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Wednesday

Phil^a Dec. 28th 1881.

My dear Godfather,

I am very
much obliged to you for
your kind remembrance
of me. I hope that Santa
Claus was as kind to you
all as he was to me. I expect

to go to Washington Friday, and
it will carry me back very vivid-
ly to the happy days spent with you
years ago. With best love, and
wishes for a happy New Year
to you all,

Sincerely yours God daughter

to

Clara L. Gubb.

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Gen. Edward.

Dec 28, 1881

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Roswell D. Hitchcock

request your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Mary Brayton
to
Samuel Franklin Emerson

Wednesday afternoon December twenty eighth

at two o'clock

Madison Square Church

Madison Avenue & 24th Street

1881.



LOCKWOOD, N.Y.
312 BROADWAY, N.Y.



Mrs E. Gilmore 192

Glencoe Dec. 28, 1881.

Dear Otis, Answered Dec 31/81.

Much obliged for your
^{acknowledging} kind letter, the ~~28~~ 31, shall expect you
to send me Gasparan, glad to hear
you were in such hopeful pro-
spects in all things, K. B. H. is rejoicing
in fear over his son Otis' conversion
& trust, now it is a true work of grace,
I shall ~~enclose~~ send in the same
mail with this, an old fashioned silk
and bead purse, to Benie perhaps 25 years
old, I don't think it will bear much
wear but will show what people
used in times past, Charles and Katie
arrived day before Christmas, Sabbath
day we had religious services appropri-
ate for the day, and in the evening a
Sunday school concert and on Monday
evening a Christmas tree, and
Santaclaus came among the boys
and they had a great laugh and

Sabbath-school children had
recitation, our Arthur spoke his
admirably. Nina was in a table at
Sunday evening. Nina repeated
a psalm and Burt spoke a piece,
~~so~~ & I must not forget Laurence
^{who} Sunday evening ^{repeated} the salutation
to Mary, after the birth of
Jesus, Mack kept quiet through
this Christmas greatly to his
satisfaction, yesterday received
a postal from Rodolphus all in
as good health in his family as
usual & took this half sheet of paper
that I might be sure not to write
a long letter, Bessie can call the old
purse a New Year's gift if she
pleases love to all in your ~~family~~
family individually.

Affectionately your mother

Eliza Gilmore

Oliver Otis Howard

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The American Sunday-School Union,

No. 1122 CHESTNUT STREET,

Philadelphia, Dec 28th 1881

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

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor addressed to our Secretary and relating to the three books of which you are the author is at hand.

We have had those books in stock and shall get them again. I learn that the call for them was very limited. This was possibly due to a lack of proper advertising of the same on the part of the publishers; there are so many new books demanding the attention of the Sunday-school public, that it requires liberal and systematic advertising to make a demand for each one. This is a hint you can make to your publisher.

Yours Very Truly
Edw M Rice

I send you a copy of my Retrospect Commentary on Sabbath which please accept with my compliments. If it seems worthy of a note, the publishers will be pleased to get it I presume.

Pice, Dec. 11.

Philadelphia

Dec 28. 1881.

Answered by the Rev
Jan 10. 1882.

Recd. Dec 30/81-

THE VALLEY OF BACA,
FROM BACA TO BEULAH,

Price \$1.00

" 1.25

—A RECORD OF SUFFERING AND TRIUMPH—

JENNIE SMITH ^{Riverside Home} Burlington, N. J., Dec 28th 1881

Gen. O. C. Howard

Dear Sir I have received the books.

I have made arrangements to get out those books by the time seaside resorts open. We desire to make them both interesting and profitable shall have paper bound at 25-cents 50-1 page can furnish me something that will make a little narrative interesting for boys, as everything else that you may furnish which will suggest some lesson. The Lord has most graciously blessed our labors for the past months - spent several weeks in Washington had a good work at Wash Church. also in Baltimore + Phila - we return there on next night where we shall labor for some weeks in the Massachusetts Church. The call was so clearly of the Lord we felt clear to accept. at the 1st Massachusetts Church where we have never worked but now the call came from the 4th where we expect greater blessing as we wait before the Lord. O so many are unsaved. May you have a happy new year most abundant in all your labors with blessings from on high in the power of Jesus in Christ
Jennie Smith



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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*West Point
New York*

Benton, Mrs C. L.

Beechwood
Dec 29, 1881.

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Beechwood

Dec. 29th 1881

My dear General

I must thank
you again for your kind
response to my appeal
the other night, and tell
you what happiness it
has been to my daughter
and myself to have Jimmy
with us in the quiet way
that would have been
impossible at West Point.
It seems to have given me
new strength to bear the

loneliness which must be
my lot in this world, and
I trust it will be a help
and not a drawback to
him. The first Sunday in
August, the last time his
father was able to go to church
we four knelt at the Communion
together, and it was a great
comfort for the three that are
left to receive the Sacrament
again together at Christmas.
With kindest remembrances to
Mrs Howard

Yours most gratefully
C. Louisa Benton

themselves reach this Conclusion
I see no just reason to compel
them to choose what they believe
to be an inferior Service.

The Law will compel us after
June 1882. to assign Cadets to actual
vacancies and to discharge all else.
This will work an actual revolution
and I look for the time soon when
West Point will be as Aldershot a
Staff School - and appointments be
made to the Line from Civil
Colleges, supplemented by Schools
of Application like Fort Monroe
and Leavenworth -

If the Cadets can be taught to believe
that it is to their personal interest to
^{choose} ~~prefer~~ the Infantry, Cavalry & Artillery in
preference to the Staff - it will be well -
but if they are forced to this conclusion it will
be bad. Yrs friend W. P. Sherman

Headquarters Army of the United States,

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Washington, D.C. Dec 29 1881

Genl. O. O. Howard.

Chief West Point Reg.
Brig General.

I was at the West when
your letter of Dec 21. was received.
The Copies of the Regulations are
received & distributed and will
enable me to answer questions
which come to me from many
quarters about the Academy.

I have read the Report
of the Board of visitors last
June. and so not need

the specific recommendation to
which you refer, of assigning
the first part of the Graduates
to the several Arms of Service
instead of exclusively to the
Engineers. Cadets have her-
efore been made to believe
that the Engineer is a Corps d'élite, which will probably be most
bitter, higher & more honorable than
the Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery
which are the men hewers of wood
and drawers of water, and they
naturally prefer the Engineers if
there be vacancies. We know
the Cadets are allowed choice
according to their Graduating

standing, which is fair. And
acts as an incentive to Study -
To Compel these to select Corps
not of their choice, will not
accomplish the result we wish,
which is to convince boys, to
prefer for life that Arm of Service
to their interest and advantage.
So deep rooted is this prejudice
for the Engineers that it will
take some time to convince
Cadets that it is more honorable
to command men, than to build
Forts and improve Rivers and
harbors, and while the Cadets

Real Estate
Agents.

OFFICE OF
F. H. SMITH & SON,
515 7th Street, N. W.,

Life and Fire
Insurance.

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Washington, D. C., December 29th 1881

Dear General

I have not sooner replied to your letter - sent immediately after your return to West Point - because I have been waiting for Presbrey and Green - who seemed to be all at sea - after I told them that Mrs Howard preferred to have security for deferred payments on Meridian Hill property - So far as I can gather from what they said - the idea seems to have been - that they had some customer for the property - & were to sell clear for cash - & themselves only pay \$200 Cash, & give note for balance - Finally - this morning - Dr Presbrey told me, it would be impossible to give a mortgage for \$800 on the property - that he could only give firm note for deferred payts - as agreed with you & there it stands - My father will be home in a day or two - & I will talk to him - Meanwhile, please write Truly Frank B. Smith

Smiths, D. D.

Washington, D. D.
Dec 29, 1881.

Answered by the Rev
Dec 31, 1881.

Recd Dec 31, 1881.

without any physician with
the injured lady. It can
not be characterized by
any other words than brutal
and unfeeling and excites
the strongest indignation, and
had it not been for the young lady's
sake we should have taken some
official action in the case. I will
not use words too strong or bitter in
expressing my opinion of Dr Baxter.
The officer who was with us is Lieut Birnie
of the Ordnance, the other young lady was
Miss Kate Cook, now Mrs. Magruder,
Frank Lee and George Drum are both
known in Washington, the latter

Miss Radford was carried home under the
superintendence of Dr Norris and Dr Maxwell and
under their skillful treatment finally
recovered and is now married. 202

Vancouver Barracks N.T.

Dec 29. 1881.

Dear General Howard.

I have just
received your letter of inquiry
concerning Dr. Baxter, and I
will give you an account of
the affair.

Miss Radford and I had been out
riding, accompanied by another
young officer and lady, and in return-
ing to the City, Washington, her horse
ran away with her and she

was thrown on her head, in
the gutter, very severely frac-
turing her skull. Two other
young men connected with
our Survey office Frank Lee,
and George Dunn, were riding
near by at the time and with
their assistance Miss Radford
was taken up and carried into
a house near by. Dr Baxter
and his wife happened to be
driving by and were hailed
by Mr Lee who asked Dr. B.
to come to the young lady's
assistance; this he did not
seem inclined to do until

he was urged very strongly
by Mr Lee and his ^{own} wife. He then
came in and going to the
young lady who was lying
insensible on a sofa and
bleeding profusely he felt
of her head and walked
away saying in a very un-
feeling manner "She can't pos-
sibly live; better take her home
as soon as possible." repeating
this when questioned by me.
Then without doing any-
thing for her relief he went
out got into his buggy and
drove away leaving us

is the son of ^{4th} J. A. General Dimes.

I am glad you like the appearance of my map. It is certainly a good one I believe.

Everything here is very quiet but we are all looking forward to a busy summer as Gen. Miles has many plans in view.

With best regards to Mrs Howard and the same to you I am

Very respectfully and truly yours.

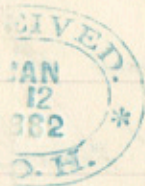
Thomas W. Humes

Symons, Lt. J. W.

Vancouver

Dec 29. 1881.

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les bâtiments qui composent l'école
sur les différents souvenirs historiques
canons, chaînes, statues etc épar-
s dans le parc?

Quels sont les hommes les plus
éminents qu'a produits l'école de
West point?

Pourriez vous joindre à ces renseigne-
ments quelques dessins de vues de
l'École au pittoresques d'ensemble
et vues de détail et surtout
quelques dessins coloriés de
cadets en uniforme; quelques
types? Enfin, comme couronne-
ment à votre obligeance, ce
souvenir qui ne saurait pas le
manier précieux pour nous,
c'est votre portrait - photographie.
Pardonnez moi cette longue liste de
demandes, mais vous comprenez
combien j'ai intérêt à dire la
vérité et toute la vérité sur votre belle
institution que nous avons tant admira-
d'un autre côté, j'ai peur qu'avec
votre personnel de professeurs il vous serait
plus facile qu'à tout autre de me réunir
ces documents.
Veuillez agréer, mon cher général l'assurance de
mes sentiments dévoués
à vous
M^{le} de Rochambeau

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Paris 30 décembre 1881
Rue de Naples 51

Mon cher général,

Maintenant que nous sommes de
retour dans nos foyers et calmes
au coin du feu, j'ai tenu à vous
vous remercier tout spécialement
de la charmante réception que vous
nous avez faite à West point.

Pour Madame de Rochambeau et
moi, cette visite est un des plus
charmants épisodes de notre voyage.
Quelle magnifique arrivée sur votre
beau fleuve! Quel cadre merveilleux
pour ce splendide établissement!
Quel air martial et distingué ont
tous ces jeunes gens!

Je vois encore cette tenue austère
et gracieuse à la fois, ces manœuvres
si parfaitement exécutées et puis,
le soir, cette gracieuse réception et

ce bal charmant!

Mes amis insistent beaucoup pour que j'écrive une Relation détaillée de notre voyage et je vous avoue que je m'y décide sans peine; j'espère, en en perpétuant le souvenir prêter à nos hôtes un léger tribut de reconnaissance et d'admiration.

A ce propos, mon cher général, j'aurais recours à votre obligeance pour me permettre de rendre ma relation exacte et plus intéressante. Je vais vous demander une série de renseignements que je vous serai reconnaissant de me donner le plus tôt possible.

À quelle époque remonte la fondation de l'école de Westpoint?

La première idée n'en appartient-elle pas à Washington?

Comment s'opère son recrutement?

À quel âge y est-on admis?

Y a-t-il une limite d'âge après laquelle on ne peut plus

y entrer?

Quels sont les examens que l'on passe pour y entrer?

Sont-ils difficiles?

Quelles sont les compositions écrites? Combien de temps ont les candidats pour les faire?

Sur quel roule l'examen oral?

Combien de temps dure-t-il?

Quel est le minimum de points nécessaire pour être admis?

Le nombre d'élèves admis à entrer à l'école chaque année est-il déterminé et limité?

Passé-t-on des examens à la fin de chaque année?

Les éliminations sont-elles nombreuses à la fin de chaque année?

Quel est à peu près le plan d'études et des exercices journaliers?

Combien de temps reste-t-on à l'école?

Quelle est la position d'un jeune cadet qui en sort?

Pourriez-vous me donner quelques notions descriptives et historiques sur

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Dec. 30/87

My dear General:

Thanks for the explanation. Now let me explain.

1. The subⁿ for the University was only made for your personal cheer. Since then it has been put on a strong footing, while you by a barbarous injustice have been stripped of everything. My intent therefore was to now give you directly what I originally intended to give you indirectly. So there would have been no trust.

2. You very properly wished to know about possible liability of stockholders. Mr. Fitchum made no application to me for the necessary information, but I send it to you in a pamphlet by this mail. There is nothing to fear here.

3. If you have apprehended possible criticism in view of the overflow in the papers lately, I cannot blame you; & any other similar reasons which it is not in my power to relieve, I must leave to.

No man can say that we shall get possession of our property: we only know that it is ours, & that we have very strong reasons for expecting justice, as you will yourself infer from portions of the pamphlet I now send.

I only designed to make you a friendly gift of "such as I have", that in case of our success you should be sure of a neighborly bite out of my apple.

I certainly would not knowingly draw you into any complications or subject you to any annoyance.

Faithfully yours
Geo. D. Howard. Lk Husband

The Advance.

C. H. HOWARD & CO.,

Publishers.

Office:

155 and 157 Dearborn Street.

Chicago, Dec. 31. 1881.

Gen: C. C. Howard,

West Point,

N.Y. }

Dear Brother:

I have been greatly interested in your letters to Mother. Sorry that Kitty & I missed you in Washington. We also stopped at the Whittlesups, by previous invitation.

I did my best for Dell; but found the President had decided to appoint another man. — Does Col. Ketchum know the President personally? If so, he might perhaps at my request, render Dell some assistance. The President talks of ejecting one of the Judges of New Mexico, for unfitness, tho' his term is unexpired. It is possible he might put Dell in that place.

We received a letter from Florida last night, announcing the death of Cousin Marcellus. Cousin Mary his Widow, says that he seemed to be fully reconciled to the event of death, & she thinks he is now very happy; & she herself seems to be greatly sustained in her affliction.

Howard, C. L.

I have long felt that she was an excellent Christⁿ woman. They have one little boy, Napier, who is about the age of my Mac. - I thought possibly you might feel like writing to Uncle Frank and Cousin Theresa; especially as Sister Lizzie has been lately at their house. -

I see on my Desk something for Mother, in Lizzie's handwriting. I shall take it home to-night. Please give to her my love, & also to each of the others. -

I expect my next visit will be to New Mexico. Glad to get your ann^l Report. - Fanny is in Town to-day; & I shall go out on an early train before this letter is ready for me to sign; so I hope you will excuse the want of my own handwriting. -

Very Affectionately Yours

Chas^s H. Howard

(C. H.)



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Rock Island Mo Dec. 31. 1881

U. S. Engineer Office

Major General O. O. Howard

Comdg. U. S. Military Academy
Westpoint. N. Y.

Dear General!

Another year has passed at the event of which
I request you to accept my congratulations and
the most sincere wishes for you and your family's
happiness during the coming year of 1882.
I have been and I am as ever a grateful and
faithful adherent to yourself and with this
assurance

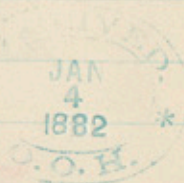
I remain very respectfully and sincerely
your obedt servant

E. F. Hoffmann
Asst. Engineer

Loffman, Maj. E. F.

Rock Island, Ill.
Dec 31. 1881.

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Head Quarters
Fifth Ave. cor. Fourteenth St.
New York.

Gen. O. O. Howard & Staff
and Ladies -
The Old Guard

request the pleasure of your company
at their Reception

Academy of Music.

Thursday Evening, January 19th 1882.

Committee.

Major Geo. W. McLean.

Capt. Alexander Henriques. Capt. H. L. Faris.

Lieut. E. S. Ballin. Lieut. James Hamel.

Lieut. L. C. Bruce. Adjt. Tho^s. F. Morris.

Chas. H. Todd. Genl. J. B. Woodward.

H. R. Mc Murray. Joseph Torrey.

John Martine. Jas. P. Whitfield.

Secretary.

The favor of an answer is requested.

Military Guests will please appear in Uniform.

PRESENT THIS FOR ADMISSION.

Old Guard

Answered by the Genl
Dec 31. 1881 -

