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New York, Oct. 1st 1873

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

Dear Sir:—

A number of the members of ~~the~~ our Ex. Com. wish to be present at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance next Monday. It has, therefore, been thought expedient to postpone the meeting of our Ex. Com. one week.

The regular notices will then be issued.

Very respectfully
Yours &c.
Geo. Whipple,
Clerk.

Per EM.H.

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Whipple Geo. Rev.

says meeting of Ex. Com. will be postponed one week by reason of meeting of Eds. Alliance.

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Alderton J. H.

Wants General to help him in obtaining something to do

1st October. 1873.

Gen. O. Howard,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you on a subject of much importance to me. hoping that you may be able to assist me in some way. I would not trouble you, but I once heard you lecture in Temperance Hall, Poughkeepsie N. Y. and heard you relate some of your trials in early life. Heard you relate how (if I may so express it) you came in at losing the sweet little girl, that afterward became your wife.

I will close by requesting you to take no notice of this unless you can assist me in some way

Respy

Yours Respt.
J. W. Alderton.
Paw Paw, Morgan Co
West Va.

Alderton J. W.
Paw-Paw Morgan Co. W. Va. 10-1-73
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Mr. Howard Sir. I am that man in the
white a quiet little quiet-like so in
the same fix - trying to earn money
to be one of those little quiet spirits
that [illegible] if in case in that
[illegible] distrik her cheer
in a nice home near Pe[illegible]

and I must say, it awakened
an answering echo in my breast
I also love a sweet little girl
but am not yet in con-
dition to ask her to share
my earthly lot, as I am poor
And that brings me at once
to my subject. Having heard
much of your kindness
I thought you might possibly
assist me in some way.
As I before said, I am poor
and do not see at present
how I can improve my
prospects. I have a comm-n
school education, have
been to Eastman College,
this summer, but didnt
complete the course as my
eyes became very sore, and
to tell the truth my funds
were about to run short
so I had to come home
I am twenty one, have
good health, do not use
tobacco, strong drinker, bad
language, am willing to
work hard, if by so doing,
I can improve my circum-
stances. Would be much
to travel, if I had some
business which would
justify me. In fact am
willing to do almost any
thing to make an honest
living. If you could
assist me in any way
without inconvenience
to yourself, you would
confer a great favor
on a poor fellow being
Hoping that you may
be of some assistance
to me in some way

Plaquemine Iberville Parish La.
October 2d A.D. 1873

Jules S. De Lacroix Esq
Newburyport Mass.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th ult. I rec'd a few days ago, and proceed to answer your queries, as well as I can, concerning the following named men, Chas. E. Merrill Nelson Kenyon, W. W. Wharton & J. L. Roche. You ask where they came from? Merrill, I am told came from Boston, I dont know where Kenyon came from. They both are waifs left here, at the ebbing of the tide of war. Wharton is an Englishman who made his appearance here about the close of the war, & has been industriously striving to improve his fortunes, by making the colored people believe that he is their most excellant friend, and by demanding in return, from them, their votes for lucrative offices and high political positions for himself. J. L. Roche is the U.S. postmaster for this place. Where he came from I do not know.

Were I to guess at his nationality from his face, I should put him down as an Irishman, He loves Whiskey for the Parish of Iberville. He has no property in the Parish

He and Merrill are no longer friends, and it is perhaps due to that fact, that Charles Hill was sent to examine the tax collector's office,

"When thieves fall out &c" is not strictly true down here, the best that honest men here get, is to have a new set take their places, We cant comfort ourselves as the distressed fox did about the flies, Our flies never get filled and will never go away voluntarily, It matters not what their manner of going we benefit nothing.

If you think you can ever convince Mass men, that Northern men are capable of any wrong doing at the South, I think you've engaged in a hopeless undertaking, In their eyes "Our sin" makes any and every punishment righteous, & it seems to me they think it should be Eternal.

Yours truly
Samuel Matthews

P.S. I forwarded the copies of the "Pioneer & News" as requested, several days ago

S. M.

too which is another slight evidence of the correctness of the guess.

You ask what interest they have as residents and citizens of Iberville? None that I know of except to teach benighted Southern people a higher degree of civilization and moral ideas. You will see by the enclosed document how they do it.

You ask whether they own any property real, or personal? I caused the tax roll to be examined this morning to be able to answer this question.

Chas E. Merrill is assessed for One horse & buggy valued at $150.00

Merrill Roche & Co are assessed for a printing office &c valued at 1000.00

They enjoy a monopoly, by being appointed by a republican board, composed, I believe, of the Governor, Lt Governor and the Speaker of the house of Representatives, Official printers for the Parish. Place the public printing in the Parish, — the proceedings of the Police Juries, and all judicial advertisements.

Kenyon & Wharton's names do not appear upon the tax roll.

Last year, I have been told, Wharton was an itinerant U.S. Post Office agent or inspector. He is visible about here most when an election is about to come off.

A brother of Chas E. Merrill imported not long ago from Boston, and Nelson Kenyon run the tax collector's office.

You will see from Examiner Chas Hill's report to Auditor Clinton, herewith enclosed, how they make much of their money.

The law requires that every tax Collector returning warrants into the treasury shall take an oath that they are the identical warrants received from the tax payer.

The tax collector here must have been doing some hard swearing according to Hill's report.

Besides these little rills of income which flow into Chas E. Merrill's coffers he holds the position of Senator in the Kellogg Legislature.

He is unquestionably a potent man in this Parish, for he votes at least 2000 times at every election, by his ability to make the colored voters, vote the ticket he places, or causes to be placed in their hands.

George B. Loud another class man has 38 indictments pending against him for embezzlement of the Public School funds. He is treasurer of the School funds

Boston Oct 2. 1873

Gen. O. O. Howard

My Dear Bro -

Enclosed finds a check for 50$ which please use for the benefit of J. W. Eaton - I have collected it in small sums as I have had opportunity - this hard work to get money now - Still I shall be able to send you 50$ more in a month or so - I hope it will enable Eaton to be a careful man - This is, I believe the 4th year that I have helped him and this must be the last, as I find it takes too much time to get the money, and he ought, to be able to aid himself by teaching

In all your trials you have
my sympathy and prayers
and full confidence as ever.

Yours truly

C. D. Morris

[illegible] O.H.

Boston Mass
Oct 2nd 1873

Demond, C.

Sends a check for fifty dollars $50.— for Oaton.

Recd OCT 7 1873
by [illegible]

Rev. E. M. CRAVATH, Field Secretary.

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American Missionary Association,

No. 56 Reade Street,

New York, Oct. 24 1873.

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Bro. At Atlanta the terms are $12. per month for board washing, room rent, lights, and tuition. Mr & Mrs. Ware, Mr & Mrs. Walker, Mr & Mrs. Rustall, & all the female teachers live in the institution & with the students make the family. I think Bro. Smith must have left Washington before he had the opportunity of a personal conference with you after the receipt of my letter, as he was familiar with Atlanta & could have given you fully comfort on the subject of change. This was to avoid any misunderstanding & to be sure that no

that was taken that was not
best for all concerned.
If sent to Altoona the boys would
of course remain there to
complete their course of study
so that the question of railroad
fare was a slight one.

Your Very Truly
E. M. Gwyth.

Gwyth E.M. Esq.

Writing in reply to
terms of attorney
school respecting again
of certain influence
Think Mr Smith
could not have been
Said, as arranged
for

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Lynchburg Va Oct 2 1873
Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir
your letter of Sept 23 has been
Received your explanation in
regard to Miss Hayns and the
searching of the trunks by Mr Pardon
has given me satisfaction I distinkly
stated to Mr Jackson that I did
not complain of the search but I
did complain of the manor in which
it was done if Miss Hayns had
made the search alone or in
company with those in authority
it would have been right and proper

Yours Respectfully

Thos. G. Gladmore

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Lynchburg Va. 10.2.73

Gladman Thos. G

Explains that the General's letter is satisfied concerning the searching of his daughters trunk.

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Univ. of Vermont,
Burlington, Oct. 2 1873.

Maj: Gen. Howard:
Dear Sir –

May I trouble you to give me your opinion of the qualifications of Lieut. Fred. Robinson, 5th. Artillery, for the post of Military Instructor in this University.

Yours very resp.
M. H. Buckham
Pres.

CAPITAL PAID IN, $100,000.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank,

164 Twenty-Second Street.

JACOB R. SHIPHERD, President.
RALPH EMERSON, Vice President.
OSCAR C. SABIN, Treasurer.

Chicago, Oct 30/73

My dear Brother —

Yours 25th reaches me via New York.

Nothing serious has happened to me apart from my share of the general trouble — & it is but a moderate trouble that has, so far, fallen to our share.

The story you heard about that road is strictly true with two exceptions. Your friend says we "lost the road upon complaint of mismanagement." Just so, except that we have not lost it & there was nothing but praise of our management until after we sold it.

Thanks for your christian charity — alas, for its rarity!

We bought it under an
elaborate guarantee, & operated
it until we were satisfied
that the guarantee would
not hold out. Then we no-
fied the party who sold to
that we must take it back.
We organized a pool partly
of former owners & partly
of new interests, & they took
possession just before the
panic set in. There was a
big floating debt & they didn't
just know what to do with it
& fell into dissensions among
themselves. How Louisiana notes
could be issued & somebody
not turn round & blame us — it
would be hard to tell. Wouldn't it?
That's all there is of it. We were covered
all over with praise as long as we carried the
debt for the company. Faithfully yours L R S —

Hut Adams, Newport. R. I.

October 3. 1873.

My dear General:-

I have been endeavoring for some time past to obtain the position of instructor in some College, but hitherto with but limited success. I write to you as an officer who has known me for a great many years, to ask if you are aware of any institution, where my services might be available; and also if you think the War Department could be induced to detail me for that purpose. This inquiry, coming from me, may seem a meddlesome one - I must apologize for it however by saying that I am desirous of the position on several accounts, and am determined to make a vigorous effort to secure it if possible. Younger men than I have secured these Professorships, which are generally regarded as enviable places for retiring officers. As to my general capacity for mental labor I would state that I stood first in a class of twenty at Hobart's Academy - one half of said class being graduates of West Point who

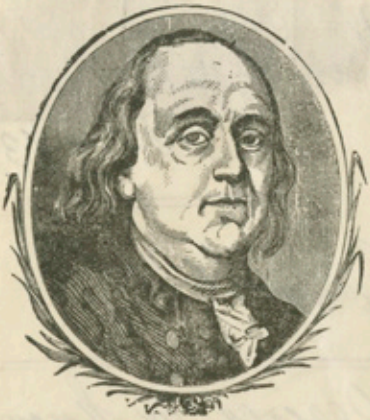
wise going over the text books previously studied by them at that institution

I am very respectfully & sincerely

Wm. Robinson

General O. O. Howard

Washington, D.C.



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By Telegraph from New York Oct 3

To Gen O. O. Howard

University Hill

Will you attend Alliance?

Answer O H Howard

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This message has just been received at the office.

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Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., 28 Vesey Street, N. Y.

Oct. 30 73.

Howard C.H.

Desires to know whether the Gen. will attend the Alliance.

Hiram, Oct. 4th '73.

Gen O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir — I have intended writing you in whose hands I had deposited said will but till recently could not well do so. I have placed it in the care of Mrs. Eveline Foster of Rockland, widow of late lawyer Foster of said place. I had resided in Rockland thirty years, & was engaged in teaching there the greater part of that time. About two years ago on account of ill health I came up to Hiram in the mountain regions of Oxford County, Me. I thought best however to leave the will in Rockland where I am so much better acquainted. My health has greatly improved here, & I am nicely during summer, but the winters are so intensely cold here I suffer much more than I should were it milder.

When I wrote Mr. Douglass last, & when I wrote you last summer, my property was mostly in promissory notes. I have since changed $2000, into Cleveland city bonds, state of Ohio. And by the way I would like to ask you something about these bonds. The reason I do so is, I have no near relatives such as parents & brothers to inquire of, & the people here in the country know nothing about such matters. I was in Portland not long since, made inquiries about bonds, & finally took the Cleveland; but for some reasons wish I had taken the Toledo city Ohio, or the Marion County bonds, Indianna. The latter were 8 per cent while the Cleveland were but 7.
Supposing you to be in the city, & that you frequently pass the Brokers, may I take the liberty to ask you to make some inquiries about the bonds I have named, & to use the enclosed stamp

by writing me the result. I fear I intrude too much upon your time & patience by asking so great a favor, & beg pardon for so doing. The winters are so dreadfully cold here that I almost resolve to go to Washington myself this winter; & should I suppose, if I did not feel too poor, I am an old lady fifty five years old last May; so I suppose, if I come, I need not expect office, or employment that would in any way help defray expenses, The more congenial climate would be the greater object with me; though I confess I do not feel old enough, or rich enough to lay aside labor entirely. Again begging your pardon for the liberty I have taken, I close by asking as early a reply as you can find convenient,

Very respectfully yours,

Ann P. Jameson, Hiram,
Maine.

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Rec'd Oct 9th 73
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Jamison Ann H.

Writes friendly letter
writes also of deposit
of a certain will &
the purchase of
Devoland O. bonds

Answ by Mail
Oct. 13th. 1873

JOHN R. OSBORN. WAGER SWAYNE.
Osborn & Swayne,
Attorneys at Law,
12 DRUMMOND BLOCK.

Toledo, O., Oct. 6 = 1873.

My dear General

In the matter of the coming re-union of the Army of the Tennessee I am not one of the Committee on Invitation and Toasts, I was invited to be present at their first meeting, and my suggestion that you be invited to respond to "The Army of the Tennessee", was unanimously entertained. Being called away from the meeting, and very busy ever since I was only today able to inquire again, when to my surprise I learned that I had been the same evening designated to communicated with you, and that news from me was anxiously expected. I dont think such a misunderstanding ever befel me during the war, - I cant help but compare the two. Your presence at the re-union will be looked forward to with interest and pleasure, and I trust the few days delay will in no degree prevent your giving voice to the common reminiscences of your subordinates. We are promised a large attendance, and of the society proper there is not one man who will not connect you directly with ~~[illegible]~~ his own most interesting and valuable experience. I want besides to show you our town, and, or at least one occasion to have you under my roof. Yours very truly

Wager Swayne

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

Toledo, O. 10-6-95

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Swayne Hayes

Writes friendly letter and invites Gen Howard to his home during the meeting of the Army of the Tenn.

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Ans by Genl

Washington D. C.
October 6. 1873

Brig Genl. O. O. Howard U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to return herewith the letter of the Hon. Secretary of War as referred to me by your endorsement of Sept. 20. 1873.

In regard to the Manderville case I can only say, that according to the best of my recollection, I paid to Mr. E. L. Morgan between two and three hundred dollars for professional services and court fees in the suit against the sureties of A. Lujo Manderville This was in the summer of 1868.

Sometime in 1869 I received a letter from the Commissioner of the Bureau directing me to call on Judge Morgan, and ascertain from him the exact condition of the suit, and stating also, that it was not considered best to incur further expense unless there was reason to believe that judgement could be obtained against the sureties

I called on Judge Morgan, and was informed by him that everything was progressing favorably that the case would

be taken up in the regular order and probably be reached before long. that he entertained no doubt of obtaining judgement and in the end recovering the amount of the defalcation. I called upon him afterwards but was told that the case had not been reached

He was afterwards appointed U. S. District Atty. and while acting in that capacity I called his attention to the matter and was again told that the case had not been reached. He afterwards resigned and I have not spoken to him on the subject since, and cannot tell what condition the case was in when I left New Orleans

All the books pertaining to the Bounty work, including those of St. Clair Mandeville, were forwarded by me to Head Quarters Bureau R. F. and A. L. about the 1st of April 1872. They should contain the list called for by the Secretary of War

Very Respectfully, Your Obt Svt

Edgar B. Newman

Denver Colorado
Oct. 6. 73.

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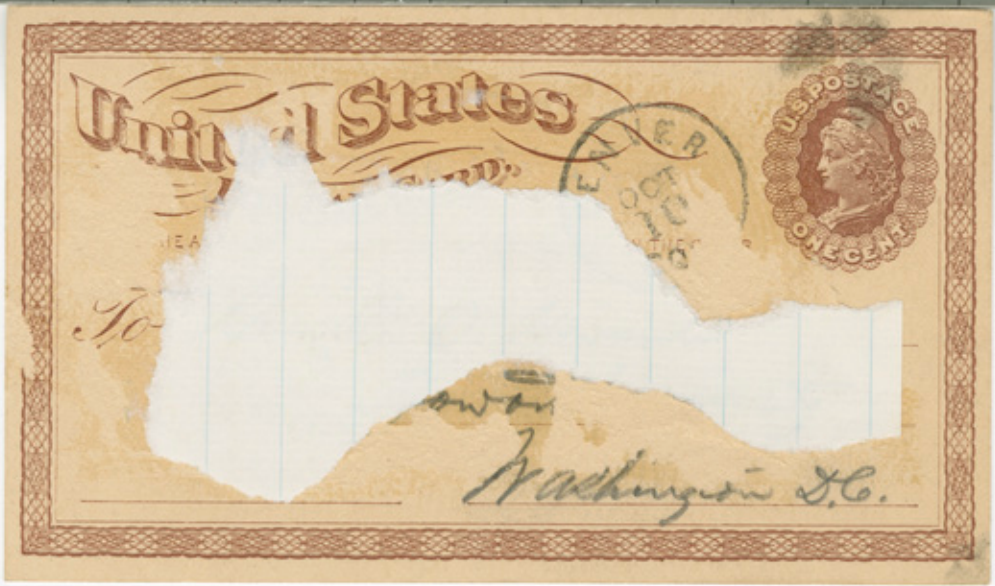
Dear Friend,

My oldest daughter Florence Edwards, aged 14, died yesterday morning. On my return from Washington I found her far advanced in a general decline - caused by too close application at school - to have gone abroad with me as I desired. We came to Denver in May and devoted ourselves entirely to her recovery & comfort, bought a pleasant house, horses, carriage &c. but she has gone to God singing in her last consciousness - "Jesus lover of my soul Let me to thy bosom fly."

General Whittlesey will sympathize with us - We shall remain here and hope for opportunities to do good to some of our race.

In haste & sorrow

T. N. Haskell.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To
Washington D.C.

Fulton Ill. Oct 6th 1873

Genl O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir.

I hear the Professorship of Materia Medica in the Medical Department of Howard University is vacant, or in the market. Will you please inform me if such is the case, the requirements salary &c and what are the prospects for being a candidate? I will refer you to Mr Langdon for my qualifications for the present.

Very Truly Yours
C. A. Griswold M.D.

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