

Union Grove, Racine Co.
Wisconsin, Sept. 11. 1866.
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Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Dean & Honored Sir

In response to
a Circular signed by your-
self & Senator Pomroy, please
find enclosed Five Dollars
for the erection of a Congrega-
tional Church at Washington
"where Jackson's dead is," (or
will be ^{perhaps} when the president
gets back) It is a mite from
members of the writer's family
viz, a dollar each from
my wife, son, District Com.
(Miss Ginnery) & Miss Maria
Delano, & myself. We appre-
ciate the object & therefore
wish to invest a little

in a ~~work~~ which we
hope will be "a pillar
of ground of the truth as
it is in Jesus."

Please certify the safe re-
ceipt of this to the under-
signed & be assured of
our prayers for ~~its~~ the pro-
sperity of the enterprise.

May the Lord sustain you
in your high & beneficent
position even as He did Dan-
iel in the Court of a hea-
then King & in the den of
lions.

Yours in the Gospel
James Kilbourn
Congregational Minister.



Greystone 11th Sept
1866

Dear friend! Gen Howard.

I have been quite decided
that I should write to you long'er
this, but not quite decided about the
day, and this I wished to know definitely
before writing to you!

Now dear friend, can you come on
on the 4th of October?

I think we will be married at 12 O'clock
in the Church of the Holy Innocents, &
if you can come & bring Mrs Howard
I shall be very glad to see you know
I told you when you said you would come

going children, and his mother who shall not live to
see the end - she persuaded him to enlist to keep him
near her & her children - his time is half out the 15th of this
month - September. His name is John Cook.

My dear General Howard, we never see a paper
so do not know scarcely where to direct this letter

Ever gratefully your friend

Samuel H. Gary

to the wedding, that I would like you to join
me away, now I repeat the invitation
if you think it worth such a long
journey!

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Please let me know as soon
as possible, as I have been so late
in deciding all the arrangements that
I would like to know.

I should be happy to see your brother
also if he cares to come.

Now General Howard would you be willing
to do me a very great personal favor? personally
& that is of moment just now - not having rented
the cottage - it will be of very great benefit
to me. Will you use your influence to get an
unlucky soldier discharged, he is dying in
the army and has one very sickly son & wife

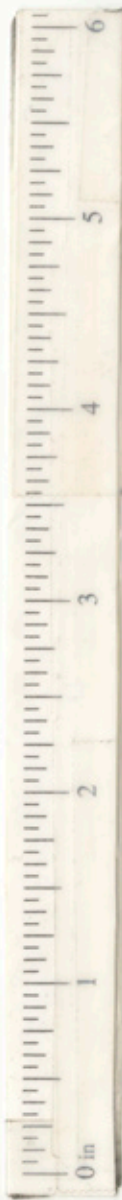
Greystone

September 19th 1866

Dear Jennie

Friendly letter

Recd Sept-13th 1866



Oxford Sept. 11th /66

Genl. C. C. Howard

Dear Sir

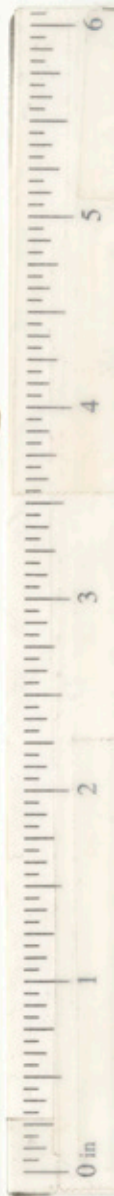
Many thanks for
your kindness in saying you
can be with us at a meeting
in Phil^a & probably in New
York - To suit ^{your} ~~the~~ Commencement
as we supposed, as you will
be in Brooklyn on the
22^d of October & in Bloomfield
St. J. On the 23^d we have appointed

Oct 11/92

Rev. C. C. Howard

I am in

your kindness in Oct 11/92
 in with me at a meeting
 of the Society in New
 York. It was a very
 successful one, as you
 will see by the enclosed
 report. I am in
 the City of Boston
 and have appointed



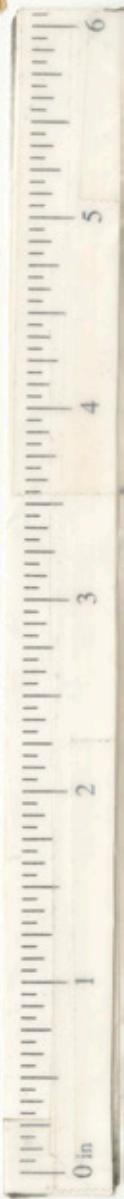
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the 24th for a meeting in
New York, in the evening,
and the 25th in Philadelphia.

Please let us hear from you
when convenient, if this time
will suit your arrangements.

Very respectfully yours,

J. M. Dickey
for Trustees of Lincoln
University—



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Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the purchase of a quantity of the same for the use of the Government. I am sorry to hear that the quantity you ordered is not sufficient for your purpose. I will endeavor to procure a larger quantity for you. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
J. M. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury

Quartermaster General's Office,

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Washington, D. C. Sept 11, 1866.

Major Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner
Bureau R. F. & A. S.
Washington D. C.

General:

If convenient I would
like to call to see you for
a few moments at 3 o'clock

Your Obedt Servt
Rott Bridge
JMB

Would like to see
your Bro Chas also

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Quintessential's Office

Washington, D.C. 20540

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

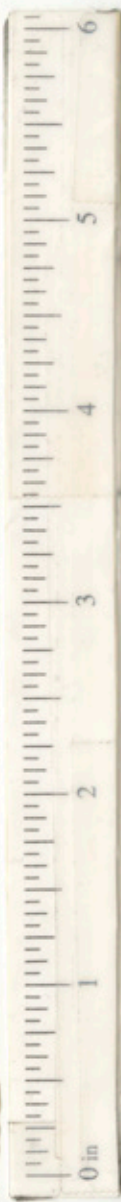
I am writing to you today
to inform you of a recent
development in the case of
the missing person.

I have been in contact with
the local authorities and
they have been able to
locate the person.

I am enclosing a copy of
the report for your information.

I am sure you will find this
information of interest.

Sincerely,
John Doe



Friendship Lodge, No. 6

Independent Order of Good Templars,

Georgetown D.C., Sept. 11, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

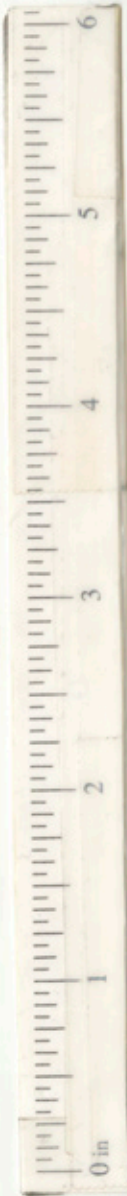
General:- Knowing the deep and earnest sympathy you have in the cause of Temperance, the undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, takes much pleasure in inviting you to attend, and if possible, address a "Grand Temperance Reunion and Festival," to be given under the auspices of our Lodge, at the "Seventh Street Park" Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, 26th inst.

We earnestly trust that it may be convenient for you to be among us on the occasion.

Very Respectfully,
Your oob Servt.

Chas. C. Callan,
R.W. Ct. & Chmn. Com. Inst.

Handwritten text, likely a letter or document, written in cursive. The text is mirrored across the page, suggesting it was written on a folded sheet of paper. The ink is dark and the paper is aged and yellowed. The text is mostly illegible due to the mirroring and fading.



Unofficial

Headquarters, District of Alabama,

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Montgomery, Ala. September 11, 1866.

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner of
Washington D. C.

Dear General

Saturday night there came
from the Secretary of War notice that the
President had appointed me Colonel of
the 45th Inftry, Vet. Res. Corps.

This distinguished compliment and
kindness I owe wholly to you and to the
Secretary, no one else that I know of, hav-
ing taken the slightest action in the premi-
ses. I have accepted it, because you
seemed to desire I should remain, and
that seemed to be my duty. My Father

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also thought I should not at once decline. If I had declined, I should have felt at liberty to say more than I can very well express about the treatment I have experienced from you, beginning on your part when we were almost strangers.

A telegram has just been received continuing Maj. Kineman in service till October first, which is a great relief. He is a valuable and conscientious officer. Before the war he was ^{Chief} ~~Civil~~ Engineer of a Florida rail-road. He was put in jail for his Unionism, and a year's salary confiscated, after which he escaped, entered our army, and fought all the way through. Some time since he made an urgent application (I only

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learned this the other day) to be appoint-
ed into the army. His application, very
strongly endorsed by the Members from Iowa,
was presented to the Secretary by Mr. Pescuden,
and laid aside for future consideration. I
know the immense pressure, but perhaps if
attention were drawn to this, it would be
favorably acted on. Our relations down
here have been as happy as a family, and
it hurts us a good deal to see them broken
ap. Col. Beecher I understand will prob-
ably be appointed Paymaster, in which
case I hope he may remain here while
so.

Governor Patton has returned from
Chicago and we shall at once endeavor
to carry out your views. I shall write
you officially about schools, we have

been quite absorbed in the work, and
did not know we were transcending your
ideas. Again, General, I have to thank
you for this last special kindness.

Your obedient servant
Wager Swayne
Maj. Gen.

Sept. 11th 1866.
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear me. Pl.
3rd Maj. Gen.

Truly better

Sept 18th 1866.

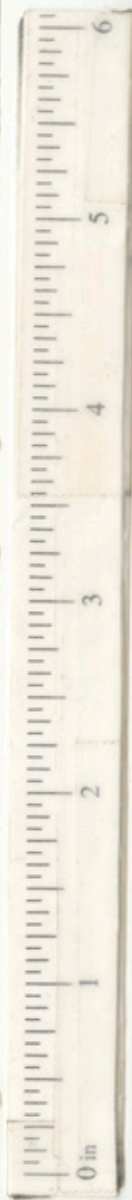


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11th Sept. 1866
Boscobel N.H.

Dear Genl.

If your time is
not too much occupied
I will be very much
obliged to you for
a friendly letter in
your own hand writing
stating what you
know of me as an
officer and a soldier,
^{and} further - I would

feel very grateful
to you if you would
state what my
character & conduct
has been since I have
had the honor of being
an officer of your
staff. You will un-
derstand the tenor of
the letter I desire.
If you are satisfied
that I have been
faithful & true to you



We have send you
with fair ability, a letter
from you giving these
facts will be invaluable
to me in the future.

I would prefer to have
the letter addressed to
me in a friendly way
in your own hand.

I arrived at Escotol
Saturday evening we are
having a delightful time
among my friends, I am

not very much better
as yet, but trust I
shall be soon.

I can never forget, my
dear Genl. your marked
courtesy and kindness to
me since I first became
a member of your military
family & I shall look
forward with the most
intense eagerness to the time
when I can in a measure
repay you for all you have
done for me.

The little period that
I have served with you
will ever be a bright
spot in my soldier's life
over which memory will
always love to linger.
I cannot remember that
you have ever spoken a
harsh or an unkind
word to me. I feel
that I am a better man
for having served with
you. Many habits I had
contracted before I knew
you. I am happy to
say, I have gotten rid
of.

I shall always remain
true to the principles
for which we fought. I
am not an applicant
for an office & I shall
not desert the cause as
some have done. I desire

to or kindly remembred
to all your household
& to all the officers of
the staff.

If you think proper
to give me the letter
asked for, please date it
back to the time I was
mastered out of the service
Sept 1st, & send it
to my address in the care
of Hon. Mr. B. Ogden in
57 Broadway N. Y.

Ever yours faithfully

W. E. Strong.

Brunswick Sept. 11. 1866

Dear General

Hours of the eighth
is at hand. I shall try to wait
in patience the will of him whom
Mr. Seward proposes for our "King."

I would like to have my care
in print, ready to go out when
the findings are published. The papers
here have been too full of politics
to find room for me.

As to politics, the Election passed
off quietly, but the people turned out,
and spoke with emphasis. The
Loyal Union majority will be

25000, perhaps 30000!

I had seen in the papers the statement about Charles, but hoped it might be a mere rumor. Still he will not be very sorry to have his position & duty thus clearly defined.

The same God rules, who makes our defeats blessings. He is devising good for the freedmen & the country now. I think I can see how, but will not venture upon prophecy.

With regards to Mrs. H. & Charles

Yours truly

C. J. Whittlesy

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Elmwood. Ills
Sept. 12. 1866.

My Dear

C. C. Howard

My Dr Bro,

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Early in July
I rec'd a note from you
in regard to the Washington
Church. The Church for which
I labor is very poor. but
wants to add its mite. you
will find. enclosed. two
Dollars. and fifty cents. and
may the Master say of it
as of old.

Yours. in the love of Christ
and his work.

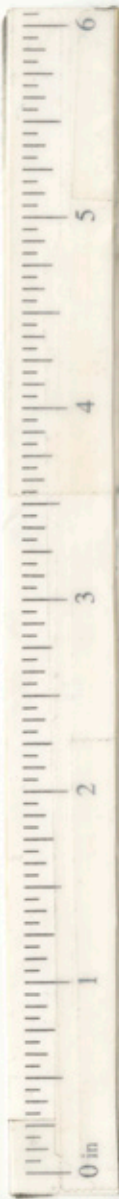
James, D. Wyckoff

Pastor Rensfield Cong Church. N. Y.

Elmwood Illinois)
September 13th 1866.

Wagckoff James D.

Contributes \$2.50
for Congregational Church.



Providence Sep. 12th 1866.

Gen. J. O. O. Howard

My dear Sir

I have been requested by the Chairman of the Lecture Committee of the Mechanics Association, to invite you to give one of the Lectures in their 19th Course.

The Course will be opened Oct. 11th by Mr. J. B. Gough. Hon. S. Colfax, Rev. H. W. Beecher, and other leading men are engaged for the Course.

I hoped to have seen you in Philadelphia last week, at the Convention; but failing, beg to place the invitation before you in this form.

The Committee allow me to offer you \$125⁰⁰ for the Lecture.

Being a Congregationalist, I was present in Mr Beecher's Church last May when you and he plead for the Church in Washington, and gave \$250. for that object - for the Howard Fund.

I have therefore a double reason for hoping

that you will accept this invitation.

If you accept. I would like to put you down
for Wednesday evening Oct. 24 ^{Friday Oct. 26} Monday Oct. 29
or Wednesday Oct. 31. We prefer one of the
Wednesday evenings, but give you a choice
of either of the above.

If you cannot come in October, we will
listen to a suggestion for time to suit
you - but hope one of the evenings above named
will suit you.

Please answer at once, and oblige

Yours truly
A. C. Montow.

P.S.

I send you a Providence Journal of this
date. Perhaps you will find time to
read the address of our delegation to
Philadelphia - prepared by me.

Private =

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David's Island N.Y.
Sept. 13. 1866.

My Gen O. O. Howard

Dear General

For the following reasons I am extremely anxious to obtain detached duty in the Bureau of which you are the chief.

1st My position here as a subordinate outranked by men who were privates or citizens while I was commanding a Regt is exceedingly unpleasant not less so by the fact that most of them have never been under fire. While the dullness and confinement of camp life at an Island Post is seriously affecting my health and spirits, and I trust I may

be excused for expressing the hope
that my abilities and past experi-
ence warrant an attempt at
something higher and better
than "guard duty" where there are
but five posts.

2^d

By instinct, education and
all political and social anti-
cedents I am earnestly the friend
of freedom and the freedman,
while my nearly completed

preparation for the practice of
Law at the time I entered
the Service might prove of
service in the discharge of
the duties of a Bureau officer.

3rd

My attachment to a military
life has alone kept me from
seeking a larger sphere of useful-
ness and this for my hourly anxiety
and constant regret is that

I am able where I am to do
so little for the elevation of the
ignorant, the relief of the
suffering, and this glorious
cause of liberty and equality
for all men everywhere, this
more than all else has prompted
me to make this request.

Trusting you will be able to
obtain my detail now that
the volunteer officers are to
be mustered out—

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

W. A. Crafts

2^d Lieut 1st Inf.

Co 5. N. H. Vols

1st Brig. 1st Div. 2nd A. C.

David's Island N. Y.
September 13th 1866

Crafts N. Y.
2nd Lieut 17th Inf.

Desires to be detailed
in the Bureau of R. & N. Y.

Recd. Sept. 15th 1866.

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Gardiner, Me., Sept. 13, '66.

General:

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I send you in response
to your circular ten dollars
from the Cong. society of which
I am pastor, for the church
in Washington. I wish it
were a thousand times as
much; but we are a poor set
in this place.

We are jubilant over
the immense triumph of Right
in our election of Monday
last. So will go the entire
North, and rebels and John-
son Copperheads will be put
down. Amen.

Yours very respectfully,

A. A. Rusk

Rev. C. C. Howard, Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C., Sept. 10, 1888.

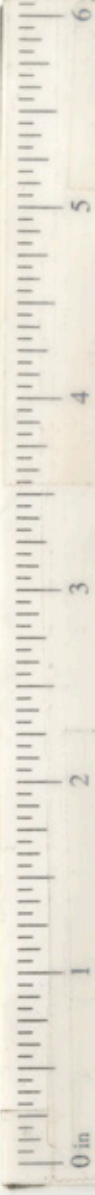
Friend,

I send you in response to your circular the address of the Cong. Secy. of the National Association, for the purpose of making it known. I wish it were a thousand times as much; but we are a poor set in this place.

The one important one to the immense triumph of right is our election of Wendell Phillips. So with you to enter North, and rebels and John Brown. I am confident with the best of you.

Yours very respectfully,

Wm. D. Morris, Washington, D.C.



Please address EDWIN LEE BROWN,

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Cor. Sec. "Associated Western Literary Societies,"

46 RIVER STREET, UP STAIRS,

CHICAGO, ILL.

See CIRCULAR of objects and aims of this Association on the OTHER SIDE.

Chicago, Ill.,

13th Sep 1866

Genl O. O. Howard.

Fredmans Banau.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Yr. favor of the 13th is rec^d, enclosing
list of Lectures which you accept -
I will immediately write to each of these
societies giving them your terms, & notify
you as soon as they accept - If any
of them do not accept, I will place
some other Society & place, in their
stead, who do accept the terms -

Am I to understand, that these are
all the Lectures you can deliver this
winter for the A. W. L. S.? Etc

I have an application for you to-day
from South Bend, Ind., & shall have
others. If your time is entirely taken up
I will answer all applications to that effect,
but if you can accept some of them, I
shall be very glad, & will send them to you.
An early answer will oblige

Yr. M. Ser.

Edwin Lee Brown

Brown, E. L.

Associated Western Literary Societies.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILL.

Chicago Sept 15th 1885

The "A. W. L. S." is an association of about ~~thirty~~ of the leading Literary and Lecture Societies of the West, formed for the purpose of joint action and mutual benefit (both to themselves and the Lecturers) in the matter of obtaining Lecturers, &c., &c. By this combined action they trust to become enabled to obtain the *very best talent*, by offering to the Lecturers regular *routes*, of greater or less extent, thereby making it more of an object for them to come "out West" than has been previously the case, when only detached engagements could be offered to them, and those very often widely apart. We hope, also, to be of benefit to the smaller and "weaker" Societies among us, by enabling them to obtain Lecturers whom they otherwise could not hope to obtain, as many Lecturers will lecture for them in an extended *course*, at somewhat reduced figures, when else they could not afford to do so.

The particular advantages we offer to *Lecturers* consists in the fact that, instead of dealing with ~~several~~ persons in making their engagements, they deal in this case with only *one*, (the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.") who will arrange their *routes*, so that they may give the greatest number of lectures with the least possible loss of time, &c., &c., thus saving them a very great amount of trouble in the shape of correspondence, or the expense of employing an *Agent*, if they have been in the habit of doing so.

Of course, some Lecturers receive more applications from the Association than others, and the Cor. Sec. is instructed to apply only for those Lecturers receiving *few* applications or upwards: although he will, *by particular request*, apply for any of those receiving a less number.

It is understood, that in applying for Lecturers, they are to come, if at all, some time during the regular *Lecture Season*, or between the first of November and the fifteenth of March. When Lecturers *cannot* come within that period, but *can* come at a *different time*, they will please say so distinctly, in which case their propositions will be submitted to the different constituent Societies.

Lecturers, in their answers, will please give their *lowest terms*, stating also whether there will be any *additional expenses* in the shape of traveling or hotel bills, &c., and if so, exactly what, and how much; they will also state the *exact time* they can come, the *whole number* of Lectures they can deliver, also give the *titles*, in full, of their different Lectures:—in short, they will please make their answers as concise and definite as possible, so to save time and trouble to the Corresponding Secretary.

Each Lecturer will be paid the price agreed upon by the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S." at the close of his Lecture, by the Society before which he lectures.

There is a wide field for improvement, both intellectually and physically, in the Great West, and its people are ready and anxious to hear *first rate* Lectures, and are willing to pay for them; such can do *good* here, and we sincerely hope that *all* of those to whom we apply will consent to come, even at the sacrifice of a little personal ease and comfort.

Respectfully,

EDWIN LEE BROWN,

(Pres. Y. M. A., Chicago.)

Cor. Sec. "A. W. L. S."

See other side.