

154  
Providence R. I.  
March 12<sup>th</sup>  
March 1897

W. O. Howard

Dear General

I see your name among the  
guests of the Abbott House and therefore write to  
you. There are two great questions which I  
desire to interest you in. One is the steady  
growth and power of Desecutions in the United  
States. The other is the Race-Problem at the  
South. These two now united to Capitalism  
(the ill-mannered / threaten liberty in the United  
States. Now to meet this Coalition is of  
fact the Supreme question of the day.

We are organizing a movement the  
object of which is to arouse liberty loving  
Americans to a sense of the new danger  
which now threatens our dear Country, a  
danger far greater than that which culmi-  
-nated <sup>in the</sup> ~~in the~~ Confed<sup>er</sup>ate Pro-Slavery Papal  
Conspiracy of 1860. We should like to  
have you with us.

Yours in old American history



has thus fallen to any man such a  
crimmious responsibility as now rests upon the  
shoulders of President elect old Lincoln. It is  
greater than that which fell upon General  
Washington or Abraham Lincoln. May he  
prove Equal to the occasion. Will he prove to  
be another Hayes or another Washington and  
Lincoln?

I am at present co-laboring with our  
colored friends in North Carolina in establishing  
a Cotton Factory <sup>which</sup> run by colored people  
Our plan is to have a <sup>night</sup> school of Technology  
connected with the Factory. The department of  
agriculture of the Government can do much  
good as. You know this Industrial Emancipa-  
-tion of the Race side by side with Education  
was my hobby while I was connected with  
A. M. A. The Brethren failed to see  
the vital and far-reaching effects of  
my policy at that time. They are at hand.

I am on the Placid toll as a  
classican veteran, but my heart is still  
with our poor friends at the South.

Truly yours,  
C. G. Bayler



W. GORDON MERRICK,  
GLENDOWER,  
Albemarle Co., Va.  
Express Office: Scottsville.

March 1, 1897

Genl. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir.

You were so kind as to  
write me that you <sup>would</sup> give  
me your support for  
the position of Int. Rev.  
Collector for the 6<sup>th</sup> dist. of  
Virginia, as soon as  
the new Secty of the Treasury  
was appointed.

May I so far impose  
on your kindness as to  
ask you to extend it, to  
my friend Capt P. H. McCauley  
who was the Republican  
Candidate for Congress in  
the 8 dist of Va. where the  
Democratic majority is usually  
nearly 10000 which Capt  
McCauley reduced to a little



W. GORDON MERRILL  
OLNEY  
ALBANY, N.Y.  
FEBRUARY 1897

March 1, 1897

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your

letter of the 28th inst.

in relation to the

collection for the 5th

trip in the

same field of the

same

and I am

very

and I am

very

and I am

very

and I am

very

and I am

very



W. GORDON MERRICK,  
GLENOWER,  
Albemarle Co., Va.  
Express Office: Scottsville.

(2)

over 6000. he is now the  
most prominent Candidate  
for the above Collectorship  
having held it under President  
Harrison, when he made a  
most excellent record. and is  
warmly endorsed by the  
previous Commissioners of  
Int. Rev. also by a majority  
of the Counties and districts  
of this Collection district.

besides by the chairman of  
the State Committee.  
indeed his chances are so  
superior to mine that I  
am quite out of the race.  
but am equally anxious  
for his success.

I trust you will not think  
it presumptuous in me.



(2)

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, 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, very truly,  
W. Gordon Reynolds,  
Clerk of the Legislature.

W. GORDON MERRICK,  
GLENDOWER,  
Albemarle Co., Va.  
Express Office: Scottsville.

(3)

in preferring this request  
for I feel assured it will  
be of service to me here-  
after.

With sincere regards  
I am very truly yr  
W. Gordon Merrick

149



W. GORDON KERRICK  
OLDFATHER  
BIRMINGHAM  
LONDON

in performing the required  
for these accounts & notes  
of business to your  
kind business regards  
Yours very truly  
W. Gordon Kerrick



1

Gothenburg Nebraska

Ms. 1897  
30-1-97

General. O. O. Howard

Burlington

Vermont-  
Br. Christian greetings to  
You & yours.

No doubt you  
will be surprised to receive a  
letter from me. one who was  
near you & with you during the  
war 61. to 65. the last time I  
had the pleasure of seeing you  
& shaking hands with you was in  
front of Atlanta Ga. the day before  
you took command of Dpt. of  
Tennessee - it was 21 days after the  
expiration of my term of service  
of 3 years - General I have often  
desired to meet you. since then  
to thank you for the Christian  
example which has had much  
to do in shaping my course



1  
Cottamburg, Nebraska  
30-1-97  
General O. O. Howard  
Washington

Dear Sir  
Greetings to  
you & yours.

Oh about you  
will be surprised to receive a  
letter from me. one who was  
near you & with you during the  
war 61 to 65. The last time I  
had the pleasure of seeing you  
I was in the hospital with you in  
front of Atlanta Ga. the day before  
you took command of 24th  
division - it was 21 days after the  
expiration of my term of service  
of 3 years - General I have often  
desired to meet you. Since that  
to thank you for the position  
of 3 years which has not met  
to be in shaping my course



2  
Through life. I have been  
preaching the gospel for the past  
30 years. & I trust ~~some~~  
accomplished some good at least  
I am <sup>an</sup> invalid. consumption  
is the dread disease. But thank  
God I fear not death. I am ready  
I have a wife & 11 children 2 are  
married. 9 at home. I moved  
to Hays Co Neb in '85 for my health  
since 91 - we have had a hard  
struggle to live. The drouth took  
my crops - but God has provided  
a way - I receive \$6 per month pension  
I am here at present preaching  
the gospel - Enclosed find some  
papers signed by yourself & staff  
I desire you to draw the one bearing  
your own signature off with  
dates as they are. & add the names  
of the officers from the other paper  
to it with your signature of  
present date. on paper large enough  
to put in a frame. By so doing  
you will confer a great favor  
upon your comrades & Brethren  
in Christ  
P. Taub  
Hoping to hear from you soon

67



Hoping to hear from you soon  
 A Trust  
 You will confer a great favor  
 to put in a frame - 13 1/2 x 20 x 20  
 present date - on paper large enough  
 to fit with your signature of  
 of the officer from the other paper  
 date as the one I add the name  
 have over a signature off with  
 I desire for to draw the one having  
 power signed for yourself & stop  
 the paper - Enclosed find have  
 I am not at present preaching  
 a very - I receive a month from  
 my wife - but God has provided  
 support to live. The doctor took  
 since of - we have had a good  
 to Hope - 9 of - 83 for my health  
 married - 9 of - 83 for my health  
 I have a wife & 11 children - 2 are  
 God I fear not death - I am ready  
 in the great disease - But thank  
 I am an immortal. Communion  
 accomplished have good of last  
 30 years - 50 I trust - some  
 preaching the gospel for the past  
 through life - I have been



Organized 1869  
*The* Redpath Lyceum Bureau.

Agency for the principal literary & musical celebrities.

36/ Offices.  
Boston, 120 Tremont St.  
Chicago, Tribune Building.

Boston March 2, 18 97.

Gen'l O. O. Howard,

Burlington, Vt.

Dear Sir:--

We cannot guarantee your expenses; that is, our local managers will only pay a net sum. They are not used to paying expenses, and we could not arrange anything of this kind specially. \$100 would be a popular rate, you to pay us 20% commission and the travel ought not to exceed \$5, so that you would net \$75. We presume you would be locally entertained in the large majority of cases, though we do not make any arrangements to this effect. We shall be very much pleased if we can give you a good list of bookings the coming season.

Yours very truly,

Redpath Lyc. Bureau.

L.

11/3



Dear Harry:

Will you please see if there is not a lecture bureau in New York or Philadelphia that can do better for me than this one? I do not wish you to wear yourself out, but you can make inquiry and perhaps talk from Jamie's office by telephone. I know Mr. Pond <sup>of New York</sup> very well. He has had great experience, but he generally runs a man out on his first trial. Please read this and return it to me with your thought about it. I like the Redpath Bureau, but they put the whole risk and burden on me. Love to all around,

Affectionately your father,

O.D.H.

P.S. I think you will like Pond  
Letter - H.D.



✓ 177  
Headquarters, First Grand Division,

Inaugural Parade,

Washington, D. C., March 2, 1897.

General O. O. Howard,

Marshal, Third Division.

Dear General:

General Dodge suggests that in order to prevent the bad effect of bands playing too near each other in the column, you take such measures as you may see fit to regulate their playing while marching. It is desirable that the bands be instructed to alternate in their playing.

Very respectfully,

*J. P. Sanger*  
Adjutant General.



Handwritten, First Grand Division,

Handwritten, Second Division,

Handwritten, Third Division, March 2, 1907.

Handwritten, Fourth Division,

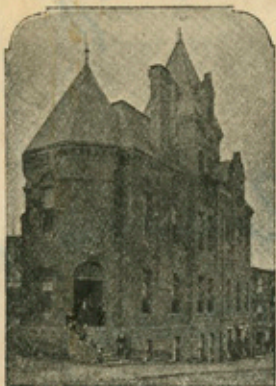
Handwritten, Fifth Division,

Handwritten, Sixth Division, in order to prevent the loss of effect  
Handwritten, Seventh Division, for each year in the column, you take such  
Handwritten, Eighth Division, as you may see fit to regulate their playing with meaning.  
Handwritten, Ninth Division, that the same be distributed as alternate in their

Handwritten, Tenth Division,

Handwritten, Eleventh Division,





W. P. SMITH, PRESIDENT.  
H. M. NELSON, TREASURER

C. C. BINGHAM, 1ST. VICE PRESIDENT.  
C. V. PERRY, RECORDING SECRETARY.

F. A. PIERCE, 2ND. VICE PRESIDENT.  
139 ✓

# Young Men's Christian Association.

## DIRECTORS:

HENRY FAIRBANKS,  
J. C. CLARK,  
E. N. RANDALL,  
C. E. PUTNEY,

A. F. STONE,  
A. C. HARVEY,  
O. W. BANGS,  
R. MACKINNON,

DAVID Y. COMSTOCK,  
W. J. RANNEY,  
JESSE GAGE,  
REV. FRANK APPLETON,

REV. G. C. WATERMAN,

A. H. MCLEOD.

E. B. READ, GENERAL SECRETARY.

St. Johnsbury, Vt.,

*July 2* 1897

*Gen. O. Howard  
Burlington, Vt.  
Dear Sir:—*

*Will you kindly advise me if you remailed  
me the mileage book sent for your use, as it has not  
been received. I thought there was more than enough  
mileage in it. If there was not, please advise me and  
I will reimburse you the shortage.*

*Yours truly E. B. Read*



1897

# Young Men's Christian Association.

REV. FRANK APPERTON,  
JESSE GAGE,  
W. J. HANNEY,  
DAVID V. COMSTOCK.

## DIRECTORS:

A. F. STONE,  
A. C. HANNEY,  
O. W. BAKER,  
R. MACKINNON,  
A. M. McLEOD.

H. M. NELSON, TREASURER.

C. C. BINGHAM, 1ST. VICE PRESIDENT.

W. P. SMITH, PRESIDENT.

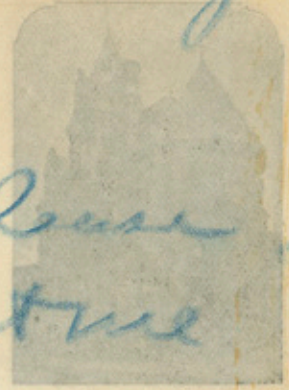
E. B. READ, GENERAL SECRETARY.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., *Sept. 2* 1897

Burlington, Vt.

*My dear Sir,*  
I have just received your letter of the 21st. I am very glad to hear from you and hope you are well. I have not time to write you more at present but will write again soon. I am truly yours,  
E. B. Read

Please  
return



pay

Mar 10 1898



919 St  
Washington D.C.  
March 3, 1897.

Major General O. B. Howard,  
United States Army,  
Ebbitt House.

My Dear General Howard:

I have your favor of this date. It is probably due to the mistake of an Ebbitt House employe that you say "I anticipated meeting you, but you did not come." I was there and sent up my card Monday at 7:15 P.M. and was told you were out. The same thing occurred Tuesday.

I would not break an engagement, especially with a dear and respected friend and an officer of your rank. With much regret for having seemed to fail you and happiness that I am able to exonerate myself I am  
Yours most truly

Paul W. Eaton.

1033







General O. O. Howard  
Washington. D.C.

Boston Mch 3. 1897  
35 Congress Street.

My dear General

Ere this reaches you the  
act of a Republic will have made William  
McKinley, President. How simple and  
yet how grand. All the people rulers &  
the chief the servant of all. I am glad  
you are to take part in the proceedings.

Now I want to know if you will  
come home via Boston and be the guest  
of the Mass. Club on Saturday, March  
13<sup>th</sup>

Tell us of the inauguration from  
your stand point; and also tell us  
of the last review in '65 when you  
rode with Sherman up Penn Ave, having  
yielded your wishes to Logan.



I have often thought of it, just as  
You told me the story in '94.

If you come to us for Saturday afternoon, Mch. 13. You can go home on same evening train if you so desire, or spend the Sabbath in Boston as you prefer. Col Dudley may write you also on this subject.

Gov. Claflin may call on you, he being in Washington at this time.

You have promised to be our guest, and may this not be just the opportunity? If Mrs. Howard is with you bring her with you to Boston if you can. Please let me hear from you very early and believe me always, Sincerely Yours

S. S. Blanchard  
Sec'y



# Committee on American Interests in Turkey. 290

HENRY D. HYDE, *Chairman.*

HENRY D. HYDE,  
Representing The American Board.  
HON. DARWIN R. JAMES,  
Representing The Presbyterian Board.  
JUDGE ENOCH L. FANCHER,  
Representing The American Bible Society.  
ALEXANDER E. ORR,  
Representing The American Bible Society.

REV. JOSIAH STRONG, D.D., *Secretary.* ✓  
UNITED CHARITIES BUILDING.

HON. EVERETT P. WHEELER,  
Representing The National Armenian Relief Committee.  
JOHN S. KENNEDY,  
Representing Robert College, Constantinople.  
WILLIAM E. DODGE,  
Representing Beirut College, Syria.  
JOSIAH STRONG, D.D.,  
Representing The Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

Dict.

New York,

March 3d, 1897.

Dear Dr. Hamlin:

The letter you entrusted to Dr. Barton reached me duly together with your more recent communication without date. You will bear in mind, if you saw my letter to Dr. Hawes, that I spoke of an independent fortune not as the first but as the last qualification for our minister to Constantinople, and not as something necessary but as something desirable. If General Howard possessed it, as he does possess in an eminent degree some of the qualifications for the place, he would yet lack that which our Committee, and I may add Mr. McKinley, requires as a sine qua non for the post, namely diplomatic experience and skill. It is true that a general and a diplomat have certain qualities in common, but as I wrote to General Howard, not one would think that a skillful diplomat by virtue of his skill as such, would therefore be fitted to take command of an army, no more is a good soldier by virtue of his skill as a soldier thereby fitted to discharge the delicate and difficult functions of a diplomat. Nor is this any more reflection on the soldier than it is upon the diplomat. No doubt General Howard would make a better representative

*fully*



Committee on American Interests in Turkey.

Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D., Secretary,  
United Christian Mission.

Henry D. Hyde, Chairman.

HON. EVERETT R. WHEELER,  
Representing The National Armenian Relief Committee.  
JOHN S. KENNEDY,  
Representing Boston College, Constantinople.  
WILLIAM E. DODGE,  
Representing Boston College, Syria.  
JOSIAH STRONG, D.D.,  
Representing The Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

HENRY D. HYDE,  
Representing The American Board.  
HOWARD WARREN R. JAMES,  
Representing The Presbyterian Board.  
JOHN L. RANCHER,  
Representing The American Bible Society.  
ALEXANDER E. ORR,  
Representing The American Bible Society.

Died.

New York.

March 24, 1897.

Dear Dr. Hamilton:

The letter you entrusted to Dr. Barton reached me duly together with your more recent communication without date. You will bear in mind, if you saw my letter to Dr. Hawes, that I spoke of an independent fortune not as the first but as the last qualification for our minister to Constantinople, and not as something necessary but as something desirable. If General Howard possessed it, as he does possess in an eminent degree some of the qualifications for the place, he would yet lack that which our Committee, and I may add Mr. McKinley, requires as a sine qua non for the post, namely diplomatic experience and skill. It is true that a General and a diplomat have certain qualities in common, but as I wrote to General Howard, not one would think that a skillful diplomat by virtue of his skill as such, would therefore be fitted to take command of an army, no more is a good soldier by virtue of his skill as a soldier thereby fitted to discharge the delicate and difficult functions of a diplomat. Nor is this any more reflection on the soldier than it is upon the diplomat. No doubt General Howard would make a better representative



200

of the United States than many we have had; but Mr. McKinley wants for that post the fittest man in the United States, and he is one who has had experience in international relations.

Yours with great respect,

Josiah Strong.

Secretary.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D.D.,

Lexington, Mass.

Dr. Judson .. Smith  
says Mr. McKinley has ~~declared~~ declared  
that he will appoint <sup>down</sup> any one  
recommended by the Committee  
I shall write to Chas. in Hyde.

I have written a letter in answer to this  
but shall not send it. If it is forwarded  
that you shall go, & that is, it will come  
about by Franklin W. H.



of the United States than many we have had; but Mr. McKinley wants  
for that post the fittest man in the United States, and he is one who  
has had experience in international relations.

Yours with great respect,

Secretary.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D.D.,

Lexington, Mass.