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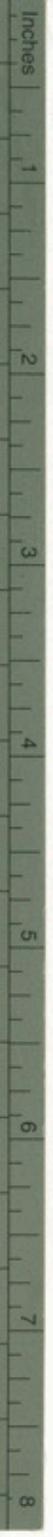
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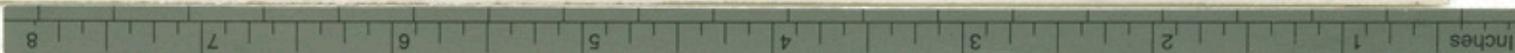
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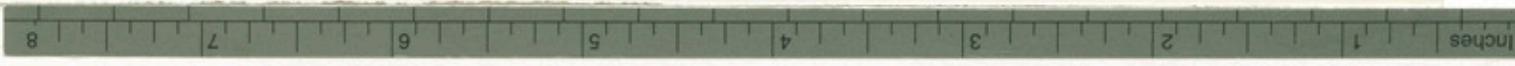
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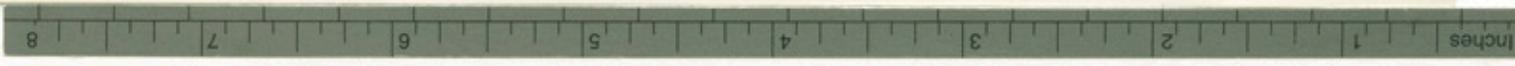
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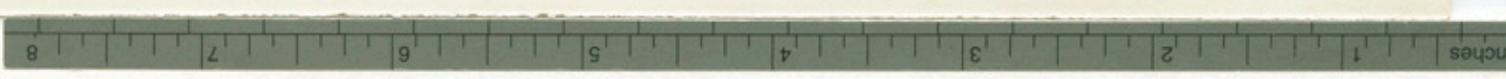
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361 MADISON AVE., COR. 43TH STREET,
470 WEST 30TH ST., NEAR 10TH AVE.,
861 ELEVENTH AVE., COR. 80TH STREET,
WEEHAWKEN AND NEW DURHAM.
R. R. McBURNEY,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

GENERAL OFFICE,
40 EAST 23^d STREET.

Dec 18/88.

Majr General O. O. Howard
Dear Genl Howard.

Mr Crawford made
you acquainted with our
earnest desire that you
shall make a fifteen
minutes address at
our 36th Anniversary on
Monday evening January
28th - at 8 o'clock in
Assn. Hall 23^d St + 4th
Avenue.

The Annual Report
is read & occupying
about 20 minutes

Rev Dr Greer of the
Episcopal Church
will speak for about
15 minutes.

You and the Dr
would be my speakers.

We shall be very
grateful if you will
comply with our
request.

I am so glad you
have come to New York.

The work in the Pacific
will miss you greatly.

Would it be agreeable
for you to dine with
me & our friends on

The coming of the Anniversary?

An early reply will greatly oblige us

I am
Very Truly Yours

W. M. Bennett

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK

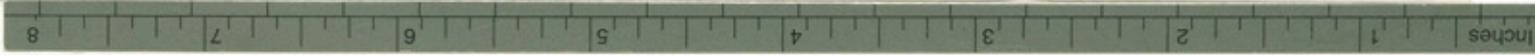
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S. S. McCLURE,
TRIBUNE BUILDING,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

CABLE ADDRESS,
"AIDDECAMP, NEW YORK."

Dec. 18th, 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard,
Governor's Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

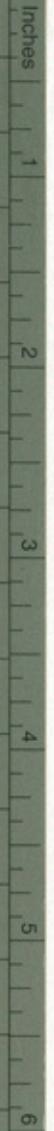
I beg to send you herewith my announcement for
the coming year.

I regret extremely that our previous corres-
pondence was without result, but nevertheless hope to enlist your
interest in my present plans, and possibly to include your name in
my list of contributors for the coming year in the more complete
programme which I shall issue in a month or two.

Very truly yours,

S. S. McClure
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"ADDRESS, NEW YORK"
CABLE ADDRESS

Dec. 18th, 1888.

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Brooklyn Dec. 18th / 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
New York City

Dear Sir:-

If not asking too
much will you kindly
favor me with your
Autograph on enclosed
card & much oblige

Yours very respectfully
J. W. Fretkellton

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J.W.F.

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Miller & W. S.

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My dear General

St Pauls Methodist
Episcopal Sunday School
will hold their Christmas
Festival on Friday Evening
Dec 28th at 8 o'clock. We
would be very glad if you
could find it convenient
to be with us on that oc-
casion the exercises are to
be by the children, and
knowing that you are in-
terested in church & school
work has been one of the
motives that has prompted.

me to ask you to spend that
Evening with us another
reason is that I feel slightly
acquainted with you through
your son. (now in Europe) who
has dined with us at
home & spent several evenings
with us. I am only sorry
is not here now that I may
be presented in person.

Trusting to hear from you
at your convenience

I remain
Yours very truly
E. W. Miller

Supt. St Pauls. M. E. Sunday School
22 St 54th St. N. Y. City.

A formal invitation will be sent you by the officers of the Club and I trust you will give it a favorable response because so many of our members are desirous of making you personal acquaintances.

Please present my best regards to Mrs Howard and believe me to be

Yours very truly

Wm^{my} Vaughan Lippel

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Governors Island
New York

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Ans.

HAMILTON CLUB

Brooklyn
December 18. 1888.

Dear General,

I was pleased to learn of your removal to our neighborhood for it gave me hopes of renewing an old and valued acquaintance.

I believe I have never had an opportunity to thank you for your kindness to an aunt of mine living near Savannah during the war ^{which I describe}. We are still living at the old house No 171 Clinton Street and Mrs Lippel and my sister hope to see you and Mrs Howard there.

I should do myself the honor of calling upon you if I felt sure of escaping arrest for trespass or the bullets of some over zealous sentry. Doubtless you and your wife will desire to call upon Mrs Buck

and as we are in the neighborhood
of her residence may we not hope
for the pleasure of a call also?²

I have just parted from Dr Lyman
Abbott who succeeds Mr Beecher at
Plymouth Church.

I should like exceedingly to have
you hear him preach and if your ^{wife}
wife would take an informal Sunday
dinner with us at any time
convenient to yourself ~~we~~ we should
be delighted -

Dr Abbott suggested that the
members of the Hamilton Club
would feel greatly honored if
you would be their guest at
a Reception on the evening of
the 12th of January next, and
that you would meet there many
old acquaintances.

We have had the pleasure of
entertaining Bartholdi & other

distinguished men from abroad as
well as at home.

Among our friends & members
we count Rev^d Dr Storr, Rev^d
Dr Hall of Trinity, Ex Mayor Low &c.
I can best indicate the standing
of our Club by stating that it is to
Brooklyn what the Union League
is to New York.

The Club would feel especially
honored if you would give it
a little talk on any subject
agreeable to yourself arising
out of your long & varied experience.

Mr Theodore Roosevelt at our
November Reception made an address
on "Some aspects of the Immigration
Question" & the City Chamberlain
of New York at our last Reception
on "Electoral Reform" -

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New York Dec. 18, 1888.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Governor's Island, N.Y.,

My dear sir:-

I am glad to learn that you are in New York.
I am on here for a few days from Chicago; expect to return
on Wednesday. If I can possibly get the time, I shall give
myself the pleasure of calling upon you.

I hope all is well with you and yours.

Yours truly,

S. A. Kean

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J. M. Mason

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