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Steamer Pink Warble

Arkansas River near Antume
8 P.M. Saturday night

Dearest;

March 3rd 1872

As we are "laying up" for the night it is probable we will not reach Pine Bluff before noon tomorrow and I shall probably remain there till another boat comes up - I hoped we would get there in the morning so that I could keep the Sabbath in a more Christian way but we are "layed up" last night at the mouth of the Shute from White River and we have made slow progress today - The boat is old and rickety - a stern-wheeler - never fast and now against the current and as the trip is to buy cotton seed, they stop and porey at every landing - try to sell a lb. of flour or meal & engage the cotton seed, leaving bags to be filled for their return - The President of the oil works (Mr. Fenton) is on board and his little son Henry - The cotton was very lively last night and I was running out & in with his father who, by the way, has lived some time in California & is a frank free-mannered man of business - The little boy complained of head ache this morning & had evidently taken a bad cold - I administered looking his feet which relieved him somewhat and he went to sleep - I went to him in his stateroom occasionally as his father was very busy - The little fellow was home sick & cried somewhat. He is only seven years old - He is very patient & I ought

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he did not seem so well & is very feverish -
So I helped both his feet & I bowed his father
about bathing his back & shoulders - He took some
sage tea & now feels better but he is to take
some oil (Cotton-seed oil) as they have no
Caster oil - This at my suggestion - The father
thanked me very cordially - said he knew nothing
about such things - I bathed his head a little &
had a clean pillow - Case - None of the berths
are provided with pillow cases - It is a
pretty "hard" place but I am well and I hope
my belongings are well & in a comfortable home -
This faith helps me to be peaceful - After
supper I was up on the hurricane deck peering to & fro
for exercise & watching the sun light & the day
light fade away & listening to the howls on shore
chasing deer when a young man came up &
seemed inclined to talk - He told me something
about Ft Smith where I expect to go - Finally
he began to tell me about his family & him-
self - how he had lost ^{his} good his father Capt. Kim -
His mother lives at Rising Sun, Indiana. His father
was killed while in command of a U.S. Gunboat -
He told me of his fiancée who lives in Cincinnati
and I talked with him as well as I could & I pray
the Lord may bless the conversation & enable me to say
more tomorrow - He has been on three boats that sunk & ran
one which was blown up - Had a fox (bottle liquor)
on three & lost all he had such time - I told him it

was bad business as you would imagine I would
say so. I have been reading in Froude - I
like the book - It is instructive - Just as I
read Spinoza - being somewhat of the man
this philosophy - I am glad to know he was a good
man & that his philosophy is in no correct sense
atheistic but rather pantheistic - However it is
not a very good theory that leads to all the
principles of Unitarianism for regulation of conduct when
it reaches that and it points to God in all
things as being an expression of God - The mis-
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monstrate logically or mathematically any matter
of faith & conscience. I read "Lives of the Saints"
this morning & then the Philosophy of Catholicism & then
the 1st Lecture on the Times of Erasmus, Luther, Froude.
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of them were written for Reviews in 1850 - I am struck
with his originality & vigor of thought as well as research.
Yesterday I read his "Representative Men" & "English Worthies"
which are in the "Merry Houston" - I wrote you on this & I suppose
the letter will take the cars at Memphis (I hope so) &
hurry on faster to tell you I think about you though I can-
not hear from you - It was about 5 before we landed
upon the Wharf back at White River - It showed and I
found it difficult to get up the slippery clay bank with
my Valise - Almost perpendicular - I made one acquain-
tance on the boat - an honest - looking but rough fellow
whom I found to have been a Contractor for Telegraph setting &c.

but he was going up Arkansas River for cottonseed
for a New Orleans Oil works company. (They make
"Imported Olive Oil") It was a miserable town-
let - Two houses for travellers - one by Mrs. Boyd
a Colored man told me was the best - It was a
humph - down - filthy house & my companion (& others)
turned & left as soon as they saw the inside - My usual
jollity (which scarcely ever fails when absolutely needed)
came to my relief - I inspected the room opposite me.
no ceiling - rough boards & open over head but a lock
on the door & a bed upon which they promised me
clean sheets (though I inwardly resolved not to under in
such a place) - No women appeared & I almost dreaded
to see one - You may imagine why - I looked up my valise
& walked out to see how my comrades fared - I found the
"R. E. Lee hotel" smaller than Mrs. B's & six men were
in the one sitting & bar room all, I saw at a glance, drunk
and three gambling as I soon saw - The keeper had on
Robert Gray Baldwin's clothing & looked like a pick-pocket or
vorn - I confess it was hard for me not to happen like
a cat in a strange garret - He was intent on supplying
the wants of liquor, cigars &c. - I met my comrades outside
behaving tried a private house in vain & he & another
man concluded to go back to Mrs. B's with me - They
would have to occupy the same room with three
American men if at the "R. E. Lee" - Mrs. B. refused to take
them but I offered to share my room & so one got a place -
A girl came in & summoned us to supper - While floating
on Pork, bread & coffee, we heard that ^{the} boat was for Arkansas,

3/2/1872

From: C. H. Howard

To: Dearest [Katherine F
Howard]

CHH-204

Steamer Pink Varble
Arkansas River, near
Auburn

Steamer Pink Varble
Arkansas River, near Auburn
8 P.M. Saturday night
March 2nd 1872

Dearest:

As we are "laying up" for the night it is probable we will not reach Pine Bluff before noon tomorrow and I shall probably remain there till another boat comes up. I hoped we would get there in the morning so that I could keep the Sabbath in a more Christian way but we "layed up" last night at the mouth of the Shute from White River and we have made slow progress today.

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It is a pretty "hard" place but I am well and I hope my Darlings are well & in a comfortable home. This faith helps me to be peaceful.

After supper I was up on the hurricane deck pacing to & fro for exercise & watching the sunlight and the daylight fade away & listening to the hounds on shore chasing deer when a young man came up & seemed inclined to talk. He told me something about Ft. Smith where I expect to go.

Finally he began to tell me about his family & himself, how he had lost \$3000 his father left him. His mother lives at Rising Sun, Indiana. His father was killed while in command of a U.S. Gunboat. He told me of his fiancée who lives in Cincinnati and I talked with him as well as I could & I pray the Lord may bless the conversation & enable me to say more tomorrow. He has been on three boats that sunk, & on one which was blown up. Had a bar (to sell liquor) on three & lost all he had each time. I told him it was bad business as you would imagine I would say so.

I have been reading in Fronde. I like the book. It is instructive. Last night I read Spinoza - being some account of the man & his philosophy. I am glad to know he was a good man & that his philosophy is in no correct sense atheistic but gotten pantheistic. However it is not a very bad theory that leads to all the principles of Christ for regulation of conduct when it reaches that and it points to God in all things as being an expression of God. The mistake as Fronde conceives it is in trying to demonstrate logically or mathematically any matters of faith & conscience. I read "Lives of the Saints" this morning & then the Philosophy of Catholicism & then the 1st Lecture on the Times of Erasmus & Luther. Fronde's studies seem to have been in the 16th Century. Most of them were written for Reviews in 1850. I am struck with his originality & vigor of thought as well as research. Yesterday I read his "Representative Men" & "English Worthies" while on the "Mary Houston". I wrote you on her & I suppose the letter will take the

cars at Memphis (I hope so) & hurry on faster to tell you I think about you though I cannot hear from you.

It was about 5 before we landed upon the Wharf boat at White River. It snowed and I found it difficult to get up the slippery clay bank with my valise - almost perpendicular. I made an acquaintance on the boat - an honest-looking but rough fellow whom I found to have been a contractor for Telegraph setting &c. but he was going up Arkansas River for Cotton seed for a New Orleans Oil works company. (They make "Imported Olive Oil").

It was a miserable hamlet. Two houses for travelers - one by Mrs. Boyd a colored man told me was the best. It was a tumble-down-filthy house & my companion (& others) turned & left as soon as they saw the inside. My usual jollity (which scarcely ever fails when absolutely needed) came to my relief. I inspected the room appointed me - no ceiling - rough boards & open over head but a lock on the door & a bed upon which they promised me clean sheets (though I inwardly resolved not to undress in such a place). No women appeared & I almost dreaded to see one. You may imagine why.

I locked up my valise & sallied out to see how my comrade fared. I found the "R. E. Lee Hotel" smaller than Mrs. B's & six men were in the one sitting & bar room all, I saw at a glance, drunk and three gambling as I soon saw. The keeper had on Rebel grey Soldier's clothing & looked like a pick-pocket or worse. I confess it was hard for me not to appear like a cot in a strange garret. He was intent on supplying the forfeits of liquor, cigars &c. I met my comrade outside, he having tried a private house in vain & he & another man concluded to go back to Mrs B's with me. They would have to occupy the same room with those drunken men if at the "R.E. Lee". Mrs. B refused to take them but I offered to share my room & so one got a place. A girl came in & summoned us to supper. While feasting on Pork, bread & coffee, we heard that this boat was for Arkansas

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American Missionary Association.

Room 18, No. 204 West Madison Street,

C. H. HARRIS, D.D.

General Secretary.

Chicago, May 18 1872.

Dear Bro.:

Glad to get word from
 you of the card - I send the Rock
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 cannot leave on evening till Saturday at
 Springfield - Hope you can plan to
^{these two} remain - Their concert here will
 be Monday - I just got a telegram

leaving - Mrs. Winters slow - very - Mr. W. slower - So are here
our party tries to follow a current among many ^{leaving of which your letter is -}
But Concert at Peoria must be
deferred - So I suppose that
will be Tuesday ^{following} ~~we~~ will
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change as they will spend the
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at Peoria - Have countermand-
ed that - Bishop telegraphed
he had 1/2 fare for us &
so I will give you a letter
to the Capt. at Peoria ^{house} if you go
that way - We will probably
want you to arrange some things
for us there as Bishop perhaps
cannot stay - He is on his
way back to Columbus Miss.
He was to get Hotel accommodation
&c. Write me which route you
decide on - I wish Kitty could go to
join mother - She is blue in being
left out so much - Baby irritate - probably

5/18/1872

From: C. H. Howard

To: Brother [Rodelphus H
Gilmore]

CHH-206

American Missionary
Association
Room 18, No. 204
West Madison Street
Chicago
C. H. Howard, Western
Secretary

[Letterhead]

American Missionary Association
Room 18, No. 204 West Madison Street,]
C. H. Howard, Western Secretary
Chicago,

May 18 1872

Dear Bro:

Glad to get word from you & the card. I send the Rock Island Permit. If you don't use it you can return it some time. You could spend night at Peoria which would be pleasanter probably than at Decatur. I think you could have ½ fares for both (you & mother) on the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville line at 8.20 & reach Springfield by good connections at 2.45 P.M. I shall try to go that way starting Tuesday or Wednesday according to necessities of business.

By singing here Thursday again the singers cannot have an evening till Saturday at Springfield. Hope you can plan to remain there till Monday. Their concert there will be Monday. I just got a telegram that concert at Peoria must be deferred. So I suppose that will be Tuesday following & we will omit Quincy where we had intended to go. I regret this change as they will spend the night at P. & might as well sing (Friday).

I cannot explain the telegram. I had telegraphed Bishop a few minutes before to advertize, get out tickets &c. at Peoria. Have countermanded that. Bishop telegraphed he had ½ fares for us & so I will give you a letter to the Supt. at Peoria to use if you go that way. We will probably want you to arrange some things for us there as Bishop perhaps cannot stay. He is on his way back to Columbus Miss. He was to get Hotel accommodations &c. Write me which route you decide on.

I wish Kitty could go to join mother. She is blue in being left out so much. Baby irritable [Burt F. Howard, born Sept 4, 1871] - probably teething. Mrs. Winters slow - very. Mr. W. slower. So we have our petty trials of patience amidst many many blessings of which latter your letter reminds me.

C. H. H.

Bureau 3.20 P.M.
Arr Peoria 5.45 P.M.
Leave Peoria 8.20 a.m.
Jacksonville 12.45 P.M.
Springfield 2.15 P.M.

4-1
The smiled at her mother while as that of
+ some both the cold water in good part ask
Young a lot of rattlemen on a whimper of a
cry - Her friends are on every body's lips - The
preference is with you & to your children & to all
that are of an age. Her Memorabilia Sister Maria
will have 16 letters who are today "far off" from
the King's Son - I hope this little bird of harmony
+ womanhood may be like her Memorabilia in
Character & in Consecration to Christ's duty as
she grows up - I pray that we, her family, may
do all our part + expect God to do His part in
nurturing and a Character - Had I knew my mother
will join us in our prayer - I expect to see I have
parcels by Dear Mother when I have with the whole
Army Office tomorrow - With kindest affection
Your Son C. H. Howard

22
Hancock, Sunday,
April 27 1873

My dear Mother

Nature seemed
to smile on our intention of
taking baby out to Church
this morning to be christened.

It was mild and bright and
the birds were singing quite
merrily - Maria was very
desirous to be present at
the ceremony and to have it
on Sunday and at Church -
So I was particularly glad
that in the final turn of events
I found myself at home
on Saturday night instead of
at Mobile - I trust no detri-

hymn beginning

No 1052

Song of the Sanctuary

See Israel's gate the Shepherd stands
With all-suspending choirs
Hark! how he calls the latter bands
And feeds them in his arms

We stood up and after baptism Prof. Bartlett
offered a very earnest & appropriate prayer - There
were several deep and platters filled with red
flowers embroidered in moss and in Christ was green -
They were mostly depictions of different hues ^{different shades of} violet and
some of them "daisy white" - A few little white ones
were some "blood-red" flowers with their beautiful golden
After the prayer we read - A beautiful part of the
Church & Father the baby; Clock, blue vase &c. & that
Sophie's letter home - Baby - Little Maria we would
All her news was as good as seen & she was

ment will result to A.M.A.
interests - Perhaps the pastor
then will have made more
one effort & so left upon him-
self a deeper impression than
would have been done if I
had gone - And his perma-
nent interest will now com-
municate itself to the church -
Perhaps, too, Bommer's Rook
will make a more effective &
earnest talk than he would
had I been there - At my
note I have ^{had} much counsel
in our happy review of Christen-
ing - It was pleasant to have
the two grandfathers (Forbes)
present - I wish you too might
have been there - We went in
before church began & sat on
the front seat - Maria sat with
us - I held the baby part of
the time - After brief invocation
& singing of the very appropriate

4/27/1873

From: C. H. Howard

To: Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

CHH-205

Glencoe, Illinois

Glencoe, Sunday,
April 27 1873

My dear Mother

Nature seemed to smile on our intention of taking baby (Nina Foster Howard, born 2 Feb 1873) out to Church this morning to be Christened. It was mild and bright and the birds were singing quite merrily. Nina [Foster Riggs, the sister of Katherine Howard and the baby's namesake] was very desirous to be present at the ceremony and to have it on Sunday and at Church. So I was positively glad that in the final turn of events I found myself at home on Saturday night instead of at Moline.

I trust no detriment will result to A.M.A. interests. Perhaps the pastor there will have made more of an effort & so left upon himself a deeper impression than would have been done if I had gone. And his permanent interest will soon communicate itself to the Church. Perhaps, too, Barnabas Root will make a more effective & earnest talk than he would had I been there.

At any rate I have had much comfort in our happy service of Christening. It was pleasant to have the two grandparents (Fosters!) present. I wish you too might have been there. We went in before Church began & sat on the front seat. Nina sat with us. I held the baby part of the time. After brief invocation & singing of the very appropriate hymn (no 1052, Songs of the Sanctuary) beginning

See Israel's gentle Shepherd stands
With all-engaging charms:
Hark! how he calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in his arms.

We stood up and after baptism Prof. Bartlett offered a very earnest & appropriate prayer. There were several deep oval platters filled with wild flowers embosomed in moss and in Christmas green. They were mostly Hepaticas of different hues, different shades of violet and some of them nearly white. In two little silver vases were some "blood-root" flowers with their beautiful foliage.

After the prayer we went to the back part of the church & put on the baby's cloak, blue veil &c. & let Sophie take her home. Baby - Little "Nina" we must call her now was as good as ever a baby could be. She smiled at her mother while we stood up & even took the cold water in good part not showing a bit of restlessness nor a whimper of a cry. Her praises are on everybody's lips. The promise is unto you & to your children & to all that are afar off. Her namesake Sister Nina will soon go to those who are sadly "afar off" from the Kingdom. I hope this little bud of humanity & womanhood may be like her namesake in character & in consecration to Christian duty as she grows up. I pray that we, her parents, may do all our part & expect God to do His part in maturing such a character. And I know my mother will join us in our prayer. I expect to send your parcels by Dea. Colton whom I have written to to call at my office tomorrow.

With Sincere Affection
Your Son
C. H. Howard

[Here is the rest of the hymn:
2 "Permit them to approach," he cries,
"Nor scorn their humble name:
For 'twas to bless such souls as these,
The Lord of angels came."

3 We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands,
And yield them up to thee:
Joyful that we ourselves are thine,
Thine let our offspring be.]

N Haven, Oct^r 29, 1873

Gen C. A. Woodward

My dear Sir,

I have found my work here in + sewing with the preaching wh. occupies the greater number of the Sunday so fully occupying me that I have no time to write for the papers; & tho' solicited for various publications to write have been unable to furnish a single newspaper article since I came here. I see no prospect of being able to do so at present.

I am glad to hear from you & that you are taking hold of The Advance, which main-

It is a high position among
the religious newspapers.
Mrs. H. joins me in cor-
dial regards to yourself
& Mrs. Howard

Sincerely yours

Samuel Harris

10/29/1873

From: Samuel Harris

To: Gen C H Howard

CHH-207

New Haven, Ct

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Sincerely yours
Samuel Harris

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so strong here ~~and that~~ if I had
put my name to it people would have
said "He talks that way because he
is a Scotchman" whereas now they
will feel that I do so because I am
a Christian.

N. M. J.

5 West 35th St -
New York Oct. 29/23

My Dear General

I received
your letter yesterday, but I have not yet
received a copy of the advance of last-
week. ^{or if you can spare it 2 or 3 yrs} Would you let me have one?
I have not hitherto been a reader of the
paper except at the Y. M. C. A. But
if I am to become a contributor I must
become also a reader - so please put
my name in your list, and you can
keep the post-annual subscription off
the post-payment you make me for
articles. As to remuneration I do
not know what the advance has been
in the habit of giving, I will tell
you what I have been in the habit
of receiving - From the Independent,
the Christian Union & the Evangelist
about I get \$25 for each article. There
is not in any of them except the Com-

limited any specification as to length.
but they Boston people stipulate for a-
bout two of their columns in each
article. I will try to send you
an article on the same terms, if
agreeable to you, as often as I can.

Taking subjects as they suggest them-
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to me, I had sent a sketch of Dr. Can-
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able - I hope to see you

next week at Newark. My wife
will be delighted to have a visit from
you & the children will be glad
to welcome you up air, not-much
only for your brother's sake but for
your own - Believe me

Yours faithfully
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

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- & it is not cowardice either.
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things openly - but I don't care to
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defence always upon me. So if you
Editors get some times the benefit
of our help under our own names;
it is only fair that we should oc-
casionaly get the benefit of yours
anonymity. I think what I said
about the coloured people, needed to
be said. & it will be all the more
powerful without my name - Since
we born Britishers have none of the

10/29/1873

From: Wm. M. Taylor

To: General C. H. Howard

CHH-208

5 West 35th St.
New York

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New York Oct 29//73

My Dear General

I received your letter yesterday but I have not yet received a copy of the Advance of last week. Would you let me have one? Or if you can spare it 2 or 3 copies. I haven't hitherto been a reader of the paper except at the Y.M.C.A. but if I am to become a contributor I must become also a reader - so please put my name on your list, and you can keep the first annual subscription off the first payment you make me for articles.

As to remuneration I do not know what the Advance has been in the habit of giving. I will tell you what I have been in the habit of receiving. From the Independent, The Christian Union & The Congregationalist I get \$25 for each article. There is not in any of them except the Congregationalist any specifications as to length, but the Boston people stipulate for about two of their columns in each article. I will try to send you an article on the same terms, if agreeable to you as often as I can. Taking subjects as they suggest themselves.

Unfortunately before you wrote to me, I had sent a sketch of Dr. Candlish to the Christian Union, but your idea of giving sketches of British Preachers strikes me as a good one and a series of such articles might be made both pleasant & profitable.

I hope to see you next week at Newark. My wife will be delighted to have a visit from you & the children will be glad to welcome you again, not now only for your brother's sake but for your own. Believe me.

Yours faithfully,
Wm. M. Taylor

P.S. The 'star' was a good signature. Usually I have no hesitation in allowing my name to appear but when I indulge in free criticism of contemporary events, I think I can be more trenchant - & faithful - when my name is unknown - & I use the Editorial "we". It is not modesty precisely, & it is not cowardice either, for I would willingly say similar things openly, but I don't care to have the responsibility of personal defence always upon me. So if you Editors get sometimes the benefit of our help under our own names - it is only fair that we should occasionally get the benefit of your anonymity. I think what I said about the colored people, needed to be said & it will be all the more powerful without my name since we born Britishers have none of the prejudice against colour which is so strong here and if I had put my name to it people would have said "He talks that way because he is a Scotchman" where as now they will feel that I do so because I talk as a Christian. W.M.T.

Tuesday

[cc. Nov., 1873]

My dear General

I did not get
your letter inviting
me to Annapolis
till yesterday. I
had just come from
a journey to Chicago
about Freedman's
schools and I was
winded out. I
hope you had a

a good meeting &
that some of the rebels
down there did
give the honor to
hear you.

I am going down
now to see our
new Commissioner
Evel Bruce Booth
who was in pressed
Gregory's removal
Yours
G. Ford

11/4/1873

From: G. Bond

To: C. H. Howard

CHH-209

Tuesday, [Bowdoin: November, 1873]

My dear General

I did not get your letter inviting me to Annapolis till yesterday. I had just come from a journey to Chicago about Freedmans schools and I was wearied out. I hope you had a good meeting and that some of the rebs down there did you the honor to hear you.

I am going down now to see our new Commissioner. Gen'l Horace Brooks who was in <pressed> Gregory's removal.

G. Bond

[Note: Edgar M. Gregory was removed as Ass't Commisioner of Texas area on April 2, 1866. In May, 1868 he was appointed Marshall of Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which ended his Freedman's appointment to the Maryland and Delaware District.]