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**The Congregational Club,**

OF SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, *Jan* 188*8*

*May Geo 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.

*H. Bacon*

*218 Calif St*

Secretary.

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

August 1st 1881

OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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Very truly  
Yours,  
Wm. O. W. O. W.

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218 Calif St

San Francisco

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and to the Treasurer and receipt returned.

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.  
THE AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.  
ROOM 6, NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET,  
BOSTON.

R. B. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

*File*

W. Medford Jan 1/88

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Dear Brother

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

new spiritual world  
or refreshing our souls  
hopefully in our work

I fear - I lead two or  
three meetings in different  
places & try not to get  
spiritually rusty - Glad Lizzie  
Bessie & Harry have the  
milder climate Scotland  
for a while. I hear of Gen  
Jerry's illness & absence.  
Jamie suggests that you  
may yet come to N.Y. I  
do hope so.

If I go to the London  
Peace Conference next  
Summer Adelaide can  
go across with me - My  
fair lot of spending the  
Summer in Larnington  
which is being beautifully  
rebuilt with Corall  
My dear sisters & prayers  
affly to Brother  
Beland

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C. January 1, 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A.,

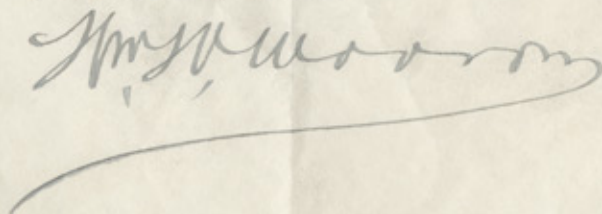
Commanding Division of the Pacific,

My Dear General:-

I am in receipt of your personal letter of the 21st ult. with inclosures relating to estimates for improvements at the Presidio Reservation.

I will give these documents careful attention, and will have an early conference with the officers of the War Department with respect thereto. I am under many obligations to you for your kindness in this matter as the recommendations will enable me to act intelligently in making recommendations to the Department. I will observe your request not to show the copy of your estimates to the officers, but will simply use the information in my efforts to secure favorable action thereon.

Very truly yours,



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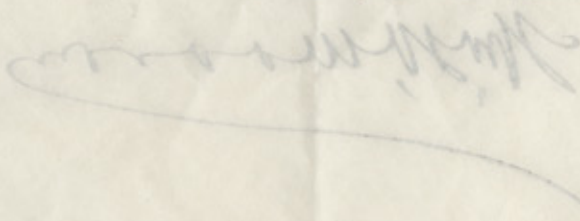
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Plumia Barracks. Cal.  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 1888.

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. E. Bartlett.

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

Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Esq.  
New York, 1st Decr.

Dear Sir,  
I have just received your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the proposed publication of a new edition of the "Liberator." I am very glad to hear of it, and I think it will be a great benefit to the cause. I will do all in my power to assist you in the enterprise.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours for the Cause,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Esq.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Esq.  
New York, 1st Decr.

My dear General,

[Jan 2, 1888]

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 <sup>have</sup> 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<sup>g</sup>. - The secret of success  
in winning souls: for Fri.  
day evening: "Immediate  
decision & full commitment",

W  
Cordially Yours W.C.P.

*Jan 2nd*

# 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 in-  
vited to be present at any or all of these  
Services.*

*Wm C. Pond*

*San Francisco, Jan 2 1888*

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Marion. Ohio.

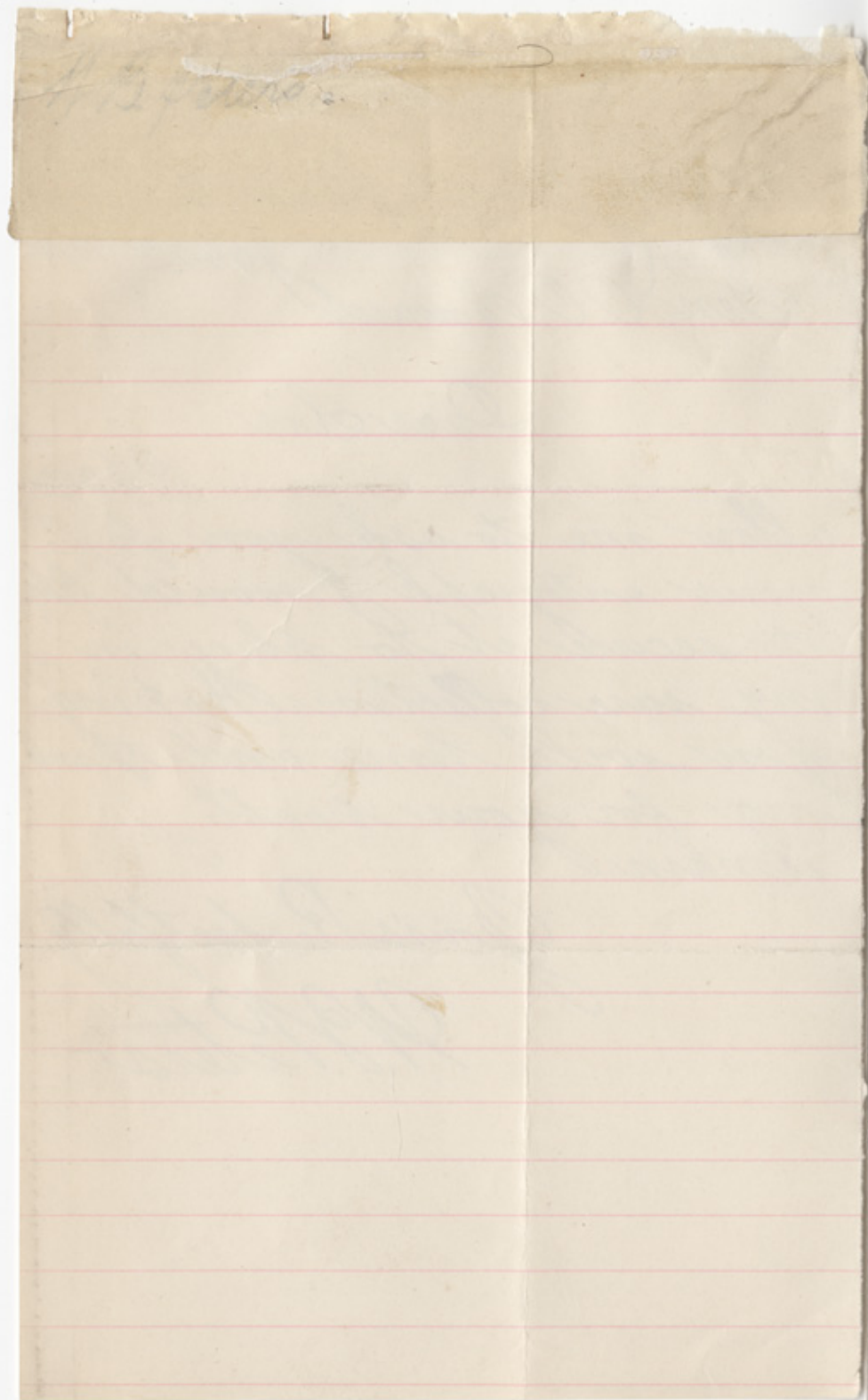
Jan. 2 / 88  
Gen. O. O. Howard

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 thank  
ing for your trouble I  
remain

Yours Respectfully  
W. J. 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 <sup>in length</sup>, 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 <sup>women</sup> <sup>(+ those whose who have articles in preparation)</sup>  
day. Recent contributors to this notable  
series include Genl Greeley, Dr Hammond,  
Miss Rose Cleveland, Jos. Fitzhugh Lee,  
Mr John A. Logan, Rev. E. P. R., Prof. Edw. and  
many others equally prominent.

Our Feb-Mch programme for this series

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

C. R. Brown

CABLE ADDRESS:  
"EXACTNESS," NEW YORK.

*Ans. Jan 12 1889*  
**The Central Literary Press,**

(New York Syndicate Bureau),

CHAS. R. BROWN, EDITOR.

F. L. COLVER, MANAGER.

No. 1 William Street, New York.

FORMERLY MANAGERS OF  
HENRY WARD BEECHER'S WEEKLY LETTERS.

*Jan 22 1889*

Genl Oliver W. 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  
your or business 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 Jan'y 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

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

The Central Fireman's Press

No. 1 William Street New York

NEW YORK BRANCHES IN CHARGE

L. J. COFFEE, MANAGER

ESTABLISHED, NEW YORK  
CHAS. R. BROWN

Tuesday P.M.,

Jan 3, 1888

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. B. Bigelow

H. W. Bigelow  
Editor, *Cynosurus*

My dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure  
to acknowledge the  
receipt of your  
kind letter of the  
10th inst. and in  
reply to inform you  
that the same has  
been forwarded to  
the proper authorities  
for their consideration.  
I am, Sir, very  
truly,  
Yours,  
H. W. Bigelow

Troy, le 3 Jan. 1888.

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 ré-  
posés. Adelheid se  
porte bien à Andover,  
et Uncle R. et sa fa-  
mille à W. Medford.

Il me faut étudier  
maintenant  
avec affectation. J.W.H.  
de ton fils Jimmie



NOT

Gen

San Francisco,

Fort Mason

California,

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heart 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 sends me greetings  
from the front 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 can't 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 home  
now with a very severe cold &  
cough but hope soon to be better.

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

M. E. Thompson  
28/

Portland <sup>10</sup>  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 1888

Dear friends,  
I hope my  
New Year wishes to you  
and yours are not too  
late - I have thought of  
you all often during the  
holiday, 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 fresh cold  
when I arrived, but left

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 from frosty cold  
to rainy and I feel it  
is harmful for her.

Papa also has been poor  
from ill + 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 him  
father and son & 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 rest of me.

I certainly could not <sup>show</sup> <sup>any</sup>  
one of my friends who could  
give a juster view of me  
than you dear friends. For you  
know my angles and joints  
as well as my better side  
I wish more people whose  
years have begun to silver their

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

*San Francisco,* January 4th 1888.

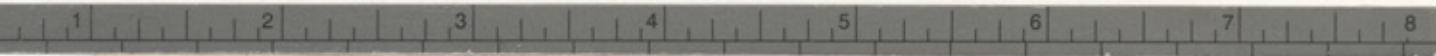
Major O. O. Howard,  
Commanding Division of the Pacific,  
San Francisco, Cal.

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 for-  
warded the same to Washington for adjustment as requested.

Very Respectfully Yours.

*John T. Carey*  
United States Attorney.



Proctor & Co.  
San Francisco, Cal.

Major G. O. Howard,  
Department Division of the Interior,  
San Francisco, Cal.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 15th instant with enclosure of Mr. Ford's  
bill for notary fee in the Round Valley case, and have for-  
warded the same to Washington for adjustment as requested.  
Very Respectfully Yours,  
United States Attorney

12 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 <sup>the</sup> remainder  
of the \$5-5-0, went to Germany.  
I thought when he left  
that my prospect for se-  
curing work, in the office  
of Recorder of deeds, was  
pretty good, but I have been  
disappointed, I had brides  
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  
were 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  
to you,  
be with

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, talent-  
ed 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 write Fred Douglass  
Prof J. M. Gregory of  
Howard University, or I think  
the Presby 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 Lord 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 help-  
less.

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.

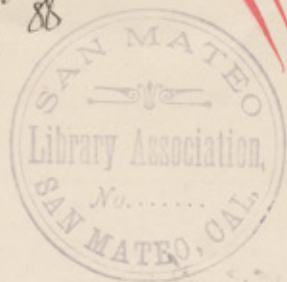
Washington.

Yours Respectfully.  
B. Cook Howard.

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Ans'd. Jan 4, '88

WVB.



San Mateo Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear General Howard

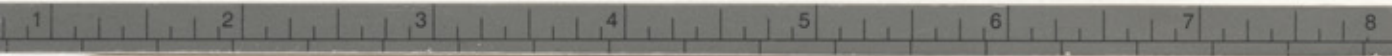
When I had the pleasure of meeting you last the month of February was named as a suitable time for your lecture here. I write to day to ask if you will kindly change that date to a day in the week commencing Jan 22<sup>d</sup> (say Tuesday the 24)

If that time don't 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. C. Thompson

Tuesday the 24 of Jan Brattle & Camp of Gettysburg



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REYNOLDS & Co.,  
PORK PACKERS  
AND  
PROVISION MERCHANTS.

Peoria, Ill., Jan 4 1881

Major Genl Howard

My dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter  
of Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 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  
conviction". I will take the  
liberty, of using this incident,  
where I think it will do good,  
hoping you will not object.

Very yours

W. Reynolds

REYNOLDS & CO.  
BOOK PACKERS  
AND  
PROVISION MERCHANTS

W. Reynolds

1884  
Dear Mr. May

My dear Sir  
I am in receipt of your letter  
of the 21st, in reply to mine  
of the 19th, and in answer  
to the "position" also sent  
me. I am very glad to hear  
of the success of the  
"position" and I am sure  
that it will be of great  
benefit to the cause.  
I am, Sir, very  
truly yours  
W. Reynolds

2 mls. enclosed back.  
Jan 7/88.  
J. W. Bray & Co.

J. W. Bray & Co.

—Dealer in—

Boots and Shoes,

Ginnell, Iowa

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1888

Bray, 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 Flickenger has  
taken an appeal to the  
Sup. Ct. & if we beat them  
there it will end the  
thing for ever. I send  
you card & letter from  
our Attorney. 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 & joins with  
me in kindest regards J. W. Bray.

4<sup>th</sup>  
Bray J. W.

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Ans Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1888.

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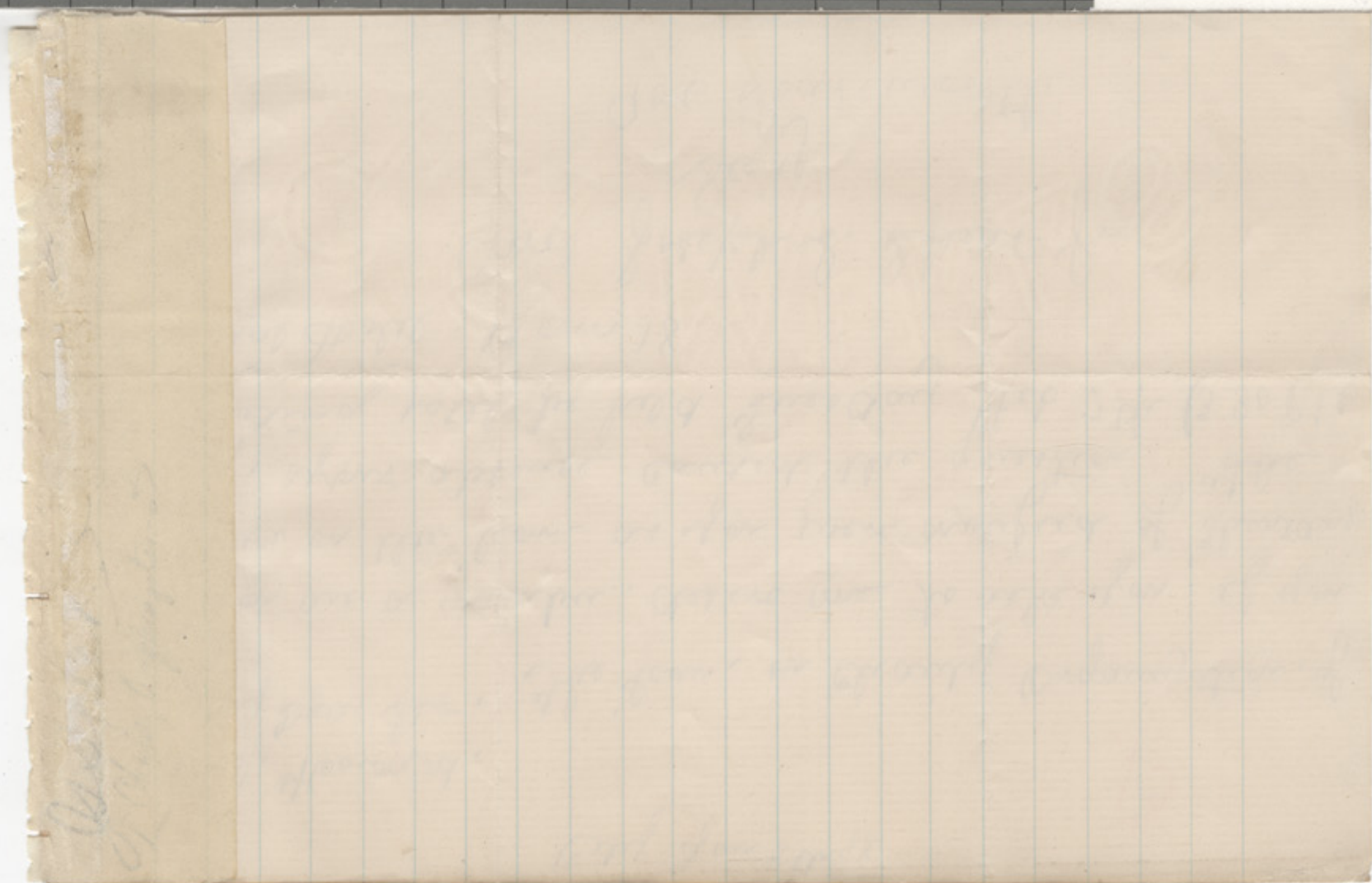
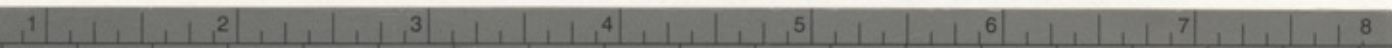
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Gen. W. W. Howard.

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 Thursday meeting, your absence caused the question. The next meeting will be held Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> (3.30 P.M., Occidental Hotel. Room 18.

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



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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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Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

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 Stepnia<sup>K</sup>  
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)

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1888  
NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS  
"ANDREWS, NEW YORK"

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Very truly yours,

Wm. M. Blair

(detached)

Wm. M. Blair

METHODIST  
BOOK DEPOSITORY, 17

1037 MARKET STREET.

J. D. HAMMOND, AGENT.

OFFICE "CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

San Francisco Jan. 5 1887

Jan-1887

*J.D.*

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

1117  
G. H. Carter

in the year 1877

of the year 1877

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Fort McKinney Mo.

Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Major Benham's and asked his wife ~~her~~ 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 Brisbane's death none have affected 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 Chase knows 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

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note of time. when I was with  
that one woman and when away  
from her the hours were counted  
off until I could rejoin her again  
Imagine then my loneliness now  
when I sit by my broken fireside and  
she lies under the cold snow near  
me out on the bleak prairie. The  
winter winds are whistling over  
her grave ~~last~~ 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 Briston  
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 ~~but~~ alas she will never  
see it. Mrs Briston 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 quit her knowledge to

Some practical use and write-  
out her thousands of receipts. She  
at last <sup>to do so</sup> consented, and this winter  
was to <sup>have</sup> seen her cook book com-  
pleted. She had only written fifty-  
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  
don't care to go. I had hoped Mrs  
Brubins widowed sister Mrs  
Eliza Holliday would come home  
but she writes me she is ill 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  
Belleville 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. Brinsins 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 under-  
taken 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 pierces 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 take me up to her"  
It is all very hard to bear  
but I am doing my best to stand  
it out. 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. B's  
illness and also our home. I sup-  
pose they came after you wrote. We  
had indeed a beautiful home  
but it will never be so nice  
again and it <sup>will be</sup> 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 kind  
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 Priest