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Thank you very much for your letter to me, enclosing Lieutenant Greble's, and for your visit to dear Sarah Win nemuca; though at first it confounded Sarah \& her brother, who did not know that she had been accused of appropriating money sent to her for making the farm, given to her brother by Governor Stanford, available as a place for her to carry on a school, such as she assisted in at Malheur in 1876 and 7, under that one good Agent to the Piutes-Mr.Sam.Parish.

When she came Eastt in 1888, for the purpose of getting Malheur restored to her people, she told me about that school, and also the heart education that was given by Piute parents to their children, and I found it to be precisely the heart culture proposed by Froebel for the Kindergarten; to the introduction of which into America I have devoted my life since 1868, and that it verified Froebel's declaration that his method vas the primitive inspiration of God from which our civilization had fallen away, but which had wonderfully survived among the good Piutes, who had not been long enough associated with the whites for them to lose, and which Sarah had not lost in growing up to speak both languages, and in friendly even affectionate relations with both races-and I saw she could keep a school which should be a home for the children, who might be helped


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to grow into all the arts \& sciences of civilization without the vices \& shortcomings that make it so un-christian as we must all acknowledge it to bee

During 1883 \& 4, while she was working so hard and successfully to get the decree of Congress that has never been carried out I was in constant intercourse with her, and found that she also saw into the principle of what is now called the Dawes bill, one that the tribal tenure of land in common, was the weakness of the Indian system, and that it should be displaced by giving individual tenure of land and putting each Indian on his own responsibility for support of himself \& family-but that all other tribal relations and the family and social relations, customs involved in them should be sacredly preserved inasmuch as the home and not the isolated individual was the vital root of all human virtue.

When therefore, the final disappointment came about the Reservation of Malheur \&c, and Governor Stanford probidentially gave land to the brother of Sarah $I$ was delighted though not surprised at Sarah's determination to earn some money for canvass for tents, agricultural tools and other things necessary to make the farm available, but as she was too much broken in health by the previous six months disappointments, public \& private to sueceed in this, $I$ and the many private friends she had made understand her plans of education did bring forward the money in the summer of 1885 to give Natchez the minimum of conditions for self support; and as she immediately began out of doors her school, and with the immediate ef-


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fect of making a little company of zealous young ones between $6 \&$ 16 years of age learn to speak read and write English, to sew; both boys \& girls to work on the farm and the girls to keep house nicely in the schoolhouse we had built with rooms for nice housekeeping in the fall. Our plan was to make them both independent of the Agency until they had a chance to show what they could do all by themselves for self support \& elevation-and in the $t$-hree years from the Spring of 1885 till the evel mid-summer of 1887 she did make a perfectfully successful school, so that at that time she had the offer of 400 children by their parents whose confidence she had won-not by words but byb what she had done for their children, which was also measurably civilizing themselves, as children properly cultured reciprocally educate their parents, which is $I$ suppose whyy God has created the human race in generations so that theee should be a constant influx of good innocent material, and some of the evil should die out and not block progress. But Sarah did not do this great and good work without great diffuculties, thrown in her way by the Agent of the Pyramid Lake Reservation, who did his best to misrepresent her. I have told in my first printed Report of her school some of these hindrances, and also of the spontaneous unexpected testimony inher favor printed in newspapers ec-which $I$ will enclose to you or send to you my Report, if I can find one not distributed . I have found one. But the persecution and misrepresentations of the Agent was not all. She did her


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three years great work under pressure of illness, incurred as soon as she went out in 1885, from privations, and worse than all when her Wheart all torn to pieces"-as she expressed it- because her husband had separated himself frm her by his crimes in Baltimore of getting money on false pretences, and was a fugitive in hiding from the detectives of the Grand Jury of Maryland. For you know an Indian wife does not feel her duty of cherishing fidelity loosened by the unworthiness of the husband. She paid up all the defalcation from the sale of her own books, and wanted to go seek and save the lost sheep" for the angels to rejoice over"-as she said-. But his necessity for concealment and perhaps a better feeling of its being better for her cause that she should be known not to be with him kept him away. She only saw him for less than a day twice in the summer of 1885. In which interviews she found it was bette for his soul that it could not be longer, -and once for a few days in the fall, when Nat chez learning the state of the case generously invited him to come under his protection. whey find out that nothing was to be hoped for but from God's retributionse So she lost sight of him entirely for nearly a year, and then found by a letter from him that he was convicted of crime perpetrated under another name than his own, ${ }^{2}$ in States Prison for life. But last July as he was dying of quick consumption, he was let out and rifted to her at Lovelocks, whom received him "upraiding not" and found him with suhdued and purified spirit; and nursed him for 10 weeks al by herself, and he died when her brother and all the rest were gone
















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on their fall hunt, $\%$ did not return till after the burial, and found her beaten out and voiceless! of course this had suspended the school, and then two of her nicest scholars successively died of the same disease, she having nursed them both and these successions of deaths leaving her so broken down worked on the superstitious imagination of her people whose custom is to burn the house in which anybody dies and all its belongings. And all these deaths have occurred in the school roome But she has outgrown such superstitions and she considered the house not hers but mine-and so it still stands, to house the school when she shall be able to resume it-and she is waiting to have this dark cloud blow over-which Agent Gibbon is now making the most of-when she believes she shall be able to make use of these very circumstances to break up the superstition itself. At all events she is sure God will suggest to her something to do, mless it is His will that she die of consumption too-as she says she mould be glad to do. I have a letter from her written the day after you left, showing that your visit has comforted her and that she takes it as an immediate gift of God for that purpose.

Now, dear Sir, if there is anything I have not made clear, and you will write and ask me,or get I,ieutefreble to do so, I will answer; forI want you to be the person to whom I can refer anybody of as authority, and to whom she can recur for advice. Her School of Indian Interpreters or teachers, I hope will be assisted by appropriation from the State of Nevada, in order to supply assistants to






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the white teachers of the coming great Industrial School of Carson Gity,to which Congress is appropriating $\$ 50,000$; and who unless they have such assistants, as interpreters, will have no more success than the Reservation Schools and other qovermment Schools whose teachers do not know Indian. She knows Shoshone and Wahoe dialects as well as piute, and can educate assistants from these tribes to help when the school actually begins. But she cannot take any boarding scholXars without the board is paid at least \$2.a week for each, -and as she says, she cannot take 400 -but at most 50 , and would begin with 5 or 6. We who have paid the board hitherto can do no more than we have done, which was to help her demonstrate her ideal plan to be the true solution of factse

You can show this letter dear Sir to whom you please, and even print it in the Overland Monthly or some newspaper, except the parts I have marked on the side. But it would hurt sarah's feelings to have her husband's bad conduct spoken of now that it is of the past, and forgiven by God, as she forgives it, whose love like a Mother's and like God's forgets the forgiven past and puts on the best rate and kills the fatted calfo You knew Hopkins and that he really lobed her and had great good things in him like many another inveterate gambler. A more hopeless victim of the great sin of our civilization than of "the world" or "the flesh"-in short the special victim of the devil, which is the man's highest attribute of free will turned upside down. * In thinking over this case, I have entered into the greatest depths of our nature as never be-







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But I must not be tempted to go on bonger moralizing or spirit ualizing though ther is great temptation to an old woman of 84 to do so! Sarah's future life onearth, if she is spared will show what good can be made of the worst things by one who truly, woves the Lord as she does.

> Elizabeth P.Peabody.

## Rostscript.

I have known Sarah Winnemucca for 5 years more in-
timately than $F$ ever did any other wememhuman being, and constant $y$ grown in my appreciation of her simplicity of motibe and purpose, her freedom from selfishness, her honor, integrity, purity of imagination and self control and childlike unconsciousness of merit. She is gentle \& tender. She never begs and takes all money advanced to her as a trust for her great object of showing the Indians fairly given the white man's can be independent by self supporting and without being required to, has kept accounts that show she has not misappropriated a cent, giving the receipts of the dealers in the materials bought, having in the service of Army officers for whom





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## Young Men's Christian Association,

 Building and Business Offices, 232 Sutter St.
## San Francisco,

April 10 th., 1888.

Gen. 0. 0. Howard,
Phelan Building, City.
My Dear General:-
I leave tomorrow morning for Souther California to be gone a couple of weeks. I have left the $\$ 150$. which the Committee voted for Mr. Hammond, in the safe and Mr. Johnson, the Assistant Secretary, will pay it over to him any time he may call. I find that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction in the Committee in regard to employing Mr. Hammond and I done know as it would be wise to continue it beyond this week; but of course. you can do just as you think best. Two members of the Committee spoke to me yesterday and were decided 1 y opposed to it, so I think I mast withdraw my consent to allow yon to vote for me in favor of his going to the two Mission Churches referred to at the last meeting. of course in my position yon will understand, my dear General, that I have to be very, very careful not to antagonize any of our city pastors, and I would not want to do what would seem directly in opposition to any of them. May the Lord bless yall richly in all things and make you more and more powerful in the Master's cause.

Very cordially your brother,


Note. Will have the Evangelistic Committee called for 1 , o clock Friday as you requested.

OFFICE OF
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