

New York May 14/66-

To Major Genl. O. O. Howard;

Dear Sir;

utterances of yours before the <sup>Certain</sup> Bible Society, relative to the education of the freedmen have led me to question whether, with a little additional labor, in the same line that I have chiefly wrought <sup>in</sup> during our great national crisis, would not furnish a desideratum in the great work of mental & moral culture which comes under your direction, and forms a part of your official charge.

Several years ago an educated German expressed the wish that I would prepare a book in the English language like one which he had

been wont to read in as a school  
boy in his native country; and  
he expressed his wonder that no more  
prominence is given to the Bible  
as a school-book by a people so  
religious as we are.

Quite a period elapsed before  
I found time to devote that work  
which was suggested to me by the  
aforesaid gentlemen, whom I met  
at a watering-place; but about  
five years ago I sought and  
found, in a German book-store  
the very work which he mentioned  
and two others constructed on the  
same plan & for the same purpose.  
It was a small book, about the  
size of a common spelling-book,  
and when I thought of the reasons  
for making a book on that  
plan - which was a compilation  
of some of the more important and  
attractive parts of the Bible interspersed  
with ~~appropriate~~ selections from the  
religious poets - it seemed to be al-  
together too meagre an affair; and  
I resolved to compile a duodecimo  
of from 250 to 350 pages with the  
hope that it might become est-



some time a reading-book in schools. When my original plan had been carried out, we were in the heat & commotion of our great struggle, and it was no time to publish. And as I was physically unable to endure the exposures incident to the work of a chaplain in the army, the question arose whether I could not expand my work so as, by a thorough research of all the poets, I might not make a book that would serve to make all the great facts and features of the Bible attractive to the Young Men of our country, in that grand & glorious future which I was ever-confident was in store for us as a nation.

The work was subsequently undertaken and the result will be a large Octavo volume of about 600 pages, entitled "Nahbivur; or the Bible in Epitome. Illustrated by the Poets of Christendom". More than 250 poets, from Shakespeare down, have been made tributary, by their choicest genus, to the work. After that compilation was



completed, I again set about  
preparing a book according  
to my original plan, which was  
also in an equal state of advancement.

The thought occurred to me when  
this last work was nearly done,  
whether it would not be well to  
make a small book about as  
as the German model, which had  
been originally suggested to me.  
But I forbore, because I was in  
doubt whether it is well to bring  
children first into contact with the Bible  
by the toil & difficulties of learning  
to read. But on hearing you

specify the other day, and calling  
to mind the peculiar traits of my  
character - with which I had become  
familiar - by several years residence  
among them, I resolved to consult  
you as to the expediency of completing  
the small book to complete the series.

I am now preparing for a final  
revision of the two compilations, and  
it will not cost me very much  
extra labor to prepare the third, with  
a view to blending weighty & attractive  
truths with simple poetry, should you  
deem such as valuable to be desirable  
in this new department of education.

I would thank you to favor me with  
your views on this point at your  
earliest convenience.

Faithfully & Respectfully, Yrs

Saml. W. Bailey

No 128. East 16<sup>th</sup> Street

Brooklyn, May 15<sup>th</sup> /66

Gen Howard

Dear Sir

I made great efforts to obtain an interview with you while you were in this region, & when you kindly consented to see me in Bowdoin St. the time was too short to allow me to get to you in season - a conversation would have been very satisfactory & less troublesome to you, as I doubt not you are flooded with troublesome letters.

You will perhaps recollect that I spoke to you in Washington of a brother of mine, William Fiske, who was at that time laboring among the Freed men in Louisiana, where it was very unhealthy, he was obliged to come North to recruit & when he returned he found his wife very very ill so that few weeks his life was despaired of, & he was so long detained from his post that he lost it - it was about the time when they



-desired the number of teachers super-  
 tendants &c. Now that the Freedmen's  
 Bureau has assumed a more tangible  
 form, than it has had since the bet  
 -I am anxious to know if there is not  
 some department that he could fill  
 better known to you than to him - he is  
 the work & upon truly christian princi-  
 -ples, he is a man of strict integrity -  
 wife also who is much younger than  
 is an excellent teacher, and the ad-  
 -tage of some of the best teaching  
 New England. My brother was at  
 Pensacola when I last heard from  
 him, but not doing enough for the  
 -port of his family - I feel great sympathy  
 for him & a great desire to have him  
 when he can accomplish the most  
 good - at the same time enabled to  
 support his family without being continually  
 distressed - he has two children -

I understand that our mutual friend  
 cousin Perry Lee is much pleased with  
 his situation & doing well, I am rejoiced

to hear it— I was not able to attend your lecture here on account of a recent indisposition but a daughter of mine grasped your hand for a moment intending to speak to you but you were in such demand that she found that quite impossible she saw you seized by a party of gentlemen & borne away to speak on the other side of the water—

Should you have time to communicate with me please direct to Mrs. W<sup>m</sup> F. Dwight Care of George F. Dwight & J. Murray St. New York— it would rejoice my heart greatly to be instrumental in benefiting my brother still I know it may not be in your power to help me— My regards if you please to Mrs. Howard & believe me very sincerely

Your friend

A. W. Dwight





Brooklyn, May 14, 1866.

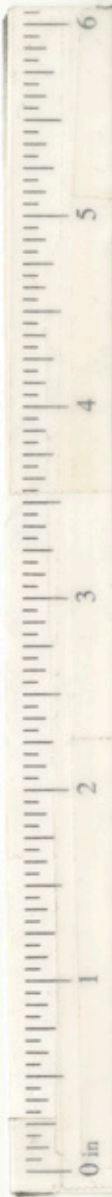
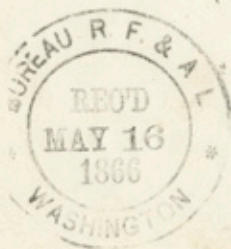
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Wright, M. H.

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Friendly letter

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St Nicholas Hotel  
New York  
May 14 1866

Dear brother

My leave expires  
today but I wish to stay  
over to see the Paymesters  
tomorrow to try and get  
Dexter Howard's pay - Mr  
Paymester in Boston told  
me I could, he thought,  
get at least a month's  
pay for him here - Dexter  
has not had any pay for  
seven months and cannot  
get it himself - Do not ex-  
pect to live - I wish  
also to stop in Philadelphia  
as I have some packages from  
Leeds - I would have  
telegraphed but found it  
cost a good deal and





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believing that there is no  
pressing need for me I  
will take this train unless  
I hear to the contrary from  
you at William Merriam's.  
Probably will reach Wash-  
ington Thursday - Left all  
well at home; and at Mrs.  
Webb's this morning - Mrs.  
Webb took to me the Paymaster  
here tonight and did not  
find John Wier at home.  
Saw your letter to Mr. Whipple  
in the Tribune today -  
The President's revelations of  
himself to the London Times  
Correspondent are the worst  
I have yet seen - Would  
like a word from you or  
Major Ketchum at Philadelphia -  
Is there any errand I could do for  
you there? I intend to see Vice  
Rutten & Co. -  
Your affectionate brother  
Chas. H. Howard.

New York  
May 14/66

Howard C. H.  
Capt. Brig. General

Requesting to have his  
leave extended a short  
time,



242 Broadway  
New York

May 14th. 1866

Genl.:

It is clear now (as it has been to one for months) that the President is determined to strangle the Bureau. In his assault via Tullerton and Steedman, you suffer unjustly and meanly.

The man who could do what Tullerton did in New Orleans is just the man for Johnson's wicked work. He will fill the Herald with "highly-colored stuff" tempered so as to suit the President and serve the President's policy.

Your best friends (though you acted as if you did not know them as such) Saxton, Thomas, Gregory and myself, were the natural enemies of the cruel

policy of the President. We  
were true to liberty but could  
not stand. We had to fall  
and give way to "Conservatives"  
that is, to men who will continue  
the policy of Mr. Johnson.  
Kullerton and Steadman  
will do you all the harm  
possible; and the Herald  
and kindred sheets will join  
in the attack.

A policy that would sweep  
from the Bureau the true  
friends the Freedmen have  
will soon seek your disgrace,  
and, though I am far from  
forgetfulness of your treatment  
of General Saxton and myself  
and from the conviction that you  
were not without blame, I do  
contend that you deserve well  
at the hands of the friends of



liberty, and that all good and true men should shield you from unjust and wicked assaults.

I have two chapters in my book "The Great Exodus" on you and your course, and I am sure you will give me credit for a faithful exposition. They are written as one friend of justice would write of another.

I am yet confident that before the expiration of the present Bureau Congress will find it necessary to provide for its continuance notwithstanding the civil rights law or the prospect of equal suffrage. Don't you think so?

Yours most truly  
Thomas W. Conway  
242 Bowser

Newspok May 14<sup>th</sup>. 1866

Conway, H. H.

Concerning his Dis-  
min. Hullston Reports.





May 16. 1866  
Maj Gen Howard  
Dear Sir

I have just  
been informed that  
it is not improbable that  
you may attend a  
meeting of the  
National Convention  
of Y. M. C. Association  
to be held in Albany  
about the first of next  
month.

If you should do  
so it would give  
the greatest pleasure

to myself and  
family to have you  
come to the Seminary  
and remain with us  
during the session  
of the Convention.

It will be very easy  
for you to go from  
here to Albany  
to be present at the  
meeting, as all our  
own delegates will do  
and return after they  
are completed.

Mrs Willard and  
children join me  
in very sincere thanks  
to you for your  
services for the  
Country in the



field and in  
the bureau during  
the past five years,  
and in Congratulation  
for your eminent  
success,

Very truly Yours  
J. H. Willard

Boz., May 14. 1846

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Holland, J. M.

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Write Mr. Howard  
to visit him, when  
he comes to Albany

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Recd. May 18. 1846



REV. GEO. WHIFFLE, } Sec's.  
REV. M. E. STERRY, }  
W. E. WHITING, ASST. TREAS.

American Missionary Association,  
No. 61 JOHN STREET,

(Confidential) New-York, May 17 1866

Maj Gen O.O. Howard  
Commissioner. Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir;

A gentleman has just called on me who says he thinks the Captain G. O. Glavis mentioned in the report of Generals Fullerton and Steadman, was from Newark, N. J., and if so, is entirely unworthy of your confidence. If you wish to make farther inquiry, you can do so of Gov Marcus L. Ward, Trenton N.J. or of Rev Dr. Poor, (pastor of Presbyterian church,) Newark N.J.

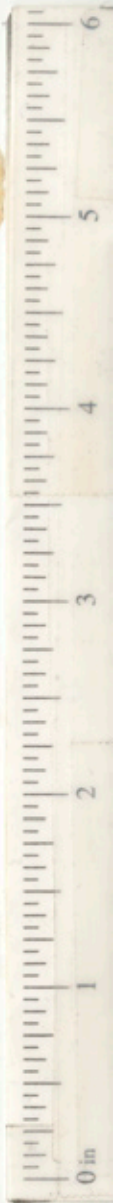
Hoping that you will

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American Missionary Association,  
No. 61 John Street.

Brooklyn, May 17, 1866

My dear O. O. Howard,  
Commissioner Bureau  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir,

A gentle  
man has just called on me  
who says he thinks the Dep-  
tment of General Matthews  
in the report of General Fuller  
and others on, was from  
himself, & if such is so, is  
entirely unworthy of you.  
Confidence.  
To make further inquiry, you  
can do so if you please. I  
trust, that the H. of Rep.  
Dr. Geo. Foster of Washington  
thinks, & I think H. of  
hoping that you will





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not regard this as an inter-  
ference with your official  
duties, ~~which~~ I remain

Your Most Obedt Servt  
Geo. Whipple  
Gov. Sec

Gov. Sec  
- would do

Recd March 18 - 1862

New York May 17, 1864

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Philips, Geo  
Cor. Leary

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Concerning Chap.  
Is. S. Islands -

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Recd May 18<sup>th</sup> 1864



Boston May 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Wickesing J. H.

Willis W. Howard  
to be present in  
Boston 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

Recd. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1866.

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No. 1. Bulfinch Place  
Boston, May 17.

1866

Dear General

As it is as  
possible, "Computationally  
with the public interest",  
for you to be with  
our "Suffolk (Christian)  
Luncheon Union",  
at Park St. Church  
on Tuesday Eve 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

You can hardly  
imagine how  
much good  
the mere an-  
nouncement of y<sup>r</sup>  
name would do;  
— or what an influence  
even a few of your



Earnest word would  
exist; —

The connection  
between temperance  
& Revivals, and  
the hindrance to  
conversion resulting  
from various  
uses of strong  
drink, has been  
strikingly illus-  
trated of late.

Can you not  
"Come over and  
help us"?

— Even the Secular  
press is beginning  
to ask "Will not  
Genl. Howard come  
to the Anniversary  
of Epiphany  
would be made

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cheerfully paid;  
& our Committee  
our Society, & the  
whole Commu-  
nity would be  
greatly your debtor.

I shall reply  
by next mail,  
if possible, &  
oblige

Yours truly &  
fraternally,

J. W. Chickering



Kalamazoo College

Kalamazoo Mich

May 16, 1886

May. Gen. O. O. Howard

General

"The Soldiers Memorial Society of Kalamazoo College" is composed of students & graduates of the college who served in the war, & is organized to secure the erection of a Memorial Building in honor of the graduates & students of the college who fell in the service. At their request I write to invite you to lecture in this town, at any time that may suit

your pleasure. We will gladly  
pay whatever sum you  
are accustomed to receive  
for lecturing, say \$150, &  
any amount more we  
go to erecting a Monu-  
ment or above referred to.

We should also be glad to  
confer with you for six  
lectures (say) to be given in  
different parts of this State  
May I beg that you will  
give your favorable con-  
sideration to both these pro-  
posals. For such a course  
of six lectures, we w<sup>d</sup> gladly  
pay a suitable sum, say  
\$1000.



Permit me to add that  
I should be most happy to  
have your sentiments of  
schismatical patriotism  
extended to, by the people  
of this state. I w<sup>d</sup> gladly  
add more, but thro' fear  
of obtrusiveness, I forbear to  
express the reverence which  
is common with all the  
patriotic & good, I cherish  
for you.

As I have not the honor  
of being known by you, I  
venture to add that I served  
for twenty eight months  
under Gen<sup>l</sup> <sup>A. H.</sup> Perry & Gen,  
(now Gov.) Hucolay, with both

of whom, I have the honor  
of a somewhat intimate  
friendship. I have also the  
honor of knowing Messrs Foster,  
Anthony & Harris, of the Sen-  
ate of the United States.

I have the honor to re-  
main, General,  
Most truly, yours  
with great respect

H. L. Maybauer  
late Chaplain 7th Conn. V.

Pres. of S. M. Soc<sup>y</sup> of Andover  
a For College,



My dear Sir

I send you  
editorial from today  
North American

I am pained to  
see the attempts  
being made to get  
rid of your Bureau  
I suppose these  
generals are "My  
policy men". The  
Army officers seem  
to have a great  
controlling after  
the change of the  
President.

The assertion that  
the N Carolina Super  
intendents are leaving  
the government  
properly to feed & cloth  
the negroes working



in themselves in my  
claiming to know  
as well as the Bureau  
and I send the  
paper, lest you may  
not have seen it  
hoping that you  
may in some way  
give an official  
contradiction to  
the charge.

As to how accurate  
I have heard of  
Capt Whittleson  
I put no faith in  
the assertion of  
those gentlemen

Very truly

Wm W. Mumch

The 18 May

[1866]



Musarick May 1866

Dear General, Your favor  
of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing  
circular of the "National  
Fair" is received, and  
in accordance with your  
suggestion submitted to  
the faculty of the College.

The object is certainly  
most worthy, and will have  
the cooperation of all who  
cherish the memory of our  
fallen defenders, or the cause  
in which they offered their  
lives.

I am glad to hear of  
your health & prosperity.

Respectfully  
O. H. West  
M. C.

Truly yours  
J. L. Chamberlain

Memorandum May 1880

Dear Sir,  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing a copy of the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State, 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,  
 Wm. H. Chamberlain

