

München 16 Sept. 1869

To Miss Jennie R. Howard.

My dear Sir!

Was my exclamation of glad surprise yesterday, when upon coming home, and entering my room, I saw the beautiful bouquet which, in a beautiful vase, had been placed on my writing desk. I instantly guessed to whom was the gift, and let me now thank him most sincerely for this gentle proof of his amiable disposition and his chivalric American spirit. It has given and gives me a very sweet remembrance of the benediction and the flowers of the stepped New World. Let me also thank you for the true and unexpected pleasure

that I derived from our
meeting the day before yester-
day and your views upon the
present great crisis going on
in your land. It is delight ful
to find sympathy in such vital
and heart stirring questions. I
cannot but believe, with you,
that this war is providential
and after its work is done
its woes are passed will
serve as a baptism of blood
new and higher life. A bay-
ham of blood true and terrible
it is! But the grace of God will
turn the very wounds to eyes
with which to see his will to
fountains of sympathy and charity.
God bless America! My heart
is there, now more than ever,
and were I more young I would
be there soul and body and mix
among those who take care of
the wounded and sick!

But I am old, and shall bend
by and more across the At-
lantic except with my thoughts
and warm wishes. Farewell,
If we meet again, I shall
be glad of it, if not, think
of one who follows you
with best wishes for your
well fare, think of me
as of an old friend!

Frederick Bremer

To Mr Dennis G. Howard.

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