Saturday Feby 28. 43. Dear Father It seems to me that time enough has passed which I life is any will, sup lone, without being thought hometick which I have being laughed at. I falt pery lonely. after you left, forestime two or three days but not what you may call really homesick. I am quite contented now as I have got to be some what accustomed to College usages & have got acquainted with several of my class, which I think is composed of a poetty good set of fellows, though they are not on the whole as good scholars as it Sorham. I have to study but very little as I have been over the part of Ling D' Algebra on which we recites and take very short lessons in Merodotes. Perhaps you would like to know how I has the day I will try to give you an account of it, In the morning, when the first hell for prayers rings, (at half past 6) I get up. I by The time I get dressed, washed, I have made the fire. The second bell rings, when I have to start for those horrid prayers, which (bounderful to tell) I have missed but men. as soon as prayers are over I go into the Freshman recitation room & recite to Prof- Upham in Livy, Then I go home, for up my room a little, or read till the chapel bell rings at half after I for breakfast

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Description: Josiah Pierce letter from Bowdoin

Saturday Feby 25 '42.

Dear Father.

It seems to me that time enough has passed to allow me to write home, without being thought homesick which I hope no one will suppose

^ as I dont like being laughed at. I felt very lonely after you left afore some two or three days but not what you may call really homesick. I am quite contented now as I have got to be some what accustomed to College usages & have got acquainted with several of my class, which I think is composed of a pretty good set of fellows, though they are not on the whole as good scholars as at Gorham. I have to study but very little as I have been over the part of Livy & Algebra in which we recite and take, very short lessons in Herodotus. Perhaps you would like to know how I pass the day. I will try to give you an account of it. In the morning, when the first bell for prayers rings, (at half past 6) I get up. & by the time I get dressed, washed, & have made the fire, the second bell rings, when I have to start for those horrid prayers which (wonderful to tell) I have missed but once —. As soon as prayers are over, I go into the Freshman recitation room & recite to Prof Upham in Livy. Then I go home, fix up my room a little or read till the chapel bell rings at half after 8 for breakfast

After breakfasts I generally take a walk down town and seturn home at I when I study my Stero dotus & Greek Frammar lesson till 11 o clocks when I resite. Defore duriner, I generally go to some ones soon hile Is hast 12 which is her Teeld, time for diving, obfler eating I generally go down to the Post office and Then come home I study or read till I seech in Algebra at Bothermediately after recita-tion, evening Prayers come, and immediately after Prayers comes suffer. In the evening I read or study is go to some me's room. I have aspied that course of thistog which Prof. Sackard gave Adams & think I shall read it. I have now the last volume of the This cher bocker out of the Athensean Library, a took called the "odd volume" out of The Severien " , and The I volume of Shakspeare the of the College " . The College library is spen every day at noon, the Athensean Tensday & Saturday noons, and the Tenginian Wednesday and " . Thus I can the flenty of any kind of reading. - Mr Fields is a firstrate boarding place, I think - I received The bosoms & mothers billet by Robie for which I was duly thank ful being very glad just then to hear from home . I very often think of "those I left behind me" & of what you all may be doing - Ather out in the kitcher rolling uppasse and telling Ester Dacre about something she don't doright Father reading in the officer Aunt Hannah (if the is it Forham! helping mother or siving or knothing - Coelina, reading

After breakfast, I generally take a walk down town and return home at 9 when I study my Herodotus & Greek Grammar lesson till 11 o'clock when I recite Before dinner, I generally go to some one's room till 1/2 past 12 which is Mr Fields time for dining. After eating I generally go down to the Post-office and then come home & study or read till I recite in Algebra at [blotted out] imediately after recitation, evening Prayers come, and immediately after Prayers comes supper. In the evening I read or study or go to some one's room. I have copied that course of History which Prof. Packard gave Adams & think I shall read it. I have now the last volume of the Knickerbocker out of the Athenaean Library, a book called the "odd volume" out of the ", and the 2^d volume of Shakspeare out of the College ". The College library is open every day at noon, the Athenaean Tuesday & Saturday noons and the Peucinian Wednesday and " ". Thus I can have plenty of any kind of reading. – Mr Fields is a first rate boarding place, I think. – I received the bosoms & mothers billet by Robie, for which I was duly thankful; being very glad just then to hear from home. I very often think of "those I left behind me" & of what you all may be doing – Mother out in the kitchen rolling up pastry and telling Esther Dacie about something she dont do right Father reading in the office – Aunt Hannah (if she is at Gorham) helping mother or sewing or knitting – Evelina, reading

to doing the same - Lewis at school bolling over his seed and wishing it was recessor Nancy & George at school looking at the hictures in their school books, or making figures on their slates, or creeping under the seats— Ella in the corner attending to her say takes - and last of all Puss laying under the cook store as leef -I not this pretty near ought? I hope none of you are sick, I have had the toothache ever since last Saturda. a week ago to day. It is not very had but it pains me all The time. I put some of that cotton with pepper ment in my month but it would not stay in . I have tried sendking also, but it does no good. I hope you will consider that this letter is private & will not show it to every body that comes I do miss the apples as you told me I should. They tremendous dear here (a cent aprice). I wish if you get an opportunity, that you would send me some. I had to brey a Could not borrow or buy a second handed one. It cost B. Os and I had it charged on my term bill. As nearly all the students have a tox in the Fost - office I thought I would take one They come to 25 cts a year. Sie my love to all, As my humkin- shell is exhausted of its aiwards of suppose I must conclude, 1. I write soon and when youds I remain as ever your dutiful son let all write. Good bye qui my respects to of his without I shall wind

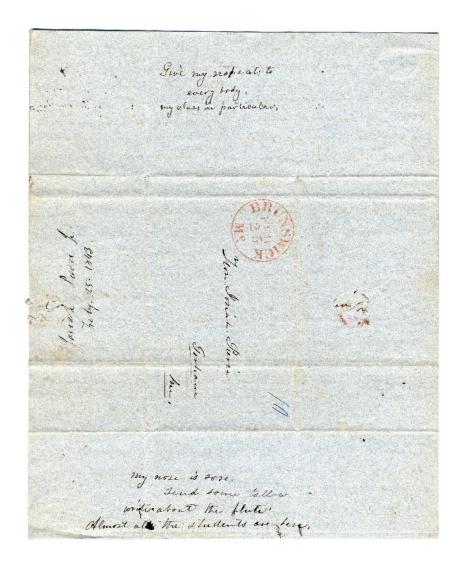
or doing the same – Lewis at school lolling over his seat and wishing it was recess, — Nancy & George at school looking at the pictures in their school books, or making figures on their slates, or creeping under the seats — Ella in the corner attending to her rag babies — and last of all Puss laying under the cook-stove asleep — Is not this pretty near right? I hope none of you are sick, I have had the toothache ever since last Saturday a week ago to=day. It is not very bad but it pains me all the time. I put some of that cotton with pepper-mint in my mouth but it would not stay in. I have tried smoking also, but it does no good. I hope you will consider that this letter is private & will not show it to every-body that comes into the house – Dont I write an awful Sera [page torn]

I do miss ^ apples ^ as you told me I should. They [page torn] tremendous dear here (a cent apiece). I wish if you get an opportunity, that you would send me some. I had to buy a Sophocles Greek Grammar, as they study them now, and I

could not borrow ^ or buy a second-handed one. It cost \$1.00 and I had it charged on my term bill. As nearly all the students have a box in the Post-office I thought I would take one. They come to 25 cts a year. Give my love to all, As my pumkin- shell is exhausted of its inwards I suppose I must conclude,

P.S. I remain
Write soon and when you do as ever
let all write. Good-bye. your dutiful son
Give my respects to John Waterman

Give my respects to John Waterman tell him I got his letter Josiah



Give my respects to every body my class in particular.

[Postmark] BRUNSWICK FEB 25 ME.

[sideways] Hon. Josiah Pierce
Gorham
Me.

My nose is sore
Send some tallow
write about the flute.
Almost all the students are here.