Young's Hotel
Boston

Sept 1 1901

Dear General Howard

On our arrival here yesterday we found your list of contributors for which many thanks.

We have made a list for Boston & vicinity.

On our way, at Dalton, picked up $100.00 & found $55.00 here from old Cleveland friends and today Henry Hooker added $100.00.

We are booked and will push the work

Some day we must have a fine building - or day chapel midst the L.M.U. pile to mark the realization of your life

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Your prayers and indefatigable
labors – "Howard Chapel"
a blessed prayer – throughout
all generations – shall be a
gate to heaven – where you are
still growing in grace in the
"Paradise of God" & Elect –
"where loyal hearts and true
stand ever in the Light
all rapture through and through
in God's most Holy sight"
I do hope that you have recovered from
your cold. Mrs Sanford
joins me in loving regards
Faithfully Yours
Genl O. O. Howard Frank B. Carey
Burlington Vt.

CHAS. HAMILTON,

COUNTY ~~-~~ and SURVEYOR,
C — S.
BRANCH COUNTY.

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Bronson, Mich., Sept. 9-16, 1901

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.
Burlington. Vt.
Dear Sir and Comrade.

I am in receipt of a copy of the Farm-Field and Fireside published by the Howard Company of Chicago. Ill. containing your account of the crossing the Rappahannock River by the 7th Mich. in response to my letter to you of an earlier date,

The account seems to be so thorough and correct that it leaves nothing to be added; and as the representative of the surviving members of the Regiment I wish to convey to you our sincere thanks for your favourable notice of their request.

Respectfully Yours.

Chas Hamilton.

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Randolph, N. York,
Sept. 16th, '01.

Genl O. O. Howard,
My Dear Sir:-

Last Dec. I received from you a very kind, encouraging and helpful letter, promising me your influence, in case I'd come to N. York and find a suitable opening, &c.-
I did not do so for two reasons:
1st. I couldn't spare the money, incident to such a trip, with the uncertainty involved.
2nd. My throat was much better and I entertained the hope, I would be able to take work in my profession, either by way of lecturing or preaching.
The first condition, through economy, has improved & I could now come providing I had some assurance of success, even in a small way.
A very meagre remuneration, added to my little income, would enable me to maintain my

good wife and myself in comfort.
My throat (Chronic pharyngitis) for which I receive a pension of $6.00 is worse and I cannot do public speaking to any extent - indeed it is wholly out of the question to think about it. So I am driven to something else. ~ I have one resort, which if I can summon the right sort of influence, I will avail myself of, viz.: - the Soldiers' Home, of Va. I was there two years ago & remained 30 days, just long enough to gain a residence, when, because all places were filled, I left on furlough, & have been on furlough ever since. Governor Woodfin, who died on or about the 15th ult. promised me a position if I remained, or when I returned, & wrote me some months ago that if I returned "this fall" a place of trust & emolument", as he expressed it was open to me. As he is now gone & a successor has not been elected, this promise will not hold. My present furlough expires Dec. 7th, & I am making preparations to return next month if nothing else offers itself. There are very pleasant positions in the Home, which, considering one board, &c., are supplied, pay a fair salary & enable one to live and save something besides.

Then, the climate is very helpful in Catarrhal, or bronchial troubles. During the short time I was there I was greatly relieved, & this is better than money. Since Governor Woodfin's death I've written to Gen. Newell, 1st Vice Pres. of the Bd of Managers; & his Rec'y wrote me he would do what he could for me, when the Gen'l returned from Europe. What I need now is a testimonial or letter commending me for position, which in addition to those I have, will secure me work, when I return to Home. I am sorry to make this application to you, but I believe a word from you to Gen'l McMahon, (532-4 N. York Life Building, N.Y.) Pres. Bd Managers, N. Homes D.V. Soldiers, or a letter (only a few lines would do) which I could present in person, would do the work. As I commenced this letter before our noble President was shot and laid it aside, pending the issue, it is not just as I'd write now, but as I inclose my article written on the 10th (last Tuesday) & printed in our town paper Friday 13th, I'll not change it. This is the cruelest stab our nation has ever had, and it is time our government banishes this class of enemies from our

borders. Banishment is the only remedy.
When you have time please read, the inclosed article & if you can help me to anything, I will be most grateful for your influence.

Thanking you for your friendly words (though I've mislaid your letter, which if I could find would perhaps be all I need) and wishing you many years of unalloyed pleasure, and hoping for the best, for our sadly stricken country, I am,

Yours most respectfully, &c.,
in "F.C. & L.",

M. Brittain,
Box 442.

I desire to go to Washington, D.C., where I have relatives & friends, & then probably direct to "Home" within ten days or a fortnight. — A letter or a word to some one of your many influential friends in Washington, might aid towards securing something I could do. — The Home is my last resort, though position there is better than nothing.

M.B. —

President's Office,
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

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Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Sept 19 1901.

My dear General:

Yours of Sept 17, at hand. Give yourself no uneasiness, when I speak of the "best young people."

You cite the Dennys. This leads me explain. Robert Denny is a sample of what I mean by "best" young people. George Denny this brother is of the opposite class, and we want many in each.

It has fallen to my lot to stand here in the opening days of this work and receive every kind of opposition that a crazy jealous man could, by every conceivable method & means. I have a record of being a man of and for the people.

Do I appear to you or to any of the board as one who cares favors of those in power or of the rich and aristocratic? Did my 18 years in a church of the people in Providence show me as a man fawning before the "aristocratic"? Did I not raise a little storm last year by discharging two aristocrats who would not come on the common level and do their share of the police duties? Have I not stood up for Maggie S——? and you may rest assured that I shall never drop the contention until the lord of the "manor" acknowledges thy as his lady.

Did not the aristocratic class of the Gap undertake to dictate terms to me last winter as to the Normal School, and now they stand as a man by my

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side, and have said to me, "You
did your duty."

I have today a solid patriotic
backing ~~to~~ that I never could
have had but for the
peculiar troubles which I
have been through.

The students of Grant-Lee
marched as a body to town
for the first time yesterday
since they were fired a year
ago, and they were royally
received and got the respect
of all at the Gap inn.
They filled out the church
and filled every vacant space

Mr. M_____ has lost his
power with the "best" people
I mean best as God means
it. He controls Mr. Overton
somewhat and this makes
the Ex. Com. business hard.

The "old ones" I refer to that Mr.
M_ has gathered, is mostly of
little girls of poor families, and
this does not trouble us.

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Of course it confuses the North, but you can very easily rectify that. I shall certainly do it myself if he dares to do another year what he did last. I have no reason whatever to fear him or those associated with him. Any man who strikes at my reputation, will for my own sake and the sake of my family find me ready to fool the whole country. And I say all this in the Spirit of Prayer.

Mr General, we have a splendid school, but we are obliged already to say "We cannot find room for you." Somebody is responsible for the fact that we have not a roof to cover students as they apply. Now my dear Sir, think of me as sweet in spirit as I write what is to follow. I seeing all this I planned to meet it, and planned with you.

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I have your letter asking me to make requisition etc. and $600. would be sent to me to make the purchases of tools required to do the woodwork. It was sent, but not to me as plainly promised. It is doing nothing, neither are we doing anything, because of the lack of these tools. A great work is delayed. It makes my heart ache to see such a waste of time and energy. You have full authority to have that money paid to me and to demand of me an exact accounting. My salary can be held for it if necessary. Don't you think that faith should be kept with a man in my position?

I have tried to get the Com. together. Col. Patterson goes South in a day or so for his health. I am utterly tied up, helpless to act. I shall wait no longer for the Com. To-day I start to put up a building for machinery to do the wood work. The Mechanical Dept can earn enough on the Dormitory

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to pay for the machinery. If they cannot I can raise it in fact I know where half the cost is now. I must close for there is so much to see to, but I will write more fully in regard to the building later. I feel that it is your duty to see that that money is placed to my drawing.

I know the Ex. Com. will endorse my acts when they get together. They have always done so when at last they have seen the working out of my plans.

Mrs L— joins me in kindest regards.

Yours faithfully,

J. Hale Lacey.

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Benicia Arsenal
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My dear Genl Howard

Something over two years ago you were kind enough to express your willingness to assist me, in so far as you were able, from being passed in the selection of a Chief of Ordnance.

At that time my senior was appointed, so I

before since I did not believe the matter need be agitated by me too long in advance.

I will be grateful to you for whatever you may do or be able to get some one else to do for me.

With warm regards to you & family.

Sincerely
A Mordecai

was not slighted -

Now a vacancy occurs again, this November and I am the Senior Col of Ordnance and in fact of the entire Army; so I am come again to ask your assistance.

My entire service in the Army, in both Peace & War has been more prominent and important and more faithfully & continuously performed than that of any Ord Officer living, and it seems to me that if my case could be properly presented to the Secty War, for I believe he is the important one, I could not be passed over -

I have not written of this