Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri,

Saint Louis, Nov. 13 1868.

Dear Howard,

As the time approaches for the December meeting at Chicago, I am personally anxious to do all in my power, in concert with the appropriate Committee to assure the attendance of all the leading Generals. I take it for granted you will be there, but to be certain I wish you would let me have your leave give me the right to say so.

General Grant has promised, and Sherman has as much as said so. He has named

Cogswell of Mass. as his
Orator. and Fundstand
Cox of Ohio is named
by Republicans. This with
Belknap and Crapo will
make a strong team, and
will make an opportunity
that we should not miss.
I fear that the Dyer
Court may hold Thomas,
but I have written him
that in my opinion
the occasion would justify
him in asking a week's
adjournment.
My best compliments
to the family.
Truly yrs.
W. T. Sherman
Genl.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Nov. 13, 1868

Major Gen. O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir;

Please inform me by what train you may be expected here.

I shall be glad to have you remain with me while here & hope you will not deny me the pleasure.

Very respectfully
Yours
George Woods

Cincinnati: Ohio:

Private. Nov. 13, 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard.
Washington: D.C.

My Dear Brother:

I hope to be present with you in your Mutual Council called for Jan. 13, 1869. I know nothing of your Affairs, but what the flying rumors say, & therefore must say, I know nothing. I have heard it said, among other things, that Nine Steel Church, & myself were committed in favor of one of the parties in your unhappy church controversy. In all

probability there is no foundation for any such rumor, except such as may be supposed to be laid in the fact that your pastor was formerly pastor of this Church. I think, however, very little has been said in this Church on the subject; & certainly I have heard nothing in it concerning the merits of the case; much less have I heard any judgment expressed.

I am certain that, for myself, I shall go to the Council free to hear, & to advise without any intervention of any pre-judgment in the case. I think it due your & myself, that I should say thus privately thus much. When I think of the Washington Church, you are the Central figure of it to my mind's eye. I do not recall to mind a personal acquaintance in that Church but yourself, whom I have learned to love for your many Christian virtues & labors, & abounding devotion to the cause of our Blessed Master. May God bless you & yours.

Yours truly
Harry Ward.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington City, Nov. 13th 1868

A. K. Browne. Esq

Dear Sir

The General says he is ready to accompany the other officers of the Asst. to the Photographers at almost any time they will appoint.

Very truly yours
J. Calhoun.
Bvt. Capt. U.S.A.
A.D.C.

Nov. 25, 1868

Dear Captain

Please say to the General it is not the intention to go to Perkins Gallery ~~to~~ st. in a body. The group can be made after taking them separately. It is hoped he will go soon.

Yours Truly,

A H Browne

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State of Ohio

Executive Department.

Columbus, 14th Nov. 1868

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Genl O. O. Howard
Washington
DC

My dear Sir

My wife and I will be particularly gratified to have you at home with us during your stay in Columbus on the occasion of your lecture here before the Y. M. C. A.

If you will advise me of your coming I will meet you at the depot. The first lecture of the course was last night by Mr Murdock. There was a good attendance, and the prospects of the Association are very encouraging.

Sincerely
R B Hayes

Providence Nov. 14th 1868.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have the honor briefly to report, that as results of my labors, Messrs John Carter Brown, Gov. Bromfield, Gov. Smith, Geo. H. Corliss, and Earl Carpenter, will make donations - but have not named the sums, - with time to consider. Some other gentlemen have the subject under consideration.

The Ladies F. R. Soc. of this city have nearly the sum of $150. raised to be called the Roger Williams Scholarship. The Ladies of Valley Falls are doing the same - to be applied for a scholarship to be called the Blackstone Scholarship.

The Ladies of First Congregational Ch. are raising the same amount

to be called Dr Swain's Scholarship
Rev. Mr Knapp - Universalist Min - thinks
his Church will contribute one
scholarship about the first of Jan.

Mrs Amelia - Palmer, founds a
scholarship in her name, and
Mrs Geo. Richmond one in hers, both
are widows of means - they will forward
the money soon. Other Ladies are
considering what they will do.

The work cannot be much hastened
and the weather has combined to
test the patience, and make the work
more arduous - but there is great
compensations in Christian work

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
J. S. Griffing

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Newtown, 17 Nov. 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard
and others,

Dear Brethren,

I regret, exceedingly that (as you have probably learned from other sources) the arrangement for the installation of Rev Geo. L. Walker in the pastoral care of the First Church in this city, on Wednesday next, will make it impossible for me (and for him also) to be present in the council which you

have called to meet on the same day.

Let me assure you that you have my hearty sympathy in your trouble, so far as I understand the case, & my hearty prayer that the Church in Washington may be rescued from its perils.

Truly and respectfully,
Your friend & brother
Leonard Bacon.

Personal





New Orleans La
November 1st. 1868

My Dear General

Out of a strong personal feeling for the welfare of Capt Armstrong I am urged to write you privately, and learn your private views regarding him before reporting officially his money matters.

The Capt is undoubtedly a defaulter to the Bureau, to the amount of $2000 — Two Thousand Dollars, and his ability to raise the money at present I think exceedingly doubtful. This money should be in the Treasury U.S. and is not.

If you are inclined to keep the Captain at this time I can continue to report the money in his hands until he can

borrow the same. His Bond holders will probably help him out

Very Truly
Yours
Edward Hatch
Brevet Maj Genl
U.S.A

Maj General
O. O. Howard
Washington
D.C.

Fairhaven Connecticut
Sabbath. Nov. 15. 1868





Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
My dear friend and Brother in Christ

I learned a week or more since from Dr. Bacon of New Haven, that you and the members of the Congl Ch. who are with you in sympathy were to have an ex parte Council on the 18th prox. He told me he had hoped to attend, but the Installation at the Centre Ch. in New Haven, of Mr. Walker his successor on that day would prevent his doing so. I urged him strongly to go on immediately after so as to be present part of the time if not at the organization. I felt that the presence of such a man, so thoroughly Congregationalized and so well acquainted with the principles of Congregationalism would be so powerful for us in assisting them and meeting any one who was, we believe Dr. B. is acting in contravention to them and the best interest of the Ch. would be most important and a great aid to you all. He said he would consider of it as he had not thought of his being able to go - but he afterwards informed

one
that he had written you not to support
him. I gave him some account of the state
of things and the cause and nature of the
difficulties. I found as in case of others that
there is a want of correct information, and so I
think it is of very great use to have the whole
subject discussed and a statement set forth by
those who shall convene for the purpose.
Prof Day, formerly of Cincinnati says that
knows Dr. Boynton & had he been invited
he would have gone in and thereon some light
probably on his former course of conduct
a minister & pastor. He says that he p[illegible]
the New School Presbytery while at Cin[illegible]
and he believes him still to belong to the
Presbyterian Church. It would well for you to
look into that matter if he has ever been
with any Congregational church or association
and bring out that fact if he is in the Pres-
byterian Connection.

I hope you will have a full presen-
tation of the facts — his utter neglect of the wel[illegible]
of the church — about his quitting his chapl[illegible]
& then after the rescinding vote his wish to [illegible]
discipline those who did not feel to follow him.
— that sacramental occasion, in which he
so crowded the Saviour, as it were from
the head of the feast the had instituted
for his dear people, and at a time when
hearts were longing with the tenderness

tedions of their gracious Redeemer's love to celebrate his sufferings and death in the memorial left them, so occupied the sacred home with his own private feelings and never once offered an apology for it to the Church he had outraged & for having wounded the Saviour in the house of his friends - with the others of his loading it over God's heritage, so unworthy of the minister of Christ.

In justice to the great branch of the Church which that individual represents in Washington and under solemn obligation to the Head of the Church I feel we are bound to do all we can properly to cause his removal from his pastorship there.

I am confident that let the facts be known as they should be among the churches in New England, New York & in the West and there will be such a pressure upon him and his supporters they will feel it, and have to succumb to it. It only wants firmness now and determination to let the light be seen with humble reliance by prayer & faith on God, to have happy results from this measure. Dr. Bacon spoke very decidedly

on this subject, and he considers the action of the Church in removing the Deacons as contrary to the principles of Congregationalism, as they are for life & good behaviour while in the Church. He thinks too that it is utterly wrong for women to vote as they have done by which you know in a great measure Dr. B. has been sustained.

I am sorry I could not be there that if it could be of any use I might add my testimony to that of yours & others before the Council as to Dr. B.'s action & influence. But I do not return till the 21st. I shall earnestly pray however as I have already done & am doing, that the presence of the Great Head of the Church may be with you all & I shall hope to learn on my return that the skies of promise are brighter and that the church is destined to exercise a glorious influence under the new order of things in our country & capital with which the great Governor of Nations is to bless us.

I write you freely from a full heart. You can show it to any of the dear brethren, where it may do any good as I know you will only make such use of this poor effusion of mine. God ever bless you & yours and in all your arduous duties of your office may you find Him nigh to you & at last meet a glorious reward of faithfulness. With kind remembrance to Mrs. & to the [illegible] of your family, I remain

Your brother in the Lord Edwin Smith

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New Haven Ct Nov 15, 1868.

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To the Minority Committee
of the 1st, Cong. church Wash-
ington, D. C., Gen O. O Howard, chairman

Brethren

At
a meeting of the Brotherhood of the
first church in New Haven Conn
held this day, it was voted to ac-
cept your invitation to be present
by pastor and delegate in a council
to assemble, in response to your
call, in the first Cong. Church in
Washington D. C, on Wednesday
next, Nov. 18th
Our delegate will be furnished with credentials.

Very Respectfully
and sympathizingly Yours,
Leonard J. Sanford
Clerk of 1st, Cong church
New Haven Ct.