

Sept 1 [18]70

A. R. Shepherd

Dear Sir-

I shall  
feel safer if you  
make some other  
arrangement than  
                    of dormitory  
cut the partition wall<sup>^</sup>.

The Architect & builder  
both think it not  
quite safe & recommend  
a cheap brick shed on  
East side near chimney.

Very truly yrs.

O.O.Howard

Com<sup>r</sup>

Washington D.C.



Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1870

Rev. George Whipple

Secretary A. M. Association

N<sup>o</sup> 59 Reade street, New York City

Board meets again tomorrow at 9 A.M. Do come.

O.O. Howard

Brig. Genl. U.S.A. Commr.



Washington, D. C.  
Sept. 10th 1870

Cadet James W. Smith

Dear Sir:

Zennadakis (2) says you sold him the book case on leaving his room.  
If you did, you made a mistake, the book case belonged to the room and  
is not the students property. He says he paid \$3.00.

Very truly Yours.

O. O. Howard

Brig. General U.S.A. Comm<sup>r</sup>.

P.S.

I promised him to write and ask you to refund. He is very poor.



Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> [1870]

A. R. Shepherd Esq:

Dear Sir=

Mr. Alvord, Mr.

Cole & myself prize those Boundary

lots at 20 cts. per square foot -

They are beautifully [sic] situated for the

station house and you could take

more or less at your option -

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Brig. Gen. U.S.A.

Washington D.C.



Nov. 22 [18]70

A. R. Shepherd, Esq:

My dear Sir-

I ache  
to comply with your  
request, but do not  
think I ought this time  
till the work is complete  
and inspected & everything  
in working order -

Just as soon as this  
is done [it will be]  
promptly paid [for by]  
me but I must be  
careful as you know.

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard



Washington, D.C. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1870

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt

Chairman Committee

My Dear Sir:

Your flattering invitation for me to be present for the purpose of joining in celebrating "the completion of the "Italian Unity, and to express to United Italy the sympathy "and congratulations of the American people on the emancipation "of Rome; its occupation as the future Capitol of the Nation, in accordance with the free vote of the Roman Citizens and the consequent establishment of religious and civil liberty throughout the Peninsula", I have just received. No event in this wonderful age, except our own recognition of manhood in emancipation and enfranchisement gives me more joy than this that you celebrate. The establishment of civil liberty throughout Italy; the giving the citizens a voice in the choice of rulers; the elevation of Rome to its old position of honor, have scarcely seemed possible: the dream of visionary impracticable men; but I should have said that religious liberty, i.e. the right of man to read the bible [sic] and worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, without constraint or hindrance, something absolutely unattainable, without a half century of faithful christian teaching, at least, after the temporal power of the Pope had been overthrown, so that my joy is only exceeded by my astonishment that a free vote has had such results. Possibly the results are not yet; still how glorious the prospect that this people, from whom the old love of freedom and honor seemed to have been crushed out, should rise in their might and assert by a practical and indisputable decree their right to think and speak and act for themselves.

King William, or Emperor William may rejoice in imperial



power; a power that mainly comes from the will of a free, educated people, but he cannot put back the Pope, as some people declare. He would violate the sense of right of his own Protestant subjects by doing so, no less than that of the men who are now enjoying the new birth of freedom. And should he be <sup>so</sup> inclined in this temporary success, how fearfully would he rue the day of his folly, for surely God is giving men the power to discover the causes of their thralldom, and to remove them. Positive equality of rights, as exercised in little christian bodies, soon bursts all bonds and give freedom to the state. Its exercise conflicts with tyranny, wherever found, whether in ignorance or vice; whether in a half slave republic, or an absolute monarchy; whether in the folly of Atheism, or the superstition of bigotry in religion, the conflict is joined and the victory is sure for the principle: that one man with God on his side, or better, with Christ in his heart, is stronger than a host opposed, gives security in the darkest times.

This being the case I hope our Christian people will be wide awake, and as they followed our armies with Christian schools and free churches, so they will go to help their brethren in Italy to multiply the nucleus of freedom, to enable them at Rome, by free schools and free churches to understand and put in practice Paul's letter to their fathers, whose doctrines will not only give the people independence, but make them free indeed.

I will be present if I can.

Very truly Yours.

(signed) O.O.Howard

Brig. General USArmy,

Commisioner



Washington, D.C. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1870.

John Tappan, Esq.

Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

You asked me to write you about the 1st of January, how much our church still needed to pay its indebtedness.

We had an indebtedness of \$41.000. 00  
when brother Rankin and I started out.

We obtained pledges from our brethren \$32000.00 00

We have raised abroad and paid in 5.820.50

Making a total of \$37.820. 50

Leaving to be raised or pledged \$ 3.179. 50

Now, my dear Sir, whatever you may give to this object we will try fully to return to the American Missionary Association. The A.M.A. is aiding Howard University in its Theological Department and also our church in its largest mission, where we have between eight and nine hundred colored children. This Congregational Church has been the center and spring of an extensive christian work. From it sprang this University and several important missions, and to it the Congregational churches south, are looking for sympathy. It has set into practical operation the fraternal feeling that overcomes the unchristian, intolerant spirit of Caste, in repentance for which your noble brother said: "The actors would, or should, some day shed scalding tears." Several colored persons have joined us, two propounded for the next communion. In brother Rankin we have a true, large hearted man; unselfish and able. God will enable him to gather and keep together a large fold.

I have just finished the life of Arthur Tappan, your broth-



er, and I will try to be like him. In many things his wonderful life condemns me, especially in "not letting the right hand know what the left hand doeth. Oh! that there were more such men as he, who felt every day that they were simply God's stewards. Yet there are many good men. It is beautiful to me to find you rejoicing, and counting up God's mercies, as the infirmities of age and long service are creeping upon you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace in great measure day by day, that you may not be weary with waiting.

Pray for me that I may be anabled to do my duty.

I have three special objects of prayer: 1.<sup>st</sup> our church; 2nd. our University, the endowment of its professorships, and 3rd: our Young Men's Christian Association, to finish praying for its building. This Association is much needed here, to help young men to proper Association and direct them to the fellowship of Christian people, and so to Christ, it may be.

Affectionately Your brother in Christ

(signed) O.O.Howard



Washington, D. C.  
Jany. 7th 1871

David Clarke, Esq.  
Hartford Conn.

My dear Friend:

I owe you an explanation. The interest and indebtedness become due at the same time and it was necessary to meet it, so that Mr. Shepherd and I simply went security by endorsement for three months for about four thousand dollars.

So many interests are affected; benevolent associations, Soldiers Home, who hold Y.M.C.A. Stock that I am anxious to make this loan. I am very grateful to you, my dear Sir, for your caution and advice. I am sorry to see another Court ordered for Cadet Smith. I fear those cadets will wear him out. I have little doubt of his innocence. Three cadets violate their pledges and run away, one of them a son of an old friend of mine, Gen. Baird.

Yours affectionately  
O. O. Howard  
Brig. General U.S.Army.



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Jan 17<sup>th</sup> [18]71

A. R. Shepard [sic] Esqr.

My dear sir

This note is

all paid except the interest. If you favor the idea  
please send the interest to Bro. C. B. Baily, Treas. Young  
Mens [sic] Christian Association, as they are sadly in need  
of funds

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

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



Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 1871

Geo. Whipple. Esq.

Secy. A.M.A.

59 Reade st. N.Y.

My dear sir

Your note of 16<sup>th</sup> just  
received. Talk with Senator Patter-  
son and write Senator Pomeroy.

Truly yours

O.O. Howard

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



January 27<sup>th</sup> [18]71

David Clark Esq:

My dear friend:

I begin

to be a little anxious on  
account of our Y. M. C. A.  
work which was never doing  
more good than now. If  
I could effect the loan that  
I have solicited, it will be  
all right with us.

Will you have the kindness  
to send me some one or two  
of the blank requests of either  
of the companies that you  
think best that we may



make formal application.

of Boston  
Mr. John Tappan, the

old man who can

scarcely rise from his  
chair, takes a great interest  
in Cadet Jas. W. Smith.

He says let him leave  
there after he is vindicated  
& he will willingly pay his  
way at Amherst or Williams  
College. A gentleman asks  
my opinion. I tell him  
he had better [return ?] to us

& that you would be glad  
of such kind cooperation

My kindest regards to Mrs.

Clark & the rest. Very truly yrs.

O.O.Howard



Feb. 3<sup>d</sup> [187]1

Hon. Chas. Sumner

My Dear Sir-

Enclosed

please find a programme of  
our Law Commencement -

I need not say to you how  
much I should be gratified  
to have you present. As I  
shall be completely engaged early  
in the evening I have asked  
Mr. Langston to call for you  
with my carriage a little  
before seven P.M.  
A few words from you to  
the class would help us indeed.

Yours sincerely

O. O. Howard



Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> [18]71

Alex. R. Sheperd [sic], Esq:

Dear sir

As soon as it <sup>became</sup> ~~[-?]~~  
known ~~and~~ that I had signed a petition  
in your behalf I was visited by  
delegations of colored people &  
others protesting against my action  
and averring that I have been [?]  
deceived. They say that you have  
uniformly acted against their  
interests and are now opposed to  
the proposed change in the school  
law which favors a single & not  
a double system: on the other  
hand several republicans & myself  
amongst the number claim that you



are now a republican and  
you  
that ^ will go for a single  
system where scholars shall  
be cared for irrespective of  
color- If it will not embarrass  
you will you by a reply  
enable me to make an intelligent  
intelligent answer to the  
colored people & others who are  
my friends, but who call  
in question my recommendation

Yours truly

O.O.Howard



April 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

Rev<sup>d</sup> Geo. Whipple.

Dear Sir

I have now just returned from my Western trip. I spoke in behalf of the Ass<sup>n</sup> so as to quicken the interest in your work and pave the way for increased contributions in the following places <sup>in Ill.</sup>, viz: Chicago, Rockford, Galesburg, Aurora, Princeton, Crystal Lake: - in Iowa, Burlington: - in Mich, Kalamazoo, Jackson and Detroit: - also in Randolph, Catterangus Co., N.Y. and at the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Hawes' Church in Pala. - Charles and Mr. Riggs usually accompanied me. Where they did not, I presented not only the cause of the Freedmen, but of the Chinese and the Indians.

I never had larger audiences or more



earnest attention and endorsement. I did not confine myself to the work of your Association but did make its grand record very prominent in all that I said. I believe that the people will as readily respond now as ever provided the facts can be set before them briefly, clearly and earnestly. Your Western Secretary gained a great deal by this trip, speaking better and better at every new effort.

Mr. Riggs interested the people almost universally in the cause of the Indians, because he spoke ex cathedra and intrinsically with graphic power. If you think I have done you sufficient service and can check me off whatever you think is right for twelve lectures, on account of my indebtedness to you.

I shall be grateful for the favor.

Very truly yours

O.O.Howard

Brig. Genl. U.S.A., Comr. &c.



Washington D.C. April 12, 1871

Hon. Lyman W. Perce

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that Michael Howard has sustained a good reputation ever since he has been here. He is diligent and faithful on the performance of his duties, and I would recommend that he be allowed another trial. He has a little natural diffidence that confuses him at times in public examinations, but I think he is recovering from this very common hindrance. I believe he has sufficient talent to master the West Point course, especially as he does not lack in energy and application. You are at liberty to forward my recommendation, if you wish, to the Academic Board of West Point Military Academy.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servant

(signed) O.O.Howard

President Howard University