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Ans in letter Dec 12.
\$10.00 sent.

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Wayne Me Dec 5th 1887

Maj. Gen. O. C. Howard
My dear Sir:

Yours of April 20
in answer to my letter I wrote
you in reference to aid for
the improvement of our church
was duly recd - you said if
I would write you six mo hence
you might be able to add
your mite. We are still
striving to raise money. We
find it slow work by our
mite society (so called)
but then we have reason to
be thankful for the success
we have met with. Our
S.S. library was all run out
and I told them of the society

would do what they could
I would try and raise ~~\$25.~~
from outside help - if you
feel like helping me a little
on that - please do so - or if
you have any other particular
place that you wish is raised
for - say so - if you should
send anything -
What the Ladies have been
able to do has put new life
and interest - into the church
I think the church as a
whole are thankful for what
aid we have rec'd. and
society is poor.

Please accept thanks
for the heliotype picture of
yourself you sent me last
spring. Our boys are very
much interested in war
history.

Please do just as you
feel - if you feel to give, it -
will be thankfully rec'd -
if not - all right - of course
you cannot answer all
the calls you have -
Very respectfully yours

Mrs. M. F. Berry
Wayne
Me

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Troy, N.Y., Dec 5, 1887.

My dear Father:

My days work is done and it is only twenty minutes past ten o'clock. John is preparing for bed & I shall go when I shall have finished this letter. I have written you a long letter for some time. But I have been so busy that I have done only that which was most pressing.

First my studies & they are all in order up to date. I am glad to report. My present studies are Iron railroad bridges - the calculating stresses & strains. The latter part of this week each one of us will have to take ^{one} some of the many bridges within reach from Troy, measure & sketch it, then carefully estimate (for several hours) same section to see if the bridge will safely carry two locomotives or three if absolutely necessary. Cars are light. If locomotives can pass over then cars can also. Iron bridges are very complicated. Suspension bridges are

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easier to calculate than truss & cantilever bridges - altho' the public think otherwise. (2)
Suspension bridges are perhaps harder to build - because the work must be nearly all done on the spot & not in foundries of roller mills. My other study is with the Princeton Engine. The subject is the practical application for estimates of Hydraulics. We had physical Hydraulics, two years ago. Then at the first of this year we had mechanical Hydraulics (Theory) with investigations with Calendars.

The Princeton men ~~uncover~~ what the other professors have given us of deduced formulae etc. for practical field use. Speaking of Calculus makes me think of the time you said you desired me to study Calculus & descriptive Geometry. Descriptive Geometry was long - but I did enjoy it. But now that I constantly use Calculus, as I used to use the multiplication tables in primary school, I see how strange & wonderful it is. A vast amount of reading & investigation are now open to me & the more I use the Calculus the easier are, formerly difficult problems, to solve themselves. Three weeks more

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of them Christmas. I will be glad because (3
I need rest. John also. He studies very well.
Let him alone - encourage him a little - let him
have his own experience of them he comes out
better & better each week. He is studying Algebra
now, and also the introduction to descriptive
Geometry - a subject called here Elements of
projections - He has plain projections,
isometric projections, oblique projections
& elements of mathematical perspective.
He enjoys & perceives the subject very well.
I have a letter from Aunt Kitty which says
that Grandma has been sick - is now again
well but not yet strong. I wish she had not
become so attached to Glenview - for surely
Denver & San Francisco are better as to
climate for her in winter. John is now in
bed & he rises early. I am sure his short sick-
ness did teach him a lesson & he has profited
by it - all of his own accord & now takes care
to sleep enough - I hope he will take more
exercise & go about with his fellow students -
but he is retiring & my steady study also influences
him unconsciously to attempt the same - But he has
not yet become accustomed to doing book work &
writing etc & recitations & lectures for 17 hours a day
except meals. I look forward with great pleasure to

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the time when I shall not have to work nights, (L)
but when perhaps six o'clock comes then I can lay
aside my work, eat my supper & then see & be
with friends or entertaining reading etc.

After my studies at present I give my little leisure
to my thesis. Many letters have to be written to
the Engineer & other offices of the cities of the world
French, German & English now serve me well
(must thank you for these implements for working
you have given me) I am collecting quite a library
upon Asphalt or Asphalte or Asphalturn
& I find that next after the greatest money invest-
ment (in Railways) general highways; then come the
immense public investment in pavements. The
more I study it, the more of it there is even the sanitary
questions are sufficient for a volume & the questions
of economic maintenance another volume. You
saw Paris, London, Washington, Buffalo. The paving of
these cities is done by scientific men, not by the rough
class of men who too often do this work here at home.
I had intended to make out an estimate of the
money I will need to finish up the present year
I will do so on another sheet of paper. I shall go
probably to visit George Briggs & his wife who have
invited Adelheid. They live half way between here & Boston
in Waterbury Conn & have a nice home & two children.
I shall write you about work or life's work later. I shall not decide until
not till Spring. With love to all from your son Samuel

Try Dec 5 '87.

1122.

Dear Father.

I add this to see what I

need for all expenses during the -
winter. Board 14.00 Room for the month 15. --- 29.00
Books, Roads Street & parameters by Gen. Sillmore 2. Martine's Engineering 4.
Hammell's Engineer's tables etc 3.20 & works on asphalt 5.70 --- 14.90
 dues of the scientific society for the half year? --- 6.00
 use of rooms, lectures, library, publications etc }
 Expenses of my rheumatism & ran Baker of medicines 7.00
 Also medicines & little expenses for Julius's sickness 1.20
 Railroad fares for Vacation --- 13.50
 meals & little incidentals ^{paper stamps etc} during vacation 5.00
 A few small presents to Adelheid & to the
 people I visit Christmas --- 5.00
 81.60

If you can spare so much please send
it on or before Dec 12 or 13 that I may
surely get it before my vacation begins.
Grandmother will leave me another \$100.
for me in January to pay my tuition.

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she has been sick as I have
said & hence I have heard
nothing from her except one
letter about a month ago &
now a letter from Aunt
Kittie - saying that Grandmother
is better.

^{A.L.}
Mr. Parker is in N.Y. City
again at Stewart Building
Broadway. He writes me con-
cerning books to get &c He
really seems to "keep an eye
on" me. I am striving to be able
to really serve him & at the
same time earn a good income.
After finishing here - God permitting
With love from Jane
P.S. John & I keep each one his own money matters & thus get along very nicely.

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Ans Dec 9
Mills College and Seminary

Alameda County, Cal.

Mills Seminary.

Dec. 5. 1887

1124.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dear Sir,

I write to
ask if you can come to us
on Wednesday of this week.

If convenient for you, we
should prefer to have the lecture
in the evening, and should
be pleased to have you spend
the night with us.

We can send
you to the city at any hour
most convenient for you, but
hope you will have time to
remain and look about our
place.

I enclose a card by
which you may see how to
reach the College.

Yours very sincerely,
Mrs. C. J. Mills.

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If the afternoon will suit you better, please take the 12 o'clock train from the city, and the Oakland local, changing at East Oakland for the Hayward train. I write at the request of Dr. Stratton, who is absent, but who will return to morrow.

The young ladies are anticipating much pleasure in listening to your account of the Battle of Gettysburg.

—Return to—

CHARLES OECKEL,

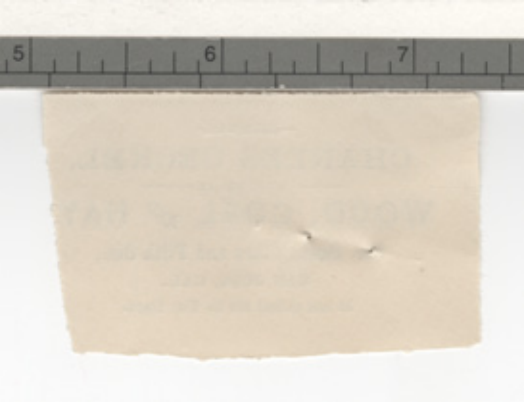
—DEALER IN—

WOOD, COAL AND HAY

Cor. Santa Clara and Fifth Sts.,

SAN JOSE, CAL.,

If not called for in Ten Days.



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Yonkers, Cal.
Dec 6th 1887.
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Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

I am very glad and
think other old Comrades
are, to hear a Lecture by
you on Gettysburg, in this
City on the 16th inst. I am
more interested in that
great Battle than in any
other that I have seen in,
that Battle not only helped
to bring the War to a close,
but we fought against a
much larger Force, in
fact, against the Prime
of the southern army and
best of all, Victory was
with us. The 11th Corps
of which I was a member
(25th Regt. Ohio Vol. Inf.)

done well and I depart
back with a satisfaction
that fills my heart and
thank God for it, that
I was in that Battle.
I have got a copy of
Your Gen. Order No 18
dated Boonsboro 7nd.
July 10th in which you
thank the 11th Army Corps.
My only child I have,
a Daughter knows all
about the Battle of Gettys-
burgh, I told her and
impressed it on her
mind when she was a
little girl, she was with
the Delegation in Woodlawn
not long ago and had the
honor to get acquainted
with you, and now dear

General I must or
rather will ask for a
favor, can you inform
me what the Salary is,
for the Consul to the
Republic of Liberia and
would you advise me
to take it if I could
get it, is it safe for a
Republican to take a
appointment like this
under a Democratic Pre-
sident? -

Hoping to hear from you
I am, Dear General

Your obedient Servant

Chas. Decree

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HEADQUARTERS

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GEO. H. THOMAS Post, No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF CAL'A, G. A. R.

San Francisco, *Dec 7* 1887

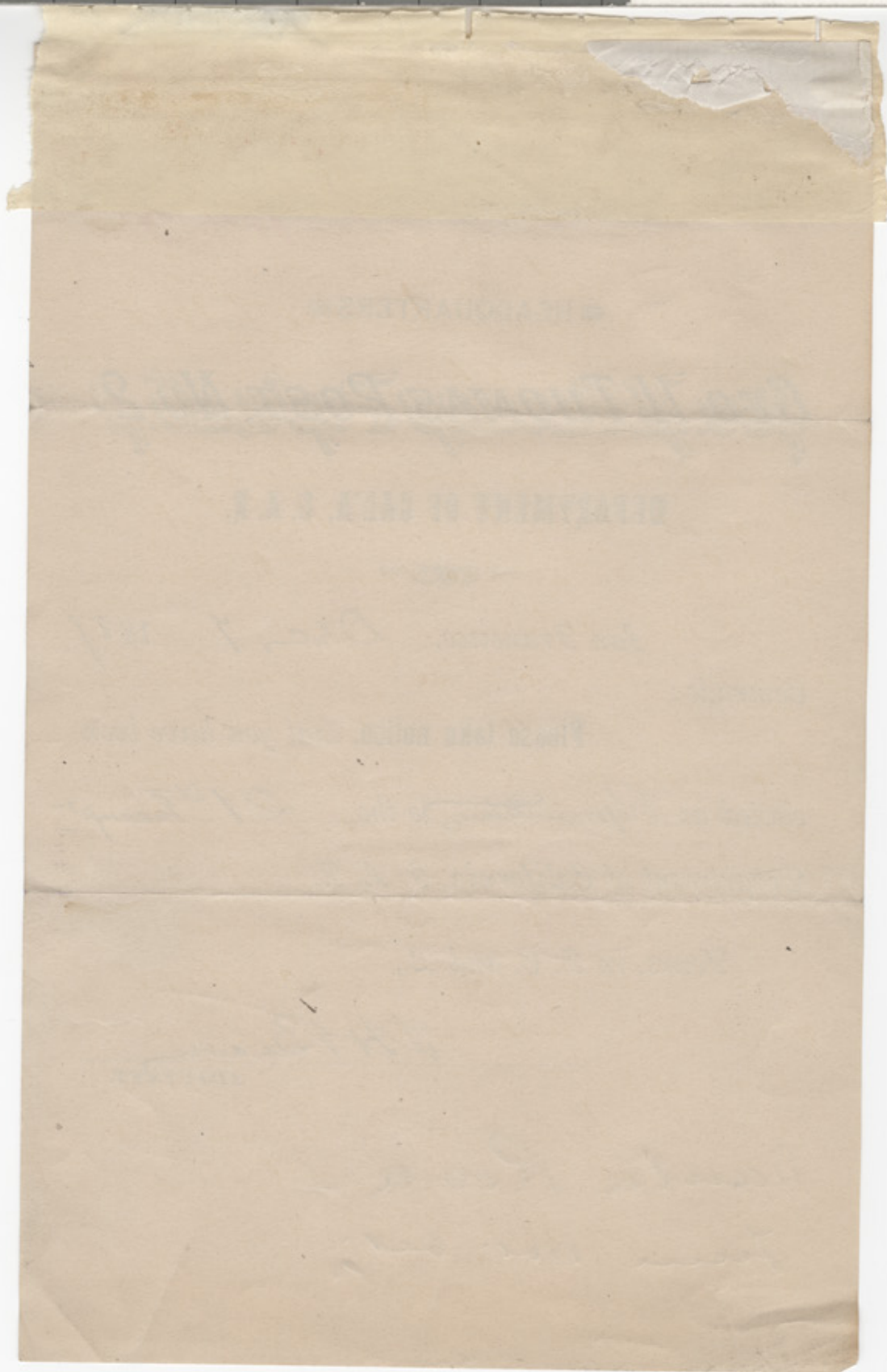
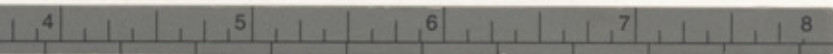
Comrade:

Please take notice, that you have been
elected as *Representative* to the *21st Encamp^t*
Department of California, G. A. R.

Yours, in F. C. and L.,

L. H. Bacon
ADJUTANT.

*Quarta Rosa -
Juni not set*



John
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Dec 9/1887.

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San Mateo Dec 7. 1887

Dear Gen Howard

you will probably remember me by recalling our pleasant little trip together last October from Sacramento to San Francisco returning from the General association of Cong. churches my home was then and is now at Pescadero but I am at present acting as Janitor and Librarian for the library here. and it is on behalf of that institution I write now relying on your courtesy & Christian kindness to help us in this way.

Will you come here and deliver at our Hall a lecture for the benefit of the book fund

of this the San Mateo Library
Association at such time as
may best suit your own
business and convenience we
simply suggesting Moonlight
time of next full moon.

This Society have had
their building burned in the
past year and the people have
at a good deal of cost and
self sacrifice rebuilt and are
about ready to open their
doors again but find many
things still needed hence turn
to kind Christian friends for
help. I would be delighted to
run in to your Office some
day if you will receive me
and give you all the particulars
more fully than I can write if
you will name a day that I can
see you I will come and then

arrange all details as to
time of your coming &c.

I have not heard
from Portland Oregon since I
saw you but heard incidentally
that Joe + Billy are well
Hoping for an early and favorable
answer

Yours in Christian fellowship

W. Geo. Thompson

Address

W. G. Thompson

Box 46

San Mateo

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Orinda Neb. Dec. 8th 1887

My Dear General;
I know you
have an interest in
yes here at Saratoga
and knowing of your
charitable good works
I write you for assis-
tance - We have secured
a lot here near the
old school house which
is worth \$200.00 and
have it paid for with
the exception of about
\$200.00 and now we

have a temporary building on which there remains unpaid \$480.00 and we wish to dedicate on next Sunday Dec 11th, and to do this we must raise these amounts. - What can you do for us? any amount will be acceptable. Please ~~to~~ telegraph me as we must work fast, and I will pay all charges.

yours very truly,
Louie Littlefield

And now a different matter. I must not scribbles
about your time: and if you can do more good else-
where, I will not press my request. But I should
be very glad if my people would be very glad if you
could be with us in the week of prayer: - Monday
Wednesday, Friday evening: - either or all of them.
The idea is to have a ~~triumphal~~ work: - an earnest
talk, & then an after-meeting. On Tuesday & Thurs-
day evening, it is supposed that there will be
Union meetings: - on one that church meeting
with us: on the other we with them. I shall find
at that church & Bro Anthony at mine.

Cordially & gratefully yours

Wm. C. Bond

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Ans. Dec 9/89.
In town

1127.

436 Bartlett St. San Francisco

Dec. 8. 1889

My dear brother -

Gen. Howard,

A Soldier's Funeral.

Special dispatch to the Bx.

PORTLAND (Or.), November 22.-The burial of Charles Bartels, of Company H, Fourteenth United States Infantry, took place yesterday from the Vancouver Barracks, with military honors. Bartels committed suicide last Saturday by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle.

The widow of the
soldier named in this
newspaper item is
a member of my church.
This is the first word

she has heard from him or of him, for
six or seven years: - perhaps longer.
She had thought him dead, but could
not understand why she heard nothing
of his death. He was a kind hus-
band when at home. He wrote for
some time after enlisting and going
to Arizona, very often & his letters
were always good. Suddenly, they
ceased, she knows not why, and

since then she has not known
whether to think of him as alive or
dead. He was said to be a good
soldier: seemed to love the camp-
fire: enlisted three times; has
been well spoken of by comrades
& officers. She has one little boy.
born since the father's last enlistment.
She is very poor: - indeed has nothing
at all. He is very feeble physically
and somewhat broken in mind.
She & her boy live with her father &
mother who themselves are old &
dependent on others.

It is thought that possibly she
might be entered on the pension
list: could it be? He was in the
war for the Union & was wounded
in the great engagement at New
Orleans: - in the navy under Farr
agut.

Can you find time to write me
something about this?

METHODIST
BOOK DEPOSITORY,

1037 MARKET STREET,

J. D. HAMMOND, AGENT.

OFFICE "CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

San Francisco Dec. 5. 1887

You O. Howard.

Dear Sir = We enclose you
a letter addressed to Chaplain
Rankin, of whose whereabouts
we know nothing. The
records of your department
may show where he is, in
which event will you kindly
send on to him, & oblige.

Yours respy.
J. D. Hammond.
By Burton

To O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the matter of the

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STATEMENT OF GAS BILL.

Receipt

Dec 9 1887. State of Meter 57900

Nov 9 do. 53200

Gas Consumed, - - - 4700 Cubic Feet.

@ \$2.00 per M. - - - - - \$ 9.40

Notice by Telephone or Mail of any trouble with your light, gas-burners, etc., will receive prompt attention **without charge.**

Yours respectfully,

GAS CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION,

110½ SUTTER STREET,

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Telephone No. 717.



UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
FRANCIS

Mr.

Street,

City.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 1131.

BUILDING AND BUSINESS OFFICES, 232 SUTTER ST.

SAN FRANCISCO,

CALIFORNIA.

December 9th., 1887.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Phelan Building, City.

Dear General:-

You will remember that I spoke to you while in Pasadena in regard to sending a letter to Mrs. Stanford, but I was too busy to block out the letter as you suggested so take the liberty of sending the enclosed copy. You can begin it and end it as you see fit, and of course you can make any changes you think best, but I thought perhaps this would be about what you would like to say to her. If you will make corrections and send it back to me I will have it copied with pen and sent over for your signature. I should like to have a couple sheets of your paper and one of your envelopes if you please. Am sorry to trouble you so soon, but I am so very anxious to get this out as soon as I can, as I am very anxious she should get it just as soon as possible, and I believe it will help us very much in the matter of a contribution. Hope you are none the worse for your journey.

Very cordially yours,

H. J. Miley

Very cordially yours,

Yours very truly, J. B. Connelley.

I believe it will help us very much in the matter of a congregation.

Myself and family are anxious that it should be as soon as possible, and

that I am as anxious to get this out as soon as I can, as I

am anxious to get it done. We shall go to the city as soon

as possible to have a couple of weeks of your father and one of

the other is coming with him and will stay for some time.

So to him. If you will make collection, and send it back to me

and I should be glad to send you what you would like to

get, and of course you can make any changes you think best.

Myself and family are very anxious to see you and to see you

at the end of the year as you suggested so take the liberty of

writing to you in a letter to him. I am sure that I will see you very

soon and will remember that I spoke to you while in Pasadena.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Connelley.

W. O. O. Howard.

December 31st, 1884.

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