

Testaments

Feb. 9. 19

RECEIVED  
FEB 15 1869  
PRIVATE

G. L.

Enclosed find for my  
Receipt

13.26

100 fee

Yours,  
S. F. Cooper

66-103

*Handwritten signature*

RECEIVED  
FEB 15 1959  
PRIVATE

*Handwritten signature*

*Handwritten signature*

*Handwritten signature*

*Vertical handwritten text*



91

J. H. E. Dr.

I will be in Washington on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and  
Centerville Indiana  
If I can derive any means, I will  
still continue my school.

February 9<sup>th</sup> 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard.

In compliance,  
with the printed request, accompany-  
ing my transportation, I sign, and  
return the receipt for the Transportation.

I was in Indianapolis the night you  
spoke and was anxious to go to the  
lecture, that I might shake hands  
with you, and give you a cheerful  
welcome to my native West. But  
the severe illness of my daughter  
prevented me from going out. I  
find all through the West that you  
have several namesakes in this region.  
name is a house hold word, and  
at every fire side you, are spoken  
of with love and admiration.  
Indeed, that fact that I claimed  
acquaintance with you, gave  
me some additional prestige.

I was anxious that you should see  
my daughter that you might witness  
a glorious exemplification of the  
triumph, in the hour of <sup>the</sup> approaching  
dissolution of soul and body.

Mrs. Eliza L. Blythe is my oldest child  
and is now thirty seven years of age.  
At the early age of ten years she pro-  
fessed faith in Christ, and she has  
ever since, lived a consistent and  
emphatic christian life. For ten years  
she has been severely afflicted. Her-  
self and husband both suffering  
great pain - she with lung disease  
he with threatened blindness. And  
through it all, she has been calm,  
cheerful, and happy, leaning firmly  
on Him, who careth for all His  
children. The night of my arrival  
after all had retired, as I sat alone  
by her sick bed, in the still hours  
of night - She told me how she had



A sweet and heavenly smile rested  
on her countenance, and her eyes  
seemed to shine with the light of heaven.  
I could hardly realize that the grim  
monster death was grappling at her  
heart strings. I write this to you, Rev.  
Howard, because, I think your Christian  
heart, and sympathetic soul will  
read it with interest, and, perhaps  
it may, for a short time, soothe your  
own mind, which has for so long a  
time, been burdened with care and  
toil, for the good of others. The  
poor never went hungry away from  
my daughter's door - you, too, have  
fed the hungry and clothed the naked,  
and in this you have both proven the truth  
of the faith you professed. She is now  
so poor herself, reduced by sickness, that  
she can no longer give, and the poor  
whom she has blessed, now, come to her  
rich bed, with their small offerings  
to add to her personal comfort.

I have been unable to do anything  
for my school. The people seem to be  
tired of hearing of colored schools.  
I have received no pay since last  
June, and every avenue to my usefulness  
among other colored friends, for  
me, seems to be closed up - and I  
must turn my attention to some-  
thing by which I can support my-  
self and my two grand children.  
I am now two hundred dollars in debt,  
and I see no way to pay it. I have so  
much to teach colored girls, and do wish  
I had the means to do so, but, I must yield  
to stern necessity. Please believe me  
now as ever your true friend,  
Mrs. S. M. E. Parks,



192

arranged all her earthly matters, and  
then in a clear voice, with radiant  
face, she sang the following beautiful  
hymn.

My latest sun is sinking fast,  
My race is nearly run;  
My strongest trials now are past,  
My triumph is begun.

I know I'm nearing the holy land,  
Of friends and Kindred dear.  
For I brush the dew on Jordan's bank,  
The crossing must be near.  
I've almost gained my heavenly home,  
My spirit loudly sings;  
The holy ones, behold they come!  
I hear the noise of wings.  
O bear my longing heart to Him  
Who bled and died for me,  
Whose blood now cleanses from all sin,  
And gives me victory.

O come, Angel bands, come and around me stand  
O, bear me away on your snowy wing  
Go my immortal home.

Washington Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dear General,

Has your protegee yet concluded to take the vacant clerkship at my H. Quis? A young man who served in my regiment & for whom I have a high regard is waiting here to know whether he can have the place.

I have told him that the place is at your disposal but that he shall have <sup>it</sup> ~~the place~~ in case your friend does not take it. Do not misunderstand me as wishing to withdraw from my agreement with you. I simply wish to have the matter



determined, so that I may put  
an end to the suspense of the  
young man of whom I speak.

Very Truly Yrs.

Refd. S.

Major Genl O. O. Howard, }  
Washington, }



*A. 32 Vol. 1 '69*  
**Reading Rooms** *932*

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION,

No. 16 Chicago Street, Up Stairs,

*Coldwater, Mich. A. S. C. 10th. 1869*

*Maj. Gen. Howard*  
Dear Sir:-

We are  
very anxious to have you de-  
liver us a lecture during the  
present lecture season. Can you  
not come during this month-  
in the course of 10 days or two  
weeks? Miss Anna Dickinson  
was here last evening and about  
two weeks would be very acceptable  
to us. I just heard that you were  
to be in Kalamazoo tonight.  
I send this letter by Rev. Mr.  
Saylor of Allegan. Don't dis-  
appoint us if it be a possi-  
ble thing to accept. Many wish  
to hear you.



Give us an immediate reply.  
Respectfully Yours  
A. J. Aldrich





N.Y.  
Perry February 19. 69

Genl. Sir I  
take my pen to  
write you a few lines  
to find out what  
terms I can enter  
your School I  
have bin a Saldie  
of the 31. Regulars  
I am try to get  
an Education I  
write you to find  
out what terms I  
can to your School  
I can to meet all  
the expenses but I  
can meet some

them I have  
heard a bought  
syndical I thought  
I would write  
you

Please  
know what is  
the best way  
can do for me  
years ago  
Howard

Wm H. W.  
Wm H. W.

Wm H. W.



Headquarters Fifth Military District,

OFFICE, ACTING ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL,

Austin, Texas,

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Major General O. O. Howard  
U. S. Army  
Washington D. C.

Dear General,

I have the honor to enclose herewith my photograph, with my best wishes for the welfare and happiness of yourself and family.

I shall esteem it a great favor, if at a favorable time you will oblige me with one of your photographs.



Have the honor to be

Sincerely and truly

Your friend  
Lawrence E. Burdick

Captain 17 Inf Regt  
H. A. I. G.



Mountain to send you - I don't know its  
Company - but we will call it a renewal  
pledge of love, that seems delicate &  
trinkling but last & keeps green - Miss the  
children, paper leaves them every day  
to God & asks his own. But seems a  
little far from the truth but by & by  
he will find his own Saviour - I long  
to have him a true Christian.

Tell Mother I think much about her -  
& hope she is happy with you & the  
children. What happier thing than  
to make each other happy -

Good night - I have looked through the  
porch - seen the sofa, the piano, the  
dining room with the long table, the  
birds with the new bridal dress, the  
coat with straps, dark & smooth - the  
night, the great fire - It is the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb.  
14 yr. ago. Love postponed for five years -

By and by we shall find it again -  
I have not grown too old to say  
frankly tonight my heart loves you  
darling, not simply for ones, work  
or - but loves yourself. So my God  
bless & comfort you.

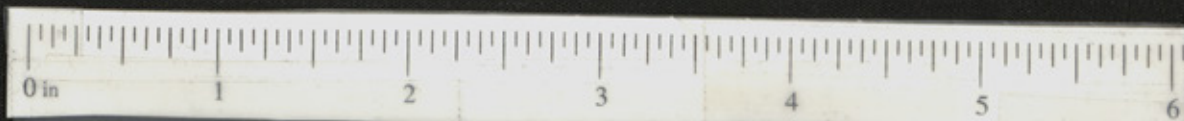
Remember me to Cousin Lizzie - &  
will be home soon - Geo. Volante  
Yours truly & lovingly  
Otis

Novark Ohio

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dearest -

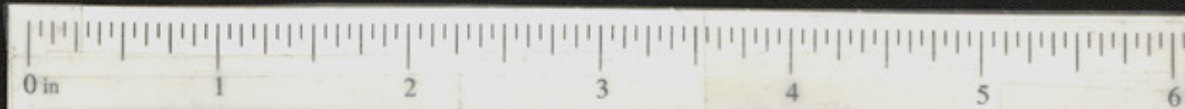
The anniversary of our  
wedded day when united life had  
its birth for us. I wanted to spend  
the day with you my darling and  
looked forward to it with half hope  
that you would break loose from  
me & leave I trust me. I got your  
letter yesterday and still thought you  
might come - went to the 5 o'clock  
train and looked curiously in all  
the ladies' faces inside & outside  
the cars - then went back to make  
Tom share my disappointment. He  
insisted you'd come if you could. I  
went again to the ten o'clock train  
after the lecture - thought you  
might be asleep & so passing by,  
but I could not find you, to wake.





so you did not even and my heart is  
widowed for today at least. I came  
last night from the hotel to Mr  
Ned's - a family of <sup>three</sup> persons, himself  
his wife & a quiet young lady  
from New Brunswick. I went to  
Sunday School, to church, to  
young people's meeting, & again to the  
new Cong. Church in the afternoon -  
This evening I have started here  
at Mr Ned's to write you. You,  
compelled by me, cut off that lock  
that falls down over my forehead &  
spoils my intellect. I will send you  
a post to remind you how old I am  
& how young you are. Age makes  
no difference if we keep near enough  
to God to keep our hearts young. You  
will always look young (even at 60)  
looking you square on in the face,  
but the side view says "Old left's hander  
than you think. You should lighten it?" But

you think olive branches exhaust the  
soil? Yes, it may be, but the fruit is  
good. Beautiful <sup>is</sup> the tree -  
Mrs Browning says, "After Christ, work  
turns to privilege" - Work, work, work in  
raising children - supper & toil - yet in  
Marbent's love, <sup>(our love)</sup> doubly cemented by union  
with Christ - let the soul be glad for  
the joy ahead. I shall send Tom  
home tomorrow & try it awhile  
alone. If you can join me any  
where, say in Philadelphia or the  
other or elsewhere do so only let  
me know. I was intending to write  
to Mary yesterday but I did not feel  
winded, had a cold and this day was  
unseasonably warm. I have sent some  
checks to her. Whittelsey thinking you might  
have been, in route, gave over me \$1.75. He  
intends to give it to you if he. Ballack pays it  
to him. Mrs Ned brings me a fern leaf  
her husband sent her from top of South out

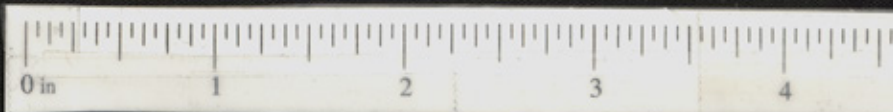


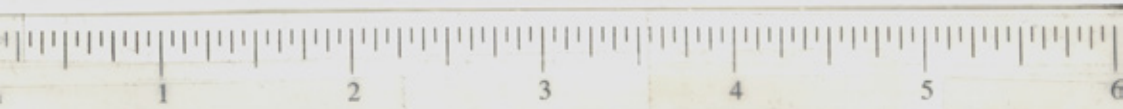


OOH's

Lock of hair + pressed leaf to  
accompany letter:

OOH to "Dearest" Lizzie Howsro  
Norwalk, Ohio, February 14, 1869.







130  
Harris Feb. 14. 1849

Dear General

My eye has happened to light this movement for the first time in an article in the Am. Presby. Philad. of Jan 21. As you may not have seen it I send it to you. I will also send an article by the Editor also about Friend Mitchell - I wrote an article - after my visit to Washington about the H. Monument - designed for the Commercial Advertiser. The Editor thought it too long. as it was principally expressions of my surprise about the fine appearance of the building & the brick question - the said he

he would publish any  
shorter article - I would  
it in the hope of being able  
try my Chas McKnight  
who has the pattern, here.  
But the overwhelming mass  
of other duties, prevented  
my seeing the Editor - since  
then the reports of the Com.  
on those who made the  
experiment, about their  
tance to pressure to come  
out. I McKnight prefers  
I should hold on - ~~the~~  
I wish I knew how to  
help - to best advantage  
I am fairly launched  
at the Insurance matter  
as you will see by a  
basket of papers I may  
send for your perusal  
if I think of it -  
D. Woods sitting and writing  
greatly pleased with Major  
McAdams, aff. /  
J. J. Francis





37

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,  
*Inspector General*  
Headquarters Ass't Commissioner, District Columbia,

Washington, Feb 15, 1868.

My dear Brother

Gen. Whittelsey has written you of Judge Holt's decision that all operations of the Bureau will close July 16<sup>th</sup> prox. There will be pressure enough brought to bear to continue the Claims Division. But I have been thinking that it is hardly desirable that the Claims Div. should continue under head of Freedmen's Bureau, its expenses to be paid out of the remaining funds when the law has provided that said funds may <sup>be</sup> devoted to educational purposes. Would it not be better to have the Pay Department assume our Claims Division at once







P.S. Rev. Williams's Circular Confining all aid to churches  
to the ten \$ accounts on last cuts is down \$28- per month on  
each letter in Miss. & elsewhere <sup>reverted</sup> I shall be compelled to withdraw  
any right in the churches of once. It is better unapplied

and meet its expenses out of its  
appropriations?

I thought this too important  
a matter to pass without your  
special attention, though probably  
you have had it all in your  
mind at some time.

On the other hand if the Clerical  
Bills is to continue as Freedman's  
Bureau another section should be

attached to the Bill, it seems to me,  
continuing the Educational Dept.

Otherwise we will lose the funds <sup>for Educational purposes</sup> though  
the consumption of the Clerical Bill.

Mr. Faby of Boston & Sam Ward,

his friends, were just here advising this  
Boarding. Mr. J. Hunter that Mr. Ward might

give the University something. — All  
well at (your house). Did you get my letter  
sent to Grand Rapids? Affectionately

C. K. Howard







(97 1/2)



Feb. 10 5 P.M.

Dear Gent. & Bro.

I'm returning this empty, all the time to say that I do think that you and Bro. B., and all who gathered, sit. Have your heads put together into a job. If this alone ed. do the business. What all now want is Peace. Pax vobiscum sit! — L. M. B.

P.S. Let me hear from you via posta, lal.? Super & crosses on the lot of mortal life. The immortals are not thus. My health needs culture. So do man. Mind. A Sioux je vois comine je abee bon cress. A Dieu, mon ami.

In the words of a Christian fellowship we are with each other adding his blessing. We are in the corner of our own, and trust that the Great Head of the Church will crown it. We feel that there is vast opened an "opened door" to Christian evangelization further. We appeal for aid to hold this strategic point for a free exposition and application of catholicity to the Christian mission of your neighborhood. Must we have in rapid progress of events to go forward? Will we aid us, and command our... with an entire... heart for the good of our cause and... to... and what great encourage...

Very truly, C. B. Johnson  
C. B. Johnson  
C. B. Johnson

Journalist, New York and New...



WASHINGTON, D. C.

July-----, 1866.

Dear Sir:—You are aware of the efforts being made to establish a "Congregational Church" at the Capital of the Nation, and understand how anxious the friends of freedom and progress are to proceed immediately with the work.

We have a good Pastor, fearless in the preaching of the Gospel, and faithful in its application to passing events.

The enterprise is regarded as being entirely beyond mere denominational and local importance; for we are anxious to meet the wants, not of only those who sojourn here, being citizens of all the States, but also of strangers, who visit the Capital at stated periods and during the sessions of Congress.

Our plans are matured. The site for a church edifice is purchased at a cost of \$23,000.—The American Congregational Union have paid for the same \$13,500, and the title is in Trustees, appointed by them. The house will cost about \$65,000. We have a large congregation, but its members are of limited means, living on fixed salaries in an expensive city.

Will you look upon our enterprise in a National and philanthropic point of view, as well as with an earnest christian heart, for the good of our cause and progress of Christ's Kingdom?

Remembering how much darkness has already been uplifted, and what great encouragement we have, in rapid progress of events, to go forward, *will you aid us*, and commend our enterprise to the christian brethren of your neighborhood?

We appeal for aid to hold this strategic point, for a free exposition and application of Gospel truth, and to supplement every other christian effort that is being made to extend a free Gospel to regions beyond us.

We feel that there is *here* opened an "*effectual door*" to Christian evangelization farther south, where heretofore our denomination has not been able to enter.

We make this earnest *appeal*, and trust that the Great Head of the Church will crown it with success, by adding His blessing.

In the bonds of a Christian fellowship we are

Very truly,*C. C. Howard*

*W. P. Murray*

*A. A. Brewster*

Committee Ways and Means.



RECEIVED  
FEB 11  
1869  
PRIVATE

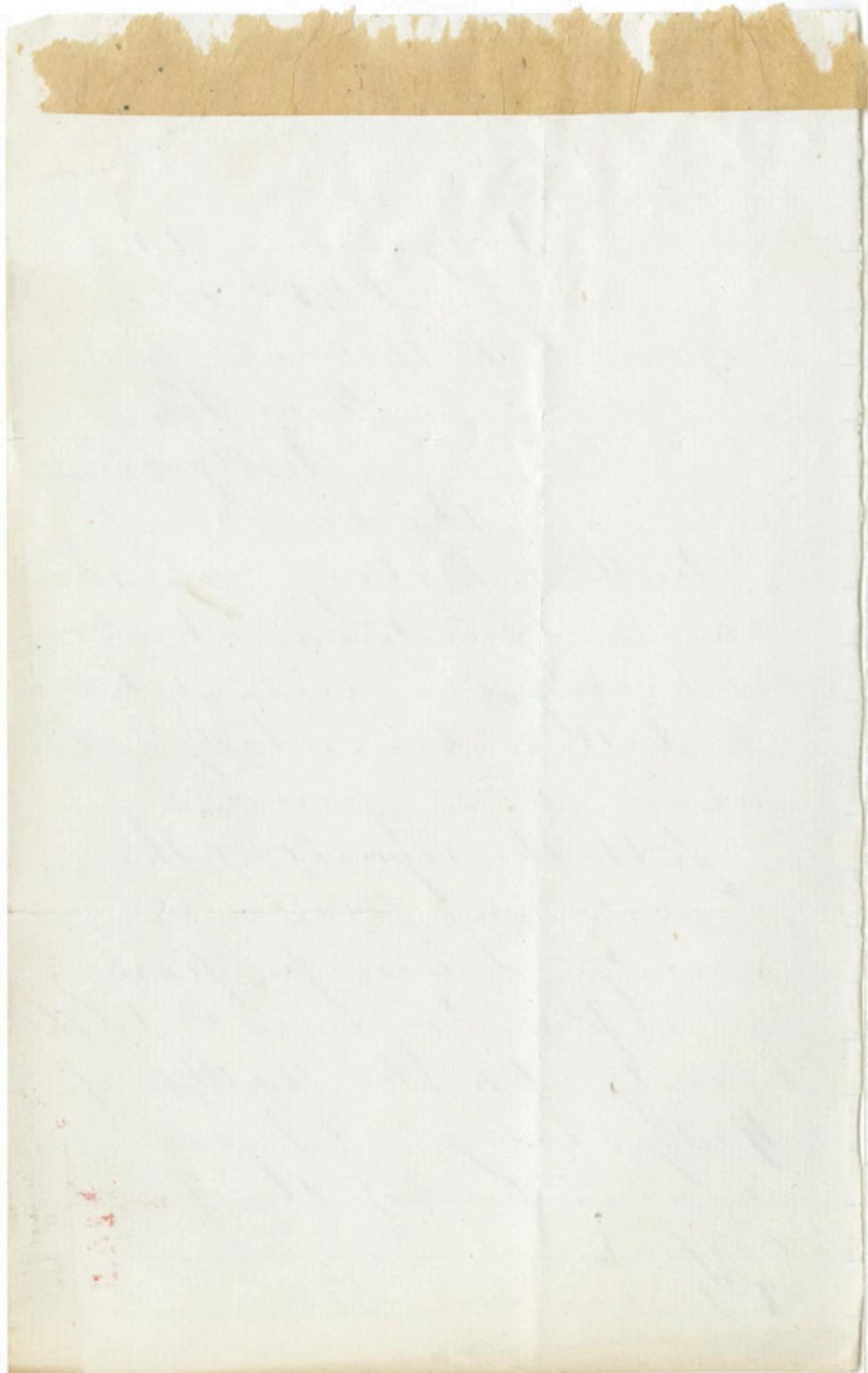
Vergennes, Vt.  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Gen. W. W. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Will you  
in the cause of  
truth & history answer  
a few questions about  
which you must have  
a better knowledge than  
any other person.

At the request of the  
Vermont Historical  
Society I am preparing  
a paper to present to the  
Society on the "Battle of  
Gettysburg". (I was a  
member of the first  
corps).  
(1<sup>st</sup>) Was Gen. Crook with





the twelfth corps at "Two Taverns"  
at the commencement  
of action during the first  
day's fight at Gettysburg  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) Was Two Taverns within  
three miles in sight of  
the field of battle

(3) Did you call upon  
him three times during  
the first day's fight to  
come up and reinforce  
you.

(4) Did he refuse to assist  
you and if so what  
reason did he give?

(5) In your opinion  
would the result of the  
first day have been  
different had Slocum joined  
in the fight.

130

If In your opinion that  
were the fruits to us  
resulting from the first  
day's fight.

8<sup>th</sup> Can you without trouble  
send me a copy of your  
official report of that  
day's fight or rather of  
the operations of your  
corps during the fight.

My solicitude that nothing  
appear before a Historical  
Society but what is literally  
true shall be my excuse  
for addressing you.

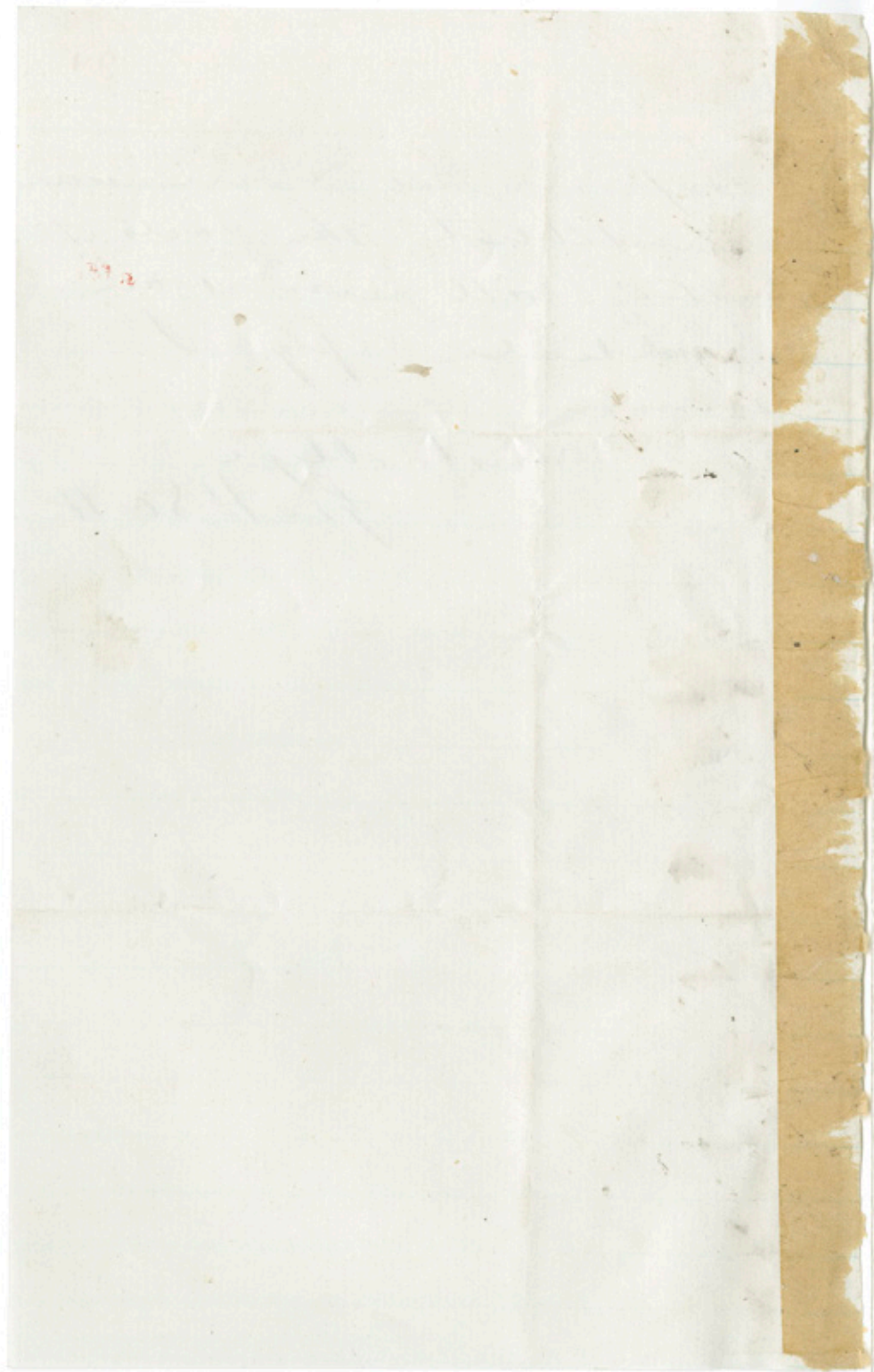
These questions were  
suggested by Carlton  
(C. C. Coffin) from "Years  
of Fighting." I find it not  
than C. C. Coffin's account  
authentic? &



Hoping that your desire  
to establish the facts of  
history will prompt an  
immediate reply. I  
remain,

Yours to oblige

Geo. H. Scott





*First National Bank of Washington.*

*Washington, D.C. July 17 1869*



*My dear Genl*

*I hold a \$500  
note to S of the First Congre-  
-gational Society of Washing. on  
which int to Oct 1. 1868. is payable.*

*Can you inform me where I  
can collect said int. and also  
the present value of such notes.  
and oblige*

*Sincerely yours*

*Wm. Flynt*

*Genl O. B. Leonard.*





I have been a great deal of time - you need not mind one word  
 of the things - respecting that she is not suffering in body  
 & mind with a  
 I have been a great deal of time - you need not mind one word  
 of the things - respecting that she is not suffering in body  
 & mind with a  
 I have been a great deal of time - you need not mind one word  
 of the things - respecting that she is not suffering in body  
 & mind with a

1869 Feb 18/94  
 To Her Friend Ben Howard  
 My dear Aunt Rebecca  
 When your letter in  
 reply to my own came. I thought surely I  
 should reply within the week. but I did  
 not seem to get about it. until last evening  
 a letter came from Billy containing a request  
 that Mother wished to have transmitted to  
 you without delay. He has been writing  
 that he could not stand it so far from the  
 family - that altho' in perfect health he  
 would exchange with anyone to get where  
 he could have congenial society. The regular  
 Officers with whom he was in daily contact  
 were haughty & unsocial with him owing  
 to his having colored troops &c. &c. but last  
 night's letter put a new face upon it. His  
 being so far from home influence & all  
 society was ruining his habits. all Officers  
 shrank & he had been surrounded with it & was  
 in it all the time & in short it was such a

I have been a great deal of time - you need not mind one word  
 of the things - respecting that she is not suffering in body  
 & mind with a

100

letter as causes father & Mother the deepest  
anxiety. Willy's request was to have Gen Howard  
immediately written to in his behalf - & urged  
to request for Willy to serve on his staff  
(from Gen Grant). Willy said Gen Howard  
could do it. Now we did not know that  
he was having any staff officers - but father  
is going to write to Gen Howard & Mother  
wants to have you also - as you have known  
him so long. Father is now so that he goes  
down to the store every day part of the day,  
but of course has not regained his strength.  
Mother is very unwell most of the time  
but it seems like chumation - Just now  
Johnny seems better - is gaining a little flesh  
all the rest are about as usual - We have  
not heard from Aunt Kizzie for two weeks  
or more - but I am owing her a letter -  
I have begun teaching again - have fifteen  
schollars. & it takes up a good deal more of  
any time. I am not well as I used to be but  
it does not seem to hurt me to teach so I am  
very glad to do it.



CC2-Feb 18, 1869]



Maj. Gen. C. O. Howard  
Washington.

Dear Sir,

At the request of  
Mr. John Taylor, of London,  
Secy. of Com. of Correspondence  
with Am. T. A. Assn.. I  
heretofore had you enclosed  
a cheque for \$689.72  
net proceeds of £105—  
received from him, and  
which he advises me  
I am to forward to you

as "a contribution to  
"the Howard University  
"to found scholarships  
"for colored teachers

will you kindly  
acknowledge receipt  
to him and to me.

I am Sir,

With great respect

Yours about service

George Cabot Lodge

To A. H. M.

100



Bainbridge Ohio

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1869

Dearest.

I had a very pleasant  
time at Cleveland about a thousand  
in the audience & quite appreciative.  
Admiral Foster called to see me  
twice & several others. I did not see Mr  
Hale - meant to have looked him up.  
After Chamberlain took me to ride  
yesterday to see Cleveland & East Cleveland  
their own Machine works (mowing, thrashing &c.)  
Do you remember a young man, a boy then,  
who used to come around with, Charles Myers at  
West Point - Charles Bittman - He keeps  
the Howard House, Cleveland. He made  
me his guest at his hotel. I wrote my  
official letter yesterday & at four o'clock  
left C. for this place. Here I found an  
invitation from the Seminary (Child of Mr. Hays)  
from Miss Evans, the principal. She greeted me pleasantly



& introduced me to her little company of  
teachers. The Seminary is a precise  
pattern of Mt. Holyoke - only the rooms  
are new. The halls with slightly & the  
location charming. Miss Evans is a  
beautiful girl herself not more than  
twenty one or two. She seems to govern  
by love rather than by authority. The  
young ladies seem very happy, buoyant. They  
pattern after Holyoke - doing all their own  
work. I haven't seen a man here except  
the trustee on a temporary visit. Last night  
it rained pouring, yet quite a delegation  
went to the lecture "Southern Cross". The  
audience was not large owing to the  
storm: yet it was a pleasant one. I  
begin to look forward to home. It is getting  
warmer. Diego & Hornumville have let me  
off. Give him a queer deal of love to Lucy (he  
hasn't got his letter yet) to Maria, Fannie,  
Chancy (hope the rough has not followed him) and  
to Johnnie. Papa will come in the cars.  
Let him blow the whistle. I hope Mother

and cousin Lizzie are well. The inauguration  
draws nigh. Mr. Johnson has 13 days more  
of ruling - then retirement to the shades of  
private life in Greenville, Tenn. I do not  
wish him ill but I do wish my country  
well. I have fallen into a pleasant  
garden here & do wish you were here to  
look at the plants & flowers. My garden is  
smaller or less but one feels freer in one's  
own garden and happier. They heard  
them all about our visit at Mt. Holyoke.  
Miss Evans came from that place to this.  
Thinks she is too young & has little (her  
size) to have so much care &  
responsibility - but she does her part  
well & the trustee will not replace her.  
I think Maria would like this place. Her  
rooms are very neat & comfortable & everything  
made home like for the young ladies.  
Goodbye, darling. I hope you are well.  
Loveful & happy. Lovingly Your Aunt  
Otis