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Watertown Arsenal West Troy.  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1856.

Dear Mother,

I presume you are waiting with some little anxiety to hear from us.

All have arrived in safety and in good health.

Guy had the journey I think the best of any of them. The New York train started so quickly from Springfield that Mrs. White did not have time to get out, through Rowland, Lizzi &

Guy had done so. She was carried on to Hartford. She came back, and came on

after them to East Albany on the next train where I met her at half past 10 P.M. We

were somewhat frightened about her but she found friends, and had the ride to Hartford & back to Springfield gratis. I hope this

will find you well. Rowland and I had a ride to Albany yesterday afternoon.

We haven't made any decided arrangements about studying yet. How does it seem to you

all your boys away at a time?

Give my love to all - and may God bless you -

Affectionately Yours  
Son, Ohio

Dear Mother

Otis has just brought in this sheet with one page written & I must add a few words before the mail goes and write a long letter by & by. As he says, we are all here bag & baggage - safe & sound - I spent most of yesterday fixing up my study-room. I think it very pleasantly situated & it begins to look a little social. This is rather a big house for such little folks as Otis & Lizzie just commencing house-keeping to fill up - Everything new looks a good ways apart - & I don't wonder Otis was lonesome - Keeping the school hall - My health is very good - I cannot stir but I am painfully reminded that I am out of New England. The churches & school-houses are fewer & the general appearance of the people is bad. The poorer class lack that remaining respectability that they have even in Boston. Almost every man looks as if he was soaked in Beer, Rum, Brandy or some other stimulant. If they didn't keep so busy at work, they would all seem like our street drunkards. The wealthy men whom we meet in their carriages have the same look of gentlemen drunkards -

I shall study here for some time till I  
get acquainted with more of the Lawyers.  
It is best to trust to my own observation  
rather than hearsay - I want, finally, to  
go in with someone who will take some  
interest in me. not only in my studies  
but also in my business hereafter.

I have been invited to "take the stump"  
in New York by a gentleman in Albany  
who is quite prominent in politics - but  
as said before - I have got all through -  
for the present - with politics. We must  
succeed in Maine - medic and I am  
satisfied - I ran a grand flag in Albany  
yesterday - inscribed - "Three Shires for  
Freedom" - Iowa 10,000. Vermont 25,000.  
Maine 15,000<sup>2</sup> & every one whom I am intro-  
duced to says "You did the thing up in  
Maine didn't you"? I was not rich aboard  
the Boat - Mrs Waite was - Guy & Lizzy not -

Nature hasn't done much for this place  
but there has been much money spent  
here and it is now a fine place - The Erie  
Canal passes two or three rods in front  
of the House & is crossed by a number of  
bridges - then the grounds extend down to  
the street that runs along by the Hudson  
River - But I have no more time now

& with love to father & wishing to be  
remembered to all also in yours I am  
affectionately  
your son

Richard

Mrs. E. Gilman