Chattanooga Tenn.
Jan. 1. 1867

Dearest.

I came back on for as this place to meet Gen. W. Sherman, and leave tonight for Atlanta & Montgomery, Ala. I shall then turn towards home. I hope you are all well and are having a very happy New-Year – Maybe Mother & Olive have arrived. I think I shall get home by the 8th inst. Mrs Markland

Kiss Mrs. Sherman & Olive for me
G. Will remember words of Rev Mr Bailey

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proceeded to go in & late you
where they (the party) left us and
about the journey. I found
here Thomas here. This morning
we spent in business. This afternoon
Mr Hawthorne the chaplain
who is in charge of the
National cemetery took
him Thomas, Mr Simpson &
myself to his house to
dine. He has a beautiful
little cottage near the cemetery
& a fine family. Wife & three
children. Willie the age of Harry
a very fine, manly boy & a
little Lizzie just the age of Janie

We had a pleasant drive &
then rode through the new
cemetery. A handsome wide
surrounds the grounds &
enclosures nearly twelve thousand
of our dead soldiers. A very
large number are marked unknown.
We visited another of these
cemeteries at Murfreesboro which
en route to Nashville last week
show a heartfelt of love to the
darling children & many longings
to get back to you.
Mrs. Sewall is well. I find
~~Thomas~~ in pretty good condition.
Shall be glad to get home
Lovingly Otis

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Peekskill Jany 2d 1867.

My dear Howard.

Your last letter to me, I have allowed to remain unanswered; hoping to hear from you in regard to my application for a Commission in the Liberal Army of Mexico.

What has been the result? is the application refused, or have they so many officers they cannot employ them all? I should desire nothing better than a fair position in the Mexican Army and what little ability I may possess would be used to advance their cause. I hope something can be done in the matter, only let me know how, and I will follow your instructions.

A lady acquaintance of mine in this town of good education, but who has been reduced from comparative independence to penury, would like very much to obtain a situation, as a School Mistress under the direction of the Freedmans Bureau; she is competent, and perfectly willing to do all that may be required; is about 40 years of age and can give the best of references if required.

I have nothing of any importance

to write you from this village that would in the slightest manner interest you. I only hope that in some of your travels you may accidentally light upon Peekskill, and allow my Mother and myself to entertain you to the best of our humble ability.

My mother presents her kind regards. it is possible hurry up the Mexican affa

Very sincerely,

your friend

C. H. Kunde

Allow me to wish you a very "Happy New Y

C. H. K.

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Mount Vernon Hotel
Philadelphia January 3. 1867.

To Major General O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,

I have succeeded in arranging my family affairs in a way admitting of my absence. I propose to be in Washington on Tuesday next, ready to be sent by you to Tennessee to report for duty to General Lewis. Be good enough to inform me whether on Tuesday next you will be in Washington and if not to inform me when I can meet you there.

Yours very truly
Hermann Bokum

P.S. I expect to take my Son with me and to place him in School in Tennessee

ROOMS OF

American Missionary Association, 3

No. 13 CORNHILL.

Boston, Jan 3d 1867

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir,

I have just learned from the Secretaries of the American Missionary Association that you have a list of some eight appointments before Churches & Societies in the vicinity of Boston, ranging from Jan. 30th to Feb. 8th.

I write to inquire if you would be willing, in the interest of the A. M. A. to address Rev. Dr. Webb's people of this city on the first Sab. in Feb. (the 3d) a part of the day, & Rev. Dr. Kirk the other part in behalf of the Freedmen?

These Pastors would be

very glad to have you do this, & the Association would see that you were satisfactorily remunerated.

Will you spend the 2d Sab. in Oct (the 10th) in New England, & if so, would you be willing to speak for the Association in the Congl churches of Chelsea, or of some other city in this neighborhood?

An early answer will much oblige,

Yours truly,

C. E. Woodworth,

Sec. for N. E. of C. M. A.

Boston, Jan. 3. 1867

Hardwicke, Eng.

Desires an address from Sen. Seward

Recd. Jan. 4th. 1867.

Head Quarters Department of the Potomac,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A. Lands.

Richmond, Va., January 4th, 1869

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard

Dear General

Please find enclosed draft for twenty five Dollars being the amount of my second instalment of the "Church building fund".

If we cannot be sustained in a case like that of Watson's, what power is left in the Bureau

Yours Fully

O. Brown

Richmond Va.,
January 4, 1867

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Bot Brig. Genl. Vols

Forwards draft for $2500
for church.

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Washington Jan 4
[1867]

There will be a meeting of the corporators of the "Institution for the education of Colored Youth", in this city at the house of Mrs Johnson 505 Twelfth St on Thursday the 10th inst at 10 o'clock A.M.

Geo. E Baker
Secy

Maj Gen Howard
Dear Sir
Judge Bond one of the corporators asks me to invite Gen Howard to attend this meeting which I cheerfully do.
G. E. B.

Washington D C
January 4, 1867

Baker - Geo E.

Invites General Howard to be present at a meeting of the corporators of the "Institution for the Education of Colored Youth." of Washington.

Quartermaster General's Office,

Washington, D. C., Jan 5th 1866.
[1867]

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General:

I filed my application for a commission as 1st Lt of Cav. about 2 weeks ago and as yet have heard nothing from it.

Will you be so kind Genl. as to go to the Sec. of War for me and get him to call the matter up and hasten my examination, or appointment. By so doing you would confer a very great favor upon me.

You will remember me as I was introduced to you by letter from Rev W A R Dillingham of Me.

I am, Genl. Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.
Asa T. Abbott
Late 1st Lt Signal Corps

Washington D.C.
Jan. 5. 1867

Abbott, Asa T.

Desires Gen Howard to secure for him a commission as a Lieut of Cavalry.

Recd. Jan 7. 1867

46 River St.
Chicago. Jan 5. 1867.

Maj. Gen.l O. O. Howard,
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir — I am constantly receiving applications from some of the Societies of the "Associated Western Literary Societies" where you have engaged to lecture (as below) asking if there is any doubt of your being able to fill those engagements; - also begging for the "Subject" of your lecture (or lectures, if you have more than one for them to choose from), in order that the may announce it beforehand.

You are engaged to lecture for us as follows; - (as you will remember) — Tues. Feb. 19, Ann Arbor, Mich — Thurs. Feb 21, Chicago, Ill — Frid. Feb 22, Racine, Wis — Sat. Feb 23, Milwaukee, Wis — Mond. Jan 25, Janesville, Wis — Tues. Jan 26, Madison, Wis — Wed. Jan 27, Dubuque, Iowa.

☞ I should be very much obliged for an immediate answer to the above, and also for a list of your "Subjects".

Respectfully —

Edwin Lee Brown.

Chicago - Ills. Jan. 5th 1867.

Brown, & Lee

Desire his name
or subject of lecture
Towards lecture.

Recd. Jan 10th 1867

Pittsburgh: Pa.

Jan. 5. 1867.

Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.

My Dear Brother.

After writing to you, I got up out of a sick bed, & went into Ohio on a lecture trip, but after three days travel & three nights lecturing I had to return sick - threatened with fever. I have been in bed ever since till to-day; & I take advantage of what strength I have, to acknowledge the receipt of yours which came during my absence.

Of course, I am better, but have just barely escaped typhoid pneumonia, & the post-points of the disease are left serously on my lungs & febrile system.

I shall take the earliest opportunity to see Mr. Thum, & hand him the letter you enclosed. I am sure he will gladly grant your request. The picture of yourself was not sent, or if sent, had been abstracted, as the envelope had

signs of having been tampered with.

I have, what some good judges call a "good lecture", on "Our Whole Country" — which has been my lecture this winter. If I am well enough, I expect to go to Philadelphia, next Thursday, with my daughter, to fill a pulpit & lecture engagement. I could go to Washington & lecture if there should be a chance, & I should dearly love to go. Any time & see you & other friends there for a day or two.

I noticed your "report", & congratulate you upon having put that Steedman into the cooler. Your friends here, & the "press", are jubilant over your thorough vindication of your official administration of the functions of the Bureau.

Send the picture:—

God bless you & yours & your wife.

Yrs truly

Thurlow Weed.

Address:

Care

Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1867

Major Genl O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir -

Pardon me for reminding you that we are still very anxiously waiting for your answer relative to the time we may depend upon you for a speech - Of course it may occur to you that we are greatly under the necessity of knowing the precise time of each speaker in order to properly arrange matters harmoniously & successfully & I pray, therefore that you will name a date, if possible, immediately.

Any time in Feb. we
suit, except the Seco
Thursday Evening. The
is fixed upon for Ju
Boyd of Baltimore.

We know that you
time is precious & your
duties burthensom, Nev
theless, we cannot th
of not having you in
our house, therefore
as we have your prom
and have so largely adve
-tised you, we hope to
have the date without
delay.

You will see by
the Report in Forney's Pres
What a reception was
given to Fred'k Doug
last Thursday Evening
and we hope all on

Subsequent Lectures may be all that we could desire them to be.

Yours Truly & Respectfully
Wm Still
Chairman &c

Phila. Jan 6. 1867.

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Concerning Volume

Recd. Jan 7th. 1867

Hillsdale College
Hillsdale Mich.
Mon. Jan 7th 1867

Maj Gen. Howard
Wash. D. C.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Dec. 24th 66 is received. The Hillsdale Lecture Association instructs me to inquire if you will accept less than $100 and local expenses providing the receipts of the house fall short of that amount? The Association desires the incidental expenses attending advertising &c to be included within the receipts.

An early reply is desired.

Very respectfully Yours
A. N. Buck
Chairman Lec Ass.

Private.

Head-Quarters, Sub-District of Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 7 1867.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D. C.

General

I send to you herewith a correspondence at which your surprise will bear some proportion to my own chagrin, a deeper feeling. I say no more about it because I do not feel that I have any right to.

I have no personal acquaintance with O'Reilly. He was dismissed on information of a series of clandestine interviews with a young girl, at which her friends and relatives were in distress. Of course I could not give to anyone this reason.

I should be glad to have you hand ~~this letter~~ to General Meigs the letter which is enclosed and addressed to him. The other statements will be forwarded tomorrow.

Your obedient servant
Wager Swayne

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American Missionary Association:

29, Lombard Block;

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, } New York.
MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, }
JACOB R. SHIPHERD, Chicago.

Chicago, Jany 7th 1867

O O Howard
Maj Gen & Com^m
Washington DC

Dear General;

I hope to meet you in Oberlin, when you lecture there in Feby and we will then arrange for a Freedmen's meeting here, to be held at such time as shall suit your convenience best.

I shall be glad to have you make my fathers house, in Oberlin, your home during your stay there.

Very Truly
Your Obedient servant
J R Shipherd
Sec'y

Chicago Ill Jany. 1867

Pilsbury, J. R.

Invites Ben. Stevens
to his fathers house
when he visits Peoria.
&c.

Recd. Jan. 10th 1867

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I observe by the Troy Papers that you are to lecture in Troy Feb. 9th. & thinking it possible that you may come here on either the 5th or 6th I write to ask if you can? —

Our village is small but has two flourishing schools, one for males & one for females — The semi-annual examination of the female school closes on the 6th. & the lecture will be under its auspices —

If you have no engagement hereabouts on the 7th. or 8th. would like one I can make such arrangement —

I have requested my friend

Mr Wheeler, of Dr Boynton's Church to explain to you our situation and to ~~to~~ this request his personal solicitation — Hoping it may be consistent with other engagements to gratify us I am

Respectfully Yours
John Newman

Ripley Female College
Portland Vt. Jany 7/67

Poultney Vt. Jan. 7, 1867

Newman, John

Invites Gen. Howe - and to lecture -

Recd. Jan 10th 1867

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New. Haven, Jany 7th 1867.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a draft on N. Y. for fifty dollars — wh. I send as a small contribution toward the building a Congregational Church in Washington. — I am a thorough believer in Congregationalism — & I am rejoiced that it is to be established as a permanent influence at Washington — & I only wish I could send a hundred times as much. —

Yours, with high respect,

Amelia D. Hooker.

Please acknowledge the receipt — & address — Mrs. Richard Hooker,

52 Hillhouse Ave.,

N. Haven,

Conn.

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Galveston Texas
Jan 4th 1867

My Dear Gen:-

Why should I be subject to such poignancy as this? The inference is plain from the enclosed letter of my much beloved sister that she has rec'd some knowledge of my late strings — I have suffered, repented and reformed — What more can I do? The pain this will give my sister, who is the pride of my heart gives me more sorrow than any thing that has yet occurred — I had thought my torments at an end when I rec'd from you on my arrival here so kind and considerate a letter — I replied and expected an answer, but I suppose you did not receive it before going South — I do not intend to chide you — far from it — You I know are my true friend, but I write this letter for — I know not what — have

no disguised object, will because I cannot help it. My sister's letter has not been in my possession fifteen minutes, and I know of no better use to make of it than to send it to you. Her devotion to me is the cause of the deep grief she expresses, and my affection for her is the cause of my present pain and mortification. We attended the same inquiry meetings and joined the Church together fourteen years ago. I do not know what I want to say and scarcely know what I write.

Your friend
J. B. Reddoo

Galveston Texas Jany 7. 1867.

Meadows, J.B.
Brvt. Maj. Gen.

Private letter –

Recd. Jany. 18th 1867.