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296 5/18/1889 *From*: R.B. Howard *To*: My Dear Ella [Howard]

RBH-254 CUNARD-ROYAL-MAIL-STEAMSHIP-

Source: Bowdoin "CATALONIA"

[LETTERHEAD] CUNARD-ROYAL-MAIL-STEAMSHIP-"CATALONIA"

May 18, 1889, 1-30, P.M.

My Dear Ella,

They are still at lunch around me but food repels me and Society does not attract, so I came over to this table, and write.

A girl of 14 goes with me north and another girl and her mother to Milan Italy to study to be a singer. Tonight we are to have a little entertainment with singing reading &c & I have been asked to make a few closing remarks. The boys of which there are half dozzen have nice times playing on deck. There are two nice little girls aged 2 & 5 from Brighton. They go to London to live. It is a week today since we left home, or rather Boston.

I fear you would find it dull unless you had Josie & some story books with you. I do little but snooze & read. Uncle Frank is lively as a cricket & goes like a bee from flower to flower, till he talks with all. He goes not to get honey but to leave it. Momma will read you some things I have written her. When I get to Ireland I will try to write Uncle John Allen, perhaps in <Sligo>. Help Mamma all you can & be faithful to your School & music and read good books, not for intoxicating, but for feeding your mind.

Give my love to Frank. He would find a guitar & a banjo & a piano to accompany his flute & would help tonight if he were here. It is too early in the season for the students & the teachers. They come over in their vacations.

Nothing but water everywhere outside the steamer. The dishes slide about on the table when the great waves roll the vessel about. The fishes all stay down below. A few rats squeal socially in the walls between the rooms.

Uncle Frank brought some Jamaica ginger. Mr Moen gave me a plaster. We have a small but good library on the vessel.

Tomorrow we have the Episcopal service as regularly as if at church. It is adapted to all the vessels of the Cunard line (10 on the Atlantic). I want to go home in a faster steamer and if my inability to eat & think continue, I will go home as soon as possible. Pray for me & be good to Mamma.

Your loving Father R.B. Howard

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297 6/29/1889 From: Whitelaw David To: My dear Sir [RB Howard]

RBH-255 Legation des Etats-Unis di Amerique

Source: Bowdoin Paris

Legation des Etats-Unis di Amerique

Paris 29 June 1889

My dear Sir:

Your two notes concerning the Peace Conference have just reached me. I am sincerely sorry not to be able to attend at the meeting tomorrow at eleven, having already made an engagement for that hour.

Noting your desire to find members of Congress in town, I take pleasure in sending you the addresses of two who called at the legation this morning:

Hon. Wm E. Mason M.C. from Chicago Hotel Binalas

Hon. W. C. Wallace M.C. fr Kings Co, N.Y. Hotel Normandie

Begging you to express to the officers who joined in your invitation my regret that the change of day prevents my attendance, I am very truly yours
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298 4/2/1890

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From: Papa [RB Howard]

Washington

Source: Bowdoin

To: Miss Ella Howard

Care of Miss M. L. Petersen 90 Sassex Ave East Orange

N.J.

[POSTAL CARD]

Washington April 2/90

Dear Ella

I was very glad to get your card & know you were safe with our dear friends. I am pretty well & very busy. I expect now to leave here Tuesday & may spend the night at E. Orange & take you along Wednesday. Glad you went to school. Can't you study those things that you would if you were at home next week?

Give my love to Mr & Miss Petersen & let me hear again.

Papa

[ADDRESS]
Miss Ella Howard
Care of Miss M. L. Petersen
98 Sussex Ave
East Orange
N.J.
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Brookline, Mass.

3 June, 1890.

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299 6/3/1890 *From:* Robt. C. Winthrop *To:* Rev. R. B. Howard

RBH-257 Uplands

Source: Bowdoin

Brookline, Mass.

Private

[LETTERHEAD] Uplands Brookline, Mass.

3 June, 1890

Rev. R. B. Howard,

Dear Sir,

Your note of the 26th was duly rec'd, & I kept it on my table till the last moment, hoping that I might find myself able to comply with your request. But, apart from some infirmities of health which indisposed me, for writing any public letter, I found myself very unwilling to be implicated in the chance extravagances of either male or female orators.

I have read your Annual Report, & I rejoice in the progress of the Arbitration Cause. I dare not discuss the Disarmament doctrine. Meantime, as your treasury seems almost empty, I inclose a little contribution, which I will thank you to receive quietly & without any special acknowledgment in the Newspapers. It may help towards the expenses of yourself or some other Delegate to the London Conference next month.

Yours, with best wishes, Robt. C. Winthrop

[Written in another hand] 25\$ Enclosed

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Brookline, Mass. 25- June, 1890.

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RBH-258 Uplands

Source: Bowdoin Brookline, Mass.

[LETTERHEAD] Uplands Brookline, Mass.

25 June, 1890

Rev. R. B. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I have not forgotten your note of June 4th, & I am unwilling to leave it unacknowledged longer, as the date of your sailing for England is so close at hand. But I must be excused from writing anything for public use.

I heartily concur in all that may be said or done, by yourself or others, in favor of International Arbitration, & I rejoice in all that has been accomplished in this cause during the five & forty years since I offered the Resolutions in Congress, to which you have often alluded.

I write, however, only to thank you for the kind expressions of your note, & to assure you of my best wishes for your mission, & for the work of the Congress or Conference which you are to attend in London.

Yours, respy, & truly, Robt. C. Winthrop

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301 7/24/1890 *From:* Father [RB Howard] *To:* Dear Ella [Ella Patten Howard]

RBH-259 Watford England

Source: Bowdoin

Watford England, July 24, 1890

Dear Ella.

Your three good letters were all very thankfully received and read. I was glad to hear about Concord, Portland and the family. I hardly recognize my old acquaintance the Dentist Dr under the name of "Phillebrown". I felt so badly at the bad news from Grandma Graves that I could enjoy the rest of the letters but a little.

I came down here 30 miles in an hour from London to spend the night with my friend Mr Darbys family. Arthur inquired for the Bank they sent you. The two older children are away at work. Edith (20) is teaching & studying at home. Arthur is 8 and Will five. Minnie & her sister are very little girls. There is one of your age (15) who <teaches> to let her sister go away for a day or two. The house has not changed. Like us, they are too poor to have new things. They remembered what I liked & had some currants, and ice water & caraway seed bread for supper. There were tomatoes & a cucumber a foot long on the table. I went to see them play at Lawn Tennis at Mrs Fryes lovely place after tea. It is light till now and I write without gas - 9 P.M.

Mr & Mrs Frye are sick and away. But their grounds are covered with flowers & fruits - apricots & apples & pears grow upon the walls & peaches & cherries just like vines. There are many kinds of roses, pinks & flowers blossoming. The lawn tennis ground is very smooth & surrounded by a netting. A table under tree had rasberries, sugar and cakes on it, which the players ate when they rested.

Clarence Frye has a Zita & they are to have some music tonight. I am so tired that I must go to bed and finish this tomorrow morning. It was 1 A.M. before I got to sleep this morn.

July 25, 8.30 a.m. Your mothers p.c. July 15 from F. saying you had arrived & that Grandma was a little better has given me hope that she may recover. It is so long since I heard from you that I do not know what to pray for except that you all may be blessed today as you need it - Grandma and all.

I slept well but have a bad cold - cannot keep warm in this chilling climate.

Last evening Clarence Frye came over with his flute and Zitha & Edith played the piano & we had nice music. We have breakfast one at a time here & I must go down to the basement dining room now. I return to London today.

Your Loving Father

Your mother writes 7 cavities & you 13 filled!

MERICAN PEACE SOCIETY,
ROOM 6, No. 1 SOMER MONTH AND BOSTON, 1885.

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302 8/18/1890 *From:* Father [RB Howard] *To:* Dear Ella [Ella Patten Howard]

RBH-260 Arlington

Source: Bowdoin

[LETTERHEAD]
Guion Line
Royal Mail Steamer Nevada
Agents, Guion & Co. Liverpool and
A.M. Underhill & Co., New York

Arlington [Mass] Aug, 18, 1890

Dear Ella,

How empty & lonely your room seems! I enjoy the bigness of the house, the access to the bath room, the ease with which I can get the family together for breakfast, the quietness that ministers to composition, the unanxiousness as to store wood, etc, but I feel like Robinson Crusoe after all tho "monarch of all I survey, my right there is none to dispute". Yet - many things suggest "O solitude where are thy charms"!

But I am training Rowland B. Howard a little - I say to him - "Leave no door open" - "Hang up your clothes. Keep things in order, Take time to dress and wash & shave"etc. Outside I notice no change in the broken hinges of the bulkhead, am oppressed by the grey tennis court and the generally dried up garden & yard. The leaves have begun to fall & must be swept. Mrs Smiths hose must be used. (She rings the bell for me in a most alarming way, proclaiming my boardership.

At tea tonight the <group> telegrapher who sent my cablegram spoke of his interview with your mother in Boston.

The Robbins house has taken a back seat. The Depot is painted. Ditto the bakery & house beside it. The church is waiting for heating apparatus.

Christian Endeaver meeting only today. No S.S. I went to Baptist & saw many of our people there. Have not seen Russell Tufts or any of Rowlies cronies, or yours. They are away, I suppose. I send you Arlington Advocate. I hear the Parmenters are at home, but they make no sign. They are remodeling their Ell.

I am glad you have pleasant times at F. Mamma has not mentioned "hay fever" so I hope you do not have it. I hope to run down & see you all next week or before.

Mr Fron is severely shaved as to head and beard. Dea's Lane, Taylor & Mills look natural. Mr Bushnell will be away till Sept. 7th - at New Bedford. I saw Miss Barker when I got the key - have not seen the father & mother of her tho I called. They were out.

God bless & keep you.

Your loving Father

P.S. Give my love to Rowlie. Does he want the fire crackers left on the marble top of his bureau, or the neckties in my drawer or the little bottle of perfumery? The hammock lies on the wash-bench. It has been a hot, hot day with a smart but hot south wind. The mill pond is drained. The aqueduct water undrinkable. I must go over & see & pay Miss Gleason & call on the Howards of W. Medford this week & go out & see Mrs. Gilman. O for rain!





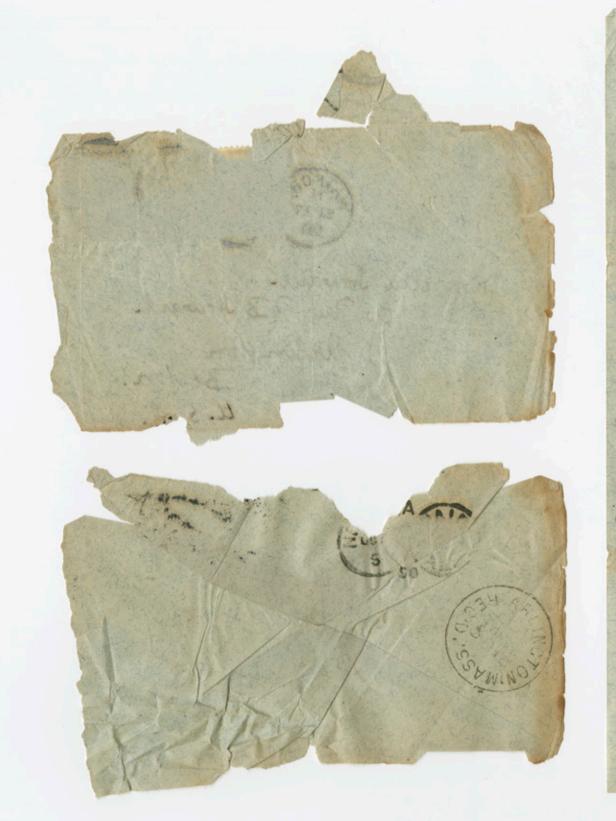
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303 9/27/1890 *From:* Ethel Darby *To:* My dear Friend [Ella Patten Howard]

RBH-261 The Rowans Essex Road

Source: Bowdoin Watford

The Rowans Essex Road Watford September 27th/90

My dear Friend,

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I was very pleased indeed to receive it, and also the one from your Papa.

I was glad to hear that you have had such a delightful summer, but I am afraid I cannot say the same, for until the last three weeks or month, we had such miserable weather, it did not seem like summer at all. However for the last month we have enjoyed ourselves very much. We almost lived out of doors taking either a book or some work and sitting in the park in the mornings & afternoons and going for a walk in the evening.

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Then there are Ladies Schools. The children at these are divided into classes. For instance the school I have been going to until lately, is kept by a Lady Mrs Innes by name, and her three daughters and with the addition of a French Governess they are the only teachers. We had six classes I think it was, with about fourteen or fifteen girls in each class. The first class was of course the babies class. The children were about four or five years of age, and they get older as the class gets higher & the sixth class is for the most advanced girls. I was in the fifth class. We had to go for a walk every day for an hour and we took it in turn to walk with the French Governess in order to get in the habit of talking French fluently.

There were three Canadian girls at this school and they were very jolly girls indeed and if they are good specimens of American girls in general, I am quite sure, as you say, that I should like them very much, though they do not seem very young for their ages. I quite agree with you on that subject. I like girls that are rather young for their age better than those who are old. My brother & sisters tell me that I am rather old for my age & sometimes call me "old fashioned".

I have not seen the Queen yet. I have not happened to be in London when she has been anywhere near, or perhaps I might have. The old historical places are very interesting indeed and I am sure you would enjoy seeing them very much. I wish you could come over to England and see some of them.

Will you tell me what date your birthday is? And how old you are? Your papa did tell me, but I am sorry to say I have forgotten it. My sister Edith has returned from France. She enjoyed her trip very much and it seems to have done her good.

In some towns they have Christian Union meetings, but we have not any in Watford. I should think they would

be something like your Christian Endeavour meetings.

My sister tells me that I ought to explain to you about High Schools. We have not one in Watford but in most towns there is one. These schools are carried on under the "High School System". They give a first class education and are rather expensive, but anyone who can afford to pay the fees can go. This is not the case with Ladies Schools, as the higher class trades people do not like their children to go to school with the lower class tradespeople. Don't you think this is very funny? Some of us do.

Will you thank Mr Howard very much for his letter and also for his kind enquiries after "Maysie". She is very much better. After having to be sick nurse for a week or two, it was my turn to be nursed, for I got two very badly gathered or rather festered fingers and have not been able to do much for some weeks. They are getting better now, though I am afraid I shall loose both my nails.

I have never had my Photograph taken, but when I do I will send you one. We have been talking about getting it done, lately. We (Edith & I) have yours upon the chest of drawers in our bedroom.

We are all very glad that Mr Howards health is improved and hope he will get a great deal of good from the trip he is going to have now.

I should like very much indeed to go over to America, and see some of (or at least one) the great cities that have grown up from a single cabin.

I hope you will write to me again soon, as I like to have your letters very much, though I have never seen you. Perhaps I shall some day. We all send love to Mr Howard.

Hoping you will write again before very long. (I wish the letters did not take so long to come.)

I remain, Yours very sincerely Ethel Darby

American Poard of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING,
October 8th to 12th, 1890.

HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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Dear Ella

Your letter came yesterday but, Mamma was in St Paul a city 10 miles South, visiting former friends (Mrs Williams from Farmington) and therefore I had the reading of it. I will send it or give it to her tomorrow.

I was very glad to hear from home & glad you liked Otie's hat. Mamma forgot to tell me that she gave him permission to go to Boston with the Kindred boy.

Our great meetings closed yesterday and today the ministers preach in the many churches of this immense new city of 164,000. I went to Friends meeting & spoke there & go there again at 3 P.M. and preach this evening at a chapel five miles away.

Mary Thwing is studying German at a private school and is learning it fast. I stopped to pick acorus - much sweeter than ours - as I came home through Central Park where 100 ducks, geese and swans were swimming in a great pond.

Mamma is very well and has enjoyed the rest, the journey & the meetings. One of the latter was in the Swedish Tabernacle - a big church that holds 4000. It was packed. It had scripture texts in Swedish on the walls.

Give my love to Rowlie, Mrs Nickerson & Courtney. There are few colored people here.

Mamma & I drove to St Paul & back day before yesterday and called on the way on old friends. Yesterday the St Paul people gave all the American Board a car ride to that city & a carriage ride all about it. It has 146,000 people and many grand buildings, public & private. I left Mamma, & will go down tomorrow to join her & we will go to Chicago Wednesday & to Princeton Thursday & spend Sunday & start back Monday & stay one day with Aunt Katie at Glencoe. Uncle Charles will be away in New York, but she (Aunt Katie) expects to get home.

I notice you spelled "Derby" with a small "d". Keep the Insurance Policy safe & if I get killed Mamma will have \$5000 and if I am disabled I will have 10\$ A WEEK. But I don't expect either event. (Definitions & not "definitions" as in you letter. Think of "define" not def-fine) but it was a good letter & will be a comfort to Mamma as it is to me.

Your loving Father RB Howard