

Feb 9th [18]70

A. R. Shepherd

My dear Sir

Do you

not think it will be well to have

a special reception at Y. M. C. Ass:

Rooms on Tuesday evening, March

1st. Inviting especially, our property
holders in Washington City, with ladies.

Placing before them, after refresh-

ments, our floating debt, and

asking them to come to the rescue?

Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Pres. Y. M. C. Association

Mar 8th [18] 70

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Dear Sir -

I am embarrassed
to file the requisition of the
A. B. Home. Miss. ^m~~Asso~~ Society,
and if you can possibly turn over
to them the Avery Institute
letting them refund to you the
amount you have put in to
the enterprise, I think it
would be a good plan -

Of course they will receive
& carry on the work as you
do - Yours truly

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Washington, D. C.
May 14th 1870

David Clark Esq.

My Dear Friend:

I have been overtaxed lately with labor. The investigation has given me a good deal of trouble, but I trust will come out all right. I have seen James two or three times and he seems to be doing admirably, as I supposed he would. Genl. Whittlesey says: "He is a very fine mathematician" I am glad to hear this. I hope that his strength of body will keep pace with his strength of mind. Nobody must regard the reports in the newspapers, but wait until the investigation is closed. I hope you will pray for me that I may stand fast in prayer, without flinching.

Very sincerely Yours
O. O. Howard

June 14 [18]70

A. R. Shepherd Esq:

Dear Sir-

James Brooks

the bearer, is an excellent
young man, eager to
learn- wants to help himself-
has been a head-waiter on
a steamer- is smart &
intelligent can you not
send him to one of the
new [lines ?] where he
can do good service &
oblige yours truly

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

Washington, D. C.

~~June 4th 1871.~~

June 20, 1870

David Clark, Esq.
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter is received, I am glad to hear that Jemmy is to be placed on trial. I think that his eyes will prove much better than the Surgeons hoped or feared; but in case they will not be good enough for West Point, we will give him a trial here with a welcome. I am glad to hear that your family is enjoying so much this season, and hope you may enjoy the same for many years. I will send you a copy of my statement to the Committee on Education and Labor as soon as we shall be permitted to make our proceedings public.

Very truly Yours.

O. O. Howard

Pvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A. Commissioner

July 8th [1870]

My dear young friend-

I have

just read your letter of the
29th ult. it is published in
the Washington Chronicle of
this morning. I do hope you
will never think of giving
up while you have health
to stand the storm. I suffered
quite as much when I first
went to West Point. Endure
the insults without any shew
of fear. A prompt & able
reply when off duty, will sometimes
avail you a pleasant smile will
win hearts to you. God, who
allowed you to be born & live
with the blood of the African

in your veins will bear you
through every trial. To be
a soldier, one must not only
be brave in battle but
have an abundance of
genuine fortitude, so as to
bear up in disaster &
apparent defeat. There is
no real defeat to the true
soldier - His soul is
unconquerable.

Affectionately

Your friend

O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. Gen. U.S.A.

To\

Cadet J. W. Smith

West Point

N.Y.

Washington D.C.

July 8th 1870

To\

Editor of The Tribune

Dear Sir:

I have written
a short letter to Cadet Smith
(the colored cadet) and the
thought occurs to me that
I might perhaps influence
high minded cadets in his favor
by giving my letter to you for
publication. The [ninnies ?] who
will persecute a man because
they can do it with impunity
will hide their heads when
the indignation of true men

is [excited ?] against them

If West Point has
not power enough to
protect such a young
man as Cadet Smith -
quick, able, honest
noble-spirited as he
is - then West Point
with have a hard struggle
against the returning
tide of feeling that will
[break ?] in from the
people. I am a graduate
of West Point & am
proud of her sons who
have been true to the
country, & true] to humanity,
but I am greatly ashamed
when cadets dishonor us
by a mean prejudice, that
ought long ago to have been
[---- ?] - Very truly yrs. O.O.Howard

Washington D.C. July 10, 1870

Mr. Frederick Douglass

My Dear Sir:

I read a part of your reply to the Philadelphia resolutions, copied into the "Independent" of July. Much that you thus say accords with my judgement and sympathy, but I feel that you speak more strongly and sweepingly than you want. "The church and street are about the same in point of authority and in point of excellence. Both answer on the side of popular wrong, and both are against unpopular right" Such have not been the teachings of the branches of the Church that I have attended from my youth. That individual ministers have led astray, that people have blindly followed them into the practice and defence of crime, I admit, but this has not been the general rule. I learned in the church to love God. I learned to reverence the authority of His law. I found in the church a saviour, and my heart has been by his word and grace enlarged in its capacity to love my fellow men, and I firmly believe that it is the aspiration of the teachings of the New England Churches, that made so many strong abolitionists thus. The great majority of ministers I have heard in Maine have been outspoken against slavery, against wrong of every description, and my view has been that the wrongdoing of men and women in the church has been, not in consequence of, but in spite of the right instruction they received. "Love thy neighbor" is the teaching, Act up to it and slavery of every description falls. Now as to the abolition; you do not attribute it to a miracle; not due to any special interposition of Divine Providence, but as resulting from the certain operation of natural causes inherent in the very constitution of human nature. Were this so we should be just as

thankful to the author of human nature; the Lord God who so wonderfully arranged all things. But I think some of us who bore the Church after the battle, realized a daily aid, specially given as to a beseeching child. I cannot look upon Mr. Lincoln without regarding him as a special providence, as much as was David, and even Andrew Johnson as much as was Pharaoh or Herod, whose wicked purposes were overruled by the good of God's people. Natural, indeed, because God is in every thing and guiding every thing, and hindering even the independent will of Satan and his friends. We do not read that God is the author of wrong. He can abolish wrong. This is the everlasting work of Christ, by his spirit working in us and with us. He is not the author of sin such as slavery, drunkenness, lying, stealing, murder, hate etc. etc. You are a leader, have long been, and may God keep you in the forefront; but do not let the sins of church members obscure your clear vision, and hide the torches of truth that Christ and his followers (formed into the Churches) do really bear."

My point is that I long to have you a strong leader in the church. I have been fighting for truth and principle there, and are sustained.

Very truly yours

O.O. Howard

Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A. Commisioner

July 13 [18]70

Edgar Ketchum Esq:

Dear friend:

[?] Mr.

Dwight's letter. I have heard
of his quarrel in this Com-
mittee. Think it one of the
old stories: grows out of the
design of Hoar, Tyner, Townsend
& others to modify for my
benefit & to unit [sic] the united
minority. We shall soon see
as we are seen.

Very truly yrs

O. O. Howard

Please give Mr. Dwight the [enclosed ?]

Washington, D.C. July 14th 1870

General Adelbert Ames, U.S.S.

Dear General:

Independant of clothing, the cost per year is between one hundred and fifty and one hundred and sixty dollars. The price for board is three dollards per week and three dollars per quarter for tuition, the latter to be paid in advance. I will send you a catalogue as soon as they are out.

Very truly yours

(sgd) O.O.Howard

Bvt. Maj. General U.S.A. Commissioner

July 18th [18]70

A. R. Shepherd Esq:

Dear Sir,

I wish you
would converse a few moments
with Maj. Vanderburgh. He was
one of my mose energetic co-
workers & since he became a
civilian he has put through
a large contract with life-

I dont [sic] know what he wishes
to tell you but it will be
right to hear him

Very truly yrs.

O.O.Howard

Aug 2nd [1870]

Rev. Geo. Whipple

Sec. A.M.A.

Dear Sir:

The Board of
yesterday
trustees ^ established the Dept.
of Theology and the Chair
of Theology and resolved to
accept the offer of the American
Missionary Association to fill
i
our char - I shall be
recieve
pleased to ~~permit~~ the
nominations to fill this
chair that I may present
[them ?] to the Board at the
next meeting, in September (
the first Monday)

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Pres. Howard University