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Madison Neb. Jan. 27 1885

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Omaha Neb.

Dear Sir:— I have been requested
by members of our Post to ask you
if you cannot come to Madison
to deliver your lecture on Sat-
urday evening Feb. 21st, instead
of Monday evening Feb. 23^d

I will be very much pleased
to have you spend a Sabbath with
us.

An early reply will
greatly oblige

yours truly,
W. E. Kimball,
Chin. Lect. Com.
and
Pastor Pres. Church.

Kimball, W. E.

Madison, Neb.

Jan 24. 1885

Answered



Moore, Chas & Mrs

San Francisco
Jan 27, 1885,

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Dr. & Mrs. John Moore
request your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Minnie Bernard,
to
Capt. William A. Thompson, U. S. Army.
Tuesday, January twenty seventh,
eighteen hundred and eighty five,
at twelve o'clock, M.
Catholic Chapel, Presidio
San Francisco.

Reception after ceremony

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Morrow, Genl.

Fort Sidney, Neb.

Jan 28/85

Account

Fort Sidney, Neb.

Jan 28 1885.

My dear Genl. Howard.

When I was last with you in Omaha you showed me an unbound volume of reports of the Battle of Gettysburg, but you were unwilling to let me take the book without first getting the consent of Col. Scott. I have written Scott & his answer is enclosed herewith. Now, My dear General, when you have gotten through with the vol., I would be pleased to have it. I have been written to again by the National Tribune, people to inquire them my ideas of the Great battle, and as they differ from almost every body else's I think I will try my hand on the subject. Your articles will

be of the greatest service & I should
carefully preserve them, but
you narrate occurrences as seen
by a beholder or participator ~~of~~
the battle. I should idealize it
somewhat - that is, I should group
the facts, & at the conclusion of the
entire, or perhaps at the conclusion
of each day's battle, I should
briefly & pointedly recapitulate the
day's work, & point out the strong
points for commendation & the
omissions for censure or mild
condemnation. In this way I should
hope to bring the Battle of Gettysburg
clearly before the mind of an ordinary
- my reader & make it valuable
to the professional man.
But in this I might fail. The
main point now is to get all I
can on the battle.

Yours sincerely

Vernon A. Howard

Gen. D. Howard

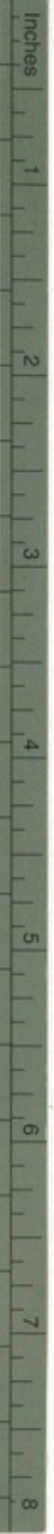
Washington D. C. Jan 23rd 85.

Col. Henry S. Merwin.

Fort Sidney. Neb.

Dear Colonel: You note of 19th inst received,
and I have to say that if it suits Gen.
Howard to do so I will be glad to have him
send you the preliminary prints of testimony.

Very truly yours
R. M. S. W. H.
N. S. Merwin.



W. H. ...
W. H. ...

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Merrill, Pa. G.

St Louis, Mo.

Jan 28/85

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Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Bro:

We expect to
dedicate our new Church. (The
one that Dr. Post is Pastor in
charge of) on the 4th and 5th of March.

Formal dedication on the 4th and
a kind of Convention on the 5th
to emphasize three thoughts
1st Cong. is loyal to Education.

2^d " regards religion as an ally
of the State or Nation

3rd Cong. is loyal to the Church uni-
versal.

We would be exceedingly glad
to have you with us to speak 2d

minutes to the record thought.

Of course we shall expect to
pay your expenses.

Please let me know if
you can render us and this cause
this valued service.

Yrs very truly
J. G. Merrill

3428 Franklin Ave
St Louis Mo

Jan 28. [1885]

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Sometimes when you see
your opportunity will you
not speak to her - do you
have spoken to so many?
The child's welfare in every
way has been the one thought
of my life for the last
thirteen months - but tonight
all interests are crowded
out save the one - for her
soul. I have many favors
to remember from your
family, but this from
you will be the best of
them all and most gratefully
appreciated.

Very sincerely your friend
Sarah V. Chote.

Amherst Jan. 28 - 85 -
Gen. C. C. Howard

My dear friend - 101

Your remarks in prayer-
meeting this evening
particularly impressed
me, and I felt im-
pelled to make a special
effort in behalf of
Katie; at once.

She is not a member
of the church. My
fears are, that the
longer she hesitates

To openly Confess that
which I am quite sure
is the true feeling of
her ^{heart} faith in God and
love for her Master -
she now will shed
the step and defer it
indefinitely. Since I
have spoken of it to her
this winter. Her answer
was - "I do not want to
do". I may fear a little
John's influence - for
a thing he for Katie
means two for him -

which would be to have
her wait - but herself or
rather than to make
the decision too soon.
Knowing the tender and
affectionate feeling that
has grown in Katie
toward you, since the
Sunday she came to you
in distress!! Can we be
to believe that you might
be the one - and perhaps
the only one, who could
make it seem easy for
her to take up this cross.

Crowley, W.

Allegheny City
Jan 29. 85

Answered

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No. 74 Locock St

Allegheny City Pa

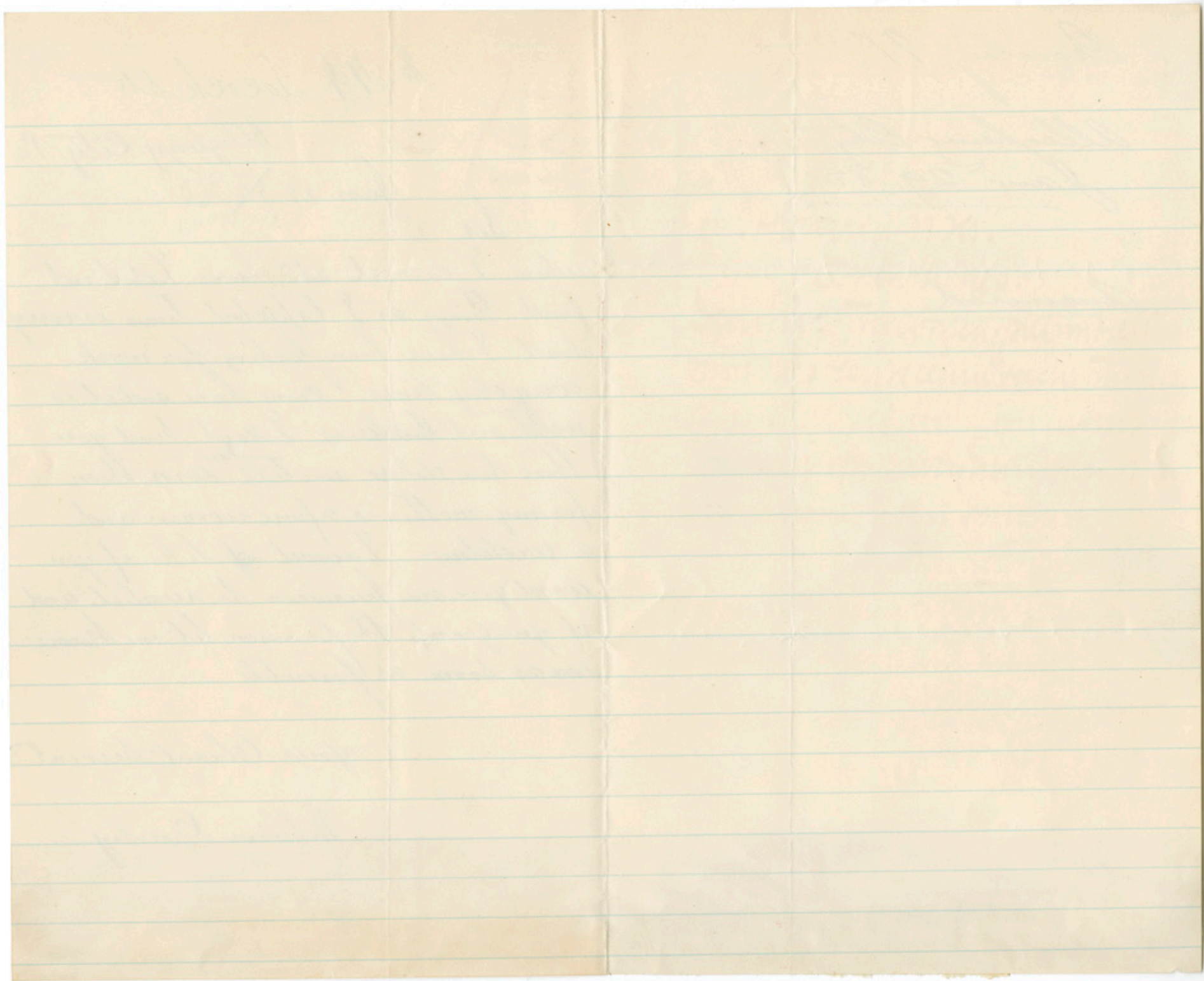
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Sir

when I arrived at home I did not find things as I Expected times is verry hard I have been looking for work every day since I came home and it is with out success I cant send you those ten dollars until I can earn them for my mother is a poor woman and a wicetow I wood like if you wood give me permision to reenlist and if you grant the permision let me know ~~me~~ as soon as possible

your Obeant Servant

William Crowley



The Advance.

EDITORIAL
DEPARTMENT.

Chicago, January 29, 1885.

~~Gen. O. O. Howard.~~

~~W. L.~~
Omaha, Neb.

We inclose herewith Eight Dollars
in payment for your article entitled
"The Present Outlook,"

printed in the Advance of January 27,

Respectfully Yours,

Advance Publishing Co.,

155 La Salle Street.

The Advance,

Chicago

Jan 29 1885.

EDITORIAL
DEPARTMENT

Chicago, January 29, 1885.

Mr. J. P. Howard,

Chicago, Ill.

The enclosed herewith is the copy of the
in payment for your article entitled

"The Present Status of"

published in the Advance of January 27.

Respectfully,
Yours,

Advance Publishing Co.

35 La Salle Street.



Scott, Col. R. W.

Washington
Jan 29. 1885

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Gen. Howard, War.

Omanah, Neb.

Dear Sir: The Confed. Bulletin Gen. Sherman
print has been received back. The reports
of the Omaha Campaign are not yet in
print - will probably have them of the Confed.
side in print by 1st of April next.

If you give me the date of Gen. Sherman's
dispatch referred to by you, I will hunt it
up, and if found will send copy.

Very truly yours
R. W. Scott
Warman

Jan 29/85.



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United States Post Office,

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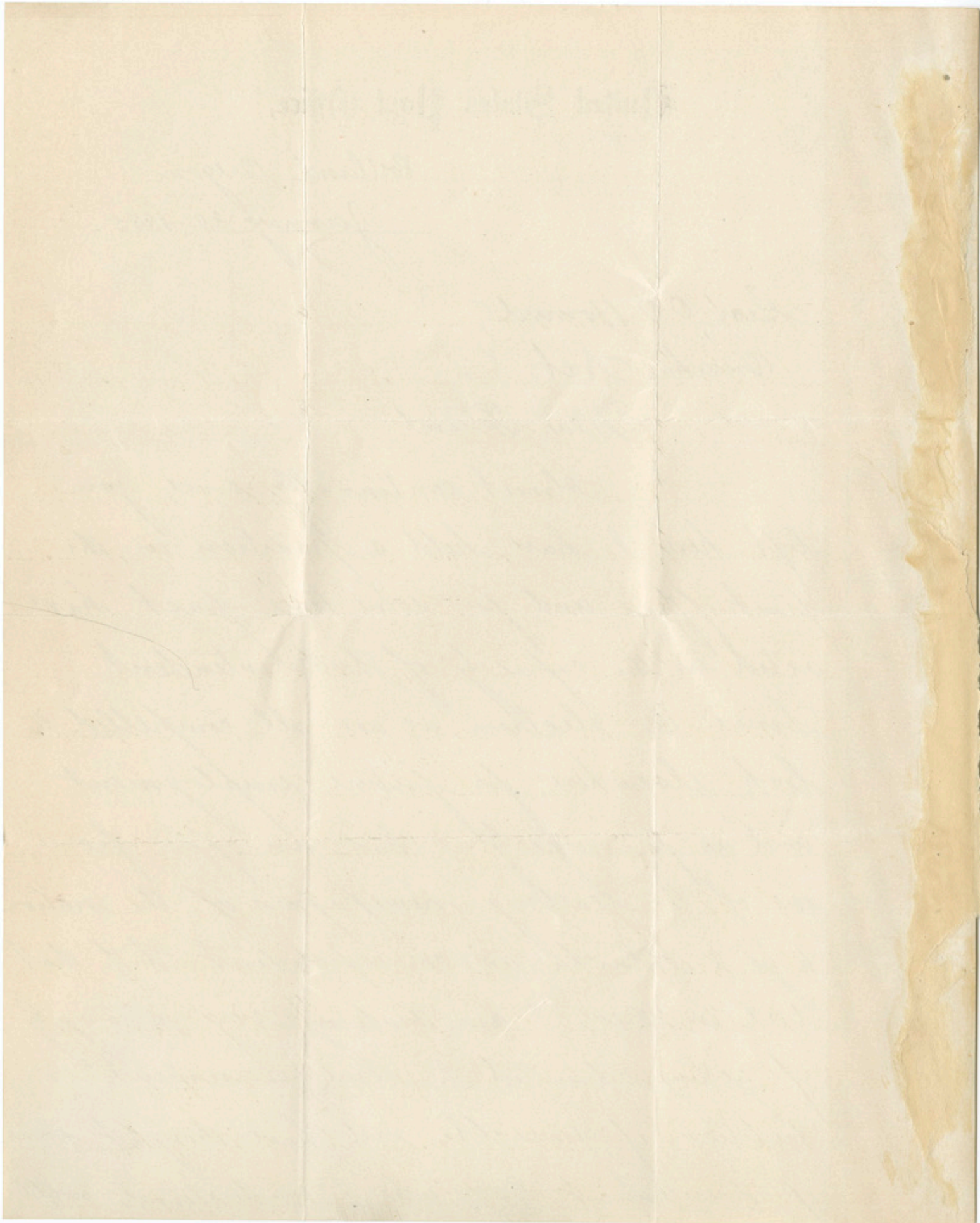
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Gen. O. O. Howard }
Omaha, Neb. }

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Dear Friend:

Almost continually since you left here I have held a position in the post office and for some time past have acted in the capacity of Superintendent. Since the election we are all compelled to look elsewhere for future employment and as for myself I have an offer from one of the leading newspapers of the nation to go to Alaska as correspondent. With that end in view, I am thinking very strongly of getting admitted to some government expedition, if possible, and have thought some of Lieutenant Roy, who, I understand, will



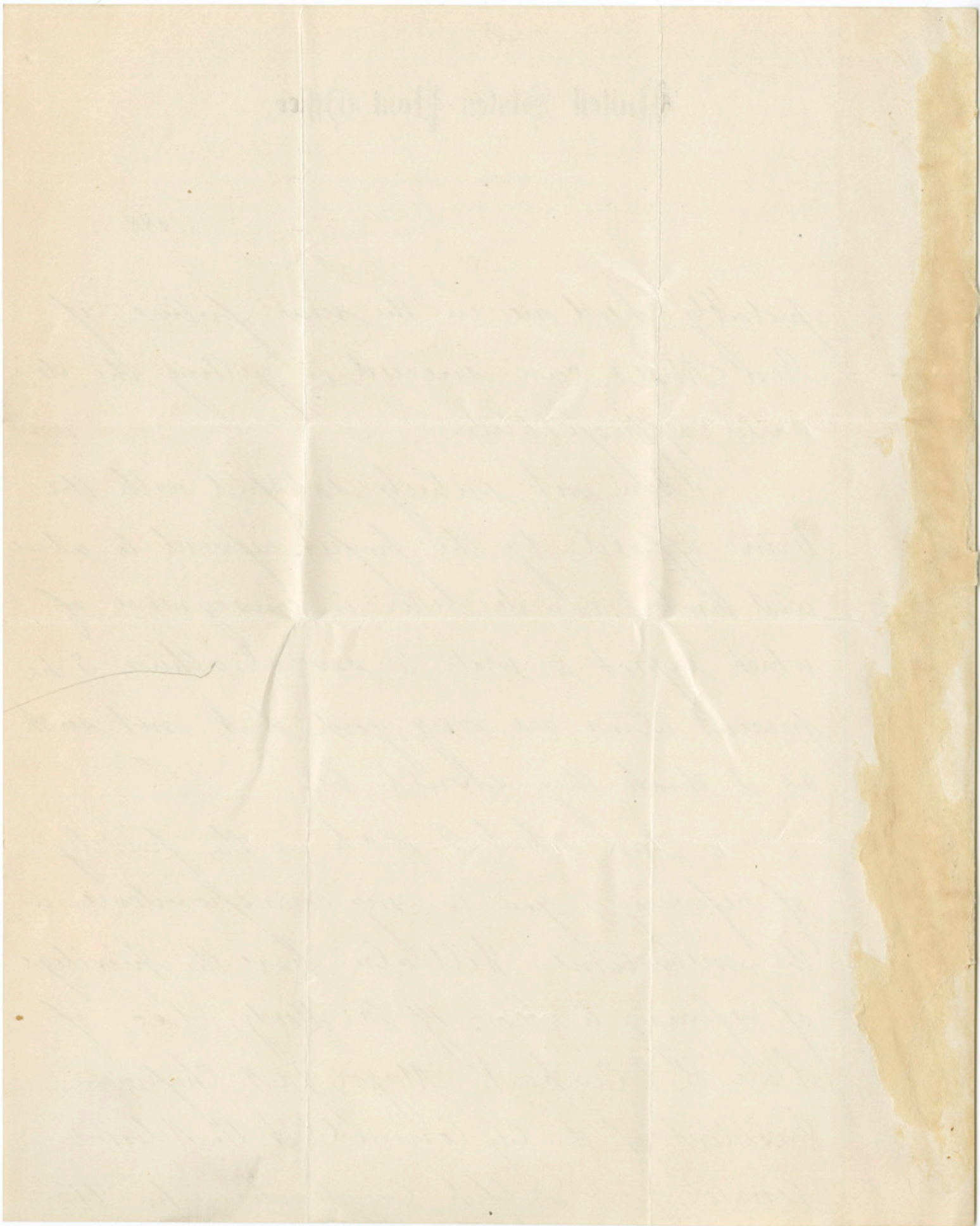
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probably head me in the near future if Gen. Miles can succeed in getting the desired appropriation.

Am not entirely satisfied with the terms offered by the paper referred to above and think I can do better, in consequence of which expect to write to several others. The present terms are very good but not such as I think they should be.

Now what I wish is the privilege of referring to you in my correspondence in the meantime. Will also have the privilege of referring to Gov. W. F. Moody, Sec. of State R. P. Earhart, Mayor, J. A. Chapman, President of the City Council W. H. Adams, Senator, J. A. Dolph, Ex. Senator John H.



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Mitchell and Congressman M. C. George.

By granting me this privilege you
will greatly oblige

Very Truly Your Friend

W. G. Steel

Sheet, N.E.

Portland, Me.

Jan 30. 1885,

Answered

LAW OFFICE

— OF —

W. & W. E. Gilbert,

1 & 2 YATES BLOCK

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Syracuse, N. Y., January 30th 1885

General Howard

My Dear sir,

At the request of the
Grandmother of David R. Holmes of Co "E"
who is at present branded as a deserter.
I write you. the Grandmother Mrs. ~~Holmes~~
is an old lady 68 years of age an infirm
old lady. and the only child that she
has to depend upon for a living is David.
she understands that he is to be tried by a
Court Martial. and she wishes me to say
that she would like to have you be as
lenient as you can, as David is not a
bad boy. I think that he will be a better
boy if you do this for the old lady. I
have always known David myself &
I can say that he is respectably connected
and from good parentage. and they
are grieved almost to death to think

that he has done what he has, and
if you can do it for ~~him~~ please
do it, and in the language of
Mrs. Hyatt, you will be rewarded
by the heavenly Father
Yours
W. E. Kirby

My dear Home
Come East & stay
about November 11, 883 (probably)
January 16, 1885 - (Chicago?)
to Gen. Am. at Newmarket
January 26, 85 - for trial - Wash
received back to date -

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H. M. STEVENS,

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American Consulate

SMYRNA,

TURKEY.

January 30th, 1885.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir;-

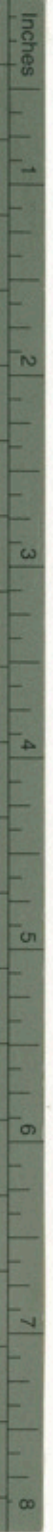
Returning last week from a visit to my home in New Hampshire on leave of absence, I found your letter dated Dec. 2d, 1884, awaiting me.

Careful inquiry of the cavass and of the P. O. officials as well, leads me to think that the failure of the monographs to reach their destination is not due to any remissness on their part. The mails are not so well managed in Asia and Europe as in the States, as I have frequent occasion to remark, and I fear those monographs are irretrievably lost.

My daughter remains with her mother in the States. I now have my son with me. He has been out of health for some time. I am trying the benefit of a change of climate, with promise of success. Had the election resulted as I desired, I should have taken all my family with me. As events have shaped themselves there is a little too much uncertainty respecting my tenure to risk so great an expense. With kind regards to your son, I am yours very truly,

W. E. Stevens

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WASHINGTON STANDARD TYPE-WRITER.

H. M. STEVENS, General Agent, Emerson Consols, TURKEY. W. B. SEAMANS & BENEDICT, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, ST. LOUIS, BOSTON, WASHINGTON, CHICAGO.

January 20th, 1885.

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Jan 20. 1885.



Dear Sir,

Handwritten signature or initials in blue ink.

Returning last week from a visit to my home in New Hampshire on leave of absence, I found your letter dated Dec. 24, 1884, awaiting me.

Careful inquiry of the canvass and of the P. O. officials as well, leads me to think that the failure of the monographs to reach their destination is not due to any carelessness on their part. The mails are not so well managed in Asia and Europe as in the States, and I have frequent occasion to remark, and I fear those monographs are irrevocably lost.

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W. B. Seaman

the house and we do talk this com-
fort in them. It makes it so much
easier to sit by a fire and see
burning. I have not seen Mrs Gray for
several weeks, but a week ago Sunday
evening Capt Gray called, and he said
they were well. The baby remaining &
soon about. They are real sweet and
such pretty children. It seems such
a pity you can not enjoy each day of
their sweet babyhood. Mamma
has written you lately I believe. She
quilted me & Thane telling me
so - but she is not so busy as I just
now, and then housekeeping is so near to
me that I probably make it - harder in
many ways not knowing the best way
to do things. I never seemed to get
through when I did everything alone
and my calls and letters never got
any attention at all. Except I did
scribble to Mother every week. The
and Letter seem most comfortably settled
in San Francisco. And we are most
comfortably settled here. I am planning

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Portland

Jan 30th 1885

My dear friend,

I have not seemed

very friendly I know, because I did
not answer for this long long time
your charming letter written in France.
But I so often think of you that
it does not seem possible such a
great length of time could have slip-
ped by - yet I know it is so, and I
beg you can and will forgive such
greatly unexcusable silence. I have
enjoyed receiving the paper very much
though I have not yet caught up with
the received. I do not know how
the first ones went to but they only
know it - the P. O. "J. B. Thompson"

and the papers coming to "Mrs Dan
Blorcom Thompson" were given to every
the Thompson first - I fancy, as it led
me straight into our boy and then you
went - and asked them about - the others
to - they could not find them - However
Mrs Gray must kindly for me a number
of the first ones and later for Martha
some as she (Mrs Gray had duplicates) and
I think we can make a connected series
of them - I did not want to read long
papers so I've read them and read
up pretty well in course - It was an
exceedingly kind of you to send the paper
and I always enjoy reading & let you
write - the fact of running the "author"
adds greatly to the charm of reading.
But I have not written you yet - I think
as they came, simply because I am
taking the numbers and I thought
I would finish first. I looked over
the Gettysburg number - how well

I remember when you first told me
of that battle as we sat along in the
cars - It seems like a dream - yet
I so vividly remember ^{the} plans you drew,
and the interest - I feel in all the
incidents - of the battle or of the war
has been greatly added to by all you
told me. History is interesting in its-
self, but ten times more so when told by
one you know, who was active in
making this same history.

Perhaps Mrs Gray may have told you
that we are housekeeping again. We
rented a house on 10th Street - near
Market, not a great way from the
Woods home, and this time we furnished
ourselves - I wish it exceedingly though
I have been too busy to think about it.
Last week I got a "girl" and then she
is trained to her duties I shall have more
leisure - I am writing now in great-
haste while waiting to show her what to
do next - when through with her present
duties. We have two open fireplaces in

Thompson, Mrs M. P. 13.

Portland

Jan 30. 1885

Mr - without - Mother's knowledge ought
to live her with - me a while next
summer. I do so hope she will
come. I have never had the pleasure
of seeing any of my relations under
my own roof and I should enjoy it
exceedingly. I sympathized with
Mrs Gray when she wrote how near
Harry had been and then could not
get through to Portland. The
blockage came at a most unfor-
tunate time. It is raining now
and quite warm. The sudden change
in the weather seem to have made much
illness. I had rather have snow and
clear sky than this dripping rain all
the time even if it is warmer. Did
I tell you we had joined the 1st - Presby-
terian Church? We felt more at home there
from the first and met much friendliness.
I have a class of little boys in the Sun-
day School and enjoy it so much. It is
the first S. S. class I ever had and I am

growing more interested every week. By
or seven night - little boys are very dis-
tructive any time, and they begin to
ask questions now and show an interest-
fulness, so that teaching them is a
great pleasure. It's odd how few
words a child under ten generally un-
derstands. I am often reminded trying
to think of little words to express my
meaning or even to find words they
understand to explain a big word that
means nothing to them. Sometimes
they give such funny answers when I
ask what a word means. One boy said
"lover" meant "looking out" - not having
heard the name in his life I suppose.

It's nearly time for me to stop and
prepare lunch in time for my good
husband. Tom coming. I still do all
the cooking as the maid is "just over" from
"Overland". It is good exercise for
my fingers & feet. How is the French
now by the way? And do you speak like a

native after your exposure with the
French family? That must have been
a very entertaining experience.

That a charming trip you had,
and how I should like to be able to go
too! When you and I can take such
a holiday there will not be anyone
so "jolly old man" - We often speak
of it and have enjoyed the glimpse
we had of your journeying.

Please make my regards to Mrs
Howard. My husband sends his to
you both also. I wish you knew him
for I think he is - well I have no
word that could really express what
I think, but - there is no happier wife
anywhere than I! And it seems as
if my friend ought to like him too!

Love most dear friend and let
me know my long silence is forgiven by
writing me rapidly one of your good kind
letters. With deep affection

(Box 834)

Mary A. V. Thompson.

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Allegheny, Jan. 31, 1885

Dear Sir,

I write to ask, if you will please be kind enough to send me a catalogue of the military school.

Hoping it will be no inconvenience to you

I am,

Yours Truly,

Samuel L. Garrison,

402 Rebecca St

Allegheny City

Penn^a

Jamison, D.D.P.
Allegany Co
Jan 31. 1885,

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Wells
with the
Sweeney and others
The throat is sore
Lungs feel like to burst

Turbett, G. A.

Winterset, Iowa

Jan 31. 1885

Answered

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Winterset Iowa Jan 31 1885
Genl. C. Howard

Dear Sir

In behalf of the comrades of
Pitzer Post No 55 Department
of Iowa G. A. R. I desire to ask
you if it would be possible
for you to come to Winterset
sometime in February and
deliver your lecture on the
"Battle of Gettysburg" or if you
have a lecture on the Georgia
Campaign it would interest
the comrades more probably,
as there are but few here who
took part in the battle of
Gettysburg. However they
are anxious to hear you.

and want to know when
what terms they can have
that privilege. Hoping to
to hear from you soon, I am
your obedient servant

Geo. A. Turbett.
Com. of Pat.

Address Geo. A. Turbett
Winterset
Madison Co
Iowa