Dec 1 sent by messenger
Jan 8.

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The Congregational Club,

OF SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Jan 1888

Maj Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that on Dec 22 you were proposed for membership in this Club by

and that on that occasion you were elected a member. I enclose a copy of the Constitution ~~and By-Laws~~, which will explain the objects of the Club, and the conditions of membership.

An early response to this notice is requested.

J. H. Bacon
218 Calif St
Secretary.

Initiation fee of $1 can be sent by postal note to the Secretary and receipt returned

Progressive Club

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

THE AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

ROOM 6, NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET,

BOSTON.

R. B. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

Rev. R. B. Howard

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W. Medford Jan 1/88

1888

Dear Brother

The Xmas comes near late for Xmas so I kept them for a part of New Years Breakfast today - Thank you for myself wife & children. We enjoy this visit of Adelbert & Jamie very much - Frank is greatly in love with J. & fond of his help in his studies & of his world-wide talk of places & things of which he knows nothing - they occupy the same room. We have a rainy New Years day. Our Service & Communion

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hopeful! I read two or
three meeting in different
places & by not to get
spiritually rusty. Glad Lizzie
Bessie & Harry have the
milder climate Southward
for a while. I hear of Gen
Terry's illness & absence.
Jamie suggests that you
may yet come to N.Y. &
do hope so.
If I go to the London
Peace Conference next
Summer Adelbert can
go across with me. My
fancy lath of spending the
Summer in Farmington
which is being beautifully
rebuilt. With love all
dear ones sisters & friends
affy. yr. Brother
Richard

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C. January 1, 1888.

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Very truly yours,

Wm. W. Morrow

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Benicia Barracks. Cal.
January 1st 1888.

Dear General,

Our chapel is now finished and carpeted, and I would like very much to have you and Mrs Howard with us on next Sunday. I think you will be pleased with the result of our efforts and we certainly will be pleased to see you.

Wishing you a very happy New Year I remain

Yours very truly
Chas. G. Bartlett.

Gen: O. O. Howard.
San Francisco.
Cal.

Allmers Hospital Col.

January 15th 1865

Our Samuel

Our duty is our humble and contented, and I trust we shall be very thankful to have our Three Allmers restored to our dear Country. I think you must be pleased with the prospect of our efforts and certainly will be pleased to see your Brothers home on leaving this Hospital.

Your affectionate Father

John C. C. Allmers

Lieut Colonel

Col

[Jan 2, 1888]

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My dear Samuel,

Pardon the delay in getting this to you. It is one of my weaknesses to sometimes remember the intention to do a thing, as though I had done it. and it is only this evening that I have realised that I had not fulfilled my promise. If you have not already fixed on themes for your two evenings I propose these: Wednesday eve^g - The secret of success in winning souls: for Friday evening: "Immediate decision & full committal".

Cordially Yours W C P.

Bethany Church

WILL OBSERVE THE

WEEK OF PRAYER,

With Services as follows:

MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 2.—Preparatory Service, in the Chapel.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS.—Union Meetings with Grace M. E. Church. TUESDAY evening at Bethany Church, with Sermon by Rev. C. V. Anthony. THURSDAY Evening at Grace M. E. Church, with Sermon by Rev. W. C. Pond.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS, at Bethany Church, GEN. O. O. HOWARD will address us.

ALL THE SERVICES WILL COMMENCE PROMPTLY AT 8 O'CLOCK.

You are Specially and Cordially invited to be present at any or all of these Services.

Wm C. Pond

San Francisco, Jan 2 1888

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Auto Jan 9/88.

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Marion. Ohio.
Jan. 2 / 88

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

Please allow me to ask you for your autograph I would like to secure it to place in my rare collection. Hoping you will time and thanking for your trouble I remain

Your's Respectfully

W. B. Peters

Perhaps the easiest way to do would be to make you a proposition for one article and then we would both be working in the light. For newspaper publication the most popular article is about 1500 or 1600 words in length and for such an article on some practical question or one containing some reminiscences I would gladly forward our check for $40 on receipt of MS. I would like this one article (even in case you ~~did~~ cannot entertain a proposition for a series) to form one of a notable series we are publishing by the eminent men and women of the day. Recent contributors (& those who have articles in preparation) to this notable series include Genl Greely, Dr Hammond, Miss Rose Cleveland, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Mrs John A Logan, Rev. E. P. Roe, Prof Swing, and many others equally prominent.

Our Feb. Mch programme for this series

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

CR Brown

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CHAS. R. BROWN, EDITOR. F. L. COLVER, MANAGER.

No. 1 William Street, New York.

FORMERLY MANAGERS OF HENRY WARD BEECHER'S WEEKLY LETTERS.

Jany 22 1888
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Genl Oliver O Howard,

Dear Sir:- The editor of the San Francisco Post informs me that you are writing a series of articles or letters for publication. I desire to place at your disposal the facilities of our service and if you will kindly let me know the nature of your articles I will be pleased to make you a liberal proposition that I have no doubt will be satisfactory. The subscribers to our service include the leading papers throughout the country and Canada. and we can offer you without exception the largest and most intelligent audience in existence.

will close Jany 25 and if you can favor me
with the one article will you kindly let me know
by return mail ~~that~~ with the date I may
rely upon having your MS. so that I may
arrange the matter definitely and thus
insure for your article prompt publication

Yours most truly

Chas R Brown

Tuesday P.M.,

[Jan 3, 1888?]

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Dear Sir:

Will you kindly present the accompanying order for Twenty dollars at the Examiner Business Office. It is for the "Round Valley" article which you sent us, and which will shortly appear

Very Truly
H W Bigelow

H. W. Riegelhuth
Editor Gymnasium

Troy, le 3 Janv. 1888.

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John et moi, nous nous portons très bien. Nos études vont bien. Nous avons des revues à présent. Nos Vacances étaient très bonnes pour nous; car nous nous sommes bien reposés. Adelheid se porte bien à Andover, et Oncle R. et sa famille à W. Medford. Il me faut étudier maintenant

avec affection J. W. H.
de ton fils Jimmie

UNITED STATES

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Gen[illegible]

San Francisco,

California,

Fort Mason

Mrs O. B. Thompson

Portland 10
Jan 3rd 1888

Dear friend,

I hope my New Year wishes to you and yours are not too late. I have thought of you all often during the holidays, and meant to write, but I was so busy all the time at Cottonwood that I had not time to write letters, beyond hasty scribbles to my husband.

I found Mother quite ill from a great cold when I arrived, but left

heads could keep as young a heart as yours. It is such a comfort to be understood from a young standpoint while receiving the sympathy and help of an experienced heart. My blessed little Mother wants me to jump from the growth of my own years to that of hers because she experienced my difficulties at my age. But you know that which another's experience may help, it cannot avoid for you the difficulties. One must live one's own life in spite of all, and sympathy that is full of remembrance is such a help.

I intend seeing Grace as soon as I can. I am troubled now with a very severe cold & cough but hope soon to be better.

Give my love and New Year greetings to Mrs Howard, Bessie and the boys. And accept the best wishes possible for your own dear self. Affectionately M. E. O. B. Thompson

her much better – I urge her going south to a milder climate for the rest of the winter, but at present she thinks it her duty to stay with Gussie and can not be persuaded to leave the ranch. It makes me very anxious to leave her there, as the weather varies so from pretty cold to raining and I fear it is harmful for her.

Papa also has been poor from cold & but his flesh very rapidly to his and our anxiety. I can only pray and hope that the spring will bring renewed health and vigor to both.

You was in S. F. Monday & Tuesday of last week and tried to see you, but I believe you were out of town. He was disappointed in seeing all the friends he most desired to meet. I was pleased that you met his father and could tell him about us. They do not know me at all only having met twice and I believe they think I am something entirely unlike the real me. I certainly could not, above any one of my friends either could give a juster view of me than you dear friend. For you know my angles and faults as well as my better side. I wish more people where years have begun to silver their

JOHN T. CAREY.
United States Attorney,
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.

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San Francisco, January 4th 1887.

Major O. O. Howard,

Commanding Division of the Pacific,

San Francisco, Cal.

General:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th ultimo with enclosure of Mr Ford's bill for Notary fees in the Round Valley case, and have forwarded the same to Washington for adjustment as requested.

Very Respectfully Yours.

John T. Carey

United States Attorney.

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Washington D. C.
Jan
1 - 4 - 1888.

Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Almost ten years ago you told me, that if at anytime you could befriend me, I might call upon you.

This must be my apology for the letter I am now about to write.

I should like to tell you how I have spent the years that have passed since I saw you last. but it would be useless to tax your patience with the story of privations and trials I have endured to care for the boys Mr Cook left. I simply tell you

that I have done the
best I knew. I dare say
my experience is that
of other women similarly
situated. I promised
Mr Cook that I would
make an effort to ed-
ucate his boys and if
he has seen, from heaven,
the desperate effort made
to keep that promise, I know
he is satisfied. Johnnie
is working his way at
Howard. Oliver my 13 year
old boy is in the grammar
school in City and
Willie my second boy
is in Berlin Germany, and
it is of him I would
write you. This boy is
just eighteen. He studied
two years in the Conservatory

of music at Oberlin.

Here he gave evidence of talent and his father's power of application. He is a close student.

His teachers advised that the boy be sent to Berlin and allowed to pursue his study of music there.

He came here last summer and Prof Bischoff and other musical people advised the same thing. Willie and I talked, planned and prayed over the matter and since he must study somewhere I said well, will try Berlin for one year any way. I had four hundred dollars and the boy gave a violin recital clearing one hundred and fifty dollars.

He bought some wearing apparel and with the remainder of the $5-5-0, went to Germany. I thought when he left that my prospect for securing work, in the office of Recorder of deeds, was pretty good, but I have been disappointed. I had besides loaned $25-0 which I hoped to get and that is lost.

I talked with Mr Frank Smith, your friend, last fall and he thought if Willie one here during the winter months, it would be an easy matter to interest some person of means, benevolently inclined, in him, and get some assistance for him.

I did not say as much to him but I felt that if

I could present the case to you, that you would be willing to try to find some one who was able and would undertake to help a deserving, talented colored lad.

I promise that every dollar so given would be refunded with interest.

And now General, if you feel disposed to consider this case and will unite to Fred Douglas Prof J. M. Gregory of Howard University, or I think Dr Presbey of your church or the pastor of your church you will find that I have simply stated the facts. I can send you testimonials from his teachers if you need them.

In making this appeal I know I am asking not a little thing, but I am not asking more than I would grant another. The lad may some day be in a position to do something in return for your kindness. I have prayed long and earnestly over this matter, I am praying for work and strength to enable me to prepare my boys for life. and I hope in three years now to see them helpers in life, and no longer helpless.

I have taught some years in Wyandotte Kansas, Two years ago nearly, my health failed and I gave

up my position and married a Dr Howard who graduated from the Medical Dept of Howard University.

If you will be kind enough to write me General Howard, your letter will find me at 1724 – 8th St n.w.

Washington.

Yours Respectfully.

B. Cook Howard.

Jany 88

Ans'd. Jany 4th, 86

O. O. H.

San Mateo Jan 4th 1886

Dear General Howard

When I had the pleasure of meeting you last the month of February was named as a suitable time for your lecture here. I write to day to ask if you will kindly change that date to a day in the week commencing Jan 22nd (say Tuesday the 24) If that time dont suit you please name what day in February toward the last of the month you can come. Also what lecture you will deliver. If you prefer to deliver it I think your lecture on Gettysburg would be well received here

Respectfully & sincerely yours
W. G. Thompson

Tuesday the 24 of Jan Battle & Camp of Gettysburg

REYNOLDS & CO.,
PORK PACKERS
AND
PROVISION MERCHANTS.

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Peoria, Ill., May 4 1888

Major Genl Howard

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec. 29th, in reply to mine of a former date.

I thank God, we have men in high position "who seek first the kingdom of God", and who have the "courage of their convictions". I will take the liberty, of using this incident, where I think it will do good, hoping you will not object.

Truly yours

R. Reynolds

Peoria, Ill., May 4th 1887

Mr. Hunt Morris

My dear sir

I have in receipt of your letter of Apr. 27th, in reply to mine of a previous date.

I think, as you have been, did position "the best" and "the highest efficacy of this position." I will turn to the duty of seeing the principal, and I think it will be good, giving you more out official.

Very yours

A. Reynolds

Rec'd Jan 7/88.
2 note enclosed back.

J. N. Bray & Co.

—Dealer in—

Boots and Shoes,

Grinnell, Iowa Jany 4th 1889

Bro. Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear Friend
your letter with check in it came long ago & it paid up all, & I was in hopes that the case was ended. but Fleisenger has taken an appeal to the Sp E. & if we beat them there it will end the thing for ever. I send you card & letter from our attorneys. you see what it will cost they say $50.00 & Expenses. I can see no reason why we shall not beat them again & end the case. Mrs Bray is well & joines with me in kindest regards J. N. Bray.

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Bray J. N.

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Ans Jan 7th 1888.

2 notes enclosed back.

City Jan 5th 88

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Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Sir. The Com. on Charity Organization, of which you are a member, desire me to ask you, if you will serve on the Com. as you were notified of Thursdays meeting, your absence caused the question. The next meeting will be held Tuesday Feb 7th (3.30 P.M.) Occidental Hotel. Room 18.

Mrs Joseph S. Spear Jr
Sec'y
906 Leavenworth.

S. S. McCLURE,
TRIBUNE BUILDING,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

CABLE ADDRESS,
"AIDDECAMP, NEW YORK."

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Jan. 5, 1888.

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Dear Sir:--

I am very sorry to have to return this article, but within the past few months I have published a number of foreign letters on this subject. One was an interview with the famous Nihilist Stepniak, I also had an article by Stepniak himself, and several letters from Russia in regard to Nihilism. I therefore return this interesting article to you with reluctance But I am afraid as I have published so much on the subject of late that it would be hardly advisable to send out another article of this kind in my service, at least for the present.

Very truly yours,

S S McClure

(Dictated)

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LDING,
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CABLE ADDRESS
"ADDECKAR", NEW YORK."

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(Signed)

METHODIST

BOOK DEPOSITORY, 17

1037 MARKET STREET.

J. D. HAMMOND, AGENT. OFFICE "CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

San Francisco Jan. 5 1887

[1888]

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General Howard

Dear Sir

I would be pleased to have you attend the Cadet Templars Drill today at 4 P.M. They will be in uniform

Yours truly

G. W. Fentress

G. H. Fenton

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Fort McKinney Wyo.
Jany 5th 1888

My dear General Howard

Your kind letter came this morning and I tried to read it to my children but before I got down the first page I was blubbering like a baby and could not see a blessed thing. I put it away until to-night and then tried to read it again but could not. I took it over to my next door neighbor's Maj Benham's and asked his wife to read it to the Major and me. She did so and I could hardly keep from sobbing aloud and the lady's voice trembled while the Major turned his head away. It is a noble beautiful letter from a Christian soldier. Of the

hundred or more letters I have received about Mrs Bisbee's death none have effected me so powerfully not even those from her poor old Mother and her sisters I cannot tell you how it consoled me and I thank you for it from the bottom of my heart. It is hard to conceive of my attachment to my dear dead beautiful wife but those know something of it and my devotion. One would hardly think it possible for a man to see something new to admire in his wife every day for twenty seven years but so it seemed to me with Jane. Her beauty of face and form was the least part of it and although they say "a thing of beauty is a joy forever" there was an indescribable happiness in our being together which I cannot describe but I presume all men who love their wives will understand. Days months and years went by without

note of time. when I was with that one woman and when away from her the hours were counted off until I could see her again Immagine then my loneliness now when I sit by my broken fireside and she lies under the cold snow near me out on the bleak praine. The winter winds are whistling over her grave ~~here~~ tonight but they are scarcely more cold and cheerless than the heart within my breast. Oh I know God will pity and help me to bear my sad loss but it is so hard so very hard to bear. If I could go out and amuse my self it would be different - but what. Can I do? I am unlike most men I have no amusements. I never played a card a billiard or had any sociability - with - men outside

of my own house. My home was my castle and the beautiful queen who reigned in it was my wife. I was glad to see every one within my doors but I seldom went out and of late years especially the last two Mrs Brisbin gave up all outside amusements and stayed in with me. I was writing a book for Harpers Bros and while I wrote she sewed and sang to me. Her voice never disturbed me and I could write and listen to her or even answer her questions without disturbing my train of thought. Her last wish was to see my book in print. It is now in press but ~~alas~~ alas she will never see it. Mrs Brisbin was a superb cook and read and studied and tried all the cook books issued from the press — So proficient did she become that I urged her to put her knowledge to

some practical use and write out her thousands of receipts. She at last consented to do so and this winter was to have seen her cook book completed. She had only written sixty pages when she was taken sick and now that one book will never be written and a useful one it would have been I am sure had she finished it.

It is all very sad and I know not what to do. My relatives are writing me urging me to come east and spend some time with them but I really dont care to go. I had hoped Mrs Brisbins widowed sister Mrs Eliza Holliday would come to me but she writes me she is sick of heart disease never expects to be well again and if she does recover is

under a promise of marriage to a Judge Spangler of our native town Bellefonte Penna. My eldest daughter Carrie is married and has a home of her own and all my sisters are old women with homes to care for. and all Mrs Brisbins sisters are married & have families. My second daughter Blanch is only 14 years old and too young to manage children & servants and a big house hold like mine but she has undertaken it. Her slender shoulders are too light for such a burden but she must bear it until I can do something else. Poor little babies Alfred & Katie talk of their Mother constantly and it wrings my heart to hear their little voices "I want to go to Mamma" "I want my Mamma back" is their constant cry and to night Katie

prayed "God send me my Mamma or Tata see up to her" It is all very hard to bear but I am doing my best to stand it and I hope the good Lord will give me strength to carry this heavy burden he has laid upon my shoulders in my old age.

My home, my wife and children, and their happiness, was my daily care and now that that wife is gone it seems to me sometimes as though I could not live without her. I sent you the papers giving an account of Mrs Robins illness and also our home. I suppose they came after you wrote. We had indeed a beautiful home but it will never be so nice again and it will be cheerless and lonely now to me forever I fear without the

light - and presence of that one woman who was all the world to me and who I loved with a passionate - tenderness that knew no bounds. Oh how I wish I were with you my true friend to hear your voice and grasp your friendly hand. But the Lord will pity - and strengthen me to bear my hard lot at home. I will try to take your advice and rely on Him.

Remember me very kindly to Chase & his wife, and to Mrs Howard, your family, and believe me General ever thankful for your comforting words and friendly hand in this my hour of most trying and bitter sorrow.

Yours truly

Geo S Brisbin