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My dear O. Howard

My dear Brother in Christ,

No matter how many years that have passed since I had the pleasure and profit of your society. I have not forgotten you and my morning steam cassettes, one back to those days and times when we have not talked in the presence of God, but bought together without any planning of doctrine, and have had time at least direct converse of things pertaining to the Kingdom of Christ.

The cause of Christ is a better term to me in speaking of Christian work for Christ. Kingdom in its literal sense has not yet come and will not until He Himself appears in person at His second coming with fire for His followers, and our heart is filled with love and adoration for Him.
who has prepared three kingdoms, 

walking on the earth, and 

and as though in the field of memory 

I can bring to my present mind, 

the scenes of bygone days when 

They came to us, and I have 

indeed is allowed one to come. 

love himself, by dear brother, 

I have brought to the mind of his 

parent twice at least. So by 

the eye of faith I can see and 

make real the things that God 

has prepared for those who love 

him, I know he has told us that 

it has put them into the 

heart of man to consider the 

things he has prepared for those 

who love him. Out of me and 

in this case so when. He tells us 

we will also figure above what we 

are able to ask or think regarding 

the person that from it is an 

attribute or in ability to do so 

the lack of faith or any part to 

grace to great conception. It is God 

the Holy Spirit who in faith in us 

through faith is the saving of our 

soul. And by dear brother perchance, 

I have done many things, and
To know too is not holding from you. The fact that He interposed also for the saving of my body. The letter was one year before the war and therefore before I know you except by subscription. And my heart has often burned within me to tell you about it. But for some reason I have kept hiding my heart except for very few whom I did in direct and almost immediate answer to my prayer did for the healing of my body. And now I have yielded to my conviction of duty to share this with the counsel and advice of those who have known me for many years and of the wonderful providence. I feel in my experience to proclaim at least to those who pray that the love did for one in another by my prayer for healing before I knew of my case of physical healing in there much more in their prayers for themselves or his companions in labor with which case you are familiar.

And it was Christ until after days.
of events in my history tending to
begin once which did open by
degree my mind and heart to the
over and the great times previous
which is so clearly revealed in the Scriptures, that I have a
sent who is still looking with delight
from the infirmities of flesh and bone
brother and will come to our help.
In the Scriptures both to the conclusion
that he has done all through the
eyes, and as I write to the lamented
Rev. W. Thompson who has been one
of my most intimate friends and
 adviser, and continued so to be
until his death while living in
North Carolina, and the news
written only a few months after I was
healed. It said, "Why should not be
thought one of the inexpressible that
God should do this thing for me
in understanding my conscience and
news and have from childhood there
be some one but it is only then with
the grace of God that this be common
favor at the hands, I first of all
held the leave of the people and the
then fully and boldly as joyfully as possible
called thine. We are intimately associated
In Sabbath School for the Christian work here, and the Harwell were very
tall and thin. She was so tall and thin, and I could not understand from
them if I wasted the glorious fact
of my restoration. But without saying
more, I will come to some form as I
can. I will tell you just about the details
which affected one. It was hip dys
is. I sometimes called this which he
is so common. And I have some
for believing that I was born with
my right hip out of place, and you
will not doubt that the fact that the
same passion had a bearing on that
question was in the use of the same
healed by means of a life of breathing
by reason of a misplaced and painful
hip. I was allowed for some reason to
follow one doctors extent and perhaps
for the same reason that they were
in his place and was not removed.
Good news.
I also had from birth a scoliosis. Scowls is
sleepings which for many years
threatened my life and died at the time
I was healed. But as the main local
crime that could be observed from Virg
I kept them close except of course
my Sainthood. My Antone and those who
were one in childhood, and Mrs.
Bishop Whipple knew one another,
while my family, including my brothers and
sisters, the common commercial life had
been a trial and a pain I endured
without end. Only the climbing and
at 35 years of age March 5, 1860, I rec
was more serious to my hip than all
concerned than I ever had been
and I became convinced that my
contrast seemed at least so far
as active malignancy would be that
But up to this time I had only
prayed for grace to bear my suffering
without complaining. I did however
be more useful in the cause of Christ.
I had more a New York and Long
Island on my right foot and back.
Time I had the idea, and I did. While
in St. Louis in 1893 I commenced on
in the last made in the vigorous Super
vision a pointed support on the
ground. I was not sure in the reason
that it was to be exposed to the
or used much of Christ's vision from
my shoulder. But the idea of a foundation
by Dr. Ames into a book, it was for the
purpose of keeping the weight of my body
off from my hip as much as possible. But
it was to convince men more storm,
went. And how is Chicago on Saturday?
The 30th day of June 1860 about noon I applied to Dr. Joseph Youn, a well-known physician and surgeon. The then had his office just across the hall from where we held our Sunday morning prayer meetings in the Methodist Church. I asked him to come if he could do anything to relieve me. He explained that he could not tell without having a personal examination which he would make on Monday following, and in sepia with the conclusion that I was to meet him at his office. The consultation was had on the street. After taking his stop it is possible that my mind was occupied with the subject of my case was before the Lord as in the rest of the range medical treatment was the proper course to provide. After this consultation I consulted by the use of medicine, and go to town and out of "temperance and judgment" for in my present state I now had prepared my mind for judgment. Though I expected and trusted toward God and faith in Christ as my personal Savior.
possibility of any human person
behind it. But to say some
in bipartisanship to my standing
now there and I suppose still is
considered insane. For my uncle,
Joseph Clay of St. Louis, MO, who
was one of the leadingPhysician,
Surgeon of mental cases in MO, and
who had known me, I was told that he had never seen
in his 20 years of a case like mine being cured and he did not
know the author of my Cures. This he told me the first time I went East.
After I was healed. But it seems it was hard to keep my engagement with
Dr. Bose. I know continued to grow in the matter in my mind and little by
little my thoughts went to bed. first in the form of a prayer whether or not I
had a spiritual warrant for enrolling my touch of faith in a subject of prayer
that as the President are messengers all through the Scriptures
both. God and serve of one to another
interpreting on behalf of the body that
have believed on him. But also,
the Scripturc kindling of persons
in the old testament thing to one
Warrior in the Lord of the
Word is the Christ of the New Testament
as you know, and I have become
found in a semblance of a line of
creation in Scripture between
the Children of Israel and the
Heathen in the early centuries, and
now and certainly there is no need
of Divine help there as there.

Well then the time passed until
_7th_ which on 14th May to the regular
nearly Boys' Meeting of the B.M.L.,
it was a beautiful scene crossing and
the stars shone more brightly than usual
and for a moment my mind was
absorbed in my own in the
contemplation of the wonderful acts
of God in the dispensation, and as I
gazed towards the northeast the thought
flashed upon me that God who causes
prosper such wonderful blessings must
be God. So I turned my mind to the
Supreme instead as I went in the
inspiration of the occasion.

I entered this elevating prayer alone
in the street and thinking of my earthly
surroundings: &quot;The Lord be the One
and the Lord be the One.&quot; And I
believed it, I must to the prayer
meeting as I walked. I returned to
my course where I was landing at the
My wife and little boy had been with me for a time which had gone to Bay City, Wisconsin and my former home only a few days before this letter was written. I had not seen my wife for some days, and she had told me she was very ill. I was beside myself with anguish when I read the news. I went to the house, which I had almost to supress the desire to see, and in the meantime, I was not able to recover. I have been in pain for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused. I have been here for days, and it has been the pain that has driven me to the point of being refused.
practice faith in both answering
their prayers, and especially in the
body. When the fact is there are
more cases of remedies to Pray for
the body and temporal things occur
in the Scriptures than in the Bank.
And the Savior devoted much
time as we know to the healing of
the body and it was made use of to
Convince the unbelieving that the
law power could forgive sin, and
He is called the Great Physician, and
so many have found Him to be in
all ages of the world. I will now
speak of a dream that I have
recently had. It was a dream of
life, and I applied myself to it,
and am not given to dream
and not consider every vision,
but only the Consolations and help
that the Scriptures contain,
while in taking God at His word for
the healing of my body. I am simply
holding to the faith that the risen
Lord Sanif, I dreamed that He
was at the Times office as per appor
tment and that he was examining
the examination of my hip. I was in
imaginative pain on a table and
Without informing one what the new project holds for us, I must first announce that my trip through the south lands the fresh spices to the home; making regret the old and other climate. Later I shall need to come on Sunday, for Sunday was the usual day, and has recently been a busy day for me. I have all my house connected with the Sunday School in some capacity from director to superintendent, and like the time I have made interested in helping Mr. Brown to work as he there was in a foreman. Not for the preparative work which he has given so much in the cause of Christ, the work was done among the children for the most part. And the business meeting peaked, all I could do for it. And I joined the panders upon one for Shippensburg and all the others. Passed into Ozone, through it, we have some good homes. Sleep is but without going to the room to eat, while I could do for it is all as fresh in my mind as it is the last day instead of twenty-eight years ago that I was healed, and which asking my help has brought...
I lost my plan and the pain was so

from tenderness gone, and it stunned

me as if I were on hallucinoids

and in the immediate process I

was tormented more and

in the tears of joy and regret I

cried into the air and

swung about at what God had done

for me. I can't trust their

strength in answers to my prayers of the

evening before on the Shettalingle

saw that my prayer was very short

short time and my thoughts were

continued until over to God as I

presume. Raising and the lame

Who has been healing and

break their prayers too me. Their, it's

past time. And I pray, but letting

that I see the attention and blessing

of God, more today than praying scripture

that I am only one don't but any

remaining has and a trusting because

in the face of God within the language

myth and elegant distinction.

in the morning after the dog's prayer

meeting in North Market which I was much

interested in and having taken the

first step in its organization I felt that
I was under special obligation to the Lord in the first step in its organization, for I felt that it was under special obligation to God and to the Son of that special class in all cities, the poor children to sustain for the conversion of the young who are not saved to the Saviour of the Church. And it brings the thought of our Savior's words, to little children being brought to Him. "For Mine there is not such a thing as is the Kingdom of Heaven." And the history of that prayer meeting is the earliest history of that little church. The first fruits of their labors have been formed from that prayer meeting with testimony after the prayer meeting. I requested the hymn, and the hymn, "God is there," which the child and I first told the joyful news, and that was sung at the West Point of that church. Then came a company of Christian old-time friends in the Scotch-Episcopal Seminary, here, and to them I first told the joyful news, and the West Pointing of that church. Then came a companion of my old-time friend, Rev. Prof. J. R. H. Then came the core of the Scotch-Episcopal Seminary, here, and to him I first told the joyful news. And there was mentioned to him in his situation, the proceedings of the Community of the Church, of which the Rev. Dr. Robert Patterson was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at home.
I request to be in the presence of the Lord, but to be enthroned in my spiritual home I was impressed as I was by your command. I was going to bring from Vandalia to your attention that I was present at the interview also at my request. "I consider it your duty as an ambassador of Christ to investigate all matters and I will accede to your proposition as long as you can. I am very much interested in this matter and I will accede to your proposition, give me carte blanche to satisfy you." In justice to Mrs. Patterson I must say that the statement I have just suggested is very indicative of doubt on her part. From that day to this he has never given me any reason to think he entertained any doubt of the truth on some of my leading views. I have not trying times since then. So you see this thing was put done in a corner at this time. Mrs. G. H. Humphrey who has also known the quick way to the Lord, has been for one, her husband having just gone East. And soon to this letter, by letter, and immediately on his return to Chicago he came to me.
I have received and considered your petition and rejoiced over what God has done for one in answer to prayer. But he
and you, Mr. St. John, have been the means of this matter being able to
judge of the matter. And this is a sample of the case. I have paused
with confidence for publication until
and there is an exception, until
the meeting of a Christian Conference
last December in the City of which
several persons who have been labor
in known to pray within a few
years past have expected to be
present and many there are in
the city with whom I have had correspond-
ence. I was expecting to assist largely
here, the thought of withholding my
testimony to the factfulness of God
in hearing of prayer for healing
and also for word about the living God
and the Rev. James B. White. A pastor and a
C. Shoulder brother who had
been healed in the manner, and
I consulted with my Rev. friends Mr.
Field of Whome I have spoken and
Rev. C. J. Perdew as the latter has known
me through his work pastor of
From 20 years in this city, and both of whom I knew, one bowed, and the other unhesitatingly advised one to tell what the Lord had done for one, and just before the close of 
the last meeting of the Conference 
I told, as in every large Conference, 
bud very few in the audience, 
and what little I could say 
and I knew the Conference the better 
by the conversation. But it was not for he 
was just on the eve of going to 
New York when in Washington 
late last fall Dr. Sundaland advised me 
very strongly to make a deposition of my experience 
of healing evil would strengthen the faith 
of others, who may sometimes not believe 
in the power of faith in God the great 
Physician in soul and body, and also 
Christians in general. And when in New 
York City, proof of the power, which 
Came to the Father of families, 
both on the 15th of July, and also 
the evening of the 16th. And ever since then 
and ten (10) years ago, while in San Francisco, 
I have repeatedly impressed that of upright and 
orderly standing of confided friends, how
Adviser laid up to that time a material reference to the loss of it. From this a record of great blessings for guidance. That, I think, prepared a statement and the first time I went to New York City I deposited it for safekeeping together with the last high sold and corn 30 cents and some letters that I had a circular to bring the subject of my healing including one from a lady friend of mine to the Rev. J. E. in childhood and such all about my confessor and the appearance in the temple of the Esopus Co. and until some months since I witnessed it with a view to publication together with some of the correspondence that I have had since on the subject of Divine healing including some correspondence with persons whom I have heard in the press within the past few years. I have become so lively and conversant that I feel that I should do more for the defense of the spirit at least what I have done done by you as a matter of course. Bible exposition, substitution, substitute for Bible teaching. What does, says in his word should in conclusion. Some should and a teacher is a man and man according on the subject of faith.
Pray for the sick and the dead. And
praise God for all the blessings as he gave. And Christ, the
standard of Christ, was to perform
man from the consequences of sin. Through the
fall, and the end of the world, we are all the
same as the Son of God, the Holy Ghost.
At the resurrection of the first, man
the body of the believer was the temple of the
Holy Ghost, which he has and by believing
in the living God, the children of God, are
joined in with Christ, should come to the
same as a shock of corn fully ripe for
the harvest. And all the annunciation
that is received by the Holy Ghost must
first which must by love and truth
in the heart, and in the pilgrimage to heaven.
A necessary to be pain by those who seek the
blessings from God. It is to be joined
that the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ
with the body until its resurrection on earth.
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Perhaps I am presuming too much upon the interest you will feel in this matter which so close to anyone's heart. But as I have said and reiterated, it is a fact that God will answer the prayer of His believing ones for proving from Sickness to Health is of great interest to the world that It should be more widely known than it has been and there are those who have realized it to be true in their own experience. As I have in praying and how it is that God is to be accomplished. And what is likely to influence other to pr to God in faith as the testimony of those who have been healed or given to them a known change? And what would be a more convincing proof of the believing of the Resurrection and power of God of Forgiveness Sin? Could this say you know hatred upon the principle in the case of the man restored through the way to be healed stand in the light.
of Scripture and Personal Experience. I ask again. Should I not give some
may give my testimony as a living
witness to the faithfulness of God's Promises. And
hear brethren, if you knew the Saviour
Yours, not carnal blood when I was
in trouble, and if one after I was
healed, you would not wonder that
I have trembled at times through fear
that it was displeasing to God in withholding
my testimony. And when I tell you as
I have confirmed here of withstand
the great length of this letter. That God
(God) may look upon me and preserve me
in a vision as visible as Peter or Paul had, or those who dreamed
dreamed visions and saw visions in old
testament times, and do see the
Scriptures teach that God did not only
love but would continue to communicate
with His Children through His One
time and in the light of His Word, what He has
done for me. Is it presumption in one
to think that God has this communicated
with me in my time as I wrote myself in

to, and as I wish you to know, in
of my experience I wish to tell you, that
in January 1834, while fast asleep
I dreamed as was impressed with the
thought I had a vision as you may
otherwise characterize, that I was
about to die and I sent a messenger
and called my bedside, my party
of my convert friends, and the
very moment I wanted to give them of my
testimony in favor of the doctrine
of Christ and pointed them to Him
to salvation, and soon after she
had left one thought as they and I
suppose and just as I was being
called on suddenly a Voice sounded
in my ear as distinctly as if spoken
audibly, it was saying “You cannot
die yet I have further use for you!
At once the man turned and intently
looked at me and said “Then send out and call
the other class of friends all those
Christians and when the came I told
them of the message I had received and
begged that them to hunt up a place and pray
that I might fulfill the commission
for which my life was to be portrayed which
they did as I was so solemnly impressed as
an admonition. But I did so distinctly hear the
Voice and received it as a message for
Some while in St. Louis in 1838 I was
visited from a Summer sleep with the
Announcement “Salon has desired to have one that the Quay fit you as what.”
and perhaps if I had not been a student I would have gone
or cursed the Commuter woman
I think some letter that it would be
for him that his faith fail Cost, and
perhaps the Savior had the same down
in New York when the gypsy poured
should be carried far enough under
understanding, the flight that still remains
Should I rest fellow my connection
of worth
I am sitting by the side of my
one that prove in Britain incentive
lost to my Kinfrend Bell Humphe on the 18
March 1860. Only three (3) months pre
ious to the time I was healed. And of
which I then had no thought of being time.
That I said “I am many flowering lean
to a one. That is to my faith more
seriously them even before” and is added by
it “pray for me that my faith fail
first.” This I organ as having been a
manifest of some coming. But in
my history as well. Humphe said in a
letter “The shadow which has cast
before” that I had not the firmest idea
of being healed in answer to prayer or
in my other way and I said to my physical
donnees was certain I thought at
the time and still a strange sensation
of the 30 was revealed I was greatly pers
plied to know what I ought to do
and I sought counsel of God by praying
that He would guide me to become part
of His work that I might come as an inter
view of His will Concerning it course
I was at a hotel in a little town in Ohio
Chattanooga at the foot of the mountains. The Hotel for
a train to go to Dayton Ohio. And I returned
with the train to Chicago and arrived at the
Hotel the Hat and opened it at
random having no idea where and
soon fell directly upon those words
"Be it known the house of Israel that
should be held in by God and till
I will pardon them in this way then,
shall I come?" And the trumpet in answer
And the prayer just then a special word
I may speak of that one which
became white in San Francisco
10 years ago while engaged in the
Japan Mill Enterprise a book which you
knew something of. I know my Church
Concerned least I was misrepresented.
The will of God is realizing that I had done
so little in return for His great kindness
from me I was fully absorbed in my business
affairs and I had in fact two or three
years devoted myself to the Cotton mills in
California from Pressing indebted
ness to others so that I could not and say
that I owed so much anything but love.
And good will. But notwithstanding
my long effort and the freedom
of the divine enterprise, that I
undertook, I could only proceed in
support of my family comfortably
and here the years had passed
since I was healed, and it was often
I employed beyond measure, and at
the time carrying a double load of
repentance and care. And in
under this pressure I again sought
counsel of God through His Word after
earnest prayer for guidance by the
Holy Spirit. This is promised you, know
at hand those who shall be His guidance
and in opening the Bible by God's word
known so by a message to their minds
I am afraid of you, least I
have become upon your labor
in vain or otherwise by the same free
of these glanced across the page to the
description of the message, "Stand
fast," thus in the liberty therefore
with Christ made me free and broad
entrenched again in the well of
benediction, and blessing the evening
of you can the face of the impression.
made upon by Congress.

Some of the Cong hession with
the Pope. On this I understand correspont |
and the convention factored upon
me that I should at least make a
written Statement of my facts and cir-
stances Connected with my oath
above to physical my presence as long
marshaled before which I am as I now
also taking in my mind.

Now as these are the prominent
featur of my experience and I
now consider at the Solitude I
have felt and expressed too to
my most confidential friends and
advice by whom I have sought
advice from time to time in the
case with my friends as
been none to break alone
now please pray for one that
will lend me the presence of God
through his word, the Spirit and His
providential dealing with me.

And if any apology is due for not
beginning this fully in the letter itself,
and should be very glad to learn from
you as part as well my willingness to
Speak. And please continue the to the
hears and those who I have not forgotten
in the little line I was to reach, interest in
in the Sunday School Class in Washington
and I hope she has continued to grow in
Peace and the blessing of God, men, and women. I want my wife to know that I am thinking of her. Captain Wilkes is still with you. Please remember one to him. I know I introduced him to you. I have not forgotten you or the last time I met you at my private room in Washington. And pray that God bless you and your family in the prayer of.

John D. Lee

B. F. Fields
2236 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Oct 5th, 1888.

General O.O. Howard,

My dear brother in Christ:-

Notwithstanding the many years that have passed since I had the pleasure and profit of your society, I have not forgotten you and my memory often carries me back to those days, and to special times when we have as I believe in the providence of God been brought together without any planning of our own, and have had, to me at least, sweet converse of things pertaining to the Kingdom of Christ—perhaps Cause of Christ is a better term to use in speaking of Christian work, for Christ's Kingdom in its literal sense has not yet come and will not until He Himself inaugurates it in person at His Second Coming with rest for His followers, and my heart is filled with love and adoration for Him who has prepared those Heavenly mansions for us in the City, real City too, whose Maker and Builder is God. And as through the faculty of memory I can bring before my mind's eye the scenes of bygone days when this same Blessed Jesus has condescended to allow me to come very near to Himself. Yes dear brother I have touched the hem of His garment twice at least. So by the eye of faith I can see and make real the things that God has prepared for those who love Him. I know He has told us that it has not entered into the heart of man to conceive the things He has prepared.
Mr. dear brother in Christ,

Notwithstanding the many years
that have passed since I had the pleasure and privilege of your soci-
ety, I have not forgotten you and my memory of you and the care,
the provision of God remain present to me. When we were at quiet,
peaceful times, we could almost like a psalmist, sing together without
any refrainable song, the praises of the kingdom of God. Sometimes
I have used to use in expression of Christian work, for Christ's King-
dom, to be in the midst of trouble, to know the Lord, to be with
Himself, to be included in the separate company of the Lord's com-
pany, and with my heart lifted with love and adoration. For Him who
was and is and is to come, and with my heart kept fixed on love. And
as a child, I can see the glory of God, the beauty of the glory of
the Father, the Father of the Father of the Son, who is the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ. I can see the glory of the Father, the
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for those who love Him. Yet may we not in this case as when He tells us He will do for us above what we are able to ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, attribute our inability to do so to the lack of faith on our part to grasp so great a conception. It is God—the Holy Spirit who maketh in us through faith to the saving of our souls. And my dear brother perhaps I have done wrong to my Savior and to you in withholding from you the fact that He interposed also for the saving of my body; the latter was one year before the war and therefore before I knew you except by reputation. And my heart has often burned within me to tell you about it, but for some reason I have kept hid in my heart except to a very few what God in direct and almost immediate answer to my prayer did for the healing of my body. And now that I have yielded to my convictions of duty, together with the counsel and advice of Teachers in Israel who have known me many years and of this wonderful providence of God in my experience to proclaim at least to those who pray, what the Lord did for me in answer to my prayer for healing before I knew of any case of physical healing in more modern times than Luther's prayer for Melanchthon his companion in labor, with which case you are familiar. And it was not until after a series of events in my history tending to open, and which did open, by degrees my mind and heart to the reception of the great & glorious truth which is so clearly revealed in the Scriptures, that we have a God who is still touched with a feeling of our infirmities.
Letter to W. H. H. Yet may we not in this case as where He will go for us spare what we are able to take of Christ according to the power and worketh in our interest and to go on to the peak of faith on our part to keep so clear a goal. The God of glory ministering to me through faith and by the receiving also for the saving of our souls. And my dear father perhaps I have gone wrong to my Savior and to having misprinced from you the true experience. And by the power of the word and presence of God I know you seek per one year before the war and therefore before I knew you seek your experience. And my heart has often been with me to tell you about it. But for some reason I have kept and in my heart except to a very law that God in grace and without immediate answer to my prayer aid for the healing of my body and now that I have lived to my countryside in our, together with the comfort and grace of St. Paul, I have known me with love and at the wonder.

Letters in Israel who have known me with love and at the wonder for the presence of God in my experience to proclaim it near to those who pray with the Lord and for me in answer to my prayer for healing before I know of any case of prayerless healing in more ways and I seem them further a prayer for manifestation the company in 1847 with which case you are familiar, and it was not until after a matter of months in my political period to open and with it opened a letter to the writer in the reception of the great. A new sight which I see clearly received in the footsteps of the Lame and a new age where I will find myself with a leading of our instruction have a God who is still foregoing with a leading of our instruction.
of both soul and body, and will come to our relief as the Scriptures both Old & New teach that He has done all through the ages, and as I wrote to the lamented Rev. Z M. Humphrey who had been one of my most intimate friends and advisers, and continued so to be until his death, while Prof. in Lane Seminary, which letter was written only a few days after I was healed. I said: " Why should it be thought incredible that God should do this thing for me?" Notwithstanding my conscious unworthiness and have from childhood striven to overcome, but it is only through the grace of God that we receive any favor at His hands. I first of all told Mr. John V. Farwell and the then young Moody, or Brother Moody as everybody called him. We were intimately associated in Sabbath School and other Christian work here, and Mr. Farwell and myself had attended the same school when boys and I could not withhold from them if I would, the glorious fact of my restoration. But without saying more I will in as concise form as I can, tell you first about the malady which afflicted me. It was Hip disease and is commonly called now which too is so common, and I have good reason for believing that I was born with my right hip out of place, and you will no doubt recall the fact that for some reason I had a limping motion. This motion was instinctive after I was healed by reason of a life of limping, by reason of a misplaced and painful hip, was allowed for some reason to follow me to some extent and perhaps for the same reason that Paul's thorn in his flesh was not removed. God knows. I also
had from faith several severe scrofulous swellings which for many years threatened my life and did at the time I was healed, but as they were in localities that could be obscured from view I kept them hid except of course my saintly mother and those who knew me in childhood, & Mrs Bishop Whipple knew me well in those days and remembered the swellings as well as the hip trouble. The lameness could not be hid, but the pain I endured was my great trouble and not the limping, and at 38 years of age, March 8th, 1860, I was worse so far as my hip and limb was concerned than I had ever been, and I became convinced that my earthly pilgrimage at least so far as active usefulness, would be short. But up to this time I had only prayed for grace to bear my affliction without murmuring. I did however greatly desire to be more useful in the Cause of Christ.

I had worn a cork sole and high heel on my right foot and was at the time I was healed, & I also while in St. Louis in 1857 & 8 procured or rather had made under my own supervision, a jointed support or invisible crutch. I say invisible for the reason that it was so arranged as to be worn or used under my clothes, running from my shoulder to the sole of my foot underneath my pants and into my boot. It was for the purpose of keeping the weight of my body off from my hip as much as possible. But it was too cumbersome and soon lain aside. And here in Chicago on Saturday the 30th day of June 1860, about noon, I applied to Dr. Joel R. Gore, a well known
From the very moment she arrived, my life and activities were no longer my own. I was possessed by a force that drove me to work without respite. I began to neglect my responsibilities, and my friends and family noticed the change in me.

I remember the evenings well, spent in the quiet of my study, poring over the pages of the book I had recently acquired. The pages were filled with strange symbols and cryptic messages. It was as if I was being guided by some unseen force. I began to feel a sense of being watched, as if someone was observing me from a distance.

I became convinced that my experiences were more than mere coincidences. I began to hallucinate, seeing visions of pictures that, when examined, seemed to be messages from beyond. The visions were so vivid that I could not distinguish them from reality. I would wake up in the middle of the night, screaming, and my friends and family would rush to my room, only to find me sound asleep.

I began to write down the messages I received, hoping that they would provide some insight into my current state. The messages were cryptic, filled with symbols and codes that I could not decipher. I began to feel a sense of urgency, as if the time were running out.

I knew that I had to act, but I was not sure what to do. I sought the advice of my trusted friends, but their responses were as enigmatic as the messages I received. I began to feel a sense of isolation, as if I were the only one who could understand the messages I was receiving.

I decided to seek the help of a professional, someone who could help me understand the messages I was receiving. I found a psychologist who was willing to work with me, and together we tried to make sense of the strange occurrences in my life.

In the end, I realized that the messages were a warning, a forewarning of something that was about to happen. I made the decision to act, to take the steps necessary to prevent the worst from happening. I am not sure if I was successful, but I know that I did what I could.
Physician & Surgeon who then had his office just across the hall from where we held our Business Men's Daily Prayer Meeting in the Methodist Church Block, Cor. Clark & Washington Streets, to know if he could do anything to relieve me; he replied that he could not tell without having a personal examination which he would make on Monday following, and we separated with the understanding that I was to meet him at his office. The consultation was had on the street.

After taking this step it is natural that my mind was occupied with the subject, for my case was beyond the reach or rather out of the range of Medical treatment. For a misplaced joint or malformation could not be corrected by the use of medicine, and as I had reasoned (not of "temperance and judgment to come"), for I was temperate and had prepared long since for judgment through repentance towards God and faith in Christ as my personal Savior, but of the possibility of any human power to relieve me not to say cure me.

For hip disease of long standing was then, & I suppose still is, considered incurable. For my uncle, Joseph Clay of Auburn, N.B., who was one of the leading Physicians & Surgeons of Central New York, who had known me from childhood, told me that he had never seen or heard or read of a case like mine being cured, & he did not doubt the author of my cure. This he told me the first time I went East after I was healed. But to return, I resolved to keep my engagement with Dr. Gore. I however continued to revolve the matter
Physician & Surgeon who treated me for the illness from which I fell.

From where we met our Business, now to deliver me to the
Metropolitan Church, Brook, Dr. Clark & Matthewson, to know if
we can go on anything to relieve me - the thing that is going on

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at the time. No word of the surprising or surprising to come. I was

be referred to or to send in. There is no word about the morning.

To succeed and fail in Christ as my personal servant, put on the

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for the grace of the morning, when I suppose will it.

Because the importance of my name, Joseph Clark of August, N. Y.

who were one of the leading physicians & surgeons of General New

York, & who knew me from childhood, told me the facts to the

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The surgeon of my case. There he told me the little time I have

even after I was severely. Not to mention I received to keep my-

measurement with Dr. Gore. I remain convinced to retain the matter.
in my mind, & little by little my thoughts went to God, first in the form of a query whether or not I had a Scripture warrant for making my bodily affliction a subject of prayer, and as you know precedents are numerous all through the Scriptures, both Old & New, of our Savior interposing in behalf of the body of those who have believed on Him (I ascribe healing of persons in the Old Testament times to our Savior. For the Jehovah of the Old is the Christ of the New Testament as you know, and I have never found even a semblance of a line of demarcation in Scripture between God's children who went to Him in faith in the early centuries & now.) And certainly there is as much need of Divine help now as then.)

Well thus the time passed until evening while on my way to the regular Weekly Prayer Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. It was a beautiful clear evening & the stars shone more brightly than usual & for a moment my mind was drawn away from myself in the contemplation of the wonderful works of God in the firmament. And as I gazed Heavenward the thought flashed upon me that God who could perform such wonderful works of Creation could easily extend to me the aid I so much needed, & with the inspiration of the occasion I uttered this ejaculatory prayer aloud on the street, not thinking of my earthly surroundings: "The Lord made me & He can mend me," & brother I believed it. I went to the Prayer Meeting as usual and returned to my room where I was boarding at the time. My wife & little boy had been with me for a time but had gone to Beloit Wisconsin, our
former home, only a few days before this, so I was alone. While with
me my wife spoke of my being so very lame, meaning worse than ever
before. I then told her of the pain I endured which I had hither-
to suppressed from her, knowing that it would do me no good to bur-
den her with my suffering, and it was my pain rather than the limp-
ing that I desired to be freed from if possible. I retired
later than usual after having taken a bath so as to be clean for
Sunday and the examination on Monday by Dr. Gore, for I had not yet
abandoned the use of means in some way in connection with my case
& thus I retired later than usual, probably Eleven o'clock, & that
you may have a clear understanding of the case I will speak more
in detail than I thought of doing in this letter, for it is reason-
able for me to suppose that you will be interested to know about
it direct from myself as you have known me so long, & the fact that
the irreligious scoff at the idea of God's interposing in behalf
of any man, & I am sorry that so many who use the form of prayer
have so little practical faith in God's answering their prayers
and especially for the body, when the fact is there are more cases
of answer to prayer for the body and temporal things recorded in
the Scriptures than for the soul. And the Savior devoted much
time as we read to the wants of the body and it was made use of to
convince the unbelieving that He had power also to forgive sin, & He
is called The Great Physician & so many have found Him to be in all
I wrote Home only a few days before this so I was rather white with my wife spoke of my pain so very pale, seeming more pale ever before. I spent some part of the day or more of it. And I had to go to the nearest hospital from my home for part of my hair. And we my brain later to the house.

I regret that I seem to be left from all possible. I fear that I cannot return from my home after having taken a part, so as to go alone for a week and the examination on Monday, the 10th. I had not been aware of the use of means in some way in connection with my case.

And here I attached letter than several years, properly eleven o'clock, after you may have a great improvement on the case I will speak more in detail. Than I spoke of going in some letter. I am to be left. And I suppose that you will be interested to know more in detail from myself as you may know me so long. The last thing to do it, and the ideas of the idea of a gradual improvement in paper of any man is my thought that so much who were the time of banker have so little benefit to gain in my's, and especially for the path, where there are more cases and especially for the path, and especially for the path.

And the power greater many time as we need to the aims of the path and it was made into to continue the improvement that we had better step to following day. The capital at the beginning is so much the longer time to in if
ages of the world. I will now speak of a dream that I had during the night, but I attach no importance to it, & am not given to dreaming & do not consider myself visionary but rather conservative, & holding fast to the Old Scripture landmarks. And in taking God at His word for the healing of my body I am simply holding to the faith first delivered to the saints. I dreamed that I was at Dr. Gore's office as per appointment & they were making the examination of my hip. I was in imagination laid on a table & without informing me what they were going to do the Dr. thrust his lancet into my hip & thigh & laid the flesh open to the bone much to my regret, but it did not wake me from my deep sleep & I did not wake until later than usual for me on Sunday, for Sunday was then especially, & has usually been an busy day with me as I have always been connected with the Sunday School in some capacity from scholar to Superintendent, but at that time I was much interested in helping young Brother Moody as he was then in a formation state for the great work which he has since achieved in the cause of Christ.

His work was then among the children for the most part, and the Business Men's Daily Prayer Meeting needed all I could do for it, & my family depended upon me for support; & all this rushed into my mind but as I have said I did not wake from sleep. But without going into minute details which I could do, for it is all as fresh in my mind as if but yesterday instead of 28 years ago, that I was healed. And while asleep my hip was brought to its proper
I will now speak of a dream that I had during the night, but I attach no importance to it, as we are not yet conscious of the full extent of our limitations. And in considering the problem that lies at the heart of philosophy, I am simply trying to shape my life in accordance with the science. I have been appointed as an assistant to the chief in the examination of a ship. I am in imprecation with a view to the examination of my ship. I am not going to go to the ship as a misfortune involving me that I am willing to go. To agree, I must fit my trip and my trip, and I am back from my good friend. I have seen my opportunity, and I have seen my opportunity to get the letter, but it is not made for me to come a Sunday to Sunday. I am not going to leave the ship that I have seen my opportunity to see my opportunity in some capacity from the superintendent. But at first time I was much interested in attending young Brothers, much as we were then in a conversation about the

The work was fine enough. The occupation for the week, and

I can go to school if I am family a generation above me. We support, and I can say that I am not going to my mind but as I have said. But without looking into minute details which I could go for. I am family above me. We support, and I can say that I am not going to my mind but as I have said. But without looking into minute details which I could go for. I am family above me. We support, and I can say that I am not going to

And while we talk, not we progress to the proper

next
place and the pain & even tenderness gone, & it seemed to me as if
I were on hallowed ground & in the immediate presence of God. And
I was overwhelmed & wept tears of joy & gratitude commingled, &
stood in awe & amazement at what God had done for me while asleep,
not even waking me up. For I could not doubt it being in an-
swer to my prayer of the evening before on the street, It may be
said that my prayer was very short, that is true but my thoughts
were continually going out to God as I presume the blind & the lame
who went to Jesus for healing did & their audible prayers too were
short. It is not our much speaking but believing that secures
the attention & blessing of God. We are told of prayers in
Scripture, that were long no doubt, but only as sounding brass & tin-
kling cymbals in the ear of God, notwithstanding their length and
elegant diction.

In the evening after the boys pray-
er meeting in North Market which I was much interested in, & having
taken the first step in its organization, I felt that I was under
special obligation to do all I could to sustain it, & having taken,
proposed & the first step in its organization I felt that I was
under special obligation to God and to the souls of that neglected
class in all cities, the poor children, to sustain it. For the con-
version of the young I have long realized to be the hope of the
Church & I believe the "Lamb's Book of Life" will reveal more
clearly & forcibly the saying of Our Savior to those who objected
to little children being brought to Him—"Forbid them not for of
such is the Kingdom of Heaven". And the history of that Prayer
place and the pain & every tempestuous gale & seemed to me as if I
were on a lofty mountain & in the immediate presence of God. And
I saw an open book & the seal & a voice said the heavens are going
and the world is going & God has gone & gone. I am with God
for I cannot forget God in prayer in me. I cannot know God
or to my prayer or the evening prayer or the street. If may be
for I am not a man speaking but a man & that man
who was continually going over to God & that man the King
was continually going over to God & that man, I became the King & the
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the attention & pleasure of God. I felt the joy of prayer &
the sacrifice that were focal on your part only as something present &

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Meeting is the earliest history of what is now the Chicago Avenue Church; its first fruits or members having been gathered from that prayer meeting. But to return, after the prayer meeting I requested Mr. Farwell & Brother Moody as we then called him, to go home with me which they did, and to them I first told the joyful news, and the next evening at my request Mr. Farwell accompanied me to see my old time friend Rev. Prof. F. W. Fisk, then & now of the Theological Seminary here; & to him I narrated & demonstrated to his entire satisfaction the genuineness of my cure. Next to Rev. Dr. Robert Patterson, Pastor of 2nd Presbyterian Church at his own request, & in the presence of Mr. Farwell. But before rehearsing to him my wonderful deliverance at the hands of God, I was impressed as I believe by an overruling Providence to say to him (as Mr. Farwell will no doubt remember for he was present at this interview also at my request), "I consider it your duty as an Ambassador of Christ to investigate this matter and I will accede to any proposition you may make in order to satisfy you." In justice to Mr. Patterson I wish to say that this remark was not suggested by any indication of doubt on his part, & from that day to this he has never given me any reason to think he entertains any doubt of the truth or source of my healing, & we have met many times since then.

So you see this thing was not done in a corner.

Next to Mrs. Z M. Humphrey who had also known me quite well, I told what the Lord had done for me. Her husband having just gone
Meeting is the earliest picture of what is now the Chicago Avenue Church. The little picture at the lower left corner of the prayer meeting.

But to return after the prayer meeting, I addressed Mr. Ellis and Brother Worden as well as several others who had gone home with me after the service, and to them I left for the journey.

News and the next evening at the request of Mr. Ellis I accompanied the two to see my old time friend Rev. John P. Brown of the self-same people to whom I ministered a generation ago and to whom I have been a benefactor of my youth. Next to Rev. Dr. Report, Pastor of the English Reformed Church at the open to our dear friend in the presence of Mr. Ellis. We were joined in the presence of God, I was impressed to pray my morning devotion at the hour of day to Him as Mr. Ellis and I believe many at this privilege to serve as the President of the Board of Trustees at the local church, and I will continue to do my duty. I am therefore to make a statement to the Board of Trustees, and I hope that the Board will act in accordance with the wishes of the Board.

Next to Rev. Dr. Report I left for the next call to the Presbytery and I hope they will see the truth in this matter and that this matter will be handled with care.

So you see this thing was not gone in a corner.

For what the Lord has done for me, and also known me during the years.
East, & soon to him by letter, & immediately on his return to Chicago he came to my room & saw me & conversed with me & rejoiced over what God had done for me in answer to my prayer. Both he & Prof. Fisk had known me well prior to this so they were well able to judge of the matter. And this is a sample of the course I have pursued with reference to its publication, with here & there an exception until the Meeting of the Christian Conference last December in this City, at which several persons who had been healed in answer to prayer within a few years past, were expected to be present, and among them one or two with whom I had had correspondence, were expected. I could hardly endure the thought of withholding my testimony to the faithfulness of God in answering my prayer for healing, & to do so seemed like turning my back upon my Benefactor and a cold shoulder to others who had been healed in like manner & I consulted with my Rev. friends F. W. Fisk of whom I have spoken, and Rev. E. P. Goodwin, the latter has known me through his whole pastorate of 20 years in this City, & both of whom I presume you know. And they unhesitatingly advised me to tell what the Lord had done for me, & just before the close of the last meeting of the Conference I did so in a very brief manner, & but very few in the audience I presume heard what little I did say. And I know Mr. Cookman the leader of the Convention did not, for he was just on the eve of leaving for New York. And when in Washington late last fall Dr. Sunderland advised me very strongly to write a narrative of my experience of
Dear Mr. Prize and Miss J. D. Star.

The sooner I hear from you the better. I am very anxious to hear from you, as I have just received a letter from Mr. Star, thanking me for the trouble I took to write to him about the conference I had so in a very pleasant manner and very low in the subscription I promise to send a check for the amount of the balance due to the conference.

And I know Mr. Star is a good soul and a delightful person and that I should not be surprised if he were to write me a letter in the same style of writing. And, moreover, in Washington I wrote him a letter of Washington and sent it to New York, and we agree in Washington at last in California.

Therefore we must especially arrange a writing of my experiences at
healing as it would strengthen the faith of others who are suffering as I believe for lack of faith in God the Great Physician of soul and body, & also Christians in general. And when in New York City good Father Lanphen, who you know as the father of the Fulton St Prayer Meeting, advised me to the same course without knowing the counsel that Dr. Sunderland had given me. And ten years ago while in San Francisco I was so forcibly impressed that I ought to do so notwithstanding my confidential friends and advisers had up to that time uniformly referred me back to God, the Source from whence I received my great blessing, for guidance that I did prepare a statement and the first time I went to New York City I deposited it for safe keeping together with the last high heeled and corks soled boot, & several letters that I had received bearing on the subject of my healing, including one from a lady friend of my mother who knew me in childhood & knew all about my maladies, & they remained in the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company’s Vaults until a few months ago I withdrew it with a view to its publication together with some of the correspondence that I have had since on the subject of Divine healing, including some correspondence with some persons who have been healed in like manner within the past few years.

And having become so thoroughly convinced that it is God's will that I should do so, I felt a desire to say at least what I have now done to you as a brother beloved. But it is not to add ism to ism, there is too much of that already. And there is too
honestly as I would recommend the letter of approval who sent the
mail as I received a letter of thanks from God the Great Physician of
you and many others who I know as the letter of the patient
Cly. Good Letter to me who you know as the letter of the patient
in prayer meeting, allowing me to the same course without knowing the
and feel sure this
consecrated letter of some way of saying me.
write to San Francisco I was in company hereafter. I asked to
on not hearing from my correspondent letters and answers and no
time until I renewed me back to God, the Source from
where I received my great pleasure for something that I think possible
are instead any time I want to New York City I operated
It for safe keeping together with the last high keeping and work
writing poor and secret letters that I had reading parting on the
subject of my personal situation one from a friend living on my mother
who knew me in California & knew all about my past life, & felt...my
under the correspondent's name, and I had reading parting on the
winter with a view to the petition together
with some of the correspondent's name, and I have put since on the map
year of praise, having introduced some correspondent with some part
you and have been brought in like manner within the Church of
And hearing became so profitably concerning that it is good.
will that I report to you as a proper preference.
But it is not to say
I am to remember to you much of that strength, and there is no
much Bible reasoning substituted for Bible teaching, & Christ's ministry and teaching is clear and unambiguous on the subject of Faith & Prayer, & for both soul & body. And man's fall entailed sickness as well as sin. And Christ's atonement was to redeem man from the consequences of sin resulting from the fall, & our true bodies are as all Christians believe, to participate in the benefits arising from the Atonement of Christ, the same as the soul the spiritual man at the resurrection of the Just, & the bodies of true believers are the temples of the Holy Ghost while here, & my belief is with right living, God's children who have been joint heirs with Christ should come to the grave as a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest. And all the anointing that is required is of the Holy Ghost and faith which works by love and purifies the heart. And no pilgrimages to Mecca are necessary to be made by those who seek blessings from God. It is face to face with God in that Holy of Holies, secret communion with God, & as in the case of the soul so with the body, until its mission on earth is ended. And who believes that a soul can be saved without the exercise of repentance & faith in Christ. Neither do I believe that Divine Healing is obtained without both where it is practicable. If this is true as I believe it to be, is the Church of Christ fulfilling its mission? And is it not the lack of "Signs following" as promised in Scripture attributable to lack of faith and holy living.

And am I not bound by the ties of love under a double obliga-
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Many Bible teachers speculate for Bible teaching's effectiveness in
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protectors of the body of the Holy Ghost while Peter's my partner
is to with light living, God's children who have been joint partners with
Christ should come to the grace of our Lord life for
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and who believes that a soul can be saved without the exercise of re-
penance & faith in Christ. Neither go I believe that living
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the resurrection and it is not the lack of a "pure foundation" as
blessing in scripture, participate to lack of faith and only infinite
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-tion to God for my redemption is two-fold soul & body & to Him be all the glory here & hereafter.

Perhaps I am presuming too much upon the interest you will feel in this matter which so absorbs my own mind and heart. But as I have said & reiterated, it is a fact that God will answer the prayer of His believing ones for recovery from sickness as from sin is it not of great interest to the world that it should be more widely known than by here & there one who has realized it to be true in their own experience as I have in mine. And how is that end to be accomplished, & what so likely to incline others to go to God in faith as the testimony of those who have been healed in answer to their own prayer? And now what would be more convincing proof to the unbelieving of the Existence ' Power of God to forgive sin? Jesus Himself you know acted upon this principle in the case of the man let down through the roof to be healed. And now in the light of Scripture & my own experience I ask again in some way should I not give my testimony as a living, not long since dead, witness to the truthfulness of God's promises. And dear brother if you knew the solemn vows that I uttered to God when I was in trouble and again after I was healed you would not wonder that I have trembled at times through fear that I was displeasing God in withholding my testimony. And when I tell you as I feel constrained to do, notwithstanding the great length of this letter, that God ( & I say it with profound reverence), communicated to me as I verily believe in a vision as veritable as Peter or Paul had, or those who
dreamed dreams & saw visions in Old Testament times. And do not
the Scriptures teach that God not only has but would continue to
communicate with his children through the Mediums. And in the
light of this & what he has done for me, is it presumption in me to
believe that God has thus communicated with me unworthy as I real-
ize myself to be. And as I wish you to know more of my experi-
ence I will tell you that in January 1854 while fast asleep I
dreamed or was impressed with the thought, or had a vision as you
may choose to characterize it, that I was about to die & I sent a
messenger & called to my bedside quite a number of my unconverted
friends and told them I wanted to give them my dying testimony in
favor of the religion of Christ, & pointed them to Him for salvation.

And soon after they had left me to die as they & I too supposed
& just as I was breathing my life out sweetly, a voice sounded in my
ears as distinctly as if spoken audibly to me saying: "You cannot
die yet, I have further use for you." It startled me but did not
interrupt my vision. I then sent out & called in another class
of friends, all tried Christians and when they came I told them of
the message I had received and requested them to kneel by my bed-
side & pray that I might fulfill the mission for which my life was
to be prolonged, which they did. I saw no heavenly messenger or ap-
parition. But I did distinctly hear the voice & received it as a
message from God. Again while in St. Louis in 1858 I
was startled from a sound sleep with the announcement" Satan has
And so now

The Scripture teaches that God not only pass without continuing to
communicate with the children of the covenant. And in the
inght of this we may not have done for me as to my instruction in me to
perceive that God has communicated with me unanswerably as I have

And as I write, I know more of my experience

Indeed I will tell you part in January 1892 while at sea.

I cannot understand my own experience, as I have been

and from there I know that I have to give to my guiding teacher in

And soon after the next and I am to give as I am, and I am supposed

And I am now present with my life and accept of a voice somewhere in

You cannot


Of friends, I find there is a need for another place

the message I have been and am becoming theme to know of my

and I will struggle until the mission for which my life was

A major point to note, with the announcement, seems to be

are stationed from a sound asleep with the announcement. So far, we
desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat." And perhaps
if I had not wakened I would have received the comforting assurance
that Jesus gave Peter, that he would pray for him that his faith
fail not. And perhaps the Savior had the same mission in view for
me when the sifting process should be carried far enough, & notwith-
standing the chaff that still remains should I not follow my con-
victions of duty?

Again sitting by the side of my mother's grave in Beloit Wis.
I wrote to my Rev. friend Z M. Humphrey on the 17th of March 1860.
Only three months previous to the time I was healed & of which I
then had no thought of being cured. I said: "I am drawing near
to a crisis that is to try me or my faith more severely than ever
before", & asked him to pray for me that my faith fail not". This
I regard as having been a presentiment of some coming event in my
history, or as Mr. Humphrey said in reply to my letter, "The shadow
of which was cast before", but I had not the remotest idea of
being healed in answer to prayer or in any other way and my physi-
cal maladies were not in my thoughts at the time. And still again
some time after I was healed I was greatly perplexed to know what
I ought to do, & I sought counsel of God by praying that He would
guide me to some portion of His Word that I might take as an indi-
cation of His Will concerning my course. I was at a hotel in a
little town in Ohio (Forrest), on the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne R.P.
waiting for a train to go to Dayton Ohio, & I opened a Bible that I
I met Mr. Humphrey on the 23rd of March, 1891. I wrote to my Rev'd Friend, Mr. Humphrey, on the 13th of March, 1890. Only three months previous to the time I was writing a letter and I said: "I am growing near to a crisis that I must try to fix me as my life more seriously than ever before. It is to appear now to pray for me to show my errors. I am beginning to realize the presence of some coming event in my life. I pray you, Mr. Humphrey, to lay to my teacher's and friends."

Of a matter we care before, but I had not the remotest idea of having to speak in general to prayer at any order. And after some time later I was nearly I was greatly perplexed to know what I ought to do. I could not conceive how praying that he would bring me to some portion of His word that I might take an action of the will concerning my course. I was at a hotel in a little town in Ohio. I wrote a letter to a friend who had a Bible, and I

writing for a friend to do to express to me. I opened a Bible that I saw in Ohio.
found on the table in the parlor of the hotel, & opened it at random having no idea where & my eyes fell directly upon these words: "Be not as the horse or mule that needeth to be held in by bit and bridle, I will guide thee in the way thou shouldst go." Could I doubt this being in answer to my prayer just uttered for guidance?

I will speak of but one more which occurred while I was in San Francisco 10 years ago while engaged in the Paper Mill Enterprise about which you knew something, I became very much concerned lest I was misapprehending the Will of God, realizing that I had done so little in return for His great kindness to me. I was fully absorbed with my business affairs & I had in fact been for years exerting myself to the utmost to at least free myself from pecuniary indebtedness to others, so that I could feel & say that I owed no man anything but love & good will. But notwithstanding my untiring efforts & the feasibleness of the different enterprises that I undertook I could only succeed in supporting my family comfortably, & thus the years had passed since I was healed & I was often perplexed beyond measure, & all the time carrying a double load of obligation to God and man. And under this pressure I again sought counsel of God through His Word, after earnest prayer for guidance by the Holy Spirit, Who is promised you know to guide those who seek His guidance. On opening the Bible my eyes were drawn as if by a magnet to these words: "I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain," & then by the same force my eyes glanced
I found on the table in the parlor of the hotel a plate of chocolates which were left there by my friends during my absence.

I could not resist the temptation to taste them. They were delicious. I sat down to enjoy them in peace and quiet.

I was surprised to find that I felt much more comfortable and at ease in the hotel than I had expected. I decided to continue my stay for a few more days.

I will speak of my experiences in more detail in a letter to you. I have also made some new acquaintances and have begun to feel more at ease in this strange place.

I will be back in a few days and will send you a postcard to let you know how I am getting on.

With love and Best regards,

The person writing
across the page to the conclusion of the message: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." And further Howard imagine if you can the force of the impression made upon my mind. Soon after this my connection with the Paper Company was dissolved unexpectedly and the conviction fastened upon me that I should then at least make a written statement of the facts and circumstances connected with my restoration to physical soundness as I have narrated to you, which I did as I have also stated in this writing. Now Brother these are the prominent features of my experience, & do you wonder at the solicitude I have felt & expressed of whom I have sought advice too to my most confidential friends & advisers from time to time when my burden has been too great to bear alone. And please pray for me that I may follow the guidance of God through His Word, His Spirit & His providential dealing with me.

And if an apology is due for coming to you thus freely, you will in the kindness of your heart find it in the title itself & I should be very glad to hear from you as fully as you may be inclined to speak. And please remember me to Mrs. Howard & Gracie who I have not forgotten as the little girl I was so much interested in in the Sunday School Class in Washington, & I hope she has continued to grow in grace & knowledge of Jesus Whom to know aright is life everlasting.

And if Captain Wilkinson is still with you please remember me
Scarcely does the page of the magazine: "Stand Tall"

Therefore in the Interim we expect to make our line... and further and do not enter any views to the order of the government. And further, I hope to have some of the impression made upon my mind... soon after the connection with the Paper Company we hear of the connection between my esteemed and the connection of my esteemed and estimated company.

I am sorry not to have made a written statement of the latter and the connection and my connection and the connection of my esteemed and estimated company. I am sorry not to have made a written statement of the latter and the connection and my connection and the connection of my esteemed and estimated company.

I have therefore to say, which I am, as I have also opened in this paper...

Wilkins, How further these are the prominent lessons of my Experience. It does not enter at the conclusion. I have left & expressed, of which I have spoken before... And please when my brethren here go to your home to pass some more...

And please remember me to the Brethren of our Church. And please remember me to the Brethren of our Church. I have not forgotten the little girl. I was on some interruptions in the Sunday School above in Westminster. I hope to hear news of the little girl. I was on some interruptions in the Sunday School above in Westminster. I hope to hear news of the little girl.

And I am anxious to write a letter. And I am anxious to write a letter...
You know I introduced him to you. Tell him I have not forgotten the night he spent with me at my private room in Washington.

And may the Lord bless & keep you & yours is the prayer of

Your old time friend & brother,

( S'gd. )       B.F. Field.
Dear Mr. Field,

You know I introduced him to you. Tell him I have
not forgotten the night we spent with you at my cottage in
Weslington.

And may the Lord bless you and your house in the place of
Your old time thriving.

Yours truly,

R.F. Field
Dear Brother

I have just received the following telegram - Leeds Oct 3:

Laura's dead. Funeral Sunday.

I will go to Leeds tomorrow. I will remain at General I will

meet you.

Yours faithfully

Rindhoven
Personal

Gen. C. Q. Howard
San Francisco
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