Walnut Hill School,
Natick, Massachusetts.

February 15. 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard

My dear General Howard-

Ella tells me that you expect to be in Boston this week, and I am happy to take this opportunity of asking if you will come out and take tea with us any evening which may suit your convenience.

If after supper you would speak to the girls a few minutes, perhaps on the missionary work, we should be very glad to have you do so.

At any rate it would give us very great pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting you.

The trains run every hour or fifteen from Boston, and we are only seventeen miles out.

We are greatly interested in Ella, and we feel that she gives promise of being a very useful and lovely woman.

Miss Bigelow joins me in the hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you at the school.

Very sincerely yours,

Charlotte H. Conant.

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Gen O. O. Howard,
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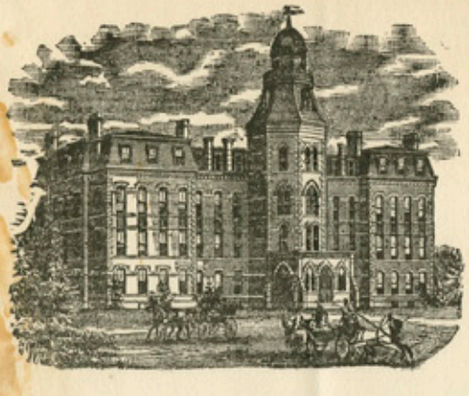
My dear Sir! - We issue a special Inaugural number of Boston Ideas, which will include contributions from prominent men and women on subjects pertinent to the inauguration of President Elect McKinley. Should you have any thought or idea appropriate for the occasion, we should be pleased to hear from you. We issue this special number Saturday, February 27, 97.

Most sincerely yours
Boston Ideas,
by Charles H. Dorr.



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Washington, D. C., Feb. 16, ~~'87~~ 1897

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The subscription book which you used is in the safe and I know of no reason why it could not be forwarded to you if you desire it, but it will be impossible for me to give any thought to it.

I think the better portion of the American people understand that your work for Howard University was of great magnitude; greater than can be expressed in figures.

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Gen. O. O. Howard,

Vermont.

My Dear General;--

You very likely will not remember me by name, but you will recall the young man who was detailed by the National Republican Committee to join the "Old Generals Special" at Chicago, and attended to reporting the various speeches, taking care of the local press reports, etc., and who was with the party until they disbanded at Detroit. Your great kindness to me while on the trip prompts me to ask if you would not be willing to send me a short letter stating that my work in this capacity was entirely satisfactory to you; that is, of course, if you feel you can do so consistently.

This is a small matter to you, but it may mean a great deal to me just at the present time, and I sincerely trust I am not presuming too much on your time and good nature, and that you will feel disposed to comply with my request.

Very respectfully yours,

J. H. Smith

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Washington D.C.
Feb. 16th 1907

My dear Genl. Howard;

I thank you most heartily for your very kind and cordial letter of congratulation.

It is more than gratifying to me to receive such words of commendation from so noble a man, so esteemed a soldier, as yourself.

Yours very sincerely
John M. Wilson

Genl O. O. Howard
Burlington Vt.

I am truley rejoiced my affectionate friends and my Wife and Children unite in love to you and hoping soon to receive a letter from you I am your Comerade and believe me as your faithfull

Michael C. Carney

MICHAEL CARNEY
NEW LEXINGTON
BOX 194 OHIO

New Lexington Ohio
Feb 16th 1897

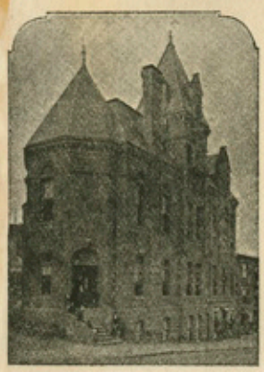
Major General, O. Howard

Dear Sir

You will probly be surprised at my addressing you in this manner, but as the subject of the communications is one which I have not had an opertunity of referring to in a personal interview and is besides of such a nature that motives of comerades delicacy might prevent me mentioning it at all in conversation I request your candid attention to my statement to some particulars of is your attention in Sept 1863 the 61st Ohio along with the Eleventh Corps was transfered

to the Western army under General
Grant it left Brandy Station West
virginia Sept 26th and arived at Bridgport
Alabama Oct 1st Soon after the 61st
Regment got into a fearfull fight at
Wauhatchie Valley in which action
my Captain William McGroarty was
killed whom comandid the Perry County
Company E, 61st Ohio Regt
Now General Can you recolect of one
Michael C. Carney of your Pioneere
Corps whom Hewed the logs for a
Church for you on Wauhatchie Valley
in the latter part of October 1863
and also hewed the Extra Sleepers
for the Pontoon Bridg across the
Tennsee River over to Chatnooga to take
that large Canon across which was
Stationed on the Knowl near the
City of Chatnooga and distroyed the
Reble works on Misionary Ridg
and Lookout Mountain

Now I became a Crippile by
hewing those Sleepers for that Pontoon
bridg and am a Crippile all the days
of my life you may guess
I am the man that drove your
Mess Wagon to the Battle of Getysburg
and there was the loss of both Black
Horses And when you left the Corps
What was called the dear Old fighting
Eleventh I understand the Pioneers of
yours was transfered to Old fighting Joseph
Hookers 20th Army Corps Now I wish to
no what has become of General Singbury
of your Staff. Now do you recolect
the day you and Staff rode along
the fortications at the battle of Chancellorsville
When you or your Horse came one of being
Shot by a reble Sharp Shooter
I saw that Reble Shot out of
a fine tree that don the Shooting
at you as it was supposed



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Young Men's Christian Association.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Feb. 16, 1897.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 10th, announcing the subjects for your addresses, was duly received. Will you kindly let me know by return mail at what time you will arrive here. I enclose mileage book for your use.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Read

General Secretary.

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General Secretary.

City. On the occasion of our Congregational National Council at Syracuse in 1895, your face appeared in our papers, as you were expected there, and you were very much missed.

Could you be with us on Monday Evening April 19th for the Club and April 20th for the Home Missions Convention? If those dates are inconvenient will you name others when you could be with us?

Very Sincerely Yours,
(Rev.) Henry N. Kinney.

Ans. O.O.H.

220 Kellogg St.,
Syracuse N.Y.
Feb. 17. 1897.

General O. O. Howard:

My dear Sir,-

As Secretary of the Congregational Clubs of Central New York, I am asked by the Club, and by the Ladies Missionary Union - Home and Foreign - of our Churches of Central New York, to invite you to

address the Club one an evening in April, the week following Easter, and address the Union at their Convention next day.

These bodies represent the Congregationalists of the State from Ithaca to Oswego - Rev. W. E. Griffis D.D. of Ithaca being President of the Club. The meetings occur in Plymouth Church, Syracuse, Rev. E. N. Packard D.D. pastor.

The ladies ask you as President of the Congregational Home Missionary Society to speak on a theme allied with Home Missions. The Congregational Club desire to honor you and themselves by your presence that evening having in mind the public services that have endeared you to the nation, and have the subject of your after-dinner speech or reminiscences to you.

We regret that we can only offer to reimburse you for your expenses for your visit: but we would represent to you that your coming would be of great benefit to Congregationalism in New York State. You are aware that we have been gaining a little of late, and have now six churches in this

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O.O.H.

Corning Feb 17 – 1897.

Gen O. O. Howard

My Dear General.

Some time ago I wrote you a few lines, I had the pleasure to receive an acknowlegement from your private secretary saying that you were away on a tour west, with other generals. You probably do not remember me, It is not my wish to annoy you, but it has been my thought so often since the close of the war to write you and seven former acquaintances I was a member of Co F, 106 P.V. I am sure you will remember our Captain Timothy Clark, the christian soldier who was mortaly wound-ed, at the battle of Antietam Sep 17th 1862. while on his knees praying, our orderly sargant who was mortaly wounded was also a christian man. The reason

Cont.
Over.

I remember you so well, I was one of the corporals and on the retreat to Harrison landing I was detailed to take charge of the Pioneers ... you very often talked to me Capt Clark also Lieut Farr. afterwards Captain of the Co told me, you had on several occations requested them to have me promoted, at the battle of Gettisburg, you ask Gen Gibbins to send you the 106 Regt, which was send you. I had charge of the brigade Pioneers had been detailed by General Gibbins on the 2d to remove fences and cut down brushes so as to give the artilary a chance, here myself & pioneers were captured and recaptured, just in front of the Highwater or bloody angle mark I reenlisted and was captured in front of Petersburg. and taken to Andersonville, see pickture of C. & L.

Yours in F. C. & L.
Chas A. Rubright.

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1641 Amelia St.
New Orleans La.
Feb 17th 1897

General O. O. Howard,
156 College Street,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear General: Of all men in the United States I would prefer you to represent us in Constantinople at this critical time. Your glorious career as a soldier, as a patriot and as a Christian, throws about you an environment which would make for righteousness and peace not only among the Turks but also among the representatives of the Great Powers which are assembled at Constantinople.

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The very thought of sending you there thrills my soul.

I am quite sure that if you will accept the appointment, President McKinley will promptly make out your commission.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. McCabe.

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HOTEL TRULOCK,

ALEX. DRYBURGH, MANAGER.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Feb 17 1897

Dear Genl Howard

Your letter embarrasses me I did not think that you desired the position

I know that Mc. Kinley wants to make the ministry to Turkey into an ambassador-ship. In that case neither you nor I have any chance He has three other men in his mind. This is sharpest.

I cannot do any more I would not have done as much if I had known that you were even dreaming of it. We must let the matter rest with God He will guide us with His good counsel.

Very kind regards

Ever truly Yours

Robert Norwood

EDGAR O. ACHORN,
COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

27 TREMONT ROW,

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Gen'l O. O. Howard.

Boston, Feb. 17 1897.

My Dear General:

I received a marked paper this morning in which your name was mentioned as minister to Turkey. Since I saw you I have been at work upon my own application. Monday I returned from Washington.

I have secured the indorsement of all the influential men at home here — a splendid array — and of 8 out of 12 of our Congressmen. The Governor, Lieut. Gov. Pres of Senate, Speaker of House Chairmen of State Com. Members of National Com. have all indorsed me.

It all rests with the Senators now and they will not decide anything before March 4th.

If you have the least idea that the Turkish mission will be offered you or that you will accept it I should like very much to see you in reference to it as I should like to try for the position of Secretary of Legation. The

Yours Sincerely
Edgar O. Achorn

See you Sunday day.

pay is small (only $1800) and the position under the circumstances no doubt one of considerable responsibility or it might become such if the Minister was for any reason absent but the climate is good and I should particularly enjoy working with you. What do you think about it? I find in Washington that the Minister to a Country has no more influence (other things being equal) than any body else in the appointment of the Secretary. Each stands upon it own legs and each place goes to reward some one whose services and backing get him there. It is perfectly astonishing what a dander there is for offices of this sort. I think however that the indorsement of my own state and your aid would get me the place. There is a movement on foot to send me elsewhere which may or may not come to something.

I should like very much to have a talk with you. Are you going to be in Boston soon? If not I might run up and

Dover N. H. Feby 17/97

My Dear General

Yesterday I had the pleasure to receive your kind note with its enclosure, (the letter to Judge Shurtleff.) Most sincerely and gratefully do I appreciate your interest in my behalf to enable me to secure the appointment to Honolulu, and I thank you so much for your very complimentary letter of introduction and commendation. My Petition with letters of endorsement have been placed in the hands of our Cong. Congressman Eugene F. Ladd who

I think will have the coöperation of the Delegation in presenting my name to the President & Sec'y and I anticipate being in Wash soon after the Inauguration when I am sure your letter will be of great service. If I succeed in this matter I shall feel that your letter has contributed mainly to the result.

We are all fairly well and expect to continue our visit with Gertrude till spring, she sends much love to Bessie and Mrs Germane joins me in kind regards to Mrs Howard & yourself

Gratefully & sincerely Yours
H. W. Germane

Committee on American Interests in Turkey. /89

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New York, Feb. 17th, 1897.

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