Lake Mohonk Conference
on International Arbitration

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y.
April 1st, '99.

My dear Sir:-

The Fifth Annual Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration will be held here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 31st, June 1st and 2d.

Mrs. Smiley joins me in extending to you and your wife a most cordial invitation to be present as members of the conference, and as our guests. We shall hope to welcome you Tuesday afternoon, May 30th, so as to be at the opening meeting Wednesday morning. The closing session will be held Friday evening, and we should be pleased to have you remain until Saturday morning.

The enclosed time-table gives the different trains by which Mohonk may be reached. Tickets should be taken only to New Paltz, where my carriage will be in waiting.

Trusting to hear that it may be possible for you to attend, believe me,

Very truly yours,
Albert K. Smiley,
by D. Smiley

To Gen. O. O. Howard.

Answered April 10.
accepting (?)

142 East 26th Street.

My dear General Howard,

How very kind you were to send the Lincoln University circulars to the Yellin School. They have been distributed among the

pupils from the Seniors to the Primaries, and now I am hoping that the seed thus sown will some day bear fruit.

The enthusiasm over the Friday morning address has not abated, and the occasion will always be remembered as a red-letter day for the Veltin School.

With kind regards and deep gratitude for what you have done for us all, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Alice B. Blanchard.

April 1, 1899.

36 E. 69th Street.
N.Y. April 2. 1899.

My dear General Howard:

Mrs. Brown joins me in extending to you our sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy in our bereavement.

Mabel was so bright and so full of promise it was hard to part with her.

She was born in the room in which she died and had passed through all the ills to which children are subject and it does seem very harsh that

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she could not have the career of usefulness upon which she was just entering. Come and see us, my dear General, whenever you can. dine with us and spend the evening. You must remember you are a living example in American History to my boys and girls. It was a source of gratification to us that our boys had opportunities to see Gen Grant from time to time when he resided in 66th Street. His nephews were about their ages and they were of that age when they could pass in and out without much ceremony.

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Brown

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Worcester, Mass. April 2 1899

General O. O. Howard

Respected Friend

In reply to your favor March 30 The names given were not selected at random but are of the men identified with good works and contributors to our every good work without distinction of sect-creed or religion with the possible exception of a few who confine their gifts to the congregationalist denomination. No man in the nation is held in greater respect than Genl Howard you are recognized by Christian and Infidel saint and sinner as a devoted Christian and as such have the confidence as well as their respect

In regard to responses. No day passes but I receive through the mail one sometimes five or six pressing appeals for contributions to worthy objects. Daily calls are made and when I am absent personal cards are left at my office and I presume my experience is not a singular one I do not answer all these I simply cannot. Perhaps my Christian brother this may explain why no greater number have not got responded I hope your expect many will. The best wishes are all for family. Some regards I am Yours Respectfully Chas G Reed

Ans April 4

H. Porter Smith
Fine Woollens.

72 Bedford St. Boston. April 3rd., 1899.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

New York.

Dear Gen. Howard:-

Rev. A. A. Myers will write you to-day to learn if you will give an address in the First Church, Cambridge (Dr. Mc.kenzie's) on the evening of April 23rd.

The Missionary Committee of the church have that evening to provide for. As you know you have many warm friends in our church and it is some years since you were with us. I am confident you would have a large audience.

Hoping you can reply favorably at an early date I am

Respectfully yours
H. Porter Smith
Chairman of Missionary Com.
First Church, Cambridge.

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Ans April 6

Hampden Me
Apr. 3. 1899

Gen. O. O. Howard
& 156 College St
Burlington Vt

My Dear Sir

Your circular letter and personal not of Sept 12th '98 was recd in due time and was brought to the attention of our Sab. S. and favorably considered

Our plan is to make collections during every quarter the object for which they are made being named in advance so at that time we had

that go [illegible] our hands during the time we had some little deficiency in S.S. Expenses to make up so we have come round to this later day.
Along with our collections during this last quarter we have raised $17.75 which I hope will prove just as acceptable at this time. Will send it to Treas. Hamile Chicago

Hoping you will Excuse my not writing befor I remain very Respty

Yours Horace S. Whitmore
Late Co F. 31st Me. Vet. Vols
2nd Br 2nd Div 9 Corps

"For wisdom is a defence and money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it."

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Harrow School,

Boston Mass

CUMBERLAND GAP, TENN., April 31 189[illegible]
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Gen Oliver O Howard 10 Park Pl N Y

Dear Brother

I had a visit with Brother Porter Smith who much wants to hear you speak on the Lincoln Memorial meeting in the first church of Cambridge. Dr Kingsley I think it would bring many could you come on the evening of the 23d He will of course pay expenses and a collection could follow &c

Write to Mr Porter Smith 44 Bedford St. Boston Mass

Yours in Christ
A A Myers

PS I think we could make it a mass meeting and so do much good
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STATE NORMAL COLLEGE.

Peabody Summer School of Pedagogy.

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Department of Pedagogy:
J. A. HORNBERGER, Ph. D., Instructor.

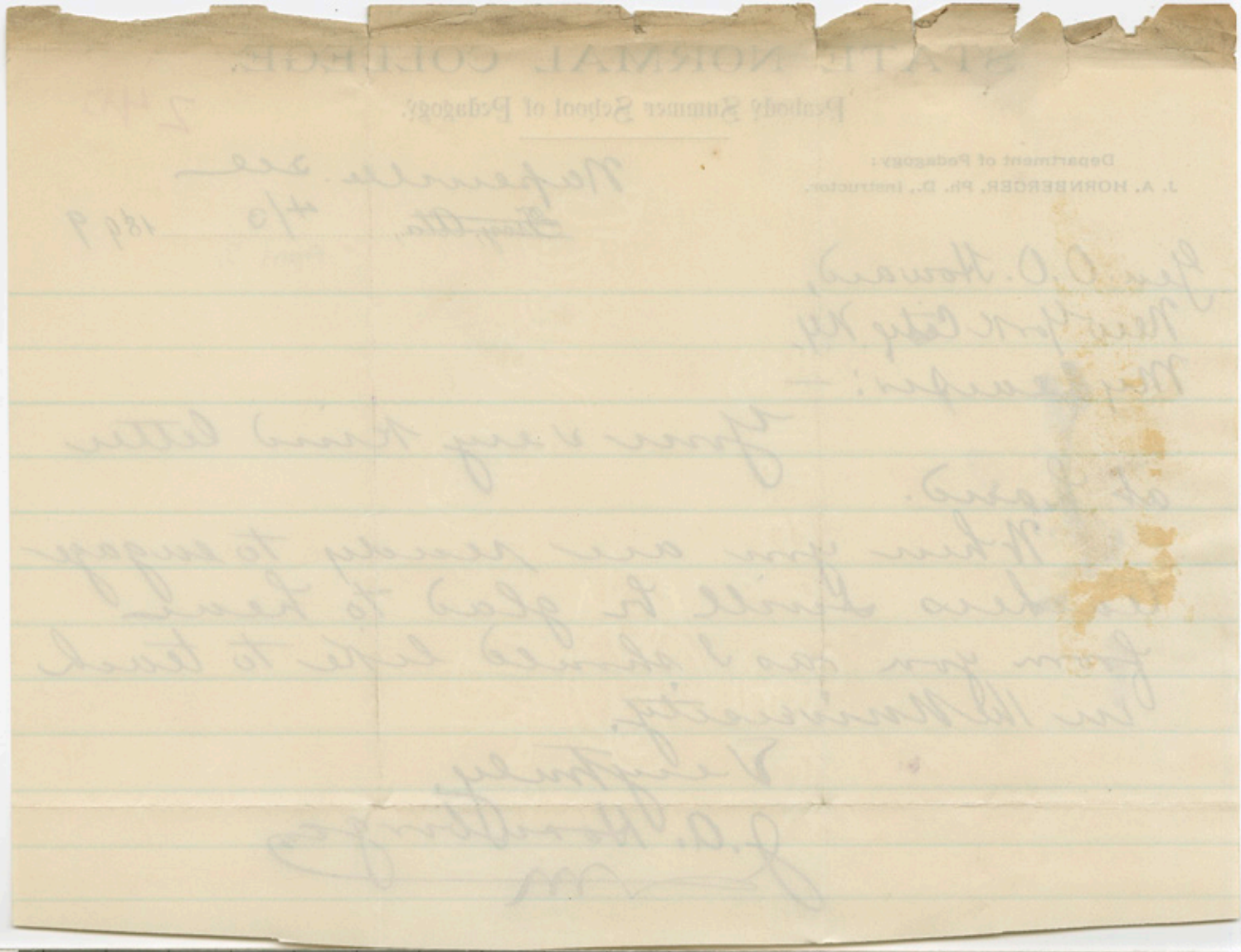
Napeville. Ill
~~Troy, Ala.,~~ 4/3 1899
April 3,

Gen. O. O. Howard,
New York City. N.Y.
My dear sir: —

Your very kind letter at hand.

When you are ready to engage teachers I will be glad to hear from you as I should like to teach in the University.

Very truly,
J. A. Hornberger



If you should write - will you please enclose the letter to me, so that I may make sure that he receives it. Col. K - or Mr. Stevenson will give it to his hand -

Hon. George W. Wilson
Commissioner of Internal Revenue
Washington -

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Washington D.C.
1622 - 15th St -
Apr. 5th 99

Gen. Howard

Dear Sir:- I have been very ill since Dec. 15th "Complete prostration of the sympathetic nerves of the stomach" - am sitting up only an hour each day now - Dr. said yesterday it would be a long time yet before I could go again to the office - have been on "Leave without pay" since March 1st — My friends are making an effort to secure an appointment in the Treasury for my daughter Beatrice, through Capt. Wilson Commissioner of

Internal Revenue who is a prominent G.A.R. man, and loyal to the Soldiers and their families. Col. Kniffen went to see him yesterday to urge B's appointment, had a very agreeable interview and sent me word that he thought a statement from you of my work during the war & since for Soldiers and their families, addressed to Capt. Wilson - Commissioner of Internal Revenue, might induce an early appointment. It seems a new roll has been instituted recently, not yet under the Civil service and it is desired to have this appointment made before the President issues his Civil Service Orders —

Forgive me for troubling you with this, when I know you are always full of work and care, but as Col. Kniffen suggested it and has taken such an interest in us, I do so —

Pardon pencil, I cannot use pen and ink in bed —

Hoping you and yours are well and happy

Faithfully always

Sarah S. Sampson

Have to send to Lizzie Lee for your address —

ANDREW CARNEGIE,
5 WEST 51ST STREET,
NEW YORK.

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4th April 1899.

Genral O.O.Howard,
10 East 23rd St., New York.

My dear General,

I have been absent from the city and return to find a great bundle of applications for aid which I am unable to give. I must now make good the promises that I have made, which I find exceed two millions of dollars. You have done a good work and I hope will long be spared to do more.

Very respectfully yours,

Andrew Carnegie

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5 West 51st Street,
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JOHN H. STARIN,
THE CORTLANDT STREET PIERS,
NEW YORK.

April 4th. 1899.

My dear Sir,

Mr. Starin directs me to acknowledge receipt of your communication of 31st. ult., and to say that he does not see his way clear at this time to subscribe to the benevolent work you mention. Mr. Starin feels compelled to give preference to the claims made upon him from localities where he has interests, and these claims are both numerous and pressing just now.

Yours respectfully
J. H. Starin

Major General O. O. Howard
USA

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J. Marion Weaver, A. B., Pd. B., Principal
Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, Assistant.
George W. Lawrence, A. M., Mathematics.

Miss Belle M. Blanchard, Grammar.
Laurence R. Baylor, Intermediate.
Miss Edith M. Fairchild, Primary.
Miss M. R. Street, Music.

Rev. A. A. Mayers, Founder.

Harrow School
OF
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., April 4/4 1899

Dear Gen. Howard

I have been told that you desired us to postpone our commencement exercises one week in order that you might be present.

Will you please write me concerning the matter, and, also, make such suggestions as you choose about closing up the year's work?

Have you any one in mind for one of the commencement week addresses?

Will you not consent, General, to make one of these addresses?

The Spring term of school opened this morning with good prospects for a nice term's work.

Yours respectfully,
J. M. Weaver,

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O.O. HOWARD, JR.
MILLS BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
CABLE ADDRESS "O O H"

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April 4th'99.

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I am glad to hear that Frank is well and happy in his home and work, and I thank you for the efforts made on David's behalf. I have received a letter from David, written from the trenches about Manila, dated the 28th February. He was well at the time he wrote and rather seems to enjoy the fighting going on. He worries about his future, after the war is over, needlessly, I think.

I wish I might have Harry with me, but the amount he could earn in any place which I might offer him, ~~that~~ would only compare with that of a common laborer, I could not advise him to accept. The school of experience required to fit a man for any position in the mining business which returns a fair salary is one which takes a term of years and a good many hard knocks. If Harry was an assayer, I could pay him $75 per month which I pay my present

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Please give our love to Aunt Lizzie and all of the family when you write. I will try not to cultivate the two special traits of a New York and Chicago millionaire which you mention!

Your affectionate nephew,

O. O. Howard Jr.

O.O.H.E.

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[signature]

Answered April 10th J.

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United States Senate,

~~WASHINGTON, D.C.~~ Lewiston, Me., April 4, 1899

Gen. O. O. Howard,

No. 10, East 23d St., New York.

My dear General:

I am obliged to you for your endorsement of my course touching Spanish matters. I acted as I was dictated to by my conscience and my sense of duty, both to the peoples I was dealing with and to my own countrymen. I am glad you are, as usual, engaged in a good work, but a little surprised that you should send to me for a contribution when you are in the center of wealth of the entire country. The churches, educational institutions, hospitals etc. of my State really compel me to give at home more than I can afford. Besides all that, I am assisting in the education of nine grandsons, three being in college and all expecting to go. Don't you think, under these circumstances, that you might let me off? However, if you still insist, and a check for twenty or twenty-five dollars will do you any good, I suppose I should send it.

Please remember me to Mrs. Howard, and believe me,

Very truly yours,

Wm P Frye

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(Dictated)

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#36 Wall Street, New York,

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Gen. O. O. Howard,

#10 East 23rd St.,

N. Y.

My dear General:-

I have your favor of the 29th ult., asking for a donation for the Abraham Lincoln Memorial University of Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

I have a multitude of just such applications, and find that the institution with which I am connected, (Colgate University), needs a great deal more money than the one which you are collecting funds for. While I thank you for calling upon me for a donation, I must respectfully decline, in view of other obligations.

Very truly yours,

Geo. B. Cortelyou

(Dictated)

236 Wall Street, New York,

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Lincoln Memorial University

Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

A MONUMENT TO
ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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10 East 23rd St.,

New York, April 4th, 1899.

Maj. George M. Downey,

The Commercial National Bank,

Salt Lake City.

Dear Major:

On your recommendation I have concluded to take the three shares. Please secure them for me. I will pay for them on receipt.

Very truly yours,

O. O. Howard

Letters from

Chas. Henry Hall

1899 —