

ALLYN & JEWETT,
General Merchandise Brokers,
And Commission Merchants,
No. 105 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, Dec 19 1868

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

General

I write to ask you if you would agree to come to Phila. to deliver a lecture on some of the subjects connected with the war - Say taking of "Mission Ridge" - For the object to raise a library for a Sunday school - And if you were to come what you would charge - I ~~do~~ refer you to Mr. Stanton or his son Edwin - I never was under your Command - although over Dec. 2nd 1864. served with you on several occasions - I do not suggest any time but some where about the middle of January -

Yours Respt

Geo. O. Jewett
Former Capt. 98th O. V. I.

And Commission Merchants
No. 104 CHESTNUT STREET

Philadelphia, May 17, 1864

My Dear Mr. C. Stewart

I have

just received your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the land for the building of a new school - and I am glad to hear that you are so anxious to see it carried out. I have no objection to the purchase of the land, and I am sure that the Board of Education will be glad to see it done. I have no objection to the purchase of the land, and I am sure that the Board of Education will be glad to see it done.

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Confidential

Raleigh N.C.,
Dec 19th 1868

Major Genl O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear General.

I understand
that Genl Whittles has written a letter to
a gentleman in this city in which he
takes occasion to say that I am greatly
to blame for keeping "intemperate" affairs
in the Bureau & that I am ~~an~~
a "disinterested" witness. This state-
ment I consider discourteous and
incorrect. When I first assumed
charge of the Bureau my first
duty was to get rid of some
of the drunkards. and although
I knew that Cal Johnson drank
beer, he was never seen drunk
in the streets or known to neglect
his business until after I was

returned to my knowledge.

Returned Colonel Chas out of
fifty and when he was a
good adjutant which is not
as responsible position. I don't
think now that he can live the
winter out. While I might
keep an office under my own
eye in a clerical position I
could not recommend him
for the ~~important~~ position of being
the head of this great educational
work. If Gen W. assumes that
I am interested in this question on
Dr Vayle's account he is mistaken.
This is his misfortune that he is a
friend of mine for it seems that
it is for this reason that he is not
returned in his present position. But
if I did not know him to be
that best qualified for this place
I would not recommend him though
he were my brother.

My opinion would be sustained
by the colored people of this State
if they could be secured. And
I think you have by this time
had some consideration of this.
I am informed that the representa-
tives colored men who ~~now~~ are
now in the Legislature have sent
a petition to you and that several
of the teachers have written you. The
requests of these people I think
should be listened to, and if
you consult their interest which
I know you will, you will grant
their application and it will
be for your credit and their
good.

To be assured that this has
~~reached~~^{reached} you, you will do
me a favor by simply acknowledg-
ing the receipt of this, and
I promise you.

With great respects
Yours A. M. Miles

In haste



Oshrook Wis Dec 19/68

Gen O O Howard

De Sir. Through the A. H. L. S. an
engagement has been made with you to lecture for
us on January 5th.

We are very sorry to say that circumstances have
rendered it impossible for us to go on with our
lectures under such an arrangement.

Time and so hard and money so scarce with
us that we fear we may not be able to meet
the expense of any of our lectures with
receipts, and as we have no funds to back us
up, we feel in duty to ourselves, and those we
have engaged, to let them know the situation,
and to say that unless they are willing to
accept the receipts of the night: less expense
of advertising, and hall, we are forced to
repudiate this engagement.

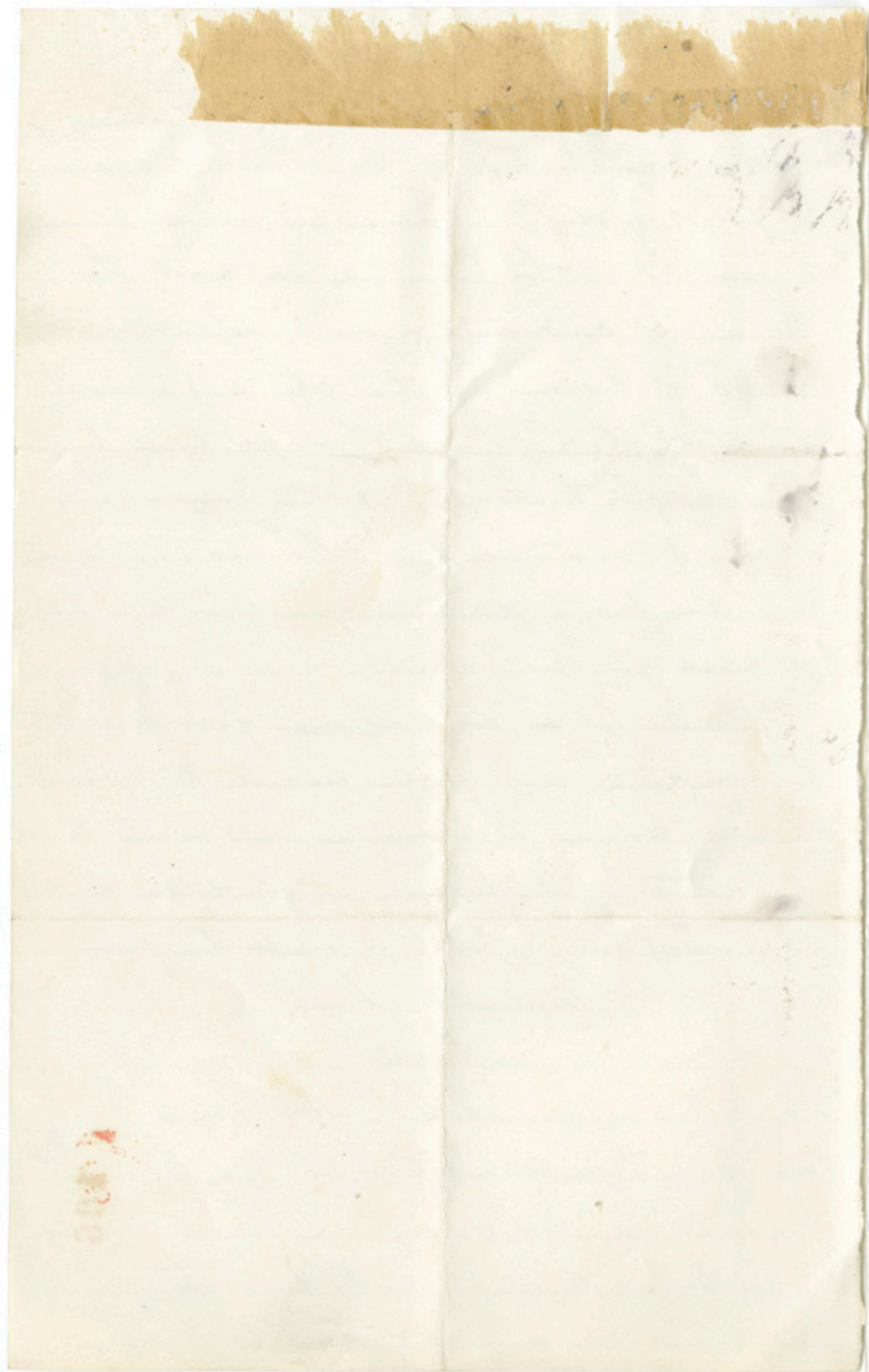
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It was humiliated in the state of affairs,
but felt it a duty to do as we propose above
to you. Two years ago we had the
pleasure of conducting a very respectable
course of lectures in this city, and upon the
strength of that we were provided upon by
fellow citizens to attempt it this time, with
promises of assistance. The expending dull
time has put a damper upon everything, and
we must give way also.

Please let us know ~~as soon~~ your view of
the situation, and if you accede to our way
we will promise to advertise, and attend to all
the wants of the lecture as faithfully as if
we expected large profits to result therefrom.
Respectfully I am

Yours truly

P.S. We have our opinion as to A. A. M. and
former lectures upon the matter Cor. Sec. A. L. C.
of two we have already had, one by O. H. Kosh. 106
L. G. Sage Esq. and the other by Dr. H. H. Hays, ^{with} each of which
failed to realize its own sixty dollars.



Jackson Miss. Dec. 19th. 1868.

Gen. A. C. Howard

Dear Sir

I have been for a long time trying to get the paper containing your address in the sub-
ject of your tour thro' the South. I have just had that
pleasure, and haste to express my high appreciation of it. Yet
it does not meet my entire approval. If you would mul-
tiply your remarks by, at least 5, you would have hit
the true state of things South. Perhaps, General, you
would have come nearer the real condition of things here
if you had multiplied by 20 instead of 5. But as a
transient observer, moving rapidly from point to point,
I must compliment you on your wonderfully
accurate description, and able address. Since
my visit, however, times have grown worse. All
the lies, rage and hate of devils twice damned,
have characterised the conduct of the rebels of the South.
Blair's letters & speeches, & Seymour's approving smiles seemed
to have lifted the cap from the bottomless pit, and
brought up from the regions of the damned, all the
concentrated iniquity and crime of past ages. I am not
accusing any one, nor to exasperate any thing under
the influence of passion, but you cannot picture the
horror we - the loyal people of the South - have passed
thru' in the last few months. Let me say to you in all

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candor, my dear friend, and in the fear of God, before
whom we must all appear, and render an account
of all we do and say, that it does seem to me that if
the devils, from the dark regions of the damned, had
been let loose, with all the accumulated guilt of ages
upon their heads, and had been told that their time
was short they could not have found ^{it} in their hearts
to do worse than the rebels did during the short
campaign for the election of President & Vice President.
Hundreds of loyal men were shot down. If any
resisted, and shot in self defence, bystanders were
ready to swear that he was the aggressor, and as the
rebels held nearly all the offices, he would be thrown
into prison, and there tortured by cruel treatments,
and almost without a remedy. I do not think I am
wrong when I say that there has been no parallel
to our sufferings since the dark days of perse-
cution. We would not have submitted, but for
the sake of the cause for which we fought the
rights of man - simple & even handed justice to all.
The fierce and bloody ordeal thro which we passed
was terrible in the last extreme - bitter, bitter, bitter.
And now let me say to you that the Military have not
stood by us as they should have done. Murderers have
been turned loose to dip their hands again in the blood
of loyal men. And when petitions have been sent
to them to have the bloody rebel restrained, arrested
& imprisoned the petitions have been sent back to the

reels for investigation, and the lives of the petitioners
thus put in jeopardy by the act, till they became
afraid to petition for a redress of wrongs.

Mark me, I
do not impeach their motives, They may have been, and
doubtless were, conscientious in their desires & efforts to
restore peace and order, but their mistake was our calamity.
And I would here remark that I have ^{had} no personal difficulty
with any of the military, on the contrary I am individually
kindly disposed toward them, for I have received kindnesses
at their hands. But what I believe to be their wrong I charge
to an error of the judgment. Personally I have a high
regard for General Gillen, and much of his administration
I approve heartily. But there has, no one struck more
asternishment among the rebels than General Dudley,
Commander of Natchez. He found that section in a
miserable condition. Murders, outrage & violence
stalked about at noon day, and spread terror far & wide.
The Ku-Klux prowled about ^{like} devouring wolves, and
the poor negro trembled like the aspen leaf, and the
white loyal man was afraid to open his door at night, or
sit by his window to inhale the refreshing breezes
of the cool evenings after a day of hard toil in the hot sun.
In this condition of things Gen. Dudley took hold of
that section, and a volley of coarse denunciation &
abuse from the rebels was poured upon his head. He
complained bitterly of the coarse abuse, but he had
grappled them by the throat, and he held his grip.

The struggle was desperate. They determined he should
let go, and he only tightened his grip. His men re-
quired to step upon their arms, and at a given
signal to spring to action. Weeks passed, and the
conflict was fierce. The rebels at length saw, and
felt that they had to deal with a man that understood
the evil, and knew the remedy, and ^{who} he was deter-
mined to enforce the law even if he had to do it at
the price of much blood. As soon as these rebels
found that General Dudley could not be bought
off by fine dinners, by flattery, or by wine, nor in-
timidated by threats, denunciation, or abuse they gave
up the struggle, and peace & order was restored.
Had all the military taken this course ^{Miss} would to-day be anchored in the harbor of peace with
her loyal sisters of the Union, and peace and order res-
tored to the land. The loyal men even in Louisiana
acknowledge the beneficial influence of Gen. Dudley's
course in Natchez. A man that has done as he
has, and brought peace and order out of chaos deserves
well of all loyal & peace loving men in the Union.
I have lived long in the south, and know these
people. I live in Fayette, near Natchez and
know what we have suffered, and I know ^{what}
has given us relief & security from outrage & murders.
The loyal men of Miss. love and honor Gen. Dudley.
Congress should ratify the Miss. constitution. Let them
this will be productive of evil. Even then we shall still need
troops here, and officers in sympathy with the republican
party, and prompt to assist in case of need.
With high regards as ever yours &c A. Alderson

I would now refer to a part of your address in which you refer to Vicksburg and the leaders ^{there} "here" &c, &c. This was an unfortunate expression, and had much better been left out. Now for you intended the word "here" to extend we can only guess. And what was meant by the "bad example - set them, and who 'their chosen leaders' are is vague and uncertain, and it is construed by some to be a blow leveled at the leaders of the republican party of this state, and by some it is supposed to be confined to Vicksburg & the morals of that place, and the leaders ^{there}. And then the accusation that newspapers single out radical leaders, and accuse ~~ing~~ them of criminal conduct is very unfortunate.

It seems as tho' you had suddenly lost some of your well known amiability, & in a moment of irritation half way ~~lost~~ ^{indorsed} the vilest of newspapers, and the basest of editors the world has ever produced, For McCordle and his paper are ^{on ly} equal to each other, and unparalleled in infamy, and base and foul slander. There is no depth in infamy to which he will not stoop to bring up lies and base slander against the members of the republican party. He lives and crawls, like the worm, the serpent, and the most loathsome of reptiles, in the sewers, amidst filth, rottenness and corruption. The depth of this vile wretch's depravity no man can fathom. He is a vile, base, miserable wretch without honor, without decency, and utterly destitute of all moral restraints. I am sorry you mentioned the newspapers in the connection you did, for it ^{seems} to be an endorsement of their abuse, and as the world regards you as a good man, and a decided republican

those remarks have made against the party in
this State, and increased the bitterness of our
tribulation. Knowing you as well as well as
and entertaining the highest regards for you,
speak plainly to you, for I know you would not
wilfully wound any one, much less would you
difficulties in the way of a great reform. In short
your Motives, I am sure, were pure and upright,
but unfortunately the effect has been injurious.

Your remarks about Watcher I also regret.
I think I know Watcher, and reproved the ministers
and some of the officers for the report they gave
you of the morals of that place. The tone of
the morals of the colored people there is decid-
edly on the advance, I have gone among them
and have delivered many lectures to them and
I am certain of their improvement. And they are
much discouraged when hear that their efforts are not appreciated
by their friends. They were very indignant against Doctor Clark for
having reported them to you as he did. And this of itself is a proof
of their high appreciation of virtue and their advancement in morals.

All these things that I complain of, and object to in your writings,
were told to you by persons who did not fully understand the
true condition of things around them. What some of their
leaders may have departed from the line of rectitude may be true,
and that some of the negroes do not yet fully appreciate the worth
of a good moral character may also be true, but who that has
known their situation in slavery ^{in times past} could expect that they could
leap ~~at a single bound~~ from the most degraded bondage to
the highest pinnacle of moral excellence ^{at a single bound}. No! I assure you
nothing. The colored people are making wonderful strides in
moral & intellectual improvement. Of this I am firmly persuaded,
even tho' it is denied by such men as C. K. Marshall of Vicksburg.
Your address generally, as I before said, I am greatly pleased with.
With the highest regards for you I am as ever yours sincerely
A. Alderson

Hamington Dec. 19. 1868

Dear Brother Otis

The abuse which evil-minded men seem so happy to heap upon you on the smallest occasion, and draws the hearts of your friends nearer to you.

A vile paragraph - accusing you of ostentatious piety & general hypocrisy has done the ruin of our democratic papers in Maine, indignantly rejected by the other party press, of course - But it is humiliating to think that the greatest vice of a man's moral honesty, not to say his religion, should thus seem to be left to a poor vote!

"God is our refuge & strength, a very present help in time of trouble" - In two of Puff. Shepard's sermons that I have just read he seems to teach that he who has years of early prosperity may expect clouds & storms later in life & quotes Christ's words to Peter Mat. 21. 18. "When thou wast young" &c. - Your early life was not smooth enough to incur this necessary after-discipline perhaps, but I applied the suggestion to myself - And I often think of you and

imagined by them - here you are to sample on longer - make sure of with a justice of you can, then retire from this unhappy conflict. So feels your loving brother
Frederic

try to pray for you best when these times
 come, and that cry is made "the Philistines
 be upon thee"; you may be found strong.
 In one of these Discourses, Prof. Shepard
 & enumerates among the heaviest afflictions
 of this present time, ^{the} being wounded by our
 brethren - "in the house of our friends" - That trial
 was left to the last for you - God gave you a
 most happy & promising conversion. He sustained
 you wonderfully amid the temptations of Satan
 and the vanities of West Point - He was with
 you in the Army in the presence of loyal
 Enemies & Rebel foes - He allowed your
 reputation for godliness to be spread
 abroad wonderfully for his own wise pur-
 pose - He has made you abundantly
 useful in the benevolent & Christian
 work of the Bureau - He has given you
 the hearts of all your family friends
 but this wide reputation as a Christian
 furnishes so much the broader field
 of attack, so much the wider oppor-
 tunities for the Enemy of Souls to ^{aspail} ~~attack~~
 you, & thro you, ^{the} your Master: God
 has permitted this attack to come
 from a new & unexpected quarter
 a quarter against which your

Previous experience had given you good
defenses. You were not prepared by
any ^{former} training for a Church quarrel -
for an Ecclesiastical war. For the personal
hatred and ill-treatment of those who,
with all their imperfections, we must
consider Christians. It was putting your
Christian Charity to a sharp test. It
was exposing your reputation to malign
attacks on its most sacred parts. It
was furnishing cause for your indignation
against Christian brethren, who could
not present the unassailed Simon's
claim for your pity & forbearance. And then
some of your "friends" in the Church seem
to be too wisely & politic for an honest
man to commit his conscience to.

They mean well, but alas they have too
much of the "Wisdom" mentioned in James
3^d 15 - I have suffered from the ^{same} kind of temptation
and I understand it & pity & pray for
them. Thus, Dear Brother, God sets you
between two trying, distracting, injurious
forces. Do not despair. It is his
method of refining your gold. The fire
thus in the drop in your own heart.
Such papers as this before me (Statements

of the Church) points out that drop - showing
it thro a false magnifying glass, and
calls the attention of ^{everyone} of saints & sinners
to your weaknesses & faults. Thus your
private character is made public &
a storm best calculated to undermine
your reputation and injure the Cause
of Christ, so far as that Cause is
identified with you = Now God will
take care of his Cause, dear Brother, need
fear for that. And God will take care
of you. Humble yourself under his
mighty hand - Leave all the lies
to be dealt with by him who was
the God of Ananias & Sapphira. No
man shall be able to pluck you out
of his hand = He finds us all in a state
howling wilderness - He leads us about
& instructs us. He keeps us as the
Apple of his eye = "O if it had come
any other way"! You may cry out in the
bitterness of your heart - It is God's way
and his way is best - He has allowed
your Pastor to take his course - He has allowed
crimination & recrimination to disgrace
his people in the eyes even of a gainsaying

I did not mean to preach you a sermon
 but my heart was too full to keep
 silence longer. "Vengeance is mine, I
 will repay, saith the Lord." "Bless them
 that curse you." "Let not the sun go
 down upon your wrath." "Be ye angry
 and sin not." (O how can you human
 nature do that?) Just fly to the Lord
 Jesus Christ, like a bird escaped out
 of the snare of the fowler. Look & live!
Believe & be saved. Trust, Trust, Trust,
 that is the whole human side of
 Salvation - Listen to no voice, not even that
 of your own reason & conscience. Not even to
 that of your loving brother. no voice so much,
 so affably, so teachably, so obediently,
 as the voice of Jesus. This is my beloved
 Son hear ye His. I do feel as if
 God would hear prayer & not injure or
 destroy you, but sanctify you by these terrible
 afflictions. I hope a ^{multitude} of council, failing to secure
 the resignation of Bogutan, will report the
unvarnished facts and then recommend
 the minority to withdraw from a Church
 where they feel aggrieved. Get the best
 disinterested legal advice about your
 pecuniary rights & liabilities and act
 cautiously on it. But do not let them (your

Went. He has allowed these cunning, malicious, defamatory statements to be published - Their plausibility, their truth or untruth, has not been prevented by Him, who governs all things by the word of his power. But, dear Brother, He loves you - loves you when smearing under his rod. Loves you when weakly yielding to a carefully devised temptation to anger or other sin - May He help you to see his love, to divine his purpose. To learn his lesson thro' it all. & that you may be able to say with another afflicted saint -

Trials make the promise sweet
Trials give new life to prayer
Trials bring me to thy feet
Lay me low & keep me there

Trials must & will befall
But with humble faith to see
Love inscribed upon them all
This is happening to me -

So now be quiet & still & know that it is God. Let Him defend his own cause, take care of his own child for a little, & all will be well -



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Des Moines, Dec. 19th 1868

Genl. O. O. Howard

Commissioner

Washington D. C.

General

Being in dependant circumstances, I am compelled by this necessity of writing to you to obtain if possible your aid in my behalf, I am the widow of the late Col. C. L. Johnson, formerly of the 8th Tenn^t Co^ls & afterwards of the 18th D. R. C., at the time of his death he was on duty in Bowling Green Ky, his declining health for months previous to his death made it necessary that I should be with him consequently when he was no more, I found myself among strangers, whose sympathies could not be expected as his position was very unpopular among them, if you remember the Col. had applica

for a leave of absence which reached
him ^{day} after his death, it was
his intention to come to this place
to provide a home for myself and
little one. but it was not the will
of an all wise and overruling Providence
that this should be, and after
his Burial, I started for this
place as being the one which he
had selected to carry out if possible
his desires, I have found however
that Woman, is not Man, and
in my determination to provide
for myself and little one I have
lost the little which the God of
Heaven, I have not as yet received a
Pension to which his death entitled
me. and would like to obtain a
situation in some of ^{the} Departments
in which Ladies are employed and
would be under lasting obligations
to you, if you ~~would~~ would aid

In procuring such a
place, I deem it right and
as nothing more than right, as Widow
of one of the brightest Soldiers
of the War (as his record can prove)
to effect and receive aid from
the Government, I am well aware
that thousands of applications are
made daily, who can show the
same cause why they should have
aid. And am also aware that
a great majority of said applications
are in part untrue, This is
the first time I have written
to Washington and would not
now only that during the life
of my Husband your name was
his household words with him, and
I feel that I am writing to one
whose humanity will overlook the
premature I have taken, and another
reason is the necessities which life

requires compell me to exert myself
in some direction

I hope General you will excuse
me for trespassing on your time
and patience at such length
morning, and if you can give me
any information as to how I
get employment you will
confer a great favor on the
Orphan & Fatherless, and at
the same time very greatly
relieve me from a pecuniary
embarrassment. I am

Most Respectfully

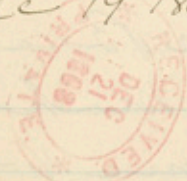
Mrs M. A. Johnson

Box 175

Des Moines

Iowa

Brooklyn Dec 19 1868



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My dear General

Your letter

of 10th I should have reached
you on the first of April when
the season would have
explained what is just
now decidedly foggy.

You wrote, "I expect to be
in Brooklyn on Friday
a week from tomorrow
I have been invited to
to lecture before the
Eureka Div. Sons of Temperance
so that I shall expect
to meet you &c" - Well,
I told Mr Beecher of it
and he forthwith sent
you an invitation to pass
Friday night with him,
and his friends & neighbors

Mr Beach invited you
to make his beautiful
home yours for the time
being, and altho we all
came both expected this
invitation to be accepted.

Meantime I was occupied
in watching the papers for
notice of the Lecture. None
was to be found & the only
thing to be done was to
find the "Eureka Div. Socy
of Temperance". The
Secretary located it in
Williamsburg, (Brooklyn).

Waiting until after tea
on Friday evening. (For our
friends still expecting
you, Mrs Beach had prepared
a supper suitable to the
occasion, Mr & Mrs Beecher
were there & wife & I were

invited) I went to Williams-
burg - found the "Eureka"
Saw the principal officers
and from them learned
1st that theirs was the only
Eureka Div. in this section
of the State, and
2nd that they knew nothing
of any arrangement
with Gen Howard ~~about~~
for a lecture!

I returned to Brooklyn
quite late, called on
Mrs Beecher & told her
she need not sit up much
longer on your account,
went home and to bed!
Now as it is not the first
of April and as practical
jokes are not in order
except in the way of Christmas
presents, I think we shall

How to fill back up
to clear up the mystery.

Very truly yours

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Gen C. C. Howard