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## Letter from S. Howard (Chazy, N.Y.) to her son, Henry Carlton, March 22, 1863

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Chazy March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Dear Henry

Your kind letter  
was duly received we were glad  
to hear that <sup>you</sup> are so well and in good  
spirits I hope it will continue along, long  
time. I would written sooner but was  
intending to go to Dannebury, which I did  
last Monday we could not both go so  
Father got Henry Dustin to go and drive  
the team for me I had a good visit found  
them well and Henry and Betsey plan  
a visit for you and Dustin to take a lot of  
the Chazy girls up there and have a time  
so much in anticipation

well it is about sugar time it commenced  
snowing last night and has snowed all the  
forenoon the prospect for sugar is not first  
rate but I hope we shall make enough so  
that the children can have some when  
they come home

well Henry Mr H says he would  
be very glad to have you help shear  
the sheep they are in fine condition and  
he thinks he has the nicest lot of lambs  
that he ever raised, the wool is in high  
demand now and probably will be for  
some time to come which makes it an object  
for the farmer to raise sheep Hay is high  
and scarce grain of all kinds is high and  
Money plenty goods of all description are  
high especially Cotton the Farmers are going  
to raising Flax which will be a very good  
substitute for cotton

The snow birds are very thick  
today while I am writing a flock have  
alighted on the Woodhouse and on the woodpile  
they are just as handsome as they can be  
I wish I could catch one. That is an indication  
of more snow. A report is in circulation  
that Dexter Watson is dead he was wounded  
at the Battle of Vicksburg in the breast and  
Thigh very likely he is dead



I see by the papers that they are enlisting  
the blacks to help carry on the war they  
are raising a Regiment in Mass Fred  
Douglass is enlisting Blacks in this state  
to join the Massachusetts Regt they have  
2 Regt in Kansas. and 2 Regiments of  
Indians I say let the Negro fight

he has every inducement to fight to  
put down this Rebellion they know if the  
North conquers liberty will be their  
reward and that poor despicable down  
trodden race have suffered and groaned and  
many of them died without one cheering ray  
of light but I trust the time of their release  
is at hand

Henry don't you grow tired of  
writing so much I do yet I ought to be thankful  
that I can write you have been a good boy to  
write so often and I thank you for it I hope it will not  
be long till we can lay aside pen and paper and converse  
face to face

all in good health as usual . S Howard

~~with~~ with kind  
wishes for your health I remain your mother

The Samuel Brando has  
paid that note I dont know if I wrote  
wrote you that Albert M<sup>r</sup> Fadden  
accepted the receipt you sent and that  
matter is settled satisfactorily