

22 CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

BOSTON, MASS., June 15, 1886.

DEAR CLASSMATE :

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Class of '56.

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Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Rev. R. P. Howard,
West Medford,
Mass.

278 6/15/1886

From: E.B. Palmer

To: Rev. R. B. Howard

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22 Congregational
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July 6. '86
Brooklyn.



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Cordially Yours
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mention to him that I have
Complied with his request -

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From: H.W. Beecher

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[Emblem of a lion and the Latin phrase ESSE QUAM VIDERI (To be, rather than to seem)]

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Remedial Institute,
Des. S. S. & S. E. STRONG,
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3 PM

Miss Ella Leonard
Farmington
Maine

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.
THE AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.
ROOM 6, NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET,
BOSTON.
R. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

W. Medford Aug 28. 1888
Lat. Mass. 645

My dear Ella

I just called Frank
He slept in my bed when I
was away - He has gone to his
own room now. He got up
at 6:45 breakfasted at 7:30
He goes to bed rather late.
Last night he played jack
thous with "the cousins" till
10. I went to Baptist Prayer
meeting with Mr. Breed. Mr.
Breed was buried one year
ago. Her father and mother
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very tenderly in prayer meeting.
Tell Paulie I saw Gessie.
His face and clothes were
not clean and he was with

*your room is very nice but very long. seems like a house
after a funeral. he came for me and Jim also. women are
away. you long
Frank*

Mr. Breed's children went to the school. I will be gone 10 or 12 more days.



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He answered me rather briefly.
Frank goes in swimming in Robert's
lights. Florence's sister has
gone to Ottawa with their pastor
Mr Abbott. They will come home
next week. I have not seen
the Lyman or other girls. Filda
has a very sore eye. William
came for mail last evening. Diana
seemed pleased and they joked.
Helen Hood is better. I hear
Mr Smith lives alone like a bear
in a den. Mr Boston Traveller
man loves his wife and has
given her a tame crow and
a horse, which please her.
He wants us to come and see
them. I went to Cong. House prayer
meeting & sang yesterday and led
Baptist meeting and preach
tomorrow here - so I am almost
a pastor again. Diana is well.
Plenty of corn. Peas falling off the
tree front of Arden very sweet.
Fall Apples about all gone -
now I think have paths. One
mine has got to top of bag window

281 8/28/1886 *From:* Father [RB Howard] *To:* My dear Ella [Howard]

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W. Medford

Source: Bowdoin

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I went to Congl. House prayer-meeting & ours yesterday and led Baptist meeting and preach tomorrow here, so I am almost a pastor again. Diana is well. Plenty of corn, pears falling off the tree front of Arbor - very sweet. Fall apples about all gone. I mow & Frank hoes paths. One vine has got to top of bay window. Your room is very nice but very lonely. Seems like a house after a funeral because you and your dear mother are away.

Your loving
Father

Mr Curtis & children start for Katahdin Springs beyond Bangor today & will be gone 10 or more days.

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Aug 31, 1886

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Page 706.

Line 6 - of the page
name of 2^d wife "Graves" not Groves
Should there be room and it
be thought wise to add any-
thing

It might be said, page 706
amending and adding -

July 21. 1870

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 17th

has been received & the
matter is being
considered. I will
write you again when
I have more news.

Very truly yours

Wm. Lloyd Garrison

105 N. 2nd St. New York

Enclosed find 100

copies of the "Liberator"

for 1870

Yours truly

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Page 2

"Princeton Ill. five years: four
and a half at East Orange
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Mass. He was associate
editor of the Advocate seven
years ~~till~~ ^{and writing from} ~~travelling~~
in Europe in that capacity
1875. In May 1884, he became
Secretary of the American Peace
Society and Editor of its
publication of which The American
Advocate of Peace and Arbitration
a Bi-monthly, is one, with an
Office in Boston and home
at West Medford Mass."

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Line 6. Substitute for
"three children" three "sons".

Respectfully yours W.B. Howard

History of Bonaville

Errata

R.B. Stewart

Pages 705 & 706

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To: Dear Sir [Prof. Geo. T. Little]

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Boston

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R. B. Howard

Boston Oct. 13. 1886

Dear Mother

We were rejoiced to hear from
you directly - (the first time since
you went to Oia) Miss Rodewege
has written of Rheumatism
in Oia, fearing & we feared
you might suffer. Glad to
hear you were so well and
we will not take "no" for an
answer as to a visit. But
I wish you could stay at Oia
long enough to shorten and
break the force of the long shut-
in winter at Gloucester. I shall
not go ^{to Chicago} & do not know that Anna
will come. Will write to Oia to
send her here with some one -
I will send the \$12. Nov. 1st
Even if Carpon does not get word
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& see David & Sel on your
way back. We are all a little
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her "book". Glad to hear about
Grace & children. They seem al-
most like strangers to us. After
5 hot days it is cool & fairly
again. With love to all affly
Reverend

IF NOT CALLED FOR
IN TEN DAYS
POSTMASTER WILL PLEASE
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UNITED STATES

REGISTERED MAIL

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VELOPE

1886



Mr. E. Gilman
Care of Gen. O. P. Hanson
San Francisco
Cal

U. S. PATENT, JULY 1, 1879.



283 10/13/1886 *From:* Rowland [B,
Howard]

To: Mrs E. Gilmore

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Boston

Care of Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco
Cal.

Source: Bowdoin

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Dear Mother

We were rejoiced to hear from you directly (the first time since you went to Otis). Miss Bodemeyer has written of Rheumatism in Otis family & we feared you might suffer. Glad to have you nearer us and we will not take "no" for an answer as to a visit. But I wish you could stay at Otis long enough to shorten and break the force of the long shut-in Winter at Glencoe.

I shall not go to Chicago & do not know that Nina will come. Will write to send her here with some one. I will send the \$15 Nov. 1st even if coupon does not get round. Otis [Rowland's son] talks of going to Denver to try his fortune. Hope you will stop & see David & Del on your way back.

We are all a little better, except me. Rowlie's ear has "broken". Glad to hear about Grace & children. They seem almost like strangers to us.

After 5 hot days it is cool & easterly again.

With love to all, affy
Rowland

[ENVELOPE]

Mrs E. Gilmore
Care of Gen. O. O. Howard
San Francisco
Cal.

[POSTMARK] BOSTON MASS OCT 16 10-15 1886

[Note: There are a number of family references. Miss Adelheid Bodemeyer is a teacher at Andover and the future wife of James Waite Howard. Nina is CH Howard's daughter, Nina Foster Howard. "David and Del" are Rowland's son David Parker Howard and his brother Rodelphus Howard Gilmore, both lawyers in Denver. Grace is OO Howard's daughter, Grace Ellen Howard, who married James Taylor Gray in 19 Sep 1879, and had 4 children at this time.]

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R. B. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

W. Medford Oct 23/86

Dear Mother

You will sympathize
with us in the loss of fire
of the old homestead at
Farmington. Helen will go
down tomorrow & I hope will
bring her mother & brother
here. Homeless and destitute,
with an invalid son, at
76 and the household savings
all swept away in a
moment. It seems very
hard. Mrs. Graves brother
is over 80. He lost the "Beale
Block" (4 stories 2 halls, many
offices &c a large lot of wood)
We have not heard of Insurance
but it was small if any.
My credit much better
& the children are pretty

will Renier's deafness is no better.
We have found a place in a
hospital for "Hilda" and I will
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can be safely moved.

Helen will be gone but a
few days. Framington has more
a home time than any other

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Children were born there.
With Chas Fairmire both gone
it will be hard for the
Cong Church to go on. They will
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for a while to build Ella
Jenn better - I am
using Dr Peiro's Oxygen
for my cough.

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284 10/23/1886 *From:* Rowland [B,
Howard]

To: Dear Mother [Eliza
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My cold is much better & the children are pretty well. Rowlie's deafness is no better. We have found a place in a hospital for "Tilda" and I will take her there as soon as she can be safely moved.

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Yr aff son
Rowland

[A sketch of the block destroyed by fire was drawn in the margin, indicating the location of the Graves' house, the Church and other buildings.]

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Mrs. Bedenreger heard from Miss (Gen) & thought her
the letter
was nice
will at
his home.
Eliza says
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in
will after his
morning
for us
will write
him
Boston
sent
or to
has from
the
old form
to day

Boston Dec 10. 1884

Dear Mother
I hope she'll see &
forward my letter to you di-
rected to Denver. We have
had a severe storm of snow
& better cold weather for a week
but it is milder and the
house quite comfortable. Helen
& I went to Sudover and
attended the Wedding Reception
of Mr. Chas. H. Cutter yesterday.
Anna went with us and
is to go on after a visit
to Miss Bedenreger, to Ban-
ger & women with her
Mother John. She was here
from Friday to Thursday &
we enjoyed her visit
very much. Ella was
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Charles C. is smaller
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took the guests from the
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Coterie furnished a fine
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all the Andover people.
and was as usual very
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R. B. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

Mrs. M. Boston and Annie
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 terday after the Reception where
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 to be married in January.
 I said notes of his wife's coming
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 Olin is thro' with his first
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 gone. I do hope he will find
 something else to do soon. He
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 Crochery &c from the goods
 sold here.

Last Evening Helen & I heard
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 interesting African stories
 at Fremont Temple -
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Cousin Nelson died in N.Y.
yesterday at 1 P.M. He
is to be taken to Monmouth
for burial tomorrow & I
hope to see them tomorrow
in Boston at 9 A.M. as
they go thro. but I cannot
go with them but am engaged
at West Brookfield Mass
73 miles West of Boston
for Sunday. Nelson died of
a lingering malarial sickness
gradually failing. His oldest
daughter Lucretia, is the wife
of a milliner in N.Y. His 2^d
sonie 26 postponed her
marriage on account of
her father's death - His son
with Rodolphus takes his
father's business for the
present. Laura Burgess
is here with Lucia for the
present. Hope to go to MITCHELL

286 12/10/1886 *From:* R.B. Howard

To: Dear Mother [Eliza Gilmore]

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Boston

Source: Bowdoin

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John's future wife, Miss Eames of Worcester, was in Boston and Nina came there to meet her yesterday after the Reception where John acted as usher. He is to be married in January. [Note 1]

David writes of his wives <carcinoma> for six months in her knee [Note 2]. Otis is thro' with his first "job" - earned about 60\$ which no doubt is all gone. I do hope he will find some thing else to do soon. He wants me to send him one of their carpets, some crockery &c from the goods stored here.

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[Missing Page]

P.S. Miss Bodemeyer heard from Otis (Gen) & through her we learned you were still at his house. Chanceys cards did not reach us till after his marriage [Note 2] but we will write him. Mr Foss sent us ½ a bag from the old farm to day.

[Note 1: Nina was Cornelia (Foster) Riggs. She was the sister of CH Howard's wife, Mary Katherine Foster and the wife of Thomas Lawrence Riggs. Their brother was Rev. John McGaw Foster, who married Grace Greenleaf Eames on January 4, 1887 in Worcester, Mass. They were children of John Burt Foster and Charlotte McGaw.]

[Note 2: OO Howard's son Chancey Otis Howard married Alice Gertrude Rustin on December 4 1886 in

Omaha, Nebraska.]