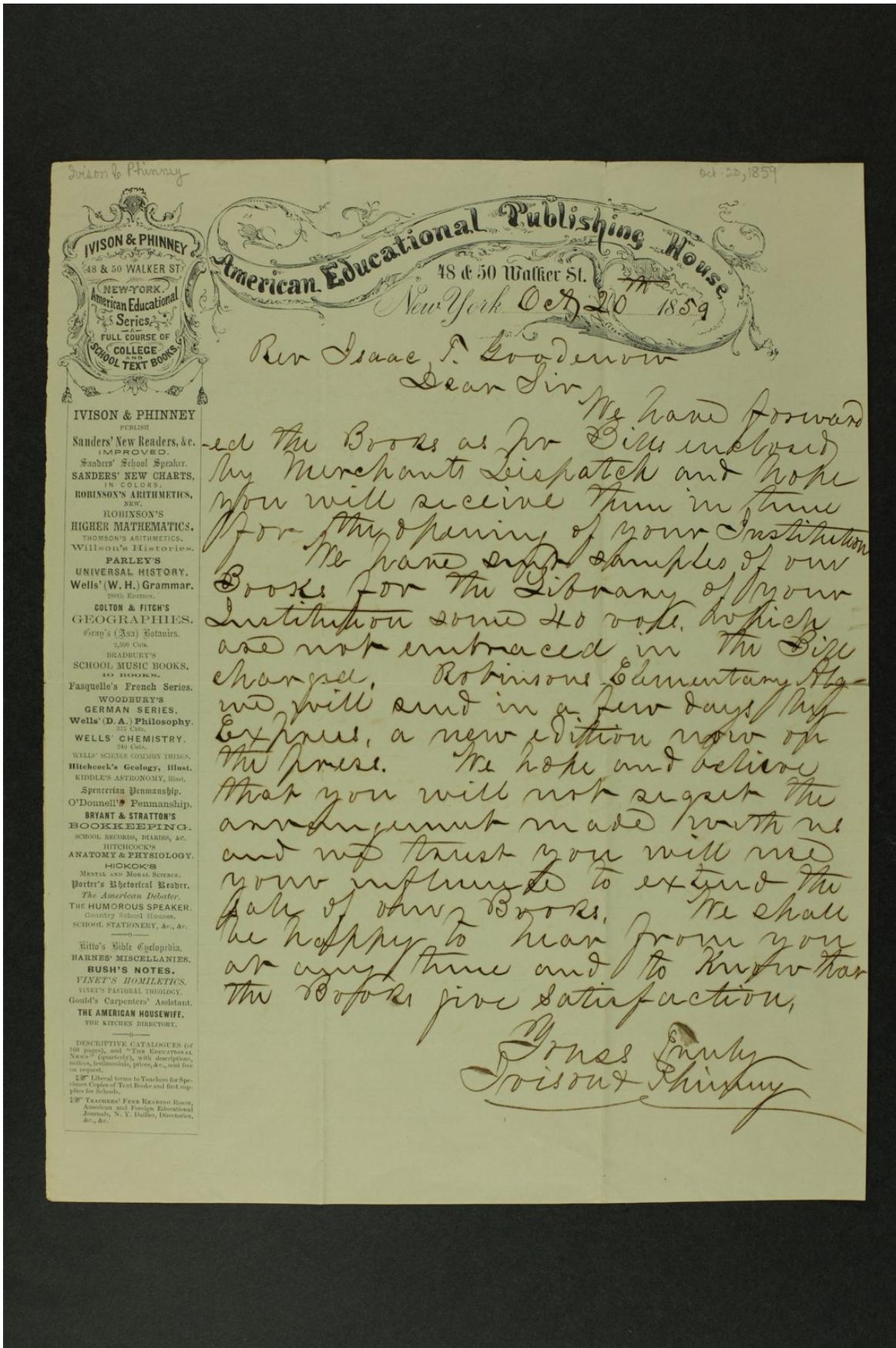
Your kind & interesting letter of July 27<sup>th</sup> was duly read. I replied through Mrs G to the business portion of it, that the chances were exceedingly small for doing any thing.

I regret this as I know you will. It would truly be a pleasure to aid you in any way especially in adding to your family comforts. In Kansas there is but little danger of having too many of these. Tomorrow I expect to leave for New York. Possibly on the way home I may have an opportunity to sell one or two of those lots! Still I do not wish you to place any dependence upon it. If I succeed you will know when I come

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Remember about Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
I have had a busy job on my  
hands but considering every thing  
I have great reason to be grateful  
for the success I have met with.  
I shall be glad on a visit to  
be home again, & around among  
my neighbors! Especially to  
get an insight into what has passed  
in review around Mr. Loustons & West  
point! I was a little anxious to know  
the result of the vote on the Consti-  
tion this week. Is Mr. H. - steamp-  
ing the County? My health is excellent.  
Hoping you & family are all well and  
prospering, & with kindest regards to  
yourself & husband  
I am in great haste  
Very Truly Yours,  
Isaac Goodnow.

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Rev Isaac A. Goodnow  
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Yours truly  
Ivison & Phinney

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Chaffee, S 3  
Oct. 21, 1859

St. Paul, Oct. 21 1859

Brs Goodnow,  
Dear Sir,-

My people  
in moving, during my absence, had  
the misfortune to lose some of  
my papers, and amongst the rest  
the certificate of share No. 305, in the  
Manhattan Township Association  
Kansas ter. Now this is to certify  
that I have sold to you, and received  
pay therefor, the said share in said  
Township Association, and the Clerk  
or other officer whose business it may  
be, is hereby authorized to transfer the  
property described by said certificate  
No. in the Manhattan Township As-  
sociation to your order.

J. F. Chaffee

Should the above not be sufficient

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to answer the legal demands, as I presume it may not, you will please forward me such an instrument as will meet the case, and I shall promptly sign and return the same to you.

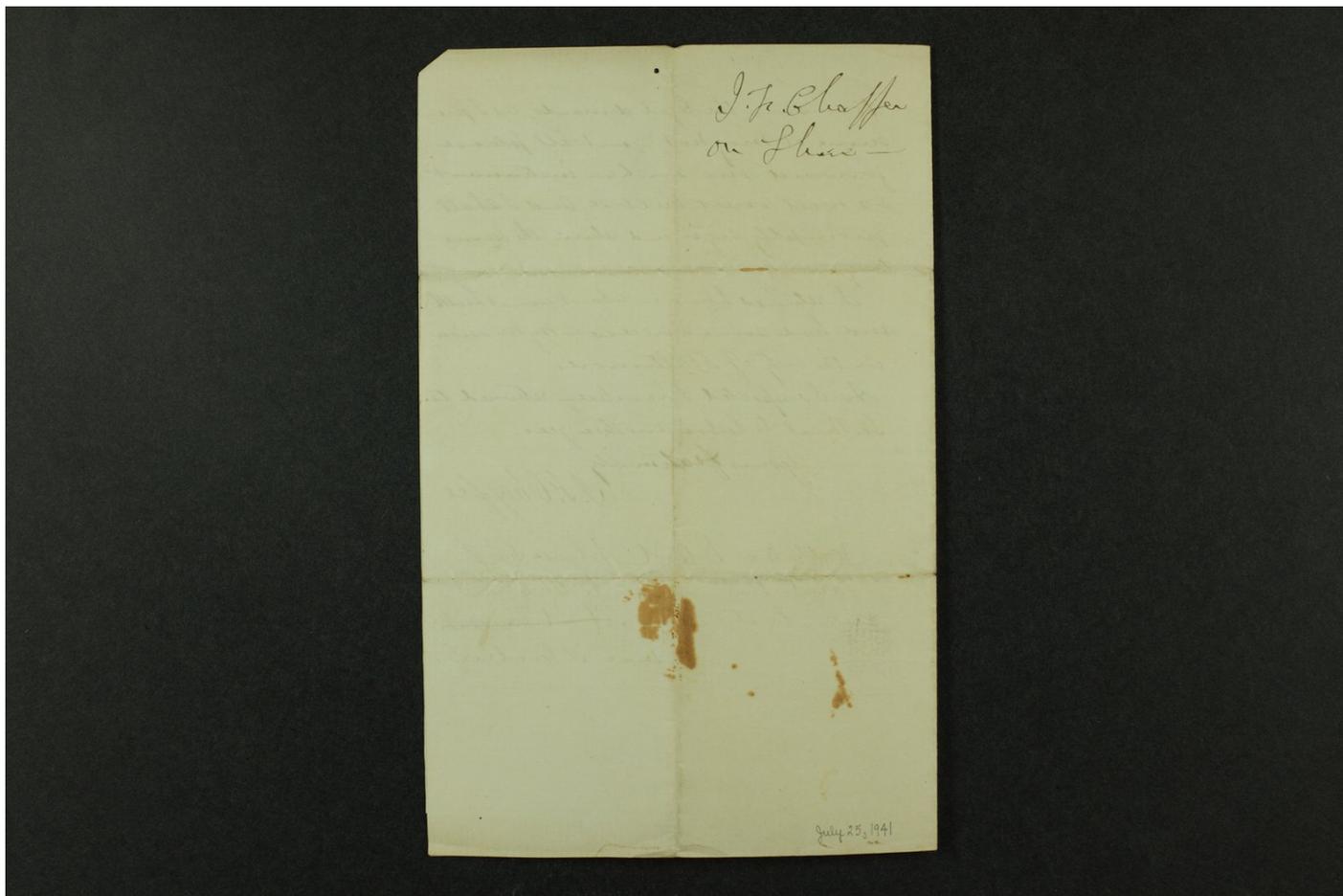
I returned home in about usual health and had some success in my mission in the city of Baltimore.

As I expected, I have been returned to St. Paul to labor another year.

Yours ~~fraternally~~  
A. H. Chaffee

Will be blood, please make out this share to Bluemont Central College, ~~if it does not~~  
Isaac J. Goodnow,

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Bluemont N. J. Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 57  
I. Goodnow Esq.  
Dear Sir

Please pay  
for me, to be charged to my account by the  
Bluemont College Co the following amounts  
to the following firms in Schuylersworth  
and take their receipts for the same.

To Watson, Grace & Co fifty two dollars  $\frac{24}{100}$  \$52.24  
" " Tho's Carney & Co one hundred four  $\frac{34}{100}$  \$104.34

Please take receipts in full as that is the full  
amounts that I owe them.

Respectfully yours Orvel Huntress

The above is but part of the amount we  
owe Mr. C. Huntress on the College account  
and I trust you will pay it if possible

Joseph Genison

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Manhattan Oct 29/59

Dear Br Goodnow

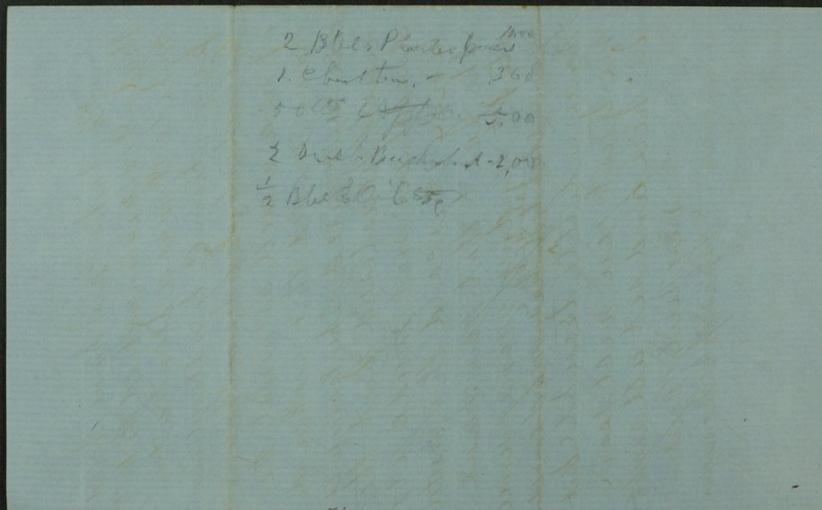
Mr Glassop the  
beaver comes to bring up a  
load of goods for you. Dr  
Stillman cannot come so  
that you will have to provide  
some other way for the passen-  
gers. We must have two barrels  
Plaster of Paris for the College  
this fall dont fail to get it.  
You had better get 1 bbl  
Brown sugar. Mr Broad  
wants 100 lbs of it. He wants  
one or two bbl Flour - two  
sacks Buck wheat, 50 lbs Coffee  
6 or 8 lbs good Black Tea.  
Bring also 100 lbs Rice part  
for him - some for me &  
some for yourself. Dried  
apples etc - 2 kegs of Spanish  
flouring brads for the College

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We must have also 1/2 bbl Paint  
oil for the College. You  
will of course call on L.  
No Griffin and pay him  
some. But you will need  
to reserve four or five hundred  
dollars to pay here as soon  
as possible after you return.  
We now owe Higginbottom  
about \$2,200. Mr Keutrop  
near two hundred besides the  
orders he wishes you to pay in  
Siemens worth. J. P. Phipps, Hillis  
only paid in part of Hillis  
also. Henry Detwiler & J. Sinsley  
are suffering for money as  
they must now to day start  
for their families. You may  
meet them. He came for the  
sap for the last load of  
flour and he must have  
some \$50.00 or so. J. H. Karns  
also will want some

Perhaps you have heard  
that Georgianna died the 16<sup>th</sup>  
while I was absent at  
 Junction City attending  
Quarterly Meeting. The rest  
of us are well as usual. We  
have moved this week and  
are very tired. The house is  
nearly plastered but the  
roofs are not made yet &  
hence it is cold this winter.  
The fact that you have  
stopped sending money since  
you started <sup>for home</sup> has made us  
some little trouble but  
we trust you will soon  
be here and set all right  
very truly yours  
Joseph Denison

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2 Bles. Powder for <sup>1000</sup>  
1. E. Weston, 360  
5000 Cotton 5000  
3 Bles. Powder 1-2,000  
1/2 Bles. Powder

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Manhattan Kansas Oct 21/57

Dear Mr Goodnow

In great haste I  
write you a line by mail.  
It is very desirable for us  
to see each other before  
I leave to go to Sapoka &  
before there to be gone  
near three weeks. I must leave  
here on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of  
Nov. and spend the Sabbath  
in Sapoka. the next Sabbath  
also hold Quart. Meeting near  
Audwin's, Burlington  
thence to Baldwin City on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> and then home.  
You had better see us be-  
fore you pay any bills  
here save by our order.  
Mr Kuntz must have \$150.  
or \$200 besides what you  
pay for him in Gasconade

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to get his winter goods. We owe  
it to him on Carpenter's College  
account. Higginbotham  
Bill is about \$2.00 and  
his 6 months are out.

Thomas Wells let me have  
\$400. to pay Detroit <sup>for part</sup> Lindy.  
You better not pay them  
any in S. as you will  
need it all here and they  
can wait till they return.  
I think we can make an  
arrangement with Phipps  
so that we need not pay  
them much College money  
now. Mr. Leunty is very  
anxious for his as he may  
be thrown out of his winter  
goods trade if he does not  
get it now.

We found yesterday to our  
great discomfort that the  
stern pipe for the Church

was sold & gone and that  
explained what you wrote  
about the that we did not  
understand. I cannot say  
what they will charge here  
for making pipe but I should  
think it could be done  
at a reasonable price.

We are doing the best we can  
to get things in shape and  
we hope you will come as  
soon as may be.

Very truly,  
Joseph Genison

P.S. Don't fail to get the  
two Bbls Plaster of Paris and  
if you lack any thing to  
make out at least bring  
Cath

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Providence R.I. - Oct.  
Monday 31/10/59

My Dear Miss - I am at the At-  
torney's office now, & shall dine  
with Mrs. Swinney - she is well &  
arrived from Georgia 2 weeks since  
she is full of business. I have sold  
3 Manhattan lots to Mr. H. Lee  
for \$150 - to be cash in 6 months.

My friend in Worcester that I ex-  
pected to see some lots to has  
not received his money, so that  
he will not buy yet - If I do  
not sell any for cash before I  
go, by the aid of your timely  
money, the present of which  
will be remembered with the  
most heart felt interest & grati-  
tude, I shall be able to get to  
my destination in due time.

Mrs. Copeland's boy will go with  
me. I will try to write you  
from Boston, or Pittsburg this  
week. To fill my engagement  
with my friend G. L. Andrews

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I am to send him \$40 - which  
he wants this week, & I would  
not disappoint him on any ac-  
count. I herewith enclose for  
him a draft or check for the  
sum of \$25 - & wish you to  
do me the favor of paying  
Mr. Andrews \$15 - more to make  
up \$40 - & I will remit to  
you the first opportunity here-  
after, within a short time -  
Mr. Andrews has my note calling  
for \$50, but \$10 - of it I shall  
put in to a lot for him as per  
our agreement. Please drop a  
letter for him in the Norway,  
P. Office to call on you. As soon as  
you get this please write me at Pitts-  
burg, Penn. - I have received no  
letters from you since leaving N.

Yours  
Mem. X X

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Noway Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1859.  
My dear Husband,  
I yesterday received  
yours of the 2<sup>d</sup>, and I am glad to hear  
from you. The business with  
Mr Andrews, I will attend to.  
You say you are going direct  
by the way to Kansas; and in that  
case, I cannot believe you will  
receive this. However, I will direct  
this to Pittsburg, as you request.  
I have not before this, written you,  
and did not suppose you expected me  
to, until I heard from you.  
My health is good. Either Sarah or  
I had the the the you left. I am still alone  
Mrs Lacey was taken sick; so they cannot  
make it present. I will let Mrs Call on  
me and when I write again, I will tell  
you about it. yours as ever I. H. Goodnow.

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Mr Eben Fawcett  
of Boston Conservatory

C Greenwich Nov 8 1859

Dear Bro Goodnow

The letter you  
left with Mr Botman I did  
not obtain until last week  
I called there immediately after  
you left and Mr Botman  
did not know of any message  
to me, Calling at the house  
last week Mrs Botman said  
you did leave a letter & told  
to let, and she supposed  
Mr B had let me have them  
however all is right I suppose  
only you might have had  
the money by the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
Oct as well as now, I  
enclose a draft on NY  
to you with this, which will  
doubtless come safe I shall call  
for the tickets to day at Mr B's

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Will you please write if  
you get this, and all  
is right, did you obtain  
them twenty lots from  
the Boston People which  
you hinted about. Wishing  
you much success in  
the enterprise  
I am Yours  
Ben Gourju

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James town, Pa. Nov. 9, 1859.

My Dear Wife - I last week wrote you from Boston & enclosed Draft for C. B. Andrews of \$25 - which I presume is received - I arrived at Pittsburg, Pa. Monday morning & found Tatham & all his family at home & well. Francis met his father at New York. He had a pleasant visit in Vermont - he has received a number of letters from Waterford - they miss him very much. I expect to move to St. Louis by January & go into business on his own account. V. P. will be in the store - it will be furniture, &c. - It is to work some in Pittsburg, & is anxious to get into full & active business. I called on Horace Coole & Eliza in N. York - they were well - Mr. C. is in Wilmington, Wt. I also called on Dexter A. Hawkins & had a pleasant chat with him. In Philadelphia I called on Charles Woodward & took dinner - he is pleasantly situated - The little boy of Mrs. Copeland enjoys himself quite well. We have had charming weather since last Friday. I arrived here last evening & shall leave on my return to Pittsburg this P. M. I shall finish my letter there.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. I arrived here from James town this morning had a rainy day yesterday, but I was well protected from getting wet. I sold another Church lot in James town to the Secretary of the Ins. Co. & also got a nice gallop watch for some Kansas land. I have made enough to pay for the wagon. Your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> is received - it came in 3 days. I am right glad to hear from you, & that you are so well. Shall look for the next letter at Manhattan.

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When I arrive at Manhattan I propose to write  
you a full letter of my journey & how our mat-  
ters are in Kansas. I have arranged the insurance  
loss so to collect money in Lawrence on going that  
way. I shall not go to Concord now but defer that  
journey to next season on my return East. I feel  
very well. Julia G. sends much love. Little Nettie sends  
love to aunt Harriet & would like to see her. This  
is a lovely day - I have seen some beautiful coun-  
try & places this week. -

St. Louis, 15<sup>th</sup> I left Pittsburg on Saturday morning in  
a powerful rain & stopped over the Sabbath at Indian-  
apolis & attended Church in the evening - Sunday was a keen  
cold day & some snow fell. I was sorry that I could not  
know who Hannah Worthington married, as I might  
have had a pleasant call on her. I arrived here this  
morning & expect to leave for Hannibal & St. Joe, & Kan-  
sas this P.M. I concluded not to send this till I arrived here.  
Dear that pitiable family of Mrs. Le-y is suffering for their  
wickedness! If they could repent & reform how well it  
would be for them. The little boy has stood it well thus  
far. I did not call to see Mary-Ann - The Cross did  
not seem right for me to do it. After arriving to K.  
& getting settled I shall write more fully of matters  
& things. I am quite well - hope you are -

Yours truly,  
Isaac G.

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Barrows, G.

Southwestern Bridge A.H.  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1859.

Dear Bro. Goodnow -

I was pleased to receive your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. & learn that your College prospects are so good. I thank you for your kind personal allusions. Were I now in the west & in the educational line, I should not consider your proposal unworthy my attention. But as matters are with me - perhaps it is best for me to remain here. As to Dr. Millett, I consider him a pious, gentlemanly, energetic, enthusiastic, pleasant & well-sloped man. But I do not consider him very strong intellectually - I did know

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how pursuing he would be for a long, strong & hard struggle under heavy difficulties - neither do I know the extent of his scholarship. - I should not be surprised, all things considered, if he should do as well as any more you can get - especially for the out-of-door work you speak of. But it is doubtful about his wife consenting, or her parents to such a removal, if he should desire it.

I hardly <sup>know</sup> how far I could speak of now at liberty, or how I should care to recommend.

We are very much at home & happy here in our country retreat. We are having a good religious revival. Some are trying hard to prep me again and school.

But it will hardly carry especially in a way to shut me out of the pulpit.

By the way, I am now preparing for republication most an invaluable little English book, on Public speaking, by G. J. Holyoke, with an introduction of my own, & an Essay on Sacred eloquence, by Rogers, with. of the eclipse of faith. Should you be pleased, write it, give it a push.

How much has your new City grown? How are late news? - What do you think of Bro Stevens & Weston? Poor Stevens, is hard pushed.

Will he ride into the episcopacy on the sabbath as he did the last? I think he expects it.

Let us hear from you, & apply Barrows.

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Bigelow, P.B.

Oakdale Nov 15 - 1857

Dear Brother - I send you herin  
a draft on New York Bank  
for fifty dollars as promised  
Please write me on the receipt  
of this -  
Yours in Christ  
P. B. Bigelow

Direct to Oakdale Mass

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Sub, Henry - Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 1857  
My dear husband;

Yours, of the 13, I received  
yesterday; and I am glad to learn that you  
had got so far, comfortably along, on your  
Savigny. It had been so long since hearing  
anything from you; I began to fear some  
thing unfortunately might have happened.  
How much of tediousness, and terrors  
there is, in a Savigny of so great distance!  
But I do hope, ere this, that you have safely  
arrived to your destination.

I last Monday sent you a ~~parcel~~  
with a few lines from my pen included  
is it safe for me to do so?

I have not received the ~~parcel~~  
the last week; but perhaps it was sent  
to you. I think your last article reads  
very well indeed.

How sad to think of poor John's  
case, and all condemned with him!!

*Isaac Goodnow  
17911292 1161101*

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Yesterday, we had a warm, plentiful rain. To day, is pleasant, and warm.

There is some alarm in this Village, on account of one severe case of small pox. John Raymond's wife went to Boston on a visit and there took, and had the disease, and after getting able to set ~~hers~~ in bed, wrote a letter home to her daughter, who agreed, and read the letter which proved to be in her case contagious.

What the consequence will be, is yet to be proved. She was all broke out with it before there was any suspicion; she had been sick a week, and lost for a few. Otherwise, it is healthy here now; patients in the place since Esther's going.

O that wicked family! I don't think the hearts are at all softened.

Mr. Severy moved in last week, so I am not alone, and I do hope they will prove to be a good family; but I don't expect much from tenants but ~~deception~~ care, trials and anxiety, which I have continued

There has just a letter come to this office directed to you since you left home.

Is it worth remarking?

The third day after you left, William Millett called on me, and appeared very much excited, to think you should have without giving up matters with him. Said he should see these notes before they were outwards. I asked him what good that would do, for you had no property here. Well then he said he would send them to Kansas, and have them send there, I told him he would gain nothing by such a course, but had better wait til you returned, and you would then help him, if you could, and since then have heard nothing from him til yesterday, when Zany called in to tell me he had had a conversation with Millett, and he (W) told him, he should send the notes on to Kansas, and have them secured, and he (Zany) thought I had better let you know it. I think you had better quit things in shape where you are immediately.

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O what will you do with all these liabilities  
 It does appear to me, that you can never  
 have any peace any where in the world.  
 O that God would provide you in a way  
 to give you the means - to put a stop to  
 all these distressing Embarrassments.  
 If you had not left home I wish when  
 you did, I think you would have had  
 much serious trouble.  
 I saw Mr. C. he drew the day after your  
 first letter came, with Drafts and paid the  
 business up with him; and he felt very  
 well satisfied. He wished me to give his  
 compliments to you, wishing you much  
 prosperity.  
 Sargen has paid the price,  
 and the Deeds have concluded to give  
 you another year for the land.  
 I have paid Bond for the land, and soon  
 I feel quite comfortable to day, but for a week  
 past I have been confined to the House with  
 a severe cold, and cough, but have made  
 out, to take care of myself, and things.  
 I have never done so little business, as this  
 fall, but I think I have a duty to myself,  
 and I intend to preserve my own life  
 if I can. I think I shall try to go to meeting  
 this afternoon, so I will try aside my gun.  
 Well, I have been to Church, and no other road.  
 I feel very tired, but that is all, and thanksgiving,  
 and the prayer meeting is there that evening,  
 wish you could be with us, more in the morning.  
 Monday Morn 21. Read W. I will just say to you I feel  
 quite content this evening, and hope you are.  
 I have no more news to write. Yours ever W. G.

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Chandler, Henry

Moultonborough N.H. Nov. 22. 1858

Br Goodnow,

Dear Sir:

As I have but a short time to see you at Lowell Market I would like to get a little more information respecting your lot - lots to come & pay for the payment of my notes.

- 1 I wish to know how it is about taxes, how much when they are to be paid, how it is to be done & so that the land shall not be sold for the same.
- 2 My lot is 686 Wares. Are there any settlements near this? Is it probable that there will be? I understood that boats run up to your place How large? What about the Pacific Rail Road?
- 3 I finally wish you to give me such information respecting the prospect of your place the probable use in such lots, how they are how they may be sold, as you think best.
- 4 How about respecting the College, and the religious prosperity of the place.
- 5 Have you received a letter from Government?

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& such information as you think best respecting sending the money.

I would have sent the money at the end of two months but I find it comes in slower than I expected. I shall try to send before the end of December if I can get it.

I am at work on a very dry and hard patch but the Lord is able to make it blossom and bring forth fruit.

May the Lord prosper you in planting the Gospel with its full and free salvation in the far off Kansas.

Truly Yours  
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