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Received at Fort Rice D.T. July 25

Dated Fort Paine Dy 25 1879

[July 25 1881]

To Paul Howard

Ocean Grove NJ

Following received from Sullivan. Mrs Sullivans health is great desideratum medical advice is against the change Certain climatic Condition are essential want time to Communicate with her she is absent Sullivan. So Shaw had not sent letters to secretary no action received yet on Dubarrys application when will you Return Nath

Sladen aide

Pd Fort Rale 2 x 0

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

Bladen, J. A.
Aide

Headquarters
West Point, N.Y.

July 25, 1881

Dear Sir:

Following received from Gen. Ruger. Was Gallinas recent in great desiderations medical advice in opinion it change Cartin climate Condition are based that time is communicate that he is absent Gallinas. So there had not said letter to receiving up or showing application when will upon future act.

J. A. Bladen
Aide

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Holloway, N.H.

Newark, N.J.
July 25, 1881.

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Newark, N.J., July 25, 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir:- The committee of the Wesley Chapel Young Men's Asso. of the Halsey St. M. E. Church desire me to return you their most sincere thanks for your kindness in allowing them to land their Excursion at the Government Dock; also the privilege of visiting the Academy grounds.

They regret that you were not at home, as they desired very much to have had the pleasure of meeting you.

With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully Yours,

W. H. Holloway,

Ch. Com.

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Andover. July. 25 1881

Genl. O O Howard
West. Point N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find check for eight dollars, and a half $8.50

Thanks very much for the accomodation, Dam again hard at Bookkeeping, but dam not homesick

Yours Respectfully
D B Smith

Washington D.C.
July 25. 1881

My dear General

If you will kindly read the inclosed newspaper clippings you will arrive at the truth of any trouble in the President's case.

I would not ask this but you have been so kind a friend and taken such interest in my welfare that I would like you to be informed of the truth in this matter

Sincerely your friend
W. Baxter

Genl. O. O. Howard

Tiron, N. J.

Washington
July 26/81.

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Navy Department.

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Washington 26 July 1881

General:

I by to acknowledge the receipt, on my return to Washington, of your favor of 6th instant, and its inclosure General Order, No. 6, relative to the interdiction of the use of tobacco by Cadets; and to express my gratification at having been

even indirectly instrumental in this result — Albeit I should have been glad to have been able to place your order before the Board of Visitors at Annapolis, I am happy to say they had unanimously concluded to recommend the disuse of tobacco, in what they have sustained by the Academic Board and by the incoming Superintendent, a copy of which I enclose General Order No. 1 herewith inclose —

I trust now that the experiment at the two institutions will be allowed to continue sufficiently long to demonstrate beyond cavil the wisdom of the new regulations —

Please the honor to be

Very respt.

Your obt.

A. L. Gibson

Gen. O. O. Howard Chief Bureau &c

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY,

Annapolis, Md., June 14, 1881.

Order No. 1.

The experiment of permitting the Naval Cadets to smoke at the Naval Academy, having been fairly tried for nearly three years, has been found injurious to their health, discipline, and power to study. The Medical Officers of the Academy and the Academic Board urge in the strongest terms that this permission to smoke be revoked. Therefore, with the consent of the Honorable, the Secretary of the Navy I have to forbid the further use of tobacco by the Naval Cadets, and to declare that the prohibition in relation to tobacco contained in paragraph 169 of the Naval Academy Regulations will be strictly enforced.

C. R. P. RODGERS,
Rear-Admiral, Superintendent

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New York July 27th 81

My dear Otis

I have wanted for a long time to take a run up to West Point and see you and think I shall be able to do so on monday next if nothing prevents in the mean time. My wife has a lady friend from England who is anxious to take a sail up the Hudson before her return home and I have proposed that we take the Albany day boat monday morning to West Point and return in the afternoon, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you. With kind regards to your family

Yours Sincerely
Fitz Sargent

66 = N. = 4th Ab NY

Office of

The Board on Heavy Ordnance and Projectiles,

Army Building, cor. Greene and Houston Sts.,

(Room 14.)

New York City, July 27th 1881

General Howard U.S.A.

West Point N.Y.

Dear Sir:

It is needless to say to you that I am anxious to get back to the Academy for I tried to convince the Academic Board of the fact that I did not wish to leave and think I succeeded in your case. There are numerous rumors a-

float with reference to a
reexamination in September
but I can hear of no foundation
On that account I decided
to ask you if you will not
do me the favor of letting me
know just as soon as any-
thing is decided. I have done
nothing in regard to the mat-
ter but think there is no
more reason for Mr. Gilchrist's
additional chance than mine.
Having felt all along that
there was no hope I ac-
cepted a clerkship on this

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(Room 14.)
New York City, 188

Board as something to keep me from being idle until I could secure a permanent position; consequently I have not opened a book since I left the Academy. I do not feel able to compete with the members of my class who have been studying all summer with the expectation of going back, unless I am made known of it in time

to refresh myself a little.

Hoping that I have not troubled you unnecessarily I am,

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
C. M. Mendenhall

Allegheny City Pa.
July 25, 1881.

Answered July 30/81.

Recd July 25/81.

[illegible]

immediate address would be but I would advise you and request if he had any reply to make that address me in your care at West Point. In case anything should reach you for me I will advise you a day or two before my departure and my direct destination — If I could be obtained anything really desirable the last for two or three years I would have been glad of it but as I could see nothing of the kind have not exerted myself much outside the business actually in hand —

I am informed by Genl. Sprague in his letter referred to that there are no vacancies in their local land offices such as I wrote about, but that the country was growing fine & undoubtedly has a splendid future — Thanking you my dear Genl. for your kindness know me the forever Yours most thankfully

P. P. Cleaveland

1116 - 10th St. N.W.
Washington D.C.
July 27th 1881

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Genl. O O Howard
West Point, N.Y.

My dear General:

Against all my expectations when I saw you last Wednesday in New York I am still East and have been most of the time in this city on business.

Next week however will end this particular cause of my detention & I shall then probably start home to Yankton & may find it of interest & even economical to go by way of New York, in which event nothing could give me greater pleasure than to be able to see you & if possible pay my respects to your noble family — I delivered your letter to the Secretary of the N.P. R.R. Co. the day you

wrote it, and he gave me the address of their St. Paul Genl. Supt. requesting me in his name to send or deliver it (your letter) to him. I have not sent it & may not deliver it as I prefer a more moderate climate as a permanent abode than any they could offer at this end of that road.

I wrote Genl. J. W. Sprague as you authorized and have a splendid response & promise of welcome from him if I finally conclude to go Washington Ty.

I have no sort of doubt but that this will finally be the case but I shall have to talk & persuade my wife into it & get her anxious to go, and think I can do this perhaps soon after my arrival home.

In acknowledging the receipt of Genl. Sprague's letter I said one thing which soon after mailing it I regretted having written & have not ceased to feel some mortification about, & that was a request if he could do so without in any way trying himself or his friends that he would aid me in securing papers — This I recognize as a piece of unwarranted presumption of which I feel ashamed — I think one of the causes of it was the haste in which I wrote the letter and the deep concern I felt in common with all other good citizens on account of the condition of our noble President, whose ultimate recovery however I have never doubted for five minutes since he was first shot.

I told Genl. Sprague that as I expected soon to leave here & was not certain what my

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Eau Claire Wis
27th July - 86

Dear Sir & Ch.

Once more I trouble you. I discovered by your last letter that I was intruding upon you as, indeed, I dreaded. Forgive me, I thought that the communication of ideas concerning a military bridge of the most easy to be constructed the most easy to be taken down the strongest, the ~~ligh~~ least heavy, & most transportable would be a matter of "absorbing interest" to a Christian General. To conquer by skilful surprises so as to shed the least blood of friend or foe is surely very desirable. Beyond this & my sending another model I will not trouble you any more unless you yourself shall insist upon it. The present status of my bridge patent affair is as follows. The examiner refused the application on the grounds that there were several patents very like it. My Attorney

L. Deane sent me 5 copies of applications patented requesting me to show the difference between them & my idea. I analysed them showing, I think, very satisfactorily that mine was very much superior. Mr Deane ~~lately~~ sometime ago wrote me a letter saying that at no distant day he & the Examiner would draw out together ~~an~~ an application that would suit (thereby implying that the examiner was satisfied with my analysis. But the day is still in the distance.

At no distant day, however, the great wickedness of the people of this country may culminate in civil war. And surely it will be well that loyal generals should be a-head of the rebellions in the knowledge of all suitable military devices. As I mentioned before I do not intend to mention in the application the great suitableness of one of the modifications for an easily constructed, & easily transportable military bridge.

The element will be manifestly in my application. But the full development of the idea will be privately suggested to yourself, & to Sen. Sherman or to any other whom you may prefer. I need some patronage. I do not think I ever mentioned to you the following. In the Perth Academy the best in Scotland I took 4 premiums one in Latin in my 12th year next in rank to Dr Duff who was several years my senior, 2d premium in French in my 13th year also among my seniors the 4th in a very extensive course of Arith. Book-keeping, & Mathematics, & applied Mathematics such as Fortification Navigation Mensuration &c next in rank to Chas Naime ~~also some~~ who for many years has been a highly valued Professor in Columbia College N.Y. — also some years my sen. Afterwards 5 premiums in Math. & in Greek in the Universities of Edinburgh

& St. Ann's. But my fate in this country is the being all along ignored & not in=frequently persecuted.

I said in 1st page, that I would not ~~write~~ trouble you any farther in writing you but being obliged to close before saying all I wanted to just now, I may write a little more when I have leisure

Resp.y
Thos Barland

Recd. Aug.t 5/81.

Answered by the Secy
Aug.t 6th 1881.

Barland
Portland, Oregon
Fox Island, Wn.
July 21, 1881.

Powell, S. W.

Madrid, N. Y.
July 27, 1881.

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Recd July 28/81.

Madrid St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.
27 July 1881

Dear Bro.

By the advice of Mr. D. L. Moody I send you this letter.

I attended the 10-days meeting at Northfield last Summer & was greatly impressed with the absolute necessity of confession as a condition of having spiritual power.

For several years I have had a great fear of hardening men. That is the probable result when they are convinced but not convicted. Men may be convinced by human agency, - they are never convicted & converted except by the Holy Spirit.

If, through any failure of mine, He cannot consistently go with my work so as to convert wherever it is ~~the~~ practicable for him to convert at all, then the work which merely convicts must be very sinful.

I fear that Christian workers have a

heavy account to meet on this score.

After writing the enclosed letter I showed it to my wife, who was so reluctant to have me send it that as a compromise I agreed it to send it to Mr. Moody, & do as he advised.

His advice was to send to you & do as you advised.

Yours for Christ
S. W. Powell
(Actg Pastor Cong. Ch)

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard U.S.A.
Comdg. West Point Military Acad.

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Madrid, St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.
19 July 1881.

Dear Bartlett.

As you are the Judge Advocate of the Marine Corps, I write to ask whether you have the proceedings of a Court Martial held at the Barracks at the Charlestown Yard in 1862 or 1863, of which I was a member, - & also to make a statement.

In giving my evidence as to the circumstances of the arrest of an enlisted man who was on trial for overstaying leave (& perhaps other offences), whom I had found in Boston one night when searching for absentees, I think I made a mis-statement to shield myself.

As near as I can remember I gave him up to a policeman, who demanded the custody of him because he was noisy, when probably, as I had a Sergeant & Corporal, I should have retained charge of him.

As I remember I was asked, when giving evidence, whether I gave him up because I was afraid of him. I think I answered No, when I should have said that fear did influence me.

Never having had, at that time, much to do with drunken men, & this one being very noisy & violent, I think I remember that I was afraid of him, & was rather glad to let the policeman have him.

But, besides, I did not know but the policeman had a right to demand him, & was afraid to own either my ignorance of my own rights & duties, or my fear of the man.

I can't remember who the man was, or what was done with him. Think he did not have a very heavy sentence, & this late correction of my evidence is of no practical importance after so long a time except to clear my own skirts.

Probably I evaded the question & did not tell a point blank lie. In some way I must have justified the statement I made to my own conscience, or at least tried to do so.

But as I remember I did not, as I had sworn to do, tell the truth, the whole truth, & nothing but the truth.

I do not believe God ever forgets, or will forgive sin, publicly committed, if we cover it up.

More than once, in making over-haulings of the past, this has come up, but on one excuse & another I have put off this confession.

But God has not let me forget it, & I determined I would be right with him cost what it might.

I don't know that the law will have any hold on me on account of this statement, but with that I have nothing to do. You may, in your own discretion show this to the Commandant.

Yours very truly
S. W. Powell

To the Judge Advocate
U.S. Marine Corps.
Washington D.C.

Eaton, J. C.

Bound Brook
July 28, 1881.

Answered by the
General July 30/81

Rec'd July 30, 1881.

Bound Brook, N.J.
July 28. 1881.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear Friend,
The continued prevalence of "Chills & fever" has at length compelled us to leave this place. It does not seem right, under the circumstances, to sacrifice the health of myself and family. Were this heathen ground, I

view with Mrs. Howard.

Please write me, frankly, what would please you :- after next Wed^y at Montclair, N.J. If you favor our coming, please advise me by what boat. When I was in Andover a little while ago, I almost wished that your sons had not spoken for the rooms at Mr. Chandler's!

Very Sincerely Yours.

James D. Eaton.

might this difficulty. We shall go to Andover Wednesday for one year, for a change of climate, + to pursue further study :- keeping house in a quiet way. We go to Montclair the middle of next week, and two weeks after, to Andover.

If you are to be at home the intervening week, say the 11th or 12th inst. Mrs. Eaton and myself would enjoy a brief visit up to the fair before leaving this region, & can we count you among the sojourners, in the city?

That, however, would not probably, decide our entire

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

NO. 21 CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

Corner Beacon and Somerset Sts.

C. L. WOODWORTH, Dist. Sec'y.

Boston, July 28th 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir:-

I enclose a programme of the Annual Meeting of the A. M. A. as we have hoped it & hope to carry it out at Worcester Nov. 1-3. We have taken the liberty to use your name in connection with the Com. on "Indian work". If you will consent to stand on the Com. & make an address of say twenty minutes in length we shall be greatly in your debt.

I write in behalf

Office Ex. Comm. of
Ker. A. M. C.

Can only reply we
were much obliged.

Yours truly,
E. A. Woodworth

Rec'd July 29/81

Boston
July 28, 1881

Commodore B. C.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION,

NOV. 1.-3, 1881.

I. **TUESDAY,** 3 P. M. Organization. Reports of Executive Committee, Treasurer, etc.

II. **Evening,** 7.30–9.30. Sermon and Communion. Preacher, PROF. C. D. HARTRANFT.

III. **WEDNESDAY,** 8–9 A. M., Prayer Meeting; 9–10, Business; 10–10.30, Paper: Subject, "The Strength, the Weakness, and the Needs of the Colored People:" RICHARD WRIGHT. 10.30–11, Paper: "Review of the Anti-Slavery Contest, and Estimate of its Meaning and Value, with reference to the Civilization and Christianization of Africa and the World:" PREST. E. H. FAIRCHILD. 11–11.30, Paper: "The Work of the A. M. A. for Races, and not merely for Individuals:" DR. STRIEBY. 11.30–12, Business.

IV. **Afternoon,** 2–3, Report on Indian Work, and Addresses: GEN. S. C. ARMSTRONG, CAPT. PRATT, GEN. O. O. HOWARD. 3–4, Report on Church Work and Addresses: PREST. CYRUS HAMLIN, DRS. GOODWIN AND ROY. 4–5.30, Report on Educational Work and Addresses: PREST. CHAMBERLAIN, PROF. NORTHRUP, DR. THOS. B. MCLEOD.

V. **Evening,** 7.30, Christian Education in the South: MAYOR J. M. W. HALL, SENATOR G. F. HOAR, JUDGE A. W. TOURGEE.

VI. **THURSDAY,** 8–9 A. M., Prayer Meeting; 9–9.30, Business; 9.30–11, Report and Addresses on Chinese Missions: DR. PERKINS, GEN. JOSEPH HAWLEY, REV. L. DICKERMAN, REV. CHAS. H. POPE, REV. S. E. HERRICK, D. D. 11–12.30, Report on African Work, and Addresses: REV. GEO. S. DICKERMAN, REV. DR. BRASTOW, REV. J. W. HARDING, COL. PROUT.

VII. **Afternoon,** 2–3.30, Woman's Work for Women: Papers by MISSES EMERY and SAWYER, Addresses by DR. BEHRENDS, REV. A. H. PLUMB, REV. E. S. ATWOOD. 3.30–5, Report and Addresses on Finance — Call for Enlargement: HON. J. J. H. GREGORY, COL. FRANKLIN FAIRBANKS, REV. DR. DURYEA, REV. DR. MAYO.

VIII. **Evening,** 7.30, Addresses: The Great Need; Preaching; Holy Spirit; Revivals; Christian Character; Pentecost; Sympathy with Christ in Saving the Poor; Eye to see the Providential Opportunities before us: PREST. BUCKHAM, HENRY D. HYDE, ESQ., REV. DR. MCKENZIE.

27 & 29 WEST 23rd STREET,
(4 Doors from 5th Ave. Hotel.)
NEW YORK, July 29, 1881

H.C.

Genl O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Your favor duly recd, we cannot procure in the city a copy of La Ennemie de la Famille by Gaspain,

We can import it for you, it will take about six weeks to get it here, Shall we do so?

Yours truly
G. P. Putnam's Sons
JLA

Mr. C. C. Albertson

Dear Sir

Have we yet the consent of Jackson for the visit of Ornamental to the Theatre on Thursday Mr Oliver seems doubtful if he will be at home that day. Shall we take it for granted that Jackson will make the visit then, unless we hear to the contrary?

Yours truly
[illegible]

Chambreau, J. J.

Farm House
July 29, 1881

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Reed. Augt 11/81.

Farm House 321
July 29th 1881.

Dear Genl. —

Your very kind favor was received some time since for which please accept my heartfelt thanks. I am really ashamed and owe you an apology for not replying before this, but I assure you that I appreciate your kindness and only wish it was in my power to serve you, in some manner. We will never forget the kindness you have bestowed upon our family, you have been as a Father to us, and I know not how we can ever repay you.

The family are all enjoying good health at present.

Father and myself are still on the farm trying to learn the

- science of husbandry; we muchly miss yours and Lieut. Wood's custom during the fruit and berry season.

The Lord has dealt kindly with us in giving us good crops and good weather this spring and summer; no intense heat, no violent storms as you have in your Eastern states. —

Please pardon me for appropriating this much of your valuable time. — We all unite in sending our love and regards to yourself and family, and may God bless you all. —

I have the honor to subscribe myself

Very Respectfully Yours

Jos. J. Chambreau.

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Babylon L. I.
July 30/88

To the Commandant
Officers at West Point Mil. Acad.

Gentlemen

I send two copies of a Book by this mail which with your approbation I shd be pleased to have placed in the Lib. of the Academy

Yours truly
A. Schumann

Shall be glad of acknowledgment

Billman A.

Babylon, L. I.
July 30, 1881.

Answered Augt 5/81.

Rec'd Aug 4 1881.

No 317 Broadway
New York

Genl O O Howard

Dear General

I am about preparing for publication a brief Monograph upon the Campaign (or more properly Speaking four days Battle) of Chancellorville and as I find the following paragraph in a letter written to me by the late Genl Hooker I deem it only fair before closing the Sketch to ask for some explanation of the matter referred to by him, or that history may be vindicated and such readers as I may have be able to judge of the truth. General Hooker says:

"Soon after he" (Stonewall Jackson) started to turn my right (this I learned through a Prisoner) I dispatched

Genl Howard
Nov 30 1881
Explanation of Chancellorville
Recd Dec 1 1881.

a Courier to my right Corps Commander informing him of this movement and instructing him to put himself in readiness to receive the attack. This Dispatch was dated at nine o'clock A M and when Stonewall did attack the men of this Corps had their Arms Stacked some distance from them and were busily engaged in Cooking their Supper. When the attack came the men ran like a flock of Sheep, this in a wooden Country where a Corps ought to be able to check the advance of a large Army. To make this more fully understood I must tell you that the Corps Commander (General Howard) received this Dispatch while in his bed and after reading it put it in his pocket

where it remained until after the Battle of Gettysburg without Communicating its Contents to his division Commanders or any one else!! Let the

If you will kindly oblige me with your version of this very important branch of the subject it will give me great pleasure to give it prominence as I seek to no one in a desire to see fair play.

I am Sir

Your Mo Obt Svt

John A Owens

Secretary, C.
Missionary Herald,
Boston, Mass.
Rec'd 1881.
Answered by the Sec'y
Aug. 6/81.
Paid Aug. 12/81.

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Please Read Carefully, and Read Through.

Office of the Missionary Herald,

No. 1 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

UPON the cover of the December number of the MISSIONARY HERALD there was printed a statement that it would be not only a convenience, but a very considerable saving of both time and money, if subscribers found it convenient to make early remittances for 1881. To this request there was a very general response.

The request was also made that all who were entitled to the HERALD free for **1881** should send the simple annual statement and request: "*I am entitled to the* MISSIONARY HERALD *free. Please continue,*"—which tells all that is needed,—that the person is living; that his residence is unchanged; that he is still entitled to the HERALD; that he wishes to receive it.

Near the close of the year, a postal card was sent to every person on the subscription list who had not been heard from for 1881, asking all who were entitled to the Monthly free, and who desired so to receive it, to send the annual request for the same.

Bills.—According to usage, bills are now sent to all who seem to be in arrears, including some who have sometimes been upon the free list, but who have not reported themselves as entitled "*free*" for the current year. It is presumed that the response will be as prompt and cheerful as in past years. All will be glad to have the entire subscription list accounted for at an early day.

There is peculiar difficulty connected with sending bills to persons on the paying subscription list of the MISSIONARY HERALD, who seem to be in arrears. Many thousands pay who are entitled free; but of the large paying list we have no means of knowing, in regard to most, whether they are entitled free or not; and many who are entitled free, persistently refuse to be so marked, preferring to pay.

In sending out bills, perhaps it is too much to expect that every one will be pleased to receive a bill. Severe letters are occasionally received, but, on the other hand, scores and hundreds write to commend the effort to keep the publication of the Board upon a high-toned business basis, and avoid unnecessary waste. In this effort, every friend of the cause has an interest.

If any one who is entitled to the HERALD free, and so desires it, has forgotten, or otherwise failed to send the annual request, and now receives a Bill, please write the word ***Free*** on the back of the Bill, and return it.

Persons Entitled Free, upon Annual Application.—Ministers whose churches contribute to the American Board; Honorary Members; donors of not less than ten dollars *annually;* collectors of not less than fifteen dollars *annually;* and treasurers of churches contributing not less than twenty dollars *annually.*

Postage, 10 cents.—It may seem to some a small matter to mention the *ten cents* for postage by those entitled *free,* but as the payment or non-payment makes a difference of between *two thousand* and *three thousand dollars* to the funds of the Board, it is presumed that all will be glad to remember the dime. Previous to 1875, every person who received the HERALD paid twelve cents postage at his own office.

Important Condition.—It is inferred, from expressions in letters received, that many regard the condition of an *annual request* on the part of those who are to have the HERALD free, as an arbitrary and modern provision. The following, from the original minutes when it was first voted to make the monthly free to Honorary Members, will be of interest:

"Hitherto the MISSIONARY HERALD has not been sent without charge to members of the Board, as such. Hoping, however, that it may prove a means of increasing interest in, and effort for the cause of

missions, the Prudential Committee voted that it be thus sent in future, for one year, to such Honorary Members as shall make application for it. The limitations — 'for one year, to such members as make application' — are designed to prevent mistakes and waste. Deaths, changes of residence, and the wishes of members cannot be known at the Missionary House except as information is given. When the work is desired continuously as a gratuity, it will be only needful that the application, like a subscription, be renewed from year to year, with a distinct mention of post-office address."

Figures. — The Figures upon the MISSIONARY HERALD indicate the time to the *close* of which payment has been received; thus, "81" indicates that payment has been made to the *close* of 1881. So "f81" indicates that the subscriber has been marked as *free* to *close* of 1881.

Annual Contributors. — Some who contribute ten dollars or more annually think it strange that their names are not marked free, without an annual request. As most contributions generally come from *churches*, without any list of individual donors being given, and of the individual names received, as many object to being placed upon the free list, without their written consent and request, it is readily seen that such marking is impracticable. Were the names of all contributors of ten dollars or more known, and were they placed upon the free list of the HERALD, it would work more confusion in one year than could be corrected in many years.

Honorary Members. — Many suppose that the Board knows the present address of Honorary Members, and that the manager of the HERALD has the means of knowing who of the thousands of subscribers are on the honorary list and who are not. But the fact is entirely otherwise. There are alphabetical lists of *new* members printed from time to time, no residence being given except the *State*. No record is afterwards kept of deaths, nor of the constant change of residence, nor of the change of name on the part of ladies, by marriage. There is no record, and by the very nature of the case, there can be none that is of the least possible value or service in the publishing office of the HERALD. If we know the name of the State in which a person was made an Honorary Member, we can find his name by searching the records of over half a century. But then, what assurance that he may not have removed several times; or may not have been dead a score or more years? Or if now known to be living, and residence known, both residence and life are uncertain for the future. The following extracts from letters illustrate the difficulty, and show the necessity for an annual request:

"Mr. ——— ———, who was an Honorary Member, has been dead ten years. Stop his HERALD."

"Mr. ——— ——— died fifteen years ago. He was an Honorary Member, and entitled to the MISSIONARY HERALD, but it should have been discontinued years ago."

Discontinuance of Free List. — For several years past many who are entitled to receive the MISSIONARY HERALD gratuitously have urged the Board to discontinue wholly the sending of *free* copies except to pastors or to ministers acting as stated supply. The number of letters received upon this subject has been very great, and the writers in all cases have enforced their suggestion by inclosing the money for their own subscriptions. There are great difficulties in the management of the "*free list*," and difficulties in its discontinuance, except with the general consent of those now entitled. Should the voluntary transfer from the *free* to the *paid list* continue and increase, the whole matter will settle itself at no distant day, and, it is believed, to the better satisfaction of all.

Stop at Close of Year Unless Renewed. — The following terse letter is pertinent on this point:

"——— ———, March 4, 1881.

To the A. B. C. F. M.:

"I heartily wish you would adopt the rule of sending the HERALD only to subscribers that *pay in advance*, and to such as *promptly forward their request to receive it free;* and stop short when the time is out. Those who are able to pay, and neglect to renew their subscription, cannot care much for it, and probably read it very little; and no person ought to receive it "free" who fails to make request promptly every year. I am entitled to it free in two ways, every year, but choose to pay for it.

"Sincerely yours, ——— ———."

This seems an easy solution of all the difficulties, and with most publications it would be; but the subscription list of the MISSIONARY HERALD is peculiar. It is made up of pastors who are entitled free, but whose residence is subject to many changes; Honorary Members, some preferring to pay, some preferring to be free, and the two classes constantly changing from one list to the other; donors, with the same double and changeable relations; collectors, and treasurers who hold office for various periods; and others with no claim except the annual payment of $1.10. Now, were all names, not heard from, for the following year, dropped from the list in December, the time of issuing the January number, it would involve the annual labor and expense of re-writing a small library of subscription books and resetting the same in type, besides the danger of offending thousands of liberal donors, whose names and wishes may be well known at their own homes, but are not known at this office.

Practically, there is one way out of the difficulty, and there seems to be but one, as follows: If all who are entitled to the HERALD *free*, and who desire so to receive it, will either promptly send the annual request *in advance*, or else agree with themselves that after the beginning of the year they will kindly receive a Bill, and honor the same, most of the present inherent and annoying difficulties will be removed.

Discontinuance of Subscription. — Subscribers wishing to stop the HERALD, having paid to date, should notify by LETTER or POSTAL CARD. We are glad to be able to say that the number who discontinue is small.

When a person writes: "I requested the HERALD discontinued, but it still comes," either he is mistaken, or he failed to sign his letters, as many in the haste of writing such brief notes do forget; or the letter failed to reach this office. Every such request is complied with at once.

Never Subscribed. — Occasionally a person who has been receiving the HERALD one, or several years, on receipt of a Bill, writes that he never ordered the HERALD. Names are never placed upon the subscription books except on request of the person addressed, or some one in his behalf.

Encouragement. — In response to the notice by the HERALD, and postal card, many thousands of letters have been received, many of them bearing both money and good words of cheer. Some have been from subscribers not heard from for years, whose generous and often humorous words of confession and repentance, attested by full payment for the past and request for a long future, as well, with ample postage stamps to replace those used in sending "*reminders*," have made us heartily glad that they in particular had fallen in arrears. How else could such good letters ever have been written and received?

One sends $11.50. Another writes: "Enclosed find $7.50, and postage stamps to pay for some of the extra postage expended in writing me. Hope there will be no occasion to '*remind*' me again."

A Suggestion. — It may be that some, in responding, will be glad and able to send one or more subscribers. For the purpose of introducing the HERALD, new names may be sent for the last six months of the year at *fifty cents* each. Please send one or two, or more.

The literary labor, cuts, type-setting, office rent, and some other items, cost as much for one thousand copies as for one hundred thousand; hence, every thousand new paying subscribers reduces the average expense per copy, and is in the line of making the HERALD self-supporting, without drawing, to any extent, upon the treasury of the Board. Address

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