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ROOMS OF THE

## Young Men's Christian Association,

Corner of Ninth and D Streets,

Washington, D. C., 187

[ca-Apr 12, 1873]

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Bro:

The annual meeting of the Board to hear the reports of the Chairmen of Committees & officers will be held at the house of the Genl. Sec'y no 939 "O" St. N. W. on Monday Eve April 14.<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock.

You will be expected to be present & read your report  
Yours

Wm. W. W.  
Genl. Sec'y

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Young Men's L. A. Washington

Mew, W. W.





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My dear Friend,  
Genl O O Howard,

I was glad to receive  
thy package of expenditures for  
the poor people, altho entirely  
unnecessary as respects thyself,  
having the most entire confid-  
ence in thy distribution,  
and doing all things right.

I find thine demands have  
overdrawn the sum I forward-  
ed to thee. I will send on  
funds next month. I can  
but regret that I cannot do  
it immediately, but as many  
have called on me for money  
until I find what I have  
on hand would be less than  
I wished to forward to thee,

which is my apology for  
deferring it. I feel so much  
confidence in thee that I  
could trust any sum in thy  
hands without feeling any  
concern, that it would not  
be rightly applied.

Thou art engaged in a  
work, in which my whole  
soul is enlisted, and my  
desire is to do all I can to aid  
thee. I often wonder that every  
body else does not feel the  
same, even those who were  
once the warmest Abolitionists.  
Their ardor in the cause  
seems to have cooled off  
wonderfully. But I see no  
end to the great work before  
us. I thank thee kindly for  
the interest thou feel'st in my  
own, and husband's health.



Thou art often the compa-  
-son of my retired moments,  
and fervent are my prayers  
that thou mayest be sustained  
under all the calumny and  
vituperation heaped upon  
thee. "Jesus trod the wine  
press alone, of the people  
there was none to help him";  
take courage then, thou hast  
many warm friends. Give  
my kindest love to thy wife,  
and rely on me as a friend  
who will never desert thee.

Most sincerely  
thy true friend,  
W. W. M. Townsend.

My husband joins in kindest  
regards to thee, we are both  
better, attended Meeting today.

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Albany, N. Y., Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir:

I am endeavoring to procure the autographs of some of the most prominent men of our country, and take the liberty of soliciting your name to place among those which I now have. Enclosed I send you two blank cards. Will you have the kindness to write thereon your autograph and return the same to me, and by so doing greatly oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

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Albany, N.Y.  
April 12, 1873.

Hills, E. D.

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Yarmouth Apr. 12. 1873.  
Genl O. O. Howards.

My dear Sir,  
The  
Letter of Mr Stuart inclosing  
your check for \$50. was  
directed to Cumberland so that  
I did not get it till the 31<sup>st</sup>  
ult. On that day it came  
and I encited you with  
it on Mon. Hall Brook  
and wrote to Mr Stuart  
acknowledging the receipt.  
Receiving it through him I  
wrote to him expecting he  
would make the part known  
to you.

I regret now that I  
did not write directly  
to you.

I hope the time may  
come when Old Bowdoin,  
our beloved Alma Mater,  
may not be obliged to  
frequently to call upon  
her sons for material aid.  
It would be so now if  
all, in proportion to their  
ability, had been as loyal  
and generous as you and  
some others have been.

But we have no Daniel  
Druss to induce him. And  
I do not quite regret  
that for I do not want  
the College encumbered with  
stating funds.

Hoping to see you at the  
next Com<sup>t</sup> and the soon  
the letter, I am Yours  
Very truly

Saml A. Drake



S. J. E.

MS.

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Treasury Department  
Washington D.C.  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1873

Sir

I would respectfully call your attention to the provisions of section 6 of an Act of Congress approved June 8<sup>th</sup> 1872 and Amended March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1873, and to request you to turn over to the Secretary of the Treasury, as provided by act whatever bonds or money may be in your hands or under your control, and to accompany the same with a statement of the amounts received by you, - the date of receipt, - from whom received, - on what account, whether from proceeds of sales, proceeds from leases, or interest on bonds, and the amount turned over to the Secretary of the Treasury and otherwise disbursed.

Hon. O. O. Howard  
Commr. Freedmen's Bureau  
Washington D.C.

Very respectfully  
Wm. A. Richardson,  
Secretary of the Treasury



Geological Department

Washington D.C.

June 12th 1873

Sir

I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the list of Congress specimens from 1872 and 1873 was not deposited in the Geological Department of the Smithsonian Institution as provided by Act of Congress March 3d 1872 and to request you to turn over the subject matter to the proper authorities in your hands or under your control and to deposit the same with a statement of the amount received for the same - the date of receipt - of the receipt - as a receipt account which from the list of the proceeds from loans or interest on bonds and the amount turned over to the Director of the Treasury and otherwise disposed of.

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Fetter

Harold O. Howard

Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

Washington D.C.



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to Baltimore thence to  
Gettysburg

My Dear Bro in the Lord

I was truly glad  
to meet you today and the more so for  
the reason that I was an unexpected  
intelligencer of the sickness of my son  
had just reached me, and my heart  
was aching with anxiety. Notwithstanding  
my faith in God which I trust will  
never fail me in whatever trial I may  
be brought. But Bro Howard when I hear  
my only son is in danger. It touches a  
 tender chord. And can but think that  
my love, at least if not faith is akin to  
that of Abraham and in truth I have  
ever regarded him as a child of promise  
I do not <sup>mean</sup> by this a promising child. But



Strange as it may seem to you & to others  
nevertheless I did receive him as if  
were in a vision while we yet sat  
not and made a solemn covenant  
with God that he should be given to  
him forever and I have never desir-  
ed to be released from the Covenant for  
as I may have come short of fulfilling on  
my part and great indeed would  
be my disappointment. And again I say  
akin to that of Abraham for as I myself  
am from that father of the faithful,  
indeed in token of his having been fore-  
shadowed here as in the case of Isaac.  
I too named this my son Isaac & have  
prayed that he like Isaac of old might  
become a preacher of righteousness -

Now my dear Bro while you pity me  
as I do not doubt you do, pray for me  
that my faith fail not, believing in  
Abraham's faith that God is able to raise  
him up, & if God is calling me to be 2<sup>d</sup> witness  
I may have faith to face the trial  
and that God will spare my son & provide  
a substitute, please remember me & always say  
the many Sunday School may be able to read this  
I would be glad to have you & pray you in Christ B. J. Fisher



War Department,  
Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C. April 12<sup>th</sup> 1873

Brig. General O. O. Howard, U. S. Army.

Late Commissioner Bureau R. F. and A. L.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have respectfully to inform you of the receipt at this Office, on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst, from the late Freedmens Bureau Agent at Charleston, S. C. of a package containing records as follows, viz: -

3 Claim Registers; 4 Books of Letters Received; 1 detached Index to Letters Received; 1 Letters sent Book; 1 Index to Bounty Register, (Register previously received); 1 memoranda book of claims; file of letters received; 411 Discharge certificates; original Muster-out Rolls of four regiments of U. S. Colored Troops and a large number of blank forms for the prosecution of claims.



With reference to the Muster-out Rolls mentioned, viz: - those of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup> U. S. Colored Troops, I have to request, for the information of the Secretary of War, that you will call upon the proper Officer or Officers of the late Bureau for information as to the source from whence they were received by the Agents of the Bureau and by what authority possession was given by the legal custodians thereof. -

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient servant,

Ed Townsend  
Adjutant General. -

Washington D.C.  
April 12, 73

Thomas E. O'Rourke

Adjutant General  
 U.S.A.

Inform you that a  
 package containing  
 records - was rec'd from  
 Charleston S.C.

Letter of inquiry written July 31<sup>st</sup> 1873  
 to Nathan Butler.

Ans'd rec'd Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Thas. Dept - answered Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Received a. a. s. a. p. l. 16<sup>th</sup> 1878



Let's understand  
the end of the world

W.B. Ransom

Dear Mr. Ransom

Dear

I have been thinking  
of you very much lately  
and wondering how you  
are getting on.

I hope you are well  
and happy. I have been  
very busy lately but  
I will write to you soon.

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Easthampton, Apr. 14, 1873

My dear General.

Please accept my thanks  
for your kind efforts to obtain the "Med  
& Surgical Hist. of the War," and the disappointed  
not to have the work in our Library, I  
fear I have occasioned you too much  
trouble, & say that your kindness  
and attention is gratefully appreciated

by Yours Truly

E. S. Lanyon

Gen. O. O. Howard

Washington



Cambridge Mass. 17/3

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
C. C. Langford

C. C. Langford



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Newburgh N.Y. April 14<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Gen. Q. Q. Howard

Dear Sir

I am  
very anxious to have in my collection of  
Autographs Gen Q. Q. Howard will you  
please be so kind as to send me the same  
and by doing this you will confer a favor  
to

Yours Respectfully  
Albert N. Chambers

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Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...  
I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. D. ...

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. D. ...

Very respectfully,  
J. D. ...



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Austin, Texas.

Apl 14 1873.

Maj. Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

You will per-  
haps remember me as  
one of Your old Soldiers  
in the "Army of the  
Tennesees" and as more  
recently the pastor of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres<sup>l</sup> Ch. at Still-  
water Minnesota -

Plain indications of  
Providence directed me  
to this State where I ac-  
cepted a call to be pastor  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres<sup>l</sup> Church of  
this City.

My particular ob-  
ject in writing at this  
time is at the request  
of Dr Wm. B. Van Dusen

Who, as ass<sup>t</sup> Surgeon  
U.S.A. is stationed at  
the Barracks in this  
City. The Dr. has re-  
-cently made Application  
to the Sec<sup>y</sup> of War and the  
Surgeon Gen<sup>l</sup> of the Army  
for an appointment as  
Medical Store Keeper.

He is a member of my  
Church. A man who is  
I believe, universally  
respected & beloved here.  
& ~~will~~ <sup>I believe</sup> will fill the  
appointment he desires  
with ability & integrity  
& I take pleasure in  
recommending him.

I believe he served fair-  
-ly thro the whole  
of the recent war - first  
as private, then as an  
Offic<sup>r</sup> & finally in



Connection with the Medical  
Staff - He desires Your  
influence in securing this  
position & if it is at all  
Consistent with Your <sup>business</sup>  
duties & your pleasure &  
ideas of propriety, I trust  
You will do so -

I think the Country is  
well Congratulated upon  
the appointment of Rev  
E. P. Smith as Com<sup>r</sup> of  
Indian Affairs - I trust  
he may be able to do  
something to straighten out  
the Indian troubles & thus  
State & thus Cause to cease  
the deep feeling which exists  
here (on this account) against  
the Administration - May  
God bless & prosper You in  
Your varied and important  
duties - Yours with great respect  
Edw. B. Wright

Austin, Texas.  
Apr. 14. '73

Wright E. B.

Ans. by Capt. W  
S.B. April. 29. 73





48 West Cummington Mass.

Apr. 14. '83

Gen. Holman

Dear Sir - May I ask a moment of your time to aid me, in a difficult work? I am preparing a vol. for the press to be called "The Word & works of God". On Revelation established by Facts.

As a portion of it, I wish to contrast the Philanthropies of Christianity, with the Mis-antropies or indifference of Paganism, & among those Philanthropies, *Primum inter pares*, is the Negro. What has the Spirit of Christian brotherly love done for the negro?

I should be very grateful to you for a birds eye view of that whole question as it lies before you; but I could hardly

ask it of you. but will you  
be kind enough to give me a  
brief Summary of the work of  
the Free Men's Bureau, &  
of the University with which  
you are Connected? I would  
not ask it, as a personal fa-  
vor, but for the sake of the  
cause dear to our hearts.  
It may also, be of service to your  
Institution.

Yours for Christ & humanity  
J. U. Parsons  
Pastor Congl. Chh.  
West Cummington  
Mass.





Jackson Barracks.  
New Orleans. April 14<sup>th</sup> 1873.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult., requesting me to forward to you the books and records pertaining to the office of the Freedman's Bureau at Rio Grande City Texas, if there were any. In reply, I have the honor to state that, under standing orders in 1867, 68, + 69, every Post Commander in Texas was "ex officio" an Agent of the Bureau. There was practically no Office of the Bureau at Rio Grande City, there being no Freed-people in the neighborhood, no books or records were kept, and I do not think any reports were made during the time I acted as Agent of the Bureau at Ringgold Barracks (one mile from Rio Grande City.)

I am, very respectfully,  
(over)



Your obedient servant,  
J. H. Bradford.  
Capt 19<sup>th</sup> Infy.

Brig Genl. O. O. Howard.  
U. S. Army.  
Washington, D.C.