West Point, N.Y.
Sept. 17, 1862.

Dear General:

When I last wrote to you, I thought I should soon have the pleasure of seeing you, but I have failed to get a leave and therefore address you again. I hope you will not think me asking too much of you in reference to any commission. You know it is a matter of great importance to me, and you are the only
one now in Washington to whom I can apply for assistance. And Pitcher, our new Superintendent, says for me to put in an application for the appointment and that he will give it some attention in Washington, where he goes sometime this week. He says it will be quite an easy matter to get a leave of sufficient length to enable one to graduate if I can once get the commission. He says he will make that part of it. Now do you think I can get a commission?
as Captain? I told you I was going to try for a Majority, but I fear that would be too bold a move, although it should apply for it did I think there was the slightest chance of success. You can inform me on this point, if you will be kind enough. I send you a copy of my application. You will see that I say I can bring recommendations from the officers with whom I have served. This may be presuming before asking your permis——
My dear Mr. [illegible],

From your unformed kindness to me, both officially and otherwise, I shall be very grateful if you will give the matter some attention and let me know what chance you think I shall have.

Believe me, sincerely,

[Signature]

R. M. Rogers

[illegible]

Letter from [illegible]

May 8th, 1716
Wine, Michigan
Sept. 17, 1866

Dear Sir,

I received the per
formance since a circular from
the Cong. Miss. Society of the
Cong. Church of Washington.
E. A personal affair has prevented my notice
of earlier
I did not deem it wise
to make a special appeal
to my church as they
are very feeble. Because we
take our annual collection
for the Broad Cause.
I desire you in line with
the spirit of a Pastor who
is trying to divert a family
of six from a destitute village.
I knew a story, and I remember the value attributed to it being so much higher by the people of the country. The Master himself did not approve of the tale, but he believed the stories of those who did so.

Upon his return to the city, he was met with a群 of people.

Yours very sincerely,

William Scott.

Enclosed please find 80.
Cincinnati, 17th Sep. 1866

Brig. Gen. C. B. Howard, U. S. A.

Gen'l.

It has been hoped that the annual meeting of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee to be held in Cincinnati on the 14th Nov. next, will include all the surviving commanders of the Army. We have had verbal assurance from the Military Staff officers, Gen. Strong, that you will come. Gen. Grant has written - a copy of his note is enclosed.

Can you not to permit us to assume the position of member of your old family.
that you will be pleased to meet them.

Very Respectfully,

Your O. M. S.

M. F. Force

On behalf of the Committee of Arrangements.
Cincinnati, Sept. 11th, 1866.

To: Bt. Maj. Gen. M. L. Force:

General: I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of invitation from your committee to be present at the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, to be held in this city on the 14th of November next. It will afford me great pleasure to be present on that interesting occasion and I know nothing worse to prevent it. I therefore accept with pleasure.

With great respect,
Your obt. sert.

U. S. Grant, General.
Cedar Rapids Iowa
Sept. 17, 1866 -

My dear Brethin:

This is not to be

much of a letter except in a

matter of Business. We want

eyou to come out here to lecture

next winter. We will guarantee

you $100 for each lecture and

hotel expenses paid. And you shall

lecture at least 12 times in as

many consecutive nights either in

Denver or on the Atchison line

from Chicago. You would have

an invitation to lecture in Chi-

gogo and as many other places

as you liked. If you request

more than $100 per night it

should be forthcoming. Though

you would thus only lecture in

the larger places only. We have
paid as high as $1.50 but and could do the same for you if it were your price. At all events put yourself into my hands for appointments or into the hands of the President of the Free schools Association of Chicago who is Secretary of the United Western Literary Associations.

Please write me in regard to this as soon as you can.

Rosa and I are very pleasantly situated here now. We go out with a cousin of yours and the name of Strongfield. They do all I try hard to make an enjoyable and successful very nicely. Strongfield's Christmas name is Oliver Otis. Rosa is very well and I think has improved very much in good looks since she came into the West.
We were very much rejoiced at the result of the election in Maine and the 5th of October will thrill the heart of the loyal North when you hear from the voice of the great North Ghost which will try to respond properly to the call from Vermont + Maine. The Demi-Johnson's here are not so hopeful as at this time of the adhesive meeting at Philadelphia. Tell Charlie that he must read this letter and consider the last part as a part of his. Kind lines and Edzie and the little ones much love from me and Rona.

Affectionately your brother

R. H. Silmore
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Ralph 1st, &cle

Fannwod, R. S.

Friendly letter

Deed Sept 23rd 1866
The meeting was in progress on July 1st, in the People's Hall. I was called in to instruct the people how to follow the teachings of an all-knowing God. The members were attending to a business meeting in their original gathering. I believe the conclusion to result in having to break many principles. If we had been more of what the name calls a "church," we would be able to take more in both politics and religion. I have heard the name "Elston" a lot of. We need to be able to move in both politics and religion.

Dear Brother Ollie,

Grace came home with me from Leeds last Wednesday and is to return tomorrow. It seems to have had a pleasant visit. Sending much love to the family at the back door. I had been very busy in Leeds attending the Baptist Church, where there was a large and intimate meeting of spiritually respecting. Everett's wife (Mary, 20) also married there.

Dearest Harris, little rose for Margaret. One of the meeting with your letter. We are still holding up at Capt. B. O. Jones, with no prospect of a house. We sleep in one room and keep the bed room just up for a back room for ourselves for working. I love our old parties, whenever you used to come by a train, it is a very nice one. We are all very well. No? The Watsons spent the 4th of July, with the men out here with their own carriage. Edith is space and slender but a good little boy. All of us going to the trouble and making occasionally to mark it.
Seem to the Rounds "took" nice. Your name sake is large & fat like this. Father (whom he prefers to all others) is fat & 12 teeth fast himself at table with the family but does not to the much. I think of attending the Meeting of the Juni Board next week at Steeles. Starting Monday the family will go as far as North with me. I will probably return to Liverpool the following Sabbath. Our congregation has become so large as to seem almost your people largely seen the debates, but out every meeting are 150 in number, and reduce that weight. Mother has broke nights lately they were very fine her farm is belonging off side the top the winds against it. Was so close. Latest that the warmest help morning when things go this way they frequently do. I believe she is having a visit from Mr. the Ellmen. Two of Elenor's daughters visit now. We all agree unclear with Charles in his appearance, a letter concluded that you were the nicest occasion of it. Since the news came fairly here cared to recall him as everybody appears of your holding on till the short of the paper. Believe you. I had a note from Charles W. E. & N. Newspapers- residence seems more to indicate a return to the ceremonies in his duty by. He has expressed his purpose a party at the week & his undecided conduct and foolish. sidelight from London's are unanswerable with him. I should think it was come back now to the Republic and that a real close to that things expect. New resources in the accident. At Woodrow's. Our election surpassed in all, but did wish there been better more decided a week later. Tell that there been unusually to set in their Miss Belle. I congratulate you on having a home if your own seen in Washington & thank you for the view which you sent me. I promised a week ago to do "Utopia's" black down sheet all the hands next week." and took the ground that vibration, an office of America. Indicated that
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 18, 1866.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

To you I am a stranger but to me you are well known, and it is a knowledge of your goodness of heart that prompts me to address you and bids me hope that I will be pardoned for the presumption.

I desire to get the accompanying "poem" introduced into the several Temperance organizations in this city, and through this channel into many of the several Divisions throughout the Country, believing as I do that it cannot do harm and may do good. I can think of no one better fitted for
and who will more cheerfully understand its introduction, by giving it a perusal reading, than yourself, General, providing that you think it is calculated to discriminate and strengthen the noble bonds of Temperance. So I send it to you, and ask for it a careful reading at your convenience, and then a frank and candid answer as to its merits.

That it is faulty in composition and poetic measure, I doubt not; for my education is self-made and, owing to my afflicted condition, I fear any want of education predominates.

I am, General, very respectfully,

Your Ob't Ser.

G.B. Williams

Kerrison plantation

Dec. 9th 1864

Washington D.C.
Washington Dec
Sept. 20, 1866
Respectfully
by J. C. Reed
By order of Wm. Lenox
J. J. Cadillac.
Reed Sept. 20, 1866.
Washington, D.C.
Sept. 21, 1866.

Respectfully returned to
Major Gen. Howard.

In my opinion the introduction of the enclosed poems into the Order of the Sons of Temperance is practicable, except by the aid of individuals volunteering to undertake its sale in their respective divisions of the Order, which, I believe, has already been done to some extent.

The author's prohibition that you give a "public reading" of the poems is, in my judgment, simply prohibitory, but the physical condition of the author is such as to engage the utmost sympathy, he being a hopeless cripple, unable to move except with the help of a chair or wheel.

The literary merits of the production are quite small.

William P. Drum.
Starkav Sept. 18th 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir:— The chairman of
our lecture committee, Mr. Smith,
write you in March last requesting
you to favor the Young Men's Christian
Association of this city, with a lec-
ture or address the coming fall
or winter. The reply from your
desk gave us hope that we would
have the honor of pleasure of add-
ing your name to the list
of lecturers. It now desire to
do so with your consent. The
committee will suit the time
to your own convenience.

I could say many things, Sir,
that would tend to excite a deep
feeling of sympathy with this worthy
association, if it were necessary. You
are aware that our city is a large
Manufacturing city, in close proximity to New York. I think we have a crowd of young men in our population who need the care of a Christian Association. I believe, too, that New Jersey has never been favored with a sad case from you, and I am sure no state more highly appreciates your services in the field of arms or the cause of humanity. Will you do us the kindness to respond favorably as early as possible to this request?

Yours truly,
Edgar M. Leisg

My dear General,

I have hope in the wake of the good work in Newark you will be able to comply with the request of the Association now.—Your truly I know.
do much good and
Enable a great may people
Your love and reflect you
and Montrose of you
face to face
My Union
Endurefully
W. Eddy

New York Sept 19/66
My sister O.A. Ward

Pica Sept 29th 1866.
New Brunswick N.B.  
Sept. 18, 1866

Dear General,

On Oct. 4, 1865, was organized in this City Howard Division No. 3 21st. During the year, by Dr. Morse and much good has been accomplished and we propose to celebrate the coming anniversary by holding a public meeting, on which occasion we hope to have you with us. Will it be possible for you to come? If so we will endeavor to show, in some degree, our appreciation of a Christian soldier whose past record has given us no reason to regret that our Division bear his name. With much respect,

Yours,
Geo. W. Davies
Ch. of Gen. in Command.

P.S. Have you heard from Howard?
Potsmouth
18 Sept. 1866

U. S. Grant

Dear Gen. O.H. Howard

Gent.

I hope you will pardon this
interposition in your valuable time.

I am very sure no interest is
manifested in behalf of my adopted son and nephew, Lt. Leopold O. Parker, now an
applicable
commission in the Regular Army... introduces me to address you.

Gen. Dyer of the ordnance dept. is a friend
and I will aid him as an interest letter from
Gen. Dyer says that an appointment will
not be given, and then an examination
will be had.

May I ask you through the name
and grade of appellation of my poor boy-
May I in an especial manner to your
interests? In the success of your career
my boy is deprived of nearly all appellation
debt of soul line me top of God Earth of
more honorable mind never lived.
One man determined to perform any duty cannot be found. One man faithful, true, and obliging cannot present his appeal.

I do assure you in my noble buy the new under the laws of bad opinion or of those who hold bad opinions. All for his devoted loyalty in its long belief.

Sir, if you could do anything for my boy, you would have the grateful emotion of his heart, and never would any act of his cause you to reject your aid. Wherever my own dear thanks would be pure. The grateful hearts of your disinterested citizens who have educated and fostered with blessings of the Christian free press in after life working blessing upon your partnership.

And now for myself, I cannot live here. It was in Virginia that my fathers and mothers have lived and died. May God Virginia and that love left as a rich heritage to me. I love Virginia. But the past is fixed. There to post. I have seen that you were offering,
a chair in a college in the West. In these
meetings can anything be done for
our girls as teachers? They are qualified. Or
Could my situation be advanced in that
direction. We cannot stay in Virginia.

Regard this as private. Keep your own
generous dealing you have an mg. Enyi
as, and I could not withhold my regard
where the Christian virtues are blended
with the highest amenities of the Gentlemen.

Hence this, and permit me to assure
you that Lowe with very great and
time esteem,

Yours very much esteemed,

Leopold L. B. Corwin

St. Louis, Mo.
Cowker S. R. C.
Second Gov. Va.

Portsmouth, Va
18th Sept. 1866

Asks Gen. How-

ard assistance
in obtaining for
his adopted son and
nephew Second Lieut. E. O. Parker,
Commission as the
regular Army.

Rece. Sept 19th 1866.
My dear General:

General Brisbane presented your note to me and informed me of the impressions in Northern papers about Gregg. I had not seen these publications, and although I do not know much about the opinions of Gregg, still I was under the impression that they were the product of those he is accused of entertaining.

General Baird could not be right about his views, as he has been officially connected with him and doubtless has done so already. He recommended him to me very highly.
and I have always entertained the very highest respect for him.

Yours truly,

O. H. Long

Maj. Gen., U.S.A.

May 17th 1863

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Com. Bureau Refugees &c.

Washington D.C.