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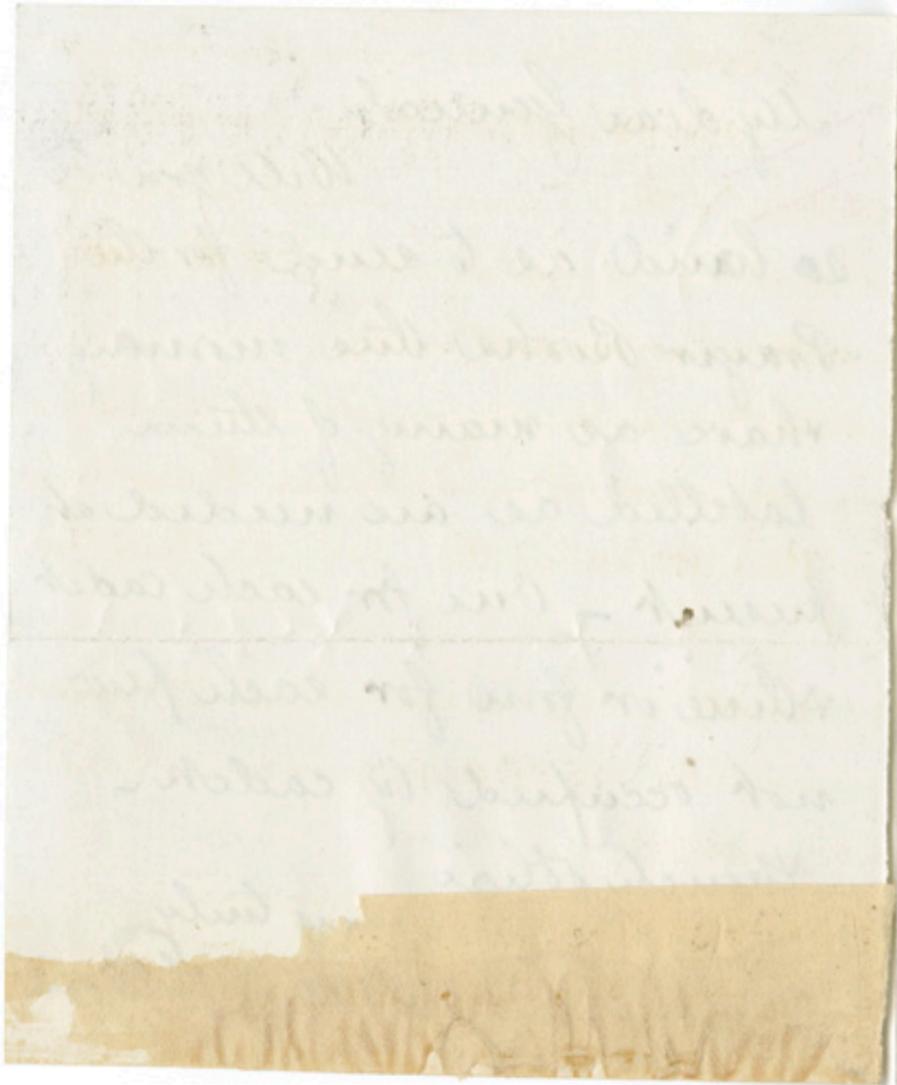
~~My dear General~~

Will you be  
so kind as to send for the  
Prayer Books this morning  
& have as many of them  
labelled as are needed at  
present - One for each cadet  
& three or four for each few  
not occupied by cadets -

Yours very truly

Saturday -

W. M. Portchellain



Sarrie. Grace is very well considering her condition, and Bessie is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever" I believe she could make us more friends than we could enemies if we tried. Every one falls in love with her at first sight - In Gracie's letter from her Mamma there is a reference to my letter of recommendation. Several of them do mention my relationship to you. I have discussed all anxiety about the matter. & I have some good influence and if I don't succeed it will be because it isn't possible. Love to all.

Very truly yours

James Gray  
Received by the  
Post Office  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1882

To  
Genl. Old Howard,  
Post Office Dept.  
N.Y.

Vancouver W.T. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1881  
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My dear General

I have been remiss in my correspondence lately on account of having to take all the time I could spare from business to carry on correspondence relating to the Paymastership. I have forwarded the application and letters to Mr. George. If unsuccessful in obtaining the appointment I have a pretty good prospect of an increase of salary to \$150 per month. Our opposition still holds on but will not last much longer. I forgot whether I wrote you about the principal office of the P.S. I Co. having been transferred to San Francisco. The reason was that the laws of Cal. were better for corporations to work under and the majority of the stock was owned there.

I have just paid another assessment of 20% (\$20-) for which I have not yet received any receipt. There is a rumor that the Co propose to increase the capital stock to \$500,000 - and to erect rolling mills. If this is so the assessments will probably come thick and fast. I understand Mr. Carty to say the stock was quoted at 65. I have already paid \$95 - which added to what you yourself paid would certainly make it worth more. Dimes still owes \$84 - on Ayers note. The "Missionary Herald" and "The American" are still out here. I shall notify the publishers of your removal to West Point. Charlie Kamm is employed as porter on the "Lurline" I had hoped his father would find him some better situation. My mother died Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at the farm. We had no news of her illness until the telegram came announcing her death. The shock was very great as she had just returned from a visit <sup>to</sup> my sister Mrs. Tarkell in Olympia in excellent health and

spirits. My father was the only one with her at the last. As her illness lasted only seventeen hours none of her children could get home in time to bid the last good-bye to mother. I never realized before how perfect a life was my mother's no one can remember an ungenerous or uncharitable word or action. My father wished her buried in pure white with white flowers because he said, there was not one dark spot in her life or character. She is buried high upon the hill back of Astoria looking out over the river toward the sea which she journeyed far and endured so much to reach forty five years ago. Father will not remain on the farm any longer but will occupy himself in trying to build the Whitman monument.

Please give Gracie's mother (and my only mother <sup>now</sup>) my thanks for the Christmas card. - I hope you received ours all right.

The winter has been very mild and moist thus far giving us hope that it will not be

hearts of Officers, and Cadets,  
and all who may attend the  
Chapel services.

Let us (Matt. 18:19 & John 14:12-14)  
then unite our hearts in praying  
for this blessing, and abide God's  
own good time, and diligently  
use His appointed means.

With kind regards to Mrs. Howard,  
and your Son,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Postlethwait

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141 Lawrence St.  
Baltimore Md.  
Jan. 2<sup>o</sup> 82.

Off  
Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,  
Lupt. U. S. Military Academy,

My dear Sir;

Your  
kind letter I found here on my return  
home. My children are much better,  
but my wife is still quite sick.

I have received no commission nor  
any official notification as yet from  
Washington.

I desired very much to see you on  
Friday morning, but making ar-  
rangements for the reception of  
my family occupied the entire  
forenoon. What I wanted to say  
was that, if it met with your

approval, I would not go to West Point until the latter part of this week, as that would give me time to get underway the packing of my goods here, which could then go on in my absence, and greatly accelerate my removing my entire family to West Point.

I could then be present all day Saturday, and preach for Doctor Forsyth on Sunday, and then attend the examinations held the week following.

This would give me an opportunity to be ordered to Washington, and obtain any transportation due me.

The President returns to Washington on Saturday. He will probably

sign the Commission on Tuesday or Wednesday.

I find my wife's health may detain me some days, but I now confidently expect to be able to enter upon my duties at the Point on Sunday, Jan'y. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

My people here complain of the slowness of the time I give them to find a successor, but since visiting the Point I am very anxious to enter upon my duties there as soon as I possibly can.

And allow me, dear Genl., to say, that since my conversation with you, my heart warms to the work, and I do hope and long for a deep work of grace in the

Lewall, J. B.

THAYER ACADEMY,

Answered Jan 5/81.



SOUTH BRAINTREE, MASS.,

Jan 5/81

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May Gen. O. O. Howard

West Point. N.Y.

My dear Sir.

I understand from  
J. R. Osgood & Co. that a pho-  
tographic negative is necessary  
for heliotype purposes. The  
photograph itself therefore is  
not sufficient. A negative  
to be sure could be taken  
from the picture, but it would  
not be so satisfactory as if  
taken from the subject direct.  
It would be better therefore,  
if you have a good photographer  
at West Point, to let him  
take a negative & send it to  
me by express.

It would gratify me  
very much if I could be

allowed to retain the photo-  
graph you have sent as my  
own. I remember very pleasantly  
the boy as my fellow student  
at Bowdoin, & the man I  
esteem & honor very highly  
for what he has done for  
his country, & so with all its  
citizens for me, so bravely  
& nobly on the field of  
battle.

With best wishes  
& great respect

Sincerely yours

J. B. Sewall.

As put in charge here  
under the Trustees with the  
carrying out of Jas' C Thayer's  
benignant idea for his native  
town, I feel a relation to  
West Point & interest in it  
that I never did before. I will  
very much to visit the Academy  
& see the place where he did  
so much of his work, & my interest  
is much increased now that you are his successor.



~~To give him a note of introduction to Genl. Hager~~  
~~which would bring his application that he~~  
~~might move to the General's personal attention.~~  
My friend (Mr. Robert Greenough) thinks that  
without some acquaintance & friends his  
letters might not reach the Chief of the  
Brigade but be strangled by some Secretary. His  
testimonials from teachers & Professors he claims will  
recommend him to Genl. Hager. Sparses could  
create if they can be placed before him.

Now General I do not know just what has much to do  
for this is to ask you to trust to your kindness & frankness  
that you will at once decline if for any reason it is no  
convenient or improper for you to comply with my request.  
I should be glad if I could do my young friend Mr. G. a  
kindness, but I am not willing to do it at any expense  
of inconvenience to you & I beg you will not do any  
thing about the matter unless perfectly agreeable  
to yourself & convenient. I have heard of you keep  
yourself at times very prudent and to order often step  
that I might have the pleasure of meeting you. I  
trust you may make me a little call at some time when  
you are in Bath. At Mrs. May's <sup>home</sup> to be Mrs.  
last summer & I am forced to say to you what I think  
must have said to her (if she will excuse the repetition) that  
we surprised to find her in failing health had all left her be  
hind & she was still a young lady. Sincerely yours J. D. Gilman

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Washington, D. C. Jan'y 3 1882

Genl. O. O. Howard  
Dear General

Yours Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at hand - Dr Presbrey  
is having abstract of title brought down to date, &  
expects to have it completed in a few days - & will  
pay over the two hundred - as to the other hundred  
in middle of Feby next - it will probably be all  
right - but he has not promised yet. Will  
write again in a day or two -

Respectfully

Frank B. Smith

Remember me kindly to Mrs Howard & the boys

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Washington D.C.  
January 15, 1882.

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Rev. Hethwaite, Rev. W. M.

Baltimore, Md.  
Jan 3. 1882.

Answered by the Rev.  
Jan 5/82.



141 Lawrence St.  
Baltimore Md.

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Army. 3<sup>rd</sup> '82  
My dear Genl;

I have just received a telegram from Washington stating that my commission has been signed. I go to Washington in the morning to be sworn in and to see what can be done about transportation. I am making good head-way with my packing and my wife is better.

I expect to arrive at West Point on Friday morning. I have written Dr Forsyth that I will preach for him Sunday if agreeable to him.

I will also preach for you to the soldiers on Sunday evening, if

you desire it.

I have to return to Baltimore to finish packing and to ship my goods and then take my family with me. I still think I can be ready to take charge on Saty. 22<sup>nd</sup>. I have asked Dr. Forsyth to allow me to be present at his lecture on History to the cadets on Saturday Saty. 21<sup>st</sup> that I may see how an experienced Professor accomplishes it.

We are keeping the Week of Prayer and I am (in the midst of every thing else) making an address at some church every afternoon.

With kindest regards to your husband  
I remain  
your obt Servt  
W. M. Portchwaitte

~~✓~~  
Foster's Conservatory of Music,  
NO. 10 LEE AVENUE.

Brooklyn, C. D., Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1882.

Br<sup>t</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Genl O. O. Howard  
Dear Genl-

The carriage will call for you  
on the night of the Lecture  
at 7<sup>30</sup>. There is to be a half  
hour concert preceding the  
lecture, commencing at 8<sup>o</sup>  
Shall be pleased to see any of  
your friends with you.

Yours truly  
R. D. Foster

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# SOCIAL TEMPERANCE UNION.

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L. EDWIN DUDLEY, Secretary, 11 Chardon Street.

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Boston, Mass., Jan'y 3<sup>rd</sup> 1882

Gen'l O.O. Howard U.S.A.

West Point New York.

Dear General:

I am directed by  
the Executive Committee of the Social Temperance Union  
to invite you to be present and address its members  
at its banquet to be given in Wesleyan Hall this city  
on ~~the~~ Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. at two o'clock P.M.

Please favor me with an early reply I send  
you some papers showing the character of the  
organization - I sincerely hope that you can come,  
for it will help the cause, and besides I should  
like to show you that I have not forgotten your  
many past kindnesses to me personally.

We will pay your expenses, and entertain you  
while here.

Very truly Your friend  
L. Edwin Dudley  
Secretary.

Chase, J. A. E.

Boston, Mass.

Jan 2. 1882.

Answered by the hand

Jan 9. 1882.



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Cornwall-on-the-Hudson

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

Gen. Leonard

Dear Sir.

I have delayed writing a day or two, hoping that I might give you something more definite as to my money want.

It is possible I shall get nothing by next Monday so I can go on till dates mentioned by you. If I should not succeed I shall be in sad need as my Bank ac<sup>cts</sup> is at low ebb. Will

Will you Tuesday next - if I can  
not get along without borrowing.

Very truly yours

Cleobel

Cornwall on Hudson

Jan 4. 1882.

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Gallagher, New M.

Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Jan 4. 1882.

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161. Canoe St., Brooklyn  
N.Y.

Jan 4. 1882

Dear Dr. Howard & Son  
Dear Sir.

I feel constrained to write you  
to congratulate you both on the  
excellent selection made after  
West to the New Chaplain. Rev  
Mr. Pottelthwaite.

You may remember me as one  
who named our mutual friend  
Major O. A. Mack to his first  
wife - Fanny Atkins who was one  
of my congregation in Oswego.

I met you at the Y.M.C.A. association  
Meeting in Philadelphia in 1865,  
when you spoke, together with Revs  
Meade, Deyoung & Lish.

I am looking away my letters  
recently, I discovered one addressed  
to you to Mrs Mack condoning  
with her for the supposed lropy  
her husband - has it been as  
two weeks often as I waited for.  
How strange that her husband  
lived to be time married afterward.  
He was a noted & a terrible man -  
They both spoke, & you will  
Much affec tm -

I feel assured that you will  
be much pleased with our brother  
Porterhouse - who is in the same  
determination after myself & much  
repected Army as, his intelligent  
& charming wife are to acquisition

also to your westward - briefly -  
My with - without you, where I presume  
in 1879 - attended the prayer  
Meeting, is remembered with the  
greatest interest -

I trust the Lord will bless  
you overnight & the interesting  
body of young men - under your  
Care, nicely -

I was destined for Walpole,  
but the early death of my father  
changed my anticipated career.

With much respect  
I remain -  
very sincerely yours  
Clason Gallagher.

From Paul Howard, Watertown.

Major Gen. Howard II  
Dear Sir

When I wrote  
you last year applying for  
the Chaplaincy of West Point  
your reply indicated  
that the office was a life office  
& not rotary, but I have a  
new name is named,  
(not confirmed I think). Would  
not you prefer a congregation  
alit? One who by past  
services in the Army has  
shown himself worthy.  
My health was so impaired  
by my Army life that I  
deserve some position of the  
U. S. Gov't. Please get me some  
good appointment if not at West  
Point, as Chaplain is greatly oblig'd  
of Albany { Your old friend  
Albany Jan 14, 1862 Webster W. Belden

Boston Lyceum Bureau.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR

1878.

To Lyceum, Posts of G. A. R., and Lecture Committees:-

REV. DR. BELDEN,

will Lecture the coming season.

Address,

REV. DR. BELDEN,

(New Haven, Conn.)

Albany N.Y.  
711 1/2 Stret

## Opinions of the Press.

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Lecture Committees will be interested to know that Rev. Dr. Belden, late chaplain U.S.A., has prepared several new and very attractive lectures, viz: "Decisive Battles of History," "Positive Forces of the Age," "Woman's Wrongs and the Real Remedy," "The Coming Man," "Persistent Workers." Dr. B. has that vigor of intellect and versatility of talent which gives him rank with the first lecturers of the day.—HARTFORD RECORD.

Rev. Dr. Belden is again in the field as lecturer, and open to engagements. The following are some of the most popular lectures given by him: "Heroic Thinkers," "Mauliness," "Books and Reading," "Washington and Lincoln," "Youth the Season of Strength," "Character," "The Guiding Hand of God in American History," "Paddle your own Canoe," "Living Questions," "Positive Forces," "Queer People," "Teaching an Art" "Study a Science." His lectures are all characterized by grand thoughts, and are delivered in a pleasing and attractive style so desirable in public speakers.—SOUTHERBRIDGE JOURNAL.

The next lecture of the course will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Belden. Dr. B. preached in our village last Sunday for the First Congregational Church, to the great satisfaction of those who heard him. Dr. B. is a vigorous thinker, a clear writer, with a prolific imagination, also has that pleasing magnetic style which is always popular with the masses. We are glad that we are to have in our town a clergyman of so much energy, and ability.—WINDHAM TRANSCRIPT.

Those who failed to hear Rev. Dr. Belden, at the Christian Association Rooms last Wednesday evening, missed a rich treat. Subject: "Value of Character to the Young." We wish every young man in town had listened to the speaker's earnest words. The definition and analysis of character were unique. It is not Reputation, but Resvred force of Soul, or Residual Being. Not a garment to be put off, and put on, but something within the man that controls his outward life. The elements are integrity, honesty, magnanimity, purity, truth and courtesy. It is the surest passport to honor and usefulness, the strongest staff of age, and lives beyond the grave. Dr. B. is a first class lecturer.—BARRE GAZETTE.

We have a course of lectures here by eloquent and noted speakers. Among them have been Dr. George B. Loring of Salem, Rev. Mr. Peck of Worcester, Dr. Dio Lewis, and Dr. Belden, who lectured last Friday evening. Subject: "Heroic Thinkers." By many his address was regarded as the finest in the course. I commend Dr. B. to lecture committees not yet having their lists completed, not because I am a personal friend, (for I have not even the honor of an acquaintance), but because I believe him a vigorous thinker, an eloquent speaker, and he has given general satisfaction.—FRICHBURG SENTINEL.

Rev. Dr. Belden delivered his popular lecture on "Heroic Thinkers," before Beacon Lodge, Tuesday evening. Those who failed to hear him missed a rich treat. The lecture was no repetition of old ideas, but every thought fresh and vigorous, flowing from his own soul.—NEW HAVEN PALLADIUM.

The second lecture was delivered by Rev. Dr. Belden, on Wednesday evening of last week. "Heroic Thinkers" was his theme, and he spoke of self-reliance, original force and moral courage as elements in their character, illustrating his subject by reference to past and present thinkers, whom he styled "the sceptered sovereigns who rule us forever from their urns." It was an excellent lecture.—WEBSTER TIMES.

The second lecture in our course, by the Rev. Dr. Belden of N. Y., deserves more than a passing notice. His subject was "Heroic Thinkers." It was a most scholarly and eloquent production, showing an intimate acquaintance with great men and women, and their careers, evincing rare powers of "putting things"—as the "Country Parson" would say. Dr. Belden has several other lectures, and we hope at some time to hear from him again. We recommend him to all lecture committees.—LOWELL JOURNAL.

Rev. Dr. Belden lectured in the Grand Army Course, Chicopee, on Friday evening. He had a good house and treated his subject in a very original, able, and eloquent manner.—SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICAN.

The Worcester Spy notices a lecture on "Heroic Thinkers," before the Grand Army of the Republic, by Dr. Belden of New Haven. It was eloquent and original.—WOONSOCKET PATRIOT.

There is to be a course of four lectures in Rochdale. The first was given by Rev. Dr. Belden, on "Christian Manliness." It was marked by fresh and vigorous thought, and full of capital hints to young men. At the close of the lecture, by a unanimous vote, Dr. B. was requested to deliver the remaining lectures of the course.—WORCESTER SPY.

I have known Rev. Dr. Belden the past ten years. He has lectured before the Teachers' Institutes with much satisfaction. His Scholarship and literary attainments abundantly qualify him to lecture on any of the themes he proposes. He is an earnest, devoted friend of education, and I cheerfully commend him to Lyceums and Institutes who are making up their lists.—CHAS. NORTHEND, Principal Conn. Normal School.

I have met and heard Dr. Belden at Teachers' Institutes, and very cordially concur with Mr. N. in the above respecting his character and qualifications as an experienced lecturer.—J. D. PHILBRICK, Supt. Schools, Boston.

Having been for several years well acquainted with Rev. Dr. B., and having listened to many of his discourses, I am happy to testify to his superior talents as a writer and speaker. His lectures are characterized by versatility of thought, richness of illustration, and are delivered with a pleasing, earnest and forcible utterance. I most cheerfully commend him to committees and churches seeking an attractive and able lecturer.—DANIEL C. FROST, Judge of Probate.

DEAR SIR—I have received and read with deep interest, Rev. Dr. Belden's tribute to the memory of Gen. Boomer. It is alike creditable to the writer and the subject. The style is lucid and terse, the spirit patriotic, and the whole memorial a grand lecture for the times.—JAMES DIXON, U. S. Senate.

Having read the above lecture of Dr. B.'s. I entirely agree with Hon. Mr. Dixon's "opinion of it."—CHARLES SUMNER.

Rev. Dr. Belden, has been my pastor some years. He is a rare man, intellectually and morally, being devoted to his *Master and his work*. His Lectures and Sermons are marked by originality of thought, beauty and freshness of style. As a reader and public speaker, he has few equals. I cheerfully commend him to any important Church, seeking a pastor as an able and faithful minister of Jesus Christ.—CHAS. H. PEARSON, Attorney and Councillor.

P.S.

I refer to Hon. G. H. Brown  
A. M. Marshall Lowell, Hartford  
Hon. N. D. Sperry, Postmaster New Haven  
Gen. S. W. Kellogg Waterbury Ct  
Col. Stone (NC), Washington D.C.  
Prof. W. H. Thompson 14 State Street  
Albany, N.Y.

If I cannot be chaplain  
can you not give me a chance  
as clerk or private secretary?  
I am needy & still full  
of work

Ever yours,

Dr Webster Belden

Pelton, Dr W.W.

Albany, N.Y.  
July 4, 1882.

Answer by the Seal law }  
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May Gen Howard



Private

be promoted to a wider  
spheres of usefulness.  
If he does not become  
in his new position  
a power for good,  
in a conspicuous de-  
gree - will be a dis-  
appointment to us  
who have known him  
here. —

Believe me, Sir, with  
great respect.

Sincerely yours  
Theodore J. Holmes  
Pastor of the Agudah Ch.

12 Baltimore Md.  
Jan 5 / 82  
Answered Jan 7 / 82  
General O. O. Howard,

My dear Sir.

I take the liberty  
of writing you a  
word - regarding  
my friend and  
neighbor, Rev W.  
M. Postlethwaite  
who is to be plain  
at West Point. It



has occurred to me  
that you might  
care to know of  
his ministerial  
standing here, when  
he has been at  
work for several  
years - and take  
pleasure in testi-  
fying, of my own  
accord, entirely -  
to the universal es-  
timate in which he

is held in this com-  
munity.  
He is thoroughly  
evangelized in doc-  
trine, accomplished  
in scholarship, gifted  
in speech - and has  
an earnest direct  
way of doing good  
- which you will  
appreciate. Please  
miss him from our  
foree here - but  
as glad he is to

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REV. R. B. HOWARD, *Boston*.

PROF. G. B. WILLCOX, D. D.

*Editorial Contributor.*

METHODIST  
ADVOCATE.



Chicago, Jan<sup>t</sup>. 5. 1882.

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Gen. O. O. Howard,  
West Point, N.Y.

Dr. Brother:

I have just written again to Senator Teller of Colorado, as to the judgeship for Dell. The Presidt. unfortunately had decided to give the first vacancy to another man. I don't know whether the appointment is yet made. The vacancy does not occur until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Jan<sup>t</sup>; & I still think that urgent pressure judiciously made, might secure the appointmt. for Dell. I can say to you what I would not to these politicians, that besides the health of his wife, there are other urgent reasons, - he is running behind some \$50. or so a month in his expenses: there is not business enough in the town where he now is, for the support of his family.

I wonder if Col. Ketchum is on intimate terms with the Presidt.? Please write me. I say

asked Sen<sup>r</sup>. Teller to go with Allison, & make another push for Judge Park's vacancy, (Jan<sup>r</sup> 22), 2<sup>nd</sup>, I have asked him in case that fails, to request Dell's appointmt. in place of Judge Prince whom the Presidt. confidentially assured Teller, he should discharge Judge Prince <sup>as another judge</sup> of New Mexico whose term does not expire for some years, but against whom charges have been preferred: & the Presidt. declared he was unworthy of the place, & that he should make a vacancy.

Now we are certainly in good season for this last vacancy; & if we act now & bring to bear all our forces, we certainly can secure the place when it shall occur. And now that you have made the acquaintance of the Presidt., I have thought that provided you should go to Washington again, you would not object to mention the matter to him. Or if this is not practicable, how would it be for you to enclose a copy of, say the recommendat<sup>n</sup> of the Chief Justice of Ia. & that of Senator Frere which are on file in the office of the Atty General:

and in a brief letter of a dozen lines or so, express your confidence in Dell's experience, his moral & intellect<sup>l</sup>. ability, & general fitness for the place; I ask his appointment either to the vacancy soon to occur, - or to any other which may occur of a judgeship in N. M<sup>o</sup>.. The President having seen you lately, & knowing well your character & reputation, must certainly give some heed to your request. I see no necessity for you to mention that Dell is your brother; put the whole thing on its merits with reference to what you know of the man, & what good Lawyers & Judges say of his fitness. - If you write, I would suggest that it be not more than a dozen lines & in your own hand-writing.

I enclose herewith, a copy of a letter from Mr. Fry, & I will ask Dean to get copy of the letter of the Chief Justice from the files at Washington and send to you

Affectionately yours,  
C. H. Howard

Chicago, Ill  
Jan 5. 1882.

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