

Dear Papa:

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Monday Night: 8.30 P.M.

April 1, 1888?

I am just getting ready to retire for the night but I thought that I would write a short note to you. I have been reading about the Naval Academy tonight. I picked up a catalogue of the Academy and that is how I happened to be reading about it tonight. Have you received any <sup>definite</sup> letter from the Secy? ~~Or~~ from the Pres? I know that you have rec'd letters from them but whether they are definite or not I don't know. Would you advise me to take a regular course of study to prepare myself or ~~for~~ to take the same lessons I have and continue them? What does the Secy say about me in his letter? Is it encouraging? And the Pres.? Does his seem " " I am trying for the holiday which is given every month to those boys who have a rank of 8 or above out of a

perfect of ten.

Chancey has gone to N.Y. City to see Dr. Knapp (?) (I am not sure who) the oculist the other day he drove over to W. Point to see Dr. Alexander who told him not to go to any Dr. but to a reliable oculist. He went down this Noon and will come back during some time tomorrow morning. His being away there was no recitation in Algebra.

Would you advise me to take up Spelling, English grammar, or Arithmetic?

Phil Peck is taking a special course preparatory for the Naval Academy. I could go into his classes if you think it best but of course it remains with you to decide. I am studying harder than ever before but still Chancey says "You don't study" a favorite expression of Mr. Cobb. With love I remain your affectionate son who is trying to be & do good Johnnie....

P.S. I received a letter from Mamma and Chancey's letter from Mamma is here but C. is in N.Y. City.

CSS School.

Dear Father.

Will you see if  
the arithmetic which  
Harry used at Prof. Bran-  
den's (West Point) is at  
home and if it is in two  
Vol.s please send me Vol. I

I have finished My  
Latin Book and am re-  
viewing it.

Love to all I remain  
your son John.

[Apr. 1883]



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id. A.A.A.

U. S. A.

Wash.



NOTHING BUT THE AIR

Yes



Chas. C. Mathia  
Nebraska

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Melrose Nbr April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883

Gen C. O. Howard

Dear Sir

your terms are higher than I expected  
and truly too high for our small village  
but I want to hear you speak and you  
have a large number of army friends that  
are bound to every way so we have  
concluded to get you to come please  
answer as soon as convenient when it  
would suit you to come I would by  
the advice of friends suggest Friday eve  
April 13<sup>th</sup> if it will suit you if you have  
any tickets will you please send  
them to me by express

Respectfully Yrs

P. E. Dinwiddie

Chickadee, No. 10

William, Wash  
April 2. 1883.

Answered by the  
Genl. April 3/83

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Cornwall Heights-

Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> '83

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir:

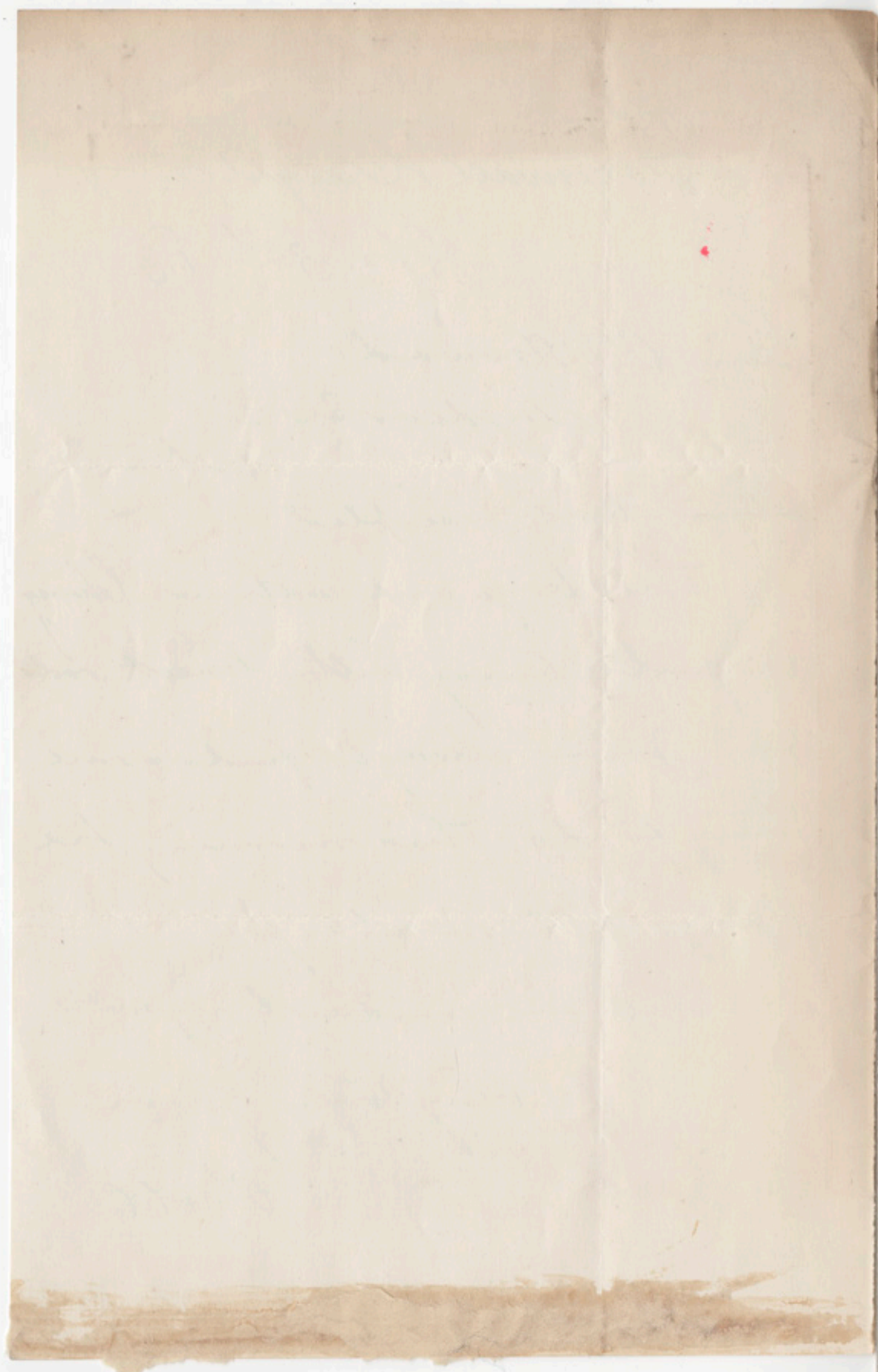
Within 3  
return bill receipted.

The boys one with us. Chancey  
is quite busy with creek roots  
&c. John always finds some  
thing to do. This morning he  
has gone to Newburgh.

With our combined regards

Very truly yours

Heobh



Mrs W. Willard

Answered by the  
Genl. April 17/83

Milwaukee April 4, 1883

251 Third Street St.  
Milwaukee  
Wis.

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Mr. Howard:

My husband has of late had his attention turned to Portland Oregon as a place of residence, and we are seeking information concerning it.

I must explain that we are a family of nine people my husband 52 yrs of age myself 42, and seven children ranging all the way from

Mrs. William Willard

the oldest daughter of 18 yet  
teaching in one of our public  
schools, down to the babe in  
arms of five months.

Five sons & two daughters —  
the three eldest members of  
the Grand Ave. ch. with our  
selves. What sort of a place  
is Portland for such a family?

My fears are, that less  
much rainy weather as they  
have there is unhealthy —  
that there are no eastern peo-  
ple there — (we come of good  
old New England ancestors  
& find a great many Massa-  
chusetts people here.)  
That we should find such

a great difference in the society  
& church privileges, schools  
&c that we should feel home  
sick & discontented —

and yet, my husband has  
traded from six A. M. till  
8 o'clock P. M. in the retail gro-  
cery business here 28 years  
& laid up nothing. We  
have fed & clothed our fam-  
ily & educated them thus  
far, & that is all — (except  
a \$5000. or life insurance  
policy) and if their father  
should be disabled in any  
way or taken away, I don't  
know what we should do —  
and he thinks competition

is not so great there and  
there would be a better chance  
for our five boys —

Still we weigh the matter  
carefully & are seeking guidance  
from our Heavenly Father, and if  
He seems to lead in that direc-  
tion & the path is made plain  
we shall know that it is best  
to go, and to be contented  
cheerfully doing our part to  
sustain the church all good  
causes. As you have been  
there a little advice would be  
most welcome — though really  
it seems to me like leaving  
our native land for Japan  
or Australia to go there.

Yours address

Mrs. William Mallard



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W. C. NEWMAN,

A. J. NEWMAN.

OFFICE OF  
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York, Neb., April 7<sup>th</sup> 1883Maj Genl O. O. Howard }  
Omaha Neb }

We are just in receipt of a dispatch from Comrade Geo. W. Post stating you had accepted our invitation to deliver your thrilling Lecture "The Battle of Vicksburg" in our city under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. April the 13<sup>th</sup> 1883 which is very acceptable to us. Let us assure you that we will make an effort to give you a full house of old comrades. Many of whom fought under and with you in the ever memorable campaign to and around Atlanta and from there to the Sea. How old scar worn Veterans are jubilant over the thoughts of again meeting their old Commander and Comrade in conclusion



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AND MILLS,  
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York, Neb.,

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Dear Gent: Allow us again to assure  
you<sup>a</sup> a royal welcome to our city and  
that we will spare no pains in  
making you a pleasant and happy  
visit hoping to hear from you soon  
allow us to subscribe ourselves  
Your Remurades

Geo S Newman } Comm  
John Lett

NB let us know if you will reach  
us from the East or West

Newman, G. S.  
Lett. J

G. S. Newman  
April 4, 1883

Answered by the  
Paul April 10, 1883

Sheridan, Genl. P.K.

Chicago  
April 5. 1883

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Chicago. April 5<sup>th</sup> 83

My dear General Howard:  
I saw your letter  
about Capt Cooks detention

I think an appeal  
to General Sherman will  
be of no avail. I.

Made a special appeal  
to him to let these details  
stand - but he decided  
against me. I hence



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United States Indian Service,

Santee

Agency,

Nebraska, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

Genl. O. O. Howard,

Commanding Dept.

Creighton, Nebraska.

My Dear Sir:-

Thy telegram through J. W. Barkin, of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst; was received on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup>, I would like very much to meet you, as per your request, but find it next to impossible for me to do so at this time. Your request an answer, and as I have not been able to reply, I feared that you would delay coming, thinking that I had not received your dispatch and would not meet you.

Two of my children have been sick, one quite ill, and it would be improper for me to leave home this day. I regret that this should be the case, for it would afford me great pleasure to be able to meet you.

If there should be any thing that I can do to assist you it will be done with pleasure.

Very respectfully Isaiah Lightner  
U. S. Indian Agent.

Lighted, a  
at S. end of each

Barbed, Nels  
April 5. 1883.

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Dighton, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

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Gen. O. O. Howard

of New York

Dear Sir,

Please  
send me your autograph on  
inclosed cards and oblige

Yours respectfully  
John W. Howe

McGuire, J.

Wayton, O.  
Apr 6. / 83

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OFFICE OF  
ROBT. WEIDENSALL,  
WESTERN SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH PROVINCES,  
150 MADISON STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Atchison Kas  
April 6 1883

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Genl A.D. Howard

Dear Brother

I have with the Council Bluffs  
folks that we could hold ~~public~~  
parlor conference on one of the  
following evenings ~~that~~ 27, 28 or  
30 of April that would be  
most suitable to both of you and  
them. They will no doubt write  
you concerning it. I will ~~get~~  
call at C. Bluffs & see the  
Bays and help them to get the  
matter no good shape - of course  
if this time will not suit we  
will have to arrange for another time

R. Weidensall -  
my address for about a week Leake Kas. Care of C. B.  
after that St Louis care Y. M. C. A.

Weidensall, P.

JOHN WEIDENSALL,  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH EMPIRE  
101 MADISON STREET,  
CHICAGO, ILL.

Atchison, Kas  
April 6, 1883

Rev. C. B. Johnson

Dear Sir:

Atchison, Kas  
April 6/83.

Dear Sir:

Leeward - Feb - Apr 6. 1883.

Please give me the  
address of your brother Gen.  
Charles Howard. And oblige  
Yrs Truly  
Warren Norton.



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NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS



Howard  
Omaha.  
Neb-

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Shenandoah, Hancock Co. Idaho,  
April 6. 1883.

Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear General,

The banker at Idaho,  
after some demurring, accepted  
the draft on N.Y. & paid me \$50.  
He said he would have to send  
it back to Omaha to have the date  
supplied, as that bank would be  
closed in N.Y.

I have sufficient  
the Treasurer of the University to give  
you the proper credit.

Very truly yours,

W. F. Bascom.

Pascom, W. F.

Shepherd, Wm.  
April 6. 1883

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Real Estate  
Brokers.

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

Life and Fire  
Insurance.

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Washington, D. C., Apr 7 1883

Dear Genl:

I had a conversation a couple of days since with Mr Pomeroy in regard to your Subscription to the University. He says you never ought to have made it and that he will insist at the Trustees meeting that it shall be remitted, and will make it a point to be present at the meeting. I have not mentioned the subject to the Ex Com because, it seems to me, if they were acting simply as your friends they would naturally consult me; certainly after your reference to me in your correspondence. I will however, have a talk with Genl Balloch, on that Com before the meeting. I do not think he has any influence in the Com, but he will have more with the Trustees. Yours of the 2nd rec<sup>d</sup>

Yours J. H. Smith

Smith, J. H.

Washington

April 27/83

Ed

Cornwall on Hudson,  
N.Y., April 8, 1883.

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My dear Father:

I spent this Easter vacation reading about two pages of Greek a day. It was not much harder work than the reading Latin with you last Christmas. I begin to like Latin & Greek more & more as I go on. I am in the regular class reading Virgil's Aeneid (50 lines a day) & tomorrow I begin extra lessons with Mr. Houston in the Georgics. <sup>(75 lines a day)</sup> Rainy days & evenings when other work is over & it is not too late I do extra work by myself reading the Bucolics. They are very easy and interesting reading. In Greek I am studying the Grammar and reading the Anabasis. I have also been taking private lessons in that, but now I

am up with the class. I shall have to leave Homer until the summer.

I am all prepared in mathematics on account of my Andover & Portland G. H. S. High School drill. I shall not have to bother with that; besides I am teaching algebra & have been teaching Geometry.

My ground is all mapped out & if I could keep on with out any drawback I would be a Freshman in Bowdoin that year. But, there is one thing, about which, every letter from Mother cautions me; that is, health. A doctor by all means ought to have health. I have health & am proud of it. School began Thursday. We have had two days of school. But I had no sooner begun my night work and hard ~~study~~ when a "horrible prodigy", as Virgil says, "mirabile dictu", came upon me. My eyes began to pain me. I said

nothing, in fact thought nothing about it, until Friday evening when people began to ask what was the matter & advise me to go to the Dr. My eyes ached & made my head ache but I did not let it interfere with my study. I didn't want to go to a doctor because I was afraid that he would make it out to be a more serious affair than it really was.

If I am well I would rather know it than be told that my "case needs attention". I at last thought that Dr. Alexander in West Point was in the habit of trying to make people think that they were not as sick as they feared. So yesterday, Saturday, the rain cleared up in the P.M. & I drove over to see him. After talking with him for a short time I started back but before reaching the bottom of the hill I found that

P.S. I left my  
paper on the desk  
for a few minutes  
& when I came  
back I found a  
large lake blot  
made by I know  
not whom.  
A.H.

it was becoming so foggy & dark  
that I was afraid to try it. <sup>Alexander</sup>  
turned back & accepted Mr. <sup>his</sup>  
kind hospitality. I left <sup>Tracy</sup> in  
Mr. Benton's stable. They wanted  
me to stay over night before I  
started, but the next day would  
be Sunday & I would have to take charge  
at school, so I started against their  
advice. I am glad I went back,  
a good night's rest for me, and  
for my horse <sup>was appreciated</sup>. Dr. Alexander, after  
looking at my eyes & asking me  
a few questions said, contrary to my  
expectations, that it was too serious  
a matter for him to tamper with or  
for any Hb. to fool with & that  
I should go immediately to Dr. H.  
Knapp of New York. He said

that he sent all cadets to him & that he was better than Dr. Agnew, Dr. Rōsōi(?) or any other; & that his charges are more reasonable. And what he says may be relied upon. If my eyes are only tired or the muscles affected he will tell me, & how much work I can do without spoiling my sight. Whether I can get any relief from glasses or not. Dr. Alexander also said that if he (~~advised me~~) said that I could not study any more, I ought to go & "farm it" or "rough it."

He asked what I was studying for & I told him that after finishing college I intended to study medicine. He was glad to hear that I was going to study medicine but said that I was making a big mistake by going to college first. At my age

(for I told him that I was 20 years old),  
and with eyes giving out in the  
beginning of an eight year course,  
what would become of me in the  
end. There are enough withered  
up, near sighted, consumptive & ner-  
vous doctors in the world. A  
strong healthy doctor is a better advertise-  
ment & an example of his preaching &  
practicing than a man whose mind  
is filled up with Lat. & Greek & other  
stuff. As for education, one with  
as much as (he said) I have, would  
find enough <sup>study</sup> ~~work~~ in the Medical  
College & in the after work. He  
talked to me in this way for some  
time & told me to be sure and  
tell you & that you were "making  
a mistake" & you "should not insist  
upon it." I told him that it was  
your advice & my choosing; and  
that I saw many advantages in  
it, for maybe I would not be able

to practice medicine, & then the college education would come into play. He said that it wouldn't come into play much without eyes & that I had too good health to destroy. Then came some compliments upon that subject. Mrs. Alexander then said that she had received a compliment: That (she had) a lady told her, a few days ago, that she <sup>the lady</sup> had never seen a ~~person~~ <sup>person</sup> who had changed so little in so long a time, for she (the lady) remembered Mrs. Alexander when she was eighteen years old. The Dr. then said that he didn't think it much of a compliment to her girlhood.

"Dear Father," no doubt you think that for a long time I have been longing to stop studying & stop going to college & that is why I am writing all this. But indeed

it is not so. My work preparing for college is work that I like & I shall be very sorry if I have to give it up. I do not want to give it up now & I do not think that I shall have to, - but one thing I know is that I can not waste time in my preparation, & that I can not go on with with red, aching <sup>eyes</sup>, & that I ought to see the oculist. If I wait for an answer from you there will be so much time gone that I cannot spare.

Day after to morrow, Tuesday, Apr. 10th, is the only day I shall have off for two weeks. I think that you will have no objections to my improving the opportunity. I shall immediately on my return write you what he says. When I wake in the morning

I often find my eyes or one of them so hermetically sealed that it seems as if the eye-winkers would come out if I should try to open them.

Dr. A. thinks that there may be an absciss on one eye, but he wasn't sure. I then told him that the oculist in Quaha thought he saw a spot or defect, when he examined them.

Colonel Merritt (?) has had the house painted light green & the conservatory bright red. Wooden steps have been made over the stone ones. Carriages are not allowed to drive on the road in front of the officer's houses. No "extentions" & very few "hops". Mrs Alexander thinks

he is too military. LDr. A. thinks  
he has too many "musters" — once  
a month. He said that he didn't  
go to a single muster until the  
Gen. ordered him out, & the only  
thing that saved him that day  
was that it rained.

The LDr. admired Fancy and  
wants me to leave her with  
him if I can't get a good  
price for her.

Before I sell her I would  
like to get her picture taken,  
but want your permission first.

She is improving slowly but  
I do not have much time to ex-  
ercise her as I should. J. Miller  
does most of that now.

From yr affectionate son,  
C. B. Howard.

Le repos, et le changement m'ont  
fait du bien et je suis retournée  
avec mes forces renouvelées  
pour finir ma première année  
comme maîtresse d'une  
pensionnat.

Ma bonne Mama se trouve très-  
bien, elle est si contente, qu'elle  
peut de me faire venir <sup>chez elle</sup> de l'hiver  
prochain, mais, moi je ne sais  
pas - plus tard j'en pense à l'été -  
après l'été -

Chancey est venu de Putnam  
pour me faire une visite. Il  
me semblait très content, comme  
maître, il ne voulait pas même  
rentrer chez lui cette été, mais  
j'espère qu'il viendra toute même.  
Et moi, mon Papa Général.  
vous me demandez si je viendrai  
vous faire une petite visite -  
je vous réponds - de tout mon  
cœur. Cela me fera grand plaisir.  
je conte les jours, jusqu'au 13-juin -  
quand je serai libre -

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Blairsville Pa.  
le 8. Avril 1883.

Mon cher Général.

Je vous demande  
mille pardons pour mon  
silence - J'avais la bonne volonté  
de vous écrire, il y a, déjà un  
mois - mais j'étais si pressé  
que le temps me manquait.

Votre bonne lettre française  
est arrivée quelques jours  
avant la vacance - mais elle  
m'a trouvé en mauvaise santé -  
j'ai travaillé trop, et quatre jours  
avant la vacance j'étais un  
peu souffrant et j'ai écrit  
toute desuite pour New York.

comme vous et Madame Howard sont  
bons de me donner tant de plaisir!

Boston, comme vous appelez un certain jeune  
homme est encore très attentif. Je l'aime  
comme bien des autres, pas plus, et je me  
suis très bien, sachant que vous gardes mon  
cœur et que je retournerai à vous - "Heart  
whole and fancy free" comme je vous ai  
quittée. Je puis à peine attendre jusqu'à neuf  
semaines encore.

Chauncy m'a dit que vous avez des beaux  
chevaux et que Bessie monte à cheval aussi -  
comme nous aurions du plaisir! Ici les chevaux  
sont terribles, des farm horses, qui ne savent  
pas marcher légèrement - mais je les monte,  
parce qu'il me faut de l'exercice.

How is Grace now? And is the prospect  
of her coming East this Summer any better?  
It would be delightful if we could be  
in Omaha together - for I am afraid I  
shall never get as far West as the  
Pacific coast, now, that I have no  
father. Mamma hesitated at first about  
letting me go - "Omaha seems so far," she said,  
for you to go - but I soon convinced her  
that it was only as far from Chicago as Pittsburg.

well started on the right  
road. Chauncey and I planned  
for June a little. He said  
I could meet Johnnie in Pittsburg  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> and then go on together.  
I am invited to St Paul in  
July - and am expected at  
Marblehead by the middle of July  
so I think I am booked for  
a splendid Summer -

The prospect is fair anyway,  
and it helps me bear the  
intervening hard work cheerfully.

I have been urged very  
strongly to spend the entire  
Summer in Paris, visiting Miss  
Woodward - but of course  
under the present circumstances  
I could not accept.

The best invitation I received  
I accept, - consequently I turn  
Westward -

V.  
from New York, and that  
after my long experience  
in travelling I could  
accomplish it without  
harm. So like the good  
little Mamma that she  
is, she set to work to shop  
with me and help me get  
ready for the Summer.

I think it so very kind of you  
and Mrs Howard, to want me  
to come, I was afraid when  
you got so far away that  
I should not see much  
more of you - but this visit  
will be just the most charming  
end to a very long and dreary  
Winter. I have worked hard  
and faithfully - Have created  
an Art department, where  
the ground had never been  
ploughed even, and I leave  
with twenty one disciples

Give very much love to Mrs Howard  
and Bessie -

et avec les plus sincères vœux  
d'amour et respect pour  
mon cher Général

Je reste toujours votre amie  
M. Gertrude Smith.

Quincy, Mass M.G.

W. H. Davis

April 8. 1883

Answered by the

Genl April 16/83