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The following letter was found upon the table near the late D. Marchesseault, addressed to Mrs. Marchesseault; and was placed in our hands for publication by the friends of that lady:

OFFICE OF THE CITY MARSHAL,  
Los Angeles City,  
January 20th, 1868.

MY DEAR MARY:—By my drinking to excess, and gambling also, I have involved myself to the amount of about three thousand dollars which I have borrowed from time to time from friends and acquaintances, under the promise to return the same the following day, which I have often failed to do. To such an extent have I gone in this way that I am now ashamed to meet my fellow man on the street; besides that, I have deeply wronged you as a husband, by spending my money instead of maintaining you as it becomes a husband to do. Though you have never complained of my miserable conduct, you nevertheless have suffered to much. I therefore, to save you from further disgrace and trouble, being that I cannot maintain you respectably, I shall end this state of thing this very morning. Of course, in all this there is no blame attached to you; it has been all my fault. On the contrary you have asked me to permit you to earn money honestly by teaching, and I refused. You have always been true to me. If I write these few lines, it is to set you awright before this wicked world, to keep slander from blaming you in any manner whatever. Now my dear beloved, I hope that you will pardon me, and also Mr. Sarsevaln. It is time to part—God bless you, and may you be happy yet.

Your husband,

D. MARCHESSEAULT.