

22 CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

BOSTON, MASS., June 15, 1886.

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E. B. PALMER, Secretary,

*Class of '56.*

UNITED STATES  
POSTAL CARD

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

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

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278 6/15/1886      *From:* E.B. Palmer      *To:* Rev. R. B. Howard

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[POSTMARK] BOSTON MASS JUN 15 5P.M.  
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July 6. '86  
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Ms. B. 1. 8  
Brooklyn



Mr. Beecher  
Care of  
Brooklyn  
N.Y.

Received a letter from Mr.  
Beecher himself - for  
information to him the  
Commissioner of the  
Bureau of Education



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*From:* H.W. Beecher

*To:* Dear Sir [RB Howard]

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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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Miss Ella Leonard  
Farmington  
Maine

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THE AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

ROOM 6, NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET,  
BOSTON.

R. H. HOWARD, Secretary and Editor.

W. Medford Aug 28. 1888  
Lat. Mass. 64

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  
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10. I went to Baptist Prayer  
meeting with Mr. Breed. Mr.  
Breed was buried one year  
ago. Her father and mother  
came up and all went  
over to Cemetery. Mr. Breed  
knelt down and prayed  
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not clean and he was with

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

Mr. Carpenter & children visit for a while. He looks better. I will be gone 16 or 17 more days.



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came for will last evening. Diana  
seemed pleased and they joked.  
Helen Hood is better. I hear.  
Mr Smith lives alone like a hermit  
in a den. Mr Boston Traveller  
man loves his wife and has  
given her a time clock and  
a horse, which please her.  
He wants us to come and see  
them. I went to Congl. 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 Arthur very sweet.  
Fall Apples about all gone &  
now I think have paths. One  
mine has got to top of bag window



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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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[LETTERHEAD]  
AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY  
THE AMERICAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION  
ROOM 6, NO. 1 SOMERSET STREET,  
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Sat. Morn 6.45

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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.

Aug 31, 1886

Dear Sir

I was glad to learn  
that a new Edition of the  
College history with ~~errata~~ &c  
was to be published. In  
the 11. lines which honor  
my obscure name there  
were 4 errors.

Page 705. - (No of line in Note -)  
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" " Birth "1834" " '33  
" 2<sup>d</sup> Law - "One year" " Two years  
Page 706.

Line 6 - of the page  
Name of 2<sup>d</sup> 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 1880

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the matter of the 11th June which has been referred to the committee on the subject of the same.  
I have the honor to inform you that the committee on the subject of the same has been organized and will be ready to receive your further instructions at any time.  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. [Name]  
[Address]



Page 2

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editor of the Advocate seven  
years ~~till~~ <sup>and writing from</sup> ~~residing~~ 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  
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Office in Boston and home  
at West Medford Mass."

Page 706

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

Respectfully Yours D.B. Howard

History of Bonaville

Errata

Chas. Newman

Pages 705 & 706

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282 8/31/1886 *From:* R. B. Howard

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

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Boston

*Source:* Bowdoin

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send her here with some one.  
I will send the 13. Nov. 1st.  
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again. With love & all affs  
Rivland

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

REGISTERED MAIL

10-15 1886  
ENVELOPE



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

U. S. PATENT, JULY 1, 1879.





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

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*Source:* Bowdoin

Boston

*To:* Mrs E. Gilmore

Care of Gen. O. O. Howard  
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Cal.

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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

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[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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My cold is much better  
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for my cough.

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

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
Gilmore]

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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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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 millman in N.Y. His 2<sup>d</sup>  
sonie 26 postponed her  
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286 12/10/1886 *From:* R.B. Howard

*To:* Dear Mother [Eliza  
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Boston

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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.]