

*P. P. Buck -*  
40 Livingston Street  
Brooklyn 18<sup>th</sup> April 1883

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My dear friend

After a long, cold,  
and in some respects, a dreary  
winter, I was refreshed by a  
kind and very interesting letter  
from you, under date 23<sup>rd</sup> &  
recd. on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March,  
so soon reaching me after  
writing, that I felt quite near  
you, how small this World  
is getting to be! Since the  
use of Steam and Telegraphy.

We were all glad to hear  
of your Wellfare & pleasant  
Condition, how wonderfully  
your Mother is preserved, I  
am glad to hear it, give  
our regards to her, and  
especially to your good Wife,  
sorry to hear she "breaks down"

Sometimes, I don't wonder, she  
has borne heavy burdens the  
past 20 years, and has kept  
up under them Manfully.

Now as my eye will not  
permit me to write much,  
I desire just to thank you  
for <sup>the</sup> kind invitation to go with  
you to the "Yellowstone Park,"  
nothing would delight us more  
especially with the pleasure  
of your good company; were  
we 10 years younger and in  
comfortable health & strength,  
but God has seen fit to lay  
us by, pretty much & wait his  
call, which owing to our age  
and infirmities cannot be far  
distant, our chief desire is to  
be ready. This has been, as you  
know a hard winter for in-  
valids, and we have been very  
much confined within doors.



The Cuts in my face when eating  
have nearly ceased, in this respect  
I am much better, but the pain  
in my eye and left side of my  
head still continues, though  
with less severity I think than  
last year.

Mr Buck cannot walk  
a block yet, has to ride to Ch.  
but those painful turns in her  
chest and arms are less frequent  
and less severe, and I am very  
much in hope & expectation  
that we will both improve in  
health after we reach the old  
home at Bucksport, which we  
hope to do last of June.

Miss Spofford has not been  
quite as well as usual the past  
winter but is better now, our  
daughter is the main stay, but  
she got pretty tired in March  
after a long winter's attention  
on old people & went to Phila-  
and spent a couple of weeks  
with her friends there, is now

home and feels better, so we have  
abundant cause for gratitude  
to the great giver of all good.  
We all send our love to my  
Howard and accept a large  
share for yourself.

Hope you will long live to  
serve your Country and the  
Church, & your interesting family  
as faithfully as for many  
years past, and then in  
God's own good time, have  
an abundant entrance  
into the rest that remaineth  
for His Children.

My eye gives out, & I cannot  
write more, your ever  
affectionate friend,

R. P. Buck



Lt Howard  
Fort Douglas Utah  
18<sup>th</sup> April 1883

My dear father

I returned today  
from Fort Cameron  
having spent four days  
there. On my way to  
that Post from here I  
got the berth of a brakeman  
from Juab to Milford.  
There a spring wagon  
met me & we reached  
Fort Cameron at two  
o'clock after a cold  
ride in a driving snow  
storm. I had nearly  
four days work looking  
at old property piecemeal

from breakfast till evening  
ordering cold that which  
I thought would be more  
suitable elsewhere, though  
at present in use there.  
Colonel Osborne was  
very courteous and polite  
entertaining me very  
pleasantly. With all his  
peculiarities I formed  
a much better opinion  
of him than I had been  
given to expect. Col.  
Layton did not apparently  
entirely understand my  
telegram. We knew that  
an officer could be kept as  
a prisoner. But Col. Osborne



thought it more difficult than  
I did to close up all Post  
Returns etc on the 1st of May  
the day after Hunter, mail  
there to be mailed & then  
the rest in boxes over to the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. for shipment, & move  
the command out of the Post  
the same day. I knew you  
wanted no appearance of delay  
& so told him but if he thought  
the inconvenience very great  
I would telegraph. So I did.  
The second part of the telegram  
was for the Quartermaster's  
benefit. The wording of the  
order says that the Heads of  
the Staffs & Depts would act  
but as no action had been  
taken by the 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. as to  
inquiring about the number  
of troops & the time they  
would reach the railroad

I don't believe any action  
has been taken. The mixed  
freight train that  
comes from Milford has  
not proper accommodation,  
& if the Chief 2<sup>nd</sup> does not  
arrange with the Railway, the  
Post 2<sup>nd</sup> should be instructed  
to do so. As to the stores, by  
endorsements on the lists  
the Post 2<sup>nd</sup> is instructed to send  
some to Cheyenne & some to  
Douglas: but it would cost  
about two thirds as much  
on the Utah Central if shipped  
by car loads at car rates.  
The Post 2<sup>nd</sup> was afraid to  
act thinking Capt. Helges. might  
be making a special contract,  
of which he had not yet been  
informed. I told them if they  
did not hear from Capt. Helges  
to telegraph & ask, which I imagine



was done yesterday.  
General Mc Cook is  
personally superintending  
the picking of the ground  
surrounding the post  
as the grass ~~is~~ beginning  
to appear and the trees  
bud out and he says  
he wants to do the spring  
cleaning. He is just finishing  
the coloring with a yellow  
wash all the outlying  
buildings which adds  
much to the neatness  
of the place. I will  
remain here three days  
or four and then as I  
wrote go to Denver  
where I will be glad to

find a letter in care of  
Nick Bellin. If there  
is no immediate need  
of my return, I wish  
you would write me there;  
& if there is any thing else  
I can ~~do~~ telegraph here.

I hope all are well &  
enjoying as pleasant a  
spring day as I find  
here at Dunlap. If you  
want to go immediately  
to McKinney I will hurry  
back but think it almost  
too early yet. With love  
to all at home

Affectionately your son  
Eug



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Grimmell, Iowa,  
April 18 '83.

Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Omaha,

Dear Sir:

I have the  
pleasure, as per request from  
our Literary Societies of Iowa College,  
to invite you to deliver our  
annual address at Commencement  
this year in the last week of  
June. Can you oblige  
us? We will give date  
if you can.

Very Truly  
George Kessner  
Secy.

Iowa College,  
Grimmell,  
Iowa.



Kassel, ~~Germany~~

Grinnell, Iowa  
April 18. 1883

Approved by the  
Land Dept. 24-

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early morning  
April 2 to

most tender and a beautiful  
with only a slight frostiness and  
the birds to very thin. To  
beams to another beam  
the part that is very light  
the one beam is very  
the one beam is very

very much  
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OFFICE OF  
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Omaha, Neb., Apr 19<sup>th</sup> 1883

Dear General:-

I enclose you the tract of which I spoke when I last was in conversation with you.

I find it a good thing to keep passing from one to another so that one tract may be read by a dozen or more persons.

I failed to get to prayer-meeting last evening.

Yours for the Master  
Wesley P. Bosard

Bosard, W. R.

Omaha, Neb  
April 19. 1883

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
Freedman's Savings and Trust Company.

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Washington, D.C. April 19<sup>th</sup> 1883

O. O. Howard

Brig. Maj. General U.S.A.

Dear Sir

I hold among the assets of this Company as collateral security to a note and an overdraft of one Edwin Dean three certificates of stock in the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington D. C. for Eight, Thirty Two and one hundred shares respectively. These certificates were issued in your name and the one for 32 shares bears your endorsement in blank. The other certificates have not yet been endorsed by you and as I am unable to dispose of them without such endorsement or a power of attorney authorizing me to endorse and dispose of them, I will thank you to execute the enclosed power and return it to me at your earliest convenience. Please execute it in the presence of two witnesses and have your signature and seal attested by them.

Very respectfully  
J. Maynard  
Commissioner



Chas. H. Johnson

Washington

April 19. 1883



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Know all men by these presents that I, O. O. Howard,  
of the city of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

and State of \_\_\_\_\_

do hereby make, constitute and appoint Geo. Jay  
Knox of the city of Washington, District of Columbia  
my true, sufficient, and lawful, Attorney for me and  
in my name to sell, <sup>indorse,</sup> transfer, and assign certificates  
of stock of the Young Mens Christian Association of  
said City of Washington, District of Columbia,  
numbered, 163 and 175, for eight and one hundred,  
shares respectively standing in my name on the  
books of said company.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my  
hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 1883.

Signed, sealed, <sup>and</sup> delivered  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Power of Attorney.

from

O. O. Howard

to

Geo. Jay Dixon.



# THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, General Manager.

NORVIN GREEN, President.

NUMBER	SENT BY	REC'D BY	CHECK
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Received at Omaha Apr 20 1888.

Dated Washington DC 20

To Line 0 0 Howard

No sales better wait till  
annual university meeting have written  
P H Smith

Smith, F.H.

Washington  
April 20. / 83

P/O



SPEER & HULBURD,

GRAIN MEASURES.

M. F. WAIT, AGENT.

Winning Water, Neb. 4/20 1883

Genl. O O Howard

Dear Sir,

I have been

requested as Agent of Post-61

SAR of this Place to extend

to you an invitation to

deliver the Memorial Oration on

the 30<sup>th</sup> of May - at this Place

There will be two Post present -

also one Camp Serv of Vets

Your many Friends here are

very anxious that you should

be the one to give us a good

talk on that occasion -

Yours in F. C. & L

M. F. Wait

agt Post-61

Please do not refuse  
us this our first request  
we have never had  
any one here at such a  
time & we must serve our  
very much  
Dear

Received by the  
Bank of N.Y. & C.  
23/83

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Bank of N.Y. & C.  
20.1883

Wm. D. B.



CS- April 20, 1883

## "PLEASANT HOURS" CLUB.

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*The One Hundred and Twelfth Club Reception will be given Friday Evening, April 20th, 1883, at 8:30 o'clock, at Masonic Hall.*

*C. E. SQUIRES, President.*

*W. F. McMILLAN, Secretary.*

Carriages at 12 o'clock.  
Street Cars in waiting.

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SEE CLUB RULES ON OTHER SIDE.

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## CLUB RULES.

We, the undersigned, members of "THE PLEASANT HOURS," do hereby agree to pay the sum of Ten Dollars, (\$10.00,) and a second assessment of Five Dollars, (\$5.00,) or so much thereof as the Executive Committee may deem requisite and proper for parties during the present season, and to further subscribe to the following rules and regulations for its government:

1st. All persons now members of the Club, and first whom there are no unpaid assessments, are entitled to become subscribers.

2d. Persons not now members as above, may be admitted upon the approval of the Executive Committee and payment of an initiation fee.

3d. No member shall invite to the Club any persons not residents of the city. Members desiring to apply for admission, must submit an application to the Executive Committee, and, if approved the proper initiation fee.

4th. Persons now members of the Club for the season of 1882-'83 can only unite with the Club hereafter upon the terms of new members.

5th. The annual subscription is payable in advance to the first party of each season. Members shall not be entitled to attend the Club until the payment of the same.

6th. The Executive Committee shall drop from the list of members all whose annual dues or assessments are unpaid for the space of ten (10) days after second notice from the Treasurer to pay the same.



never regret spending this present year as I have. Please do agree with me & consent to my doing this. I know that you will <sup>think</sup> that your boys are not 'educated gentlemen' if they omit college Education; but I have always believed that I was in the world for a purpose & I shall make it a good golden rule for me to follow. I am, Sir, your loving son, C. H. Houston.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF WEST POINT,  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY,

West Point, N. Y., Camrall Apr 20, 1883.

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Dear Father:

There is a choice of two courses for me & I want to describe them just as they appear to me. One is to strive for Bowdoin for I have started in that direction. The question arises how I shall get there. Mr Houston & I looked over the work required and divided it up so that each day's work is laid out. 137 lines of Latin & 200 of Greek a day, besides Ancient History & Geography. I have been out of school now for two weeks on account of my eyes and headache. Last night I tried to study again for I felt very much better! The result was that when I stopped my head began to ache so that I had to stop & omit my usual gymnastic exercises be-

fore going to bed. I passed a restless night & today made a failure of my recitations. I, no doubt, began work too soon. Headache today prevents my studying for tomorrow. Tomorrow's recitations must be omitted. Tomorrow being Friday I shall have a rest of three days, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. By that time I shall be well, but I do not think that I can go on with my extra lessons because hard use of the eyes brings violent headaches. This two weeks delay has increased the work for the future. I fear that it has spoiled my entering Bowdoin this year. If there were any intuitive <sup>method</sup> by which I could learn without my eyes I would gladly be willing to try it; but how can I learn without my eyes what I can't do with them, i.e., in one year! I expected not only to get through the work here this term, but also to study all summer besides, for



more is required to enter Bowdoin  
than Andover, Williams, or Dartmouth.

As for tutoring I know <sup>that</sup> I could do  
no better with any other person than  
I have been doing with Mr. Houston.  
My time being fully occupied.

The best method <sup>to get to college</sup> I see is <sup>as</sup> you in-  
timated to strive for the Sophomore  
Class. How to do this becomes the ques-  
tion. It can not be done here nor in  
Brunswick. The only place is in Omaha  
with you or some one you might choose.  
But, if I were to choose I would  
not choose this way, yet, no doubt, you  
know best. I would rather spend  
next year at home than anywhere  
else, but I fear I would regret  
it afterwards. I never knew any-  
one (who had tried it) to be satisfied  
with his studying at home. Janni  
tried it & I tried it. Education ought  
to be sought at school. There is  
no school for me in Omaha.

My choice is this; this is the course  
that I want to take & beg you  
to agree to it: Continue <sup>my</sup>  
studies as I am now doing un-  
til term ends, dropping this  
extra tutoring with Mr. Houston  
and studying until 11 1/2 at night for  
that has nearly brought ruin to  
my health. Spend the summer  
with you in Omaha. Return  
in September to this same  
position (if Mr. Cobb will be willing  
to make the same arrangements & pay  
me \$500 besides). I have said nothing  
to him about it yet I know that he  
would agree, but if he should not  
wish to do it I am sure I would rather  
stay in Omaha. In either place I would  
be studying for a Med. Sch. in Boston or N.Y. Here  
<sup>in Cornwall</sup> I could keep up my Latin & study French & German better  
than in Omaha. \$500 would be a good sum to  
start with. One year, <sup>more</sup> here in this way would  
give me a better preparation for medicine  
than 4 yrs in Bowdoin & broken health. I shall

never regret spending this present year as I have. Please do agree  
with me & consent to my doing this. I know that you will, that your boys



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Washington, D. C., April 20

1883

F. H. SMITH & SON  
Real Estate Brokers,  
LIFE AND FIRE  
INSURANCE.

Mr Gen O. O. Howard U. S. A.  
Omaha Neb.

In account with F. H. SMITH & SON.

1882

Nov	13	By Bal. as per Ac. this date		79 72
<sup>1882</sup> April	1	" 5 mos rent. to date - 427- 7 <sup>th</sup> St S. W.		200 00
	18	" A. P. Bogue - Ac Taxes		15 00
<sup>1882</sup> Nov	29	No Taxes - 1883	88 36	
<sup>1883</sup> Feb	28	" Hartford Life & Annuity Ins - to date	37 50	
	27	" Fire Insurance. 427- 7 <sup>th</sup> S. W.	12 00	
	27	" Ins T. Linnman Int. 6 mos " "	140 00	
	27	" Repairs " "	4 00	
Apr	20	" 5% Commis <sup>at</sup> \$200. rents	10 00	
	20	" Bal to your Credit	2 86	

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Mr Bogue paid \$15 on 10<sup>th</sup> inst. and prom-





Real Estate  
Agents.

OFFICE OF  
F. H. SMITH & SON,  
515 7th Street, N. W.

Life and Fire  
Insurance.

Washington, D. C., April 20<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Dear General,

I telegraphed you this morning, "No Sales  
"better wait till annual University meeting  
"have written" The only sale I can hear of  
for years is the Balloch stock, forced sale, at \$1<sup>70</sup> per  
share of \$25<sup>00</sup> I know little of the present condi-  
tion of your negotiations with Dr Pattons Exec-  
utive Committee, but I feel confident that the  
Trustees in the June meeting, will cancel your  
subscription I intend to see several of the  
Trustees individually, before that meeting, and  
post them up. I should say a formal applica-  
tion direct to the Trustees for use at that  
time, would be desirable.

A statement of account to date, enclosed  
Dr Bogue paid \$15 on 15<sup>th</sup> inst, and prom-  
ises to pay that amount each month until  
the tax &c of \$66<sup>00</sup> is liquidated with interest  
We have been obliged to have the 7<sup>th</sup> street



store Painted outside and in. Shall also  
have to have another stay on the show win-  
dow made, to prevent further cracking.

We shall altogether use up at least one  
months rent. Nothing in the way of gen-  
eral repairs has been done, for several  
years, and this seemed to be necessary.

Very truly

J. H. Smith  
Frank

Smith, J. H.

Washington,

April 20, 1883

File



HOWARD UNIVERSITY,

REV. WM. W. PATTON, D. D.,  
President.

J. B. JOHNSON,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

Washington, D. C., April 24. 1883

Gen. O. S. Howard; My dear Sir;

Your disappointment & anxiety about your note, & about the judgment of others as to what it would be legal & expedient to do, are natural; but they must <sup>not</sup> lead you to do injustice to any one. I have carefully read over my two letters to you, and find no exhortation to you, "to pray," whatever, tho' it might not have been unchristian to make it, in a proper spirit. Mr Dodge has for seven or eight years given \$200, per annum to aid Theo. Students, & his legacy was intended to continue that sum. Dr. Harvey had nothing to do with it; but Dr. Craighead had a conversation with him just before the will was made. I do not suspect you of any "sham," but I am anxious that neither you nor the University should now do anything that should seem to give color to such a charge.

Yours truly  
Wm W Patton, President

Patton, Rea W.W.

Washington, D.C.  
April 21. 1883

Answered by the  
Genl. April 24/83.



Butte, Nebraska,

April 23, 1883.

~~Gen. B. C. Howard~~  
Dear Sir.

I am requested by the Young Men's Christian Association of Doane College to invite you to deliver the annual address before them at the coming Commencement.

The time set apart for that purpose is the evening of Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

We very much hope you will consider the request. In that case I shall gladly give any further information desired.

Very truly,

Francis L. Kendall,

Butte,

Doane Coll.,

Nebr.

Kendall, F.C.

Creto, Neb.  
April 23. 1883.

Answered by the Local  
Apr 25. 1883



## J. B. KINGSBURY &amp; SON,

—DEALERS IN—

## HARDWARE, STOVES AND TINWARE.



Oelwein, Iowa, April 23. 1883

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 Genl O. W. Howard }  
 Omaha Neb }

Dear Sir

I have applied for the West Point Cadetship. And I have taken the liberty of addressing a few lines to you, in hopes that you will advise me. My action will depend on your answer! Is it possible for a young man to go there and retain strict moral habits and would the liberties of worship be abridged? Would what knowledge that a man obtains there be a just reward for the persecution he would have to suffer? Please answer and oblige

 Yours Very Respectfully  
 Horatio Gray

over;

Gray, A

P.S.

Can a man resign  
and leave the Academy  
any time he wants to.

Celsoin, Iowa  
April 23, 1883

H.G.

Answered by the Secy  
Apr 26 - 1883.



P. J. Montgomery, M.D.,

HOMEOPATHIC

Physician and Surgeon,

636  
Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 23 1883

Gen Howard  
Omaha Neb }

Dear Sir,

Mr Widewalt was  
hurt on Saturday last and arraigned for  
a parlor conference. What day or night  
could you come, as we desire your  
presence very much.

Mr W I thought Friday night  
would be the best. We expect to be  
here for 3 days. We also expect further  
from Des Moines

Referring to him from your room  
I am Truly Yrs on the water  
P. J. Montgomery

Montgomery, P. J.

Council Bluffs  
April 23. 1883.

Answered by the  
Genl. April 24/83