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West Point, N.Y.,  
Sept. 17, 1866.

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 my commission. You know, it is a matter of great importance to me, and you are the only

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one now in Washington to whom  
I can apply for assistance. Genl.  
Pitcher - our new Superintendent  
says for me to put in an ap-  
plication for the appointment and  
that he will give it some at-  
tention in Washington, where he  
goes sometime this week. He says  
it will be quite an easy mat-  
ter to get a leave of sufficient  
length to enable me to graduate  
if I can once get the com-  
mission. He says he will insure  
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 I 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 appli-  
cation. You will see that I say  
I can bring recommendations  
from the officers with whom I  
have served. This may be pre-  
suming before asking your permission,  
but I felt justified in saying so



New York, 19. 1866

from your uniform 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, General,

Very Respectfully & Sincerely, Yours

Wm.

Robt. M. Rogers

Atka assistance  
in raising position  
in the Register

Sept 17, 1866

West Point N.Y.

Rogers & Co  
East 4th St.

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Wm. Michigan  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sir

I received before  
time since a circular from  
the Com. of Ways & Means of the  
Cong. Church of Washington  
D.C. A personal affliction  
has prevented my noticing  
it earlier.

I did not deem it best  
to make a special appeal  
to my church as they are  
very feeble & because we  
take an annual collection  
for the Cong. Union.

I send you in time through  
the mite of a pastor who  
is trying to support a family  
of six on a stipend of \$600.



per annum I know it  
a trifle, but I remember  
the value attributed to  
widowed offering by the  
Master. I hope this may  
not be beneath the  
of him who sits over  
against the treasury  
notes the offerings of the  
people.

Yours very sincerely

William Platt

Enclosed please find \$2.

Recd Sept 21, 1866.

Cincinnati 17<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1866

Brut Mepi Gen. O. O. Howard U. S. A.

General

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

Can you not too permit us to assure the scattered members of your old family



that you will be present to meet them

Very Respectfully  
Yours M. Lusk.

M. F. Force

On behalf the Committee of Arrangements.



Copy

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Cincinnati Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1866.

To - Brt. Maj. Gen. M. G. 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 14<sup>th</sup> of November next. It will afford me great pleasure to be present on that interesting occasion and I know nothing now to prevent it. I therefore accept with pleasure.

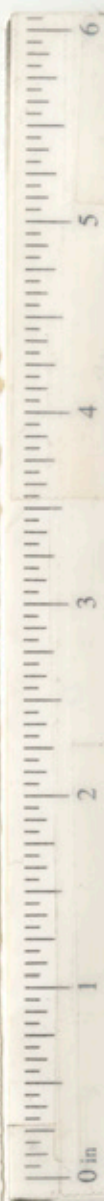
With great respect -

Your obt. serv.

U. S. Grant, General.



Dear Sir,  
I have the  
pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the  
10th inst. in relation to the proposed meeting of the  
Board of the City of New York, and in answer to inform  
you that the same has been forwarded to the  
proper authorities for their consideration.  
Very respectfully,  
Wm. L. Garrison





Cedar Rapids Iowa

Sept. 17. 1866 -

My dear Brother:

This is not to be much of a letter except in a matter of Business. We want you 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 Iowa or on the R route here from Chicago. You would have an invitation to lecture in Chicago and as many other places as you liked. If you refused more than \$100 per night it should be forthcoming. though you would then only lecture in the larger places only. We have

paid as high as \$150 here and  
could do the same for you if it  
~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> your price. At all events  
put yourself into my hands for  
appointments or into the hands  
of the President of the General  
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  
board with a cousin of Mother's  
of the name of Stanchfield.  
They do all they can to make  
our stay pleasant and succeed  
very nicely. Stanchfield's Christian  
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 9th of October will 24  
thrive the heart of the loyal  
North when you hear from  
the voters of the great North West  
which will try to respond  
properly to the call from  
Vermont & Maine. The Dem-  
Johnson's here are not so hopeful  
as at the time of the disloyal  
meeting at Philadelphia.

Tell Charles that  
he must read this letter and  
consider the last part as a  
part of his.

Give him and Lizzie and  
the little ones much love  
from me and Rosa.

Affectionately your brother  
R. W. Lillmore

Bedar Rapids, Iowa -  
Sept 17 - 1864

Gilmore, R. M.

Friendly letter

Recd Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864



the prophecy was in process of  
fulfillment & called on the people  
to follow the indications of an all-  
wise Providence & work with God -  
Beecher's course is owing to a moral  
defect in his original getting up -  
It is the legitimate result of having  
a lack of fixed principles - If he  
had been sure of what the word  
calls a "bigot", he would be a safer  
man in both politics & religion -

Give much love from Ellen & me to  
Sister Lizzie - also to Gus & Chaney  
& a kiss to the nameless one - Jamie.  
Who is a real good boy at Leeds, and  
I have pretty sharp discussions as to  
<sup>(the baby's)</sup> size, sense, & general attainments.  
He & Grace have full faith in the won-  
derful up of the baby - When shall  
we see you? I wish you could at-  
tend the meeting of the Board next  
week - The first ministers of the country  
are always found at its gatherings -  
men, who, like Christ, can seem  
to embrace a world in their hearts -  
Yours off & on. Wm. Roulston

Hamington Sept. 18. 1866 647

Dear Brother Oler  
Grace came home with me  
from Leeds last Wednesday and is to  
return tomorrow - She seems to have had  
a pleasant visit - spending most of the  
time at cousin Sarah's - I had been  
two days in Leeds attending the Baptist  
Association, which was a large & interesting  
meeting & spiritually refreshing - Everett  
Lindsey (Howard's son) who married Mary,  
Dexter Howard's sister, rose for prayer at  
one of the meetings with four others - We  
are still boarding at Capt H. N. Howard's  
with no prospect of a house - We sleep  
in one room & keep the bed room just  
off it for a wash room for ourselves & for  
Daniel's crib - I have our old parlor cham-  
ber that you used to occupy for a  
study & it is a very nice one - We are  
all very well - Mr & Mrs Patten spent  
the Lab. with us - were up here in  
their own carriage - Dattie is spare  
& slender but a good little boy,  
 seldom giving us a trifle and  
making occasionally remarks wh.



Seem to his parents "old" & wise. Your  
namesake is large & fat like his  
father (whom he professes to all others)  
He has 12 teeth - feeds himself at  
table with the family but does not  
talk much. I think of attending  
the Meeting of the Am. Board next  
week at Pittsfield <sup>Mass</sup> starting Monday. My  
family will go as far as Bath with  
me. I will probably return by the  
following Sabbath. Our congregation was  
never so large as now, mostly young  
people - largely from the schools, but  
our prayer meetings are less in number  
and interest than usual. Mother lies  
awake nights & gets very nervous over  
her family & business affairs. She says  
she prays against it, but is so consti-  
tuted that she cannot help worrying  
when things go wrong as they frequently do.

I believe she is having a visit from  
Mrs. of Allen Gilman's daughters just  
now. We all sympathize with  
Charles in his disappointment, &  
rather concluded that you were the  
more concerned occasion of it. Since

the Pres. could hardly have cared to  
insult him - everybody approves of your  
holding on till he absolutely removes  
you. I had a note from Charles & M. C.  
& V. newspapers - Providence seems now  
to vindicate a return to the Seminary  
as his duty by & by. The Pres. has spoiled  
his policy & party at the North by  
his indecorous conduct and foolish  
speeches. Even Copperheads are discon-  
tented with him. I should think he would  
come back now to the Republicans - What  
a sad close to that disgraceful trip was  
Leonard's illness & the accident at  
Johnstown Pa! Our Election surprised  
us all, but would have been still more  
decided a week later. Tell this Rosa  
I am comfortably located in their  
New home. I congratulate you  
on having a house of your own. Even  
in Washington & thank you for the  
plan which you sent me. I preached  
a week ago Feb. on "Ethiopia shall  
soon stretch out her hands unto God"  
and took the ground that indications  
in Africa & America indicated that



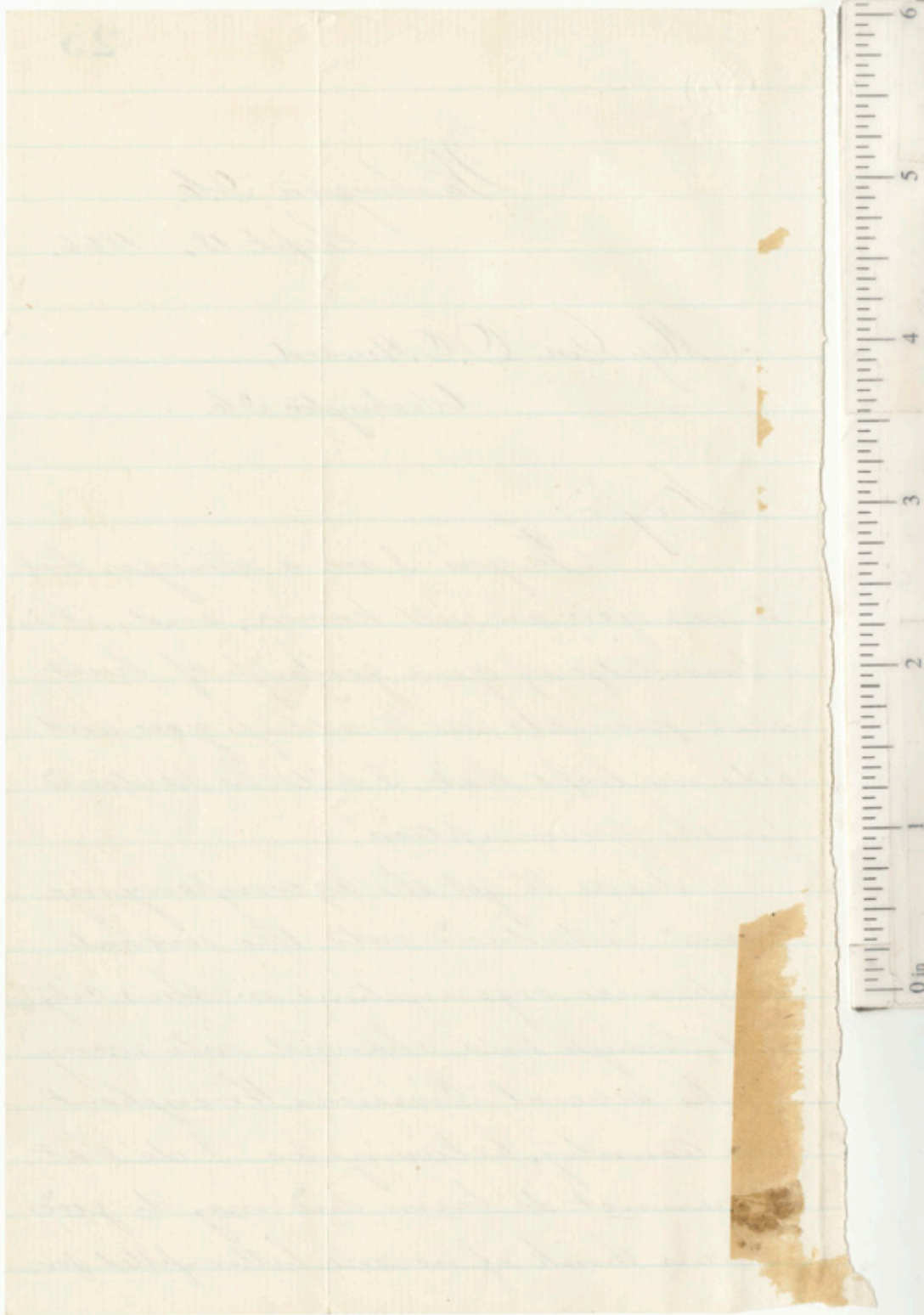
Washington, D.C.,  
Sept. 18, 1866.

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 undertake  
its introduction, by giving it a public  
reading, than yourself, General, providing  
that you think it is calculated to dis-  
seminate & strengthen the noble cause  
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 &  
demerits.

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  
my want of education predominates.

I am, General, very  
respectfully, Yours Obedt. Svt.

G. A. Williams  
Herrston House  
Cor. 9th & D Sts.  
Washington  
D. C.

Washington D.C.

Williams, G. H.

Washington D.C.  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Submits a  
poem for Gen. H's  
perusal and desires  
him to introduce  
it into the Sons of  
Temperance.

Washington D.C.  
Sept. 20. 1866

Respy referred  
to H. P. Drew, Esq.

For opinion  
By order of Maj. Geo. C. Evans  
J. A. Haden  
Lt. Col.

Recd Sept 19. 1866.



Wm. P. Drew

Washington, D.C.  
Sept. 21. 1866.

Respectfully returned to  
Major Gen. Howard.

In my opinion the introduction of the colored poems into the Order of the Sons of Temperance is impracticable, except by the aid of individual members 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 prostration that you give a "public reading" of the poems is, in my judgment simply preposterous; but the physical condition of the author is such as to engender the warmest sympathy, he being a hopeless cripple, unable to move except by help of a chair on wheels. The poetical merits of the production are quite small.

William P. Drew.





Newark Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

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Sir:— The Chairman of our lecture committee, Mr. Smith, wrote you in March last, requesting you to favor the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, with a lecture or address the coming fall or winter. The reply from your Secy. gave us hopes that we would have the honor & pleasure of adding your name to the list of lecturers. We now desire to do so with your consent. The committee will suite the time to your own convenience.

I could say many things, Gen. 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

London, April 18th 1860

Rev. F. D. Johnson

Sir,

The Chairman of  
Lecture Committee, Mr. Smith,  
to you in March last regarding  
the favor the Young Men's Christian  
Association of this City with a be-  
liever or address the evening for  
winter. The reply from you  
has given me hope that we have  
the favor & pleasure of ad-  
dressing your name to that  
effect. The new time &  
place with your consent. The  
Committee will write the time  
and your convenience.  
I would say many things, but  
I would not to write a long  
letter & sympathize with this work  
and it is very necessary. I am  
glad to know that our City is a large



Manufacturing City, in close proximity  
to New York. & that we have crowds of  
young men in our population who  
need the care of a Christian Associa-  
tion. I believe, too, that New Jersey  
has never been favored with an ad-  
dress from you; & 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 kind-  
ness to respond favorably, & as early as  
possible to this request?

Yours Truly  
Edgar M. Levy

My dear General

I sincerely hope  
for the sake of the good work  
in Newark you will be  
able to comply with the  
request of the Association  
there — You will I know

do much good and  
Enable a great many people  
who love and respect you  
an opportunity to see you  
face to face

Very sincerely  
and respectfully  
W E Dodge Esq

New York Sept 19/66

My dear CC Arnold

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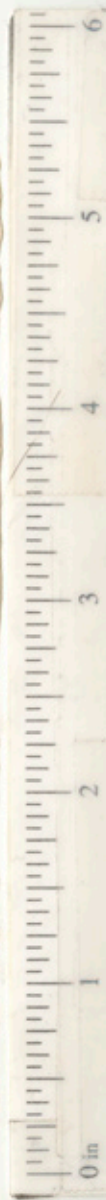
New Brunswick N.J.  
Sept. 18. 1866

Dear General

On Oct 4. 1865 was organized in this City, Howard Division No 25  
S of I. - During the year, by Divine aid  
much good has been accomplished  
and we propose to celebrate the coming  
Anniversary by holding a public meet-  
ing, 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 bears his  
name. - With much Respect

Yours  
Geo W. Davies  
Ch<sup>r</sup> of Com in Anniversary  
To Major ~~W. Howard~~ Howard

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(Private)

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Portsmouth  
18 Sept 1866

Major Gen O Howard  
Gen:

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I hope you will pardon this  
trespass upon your valuable time.

Your very generous interest manifested  
in behalf of my adopted son and nephew late  
Lt Leopold O Parker now an aptle candidate  
a Commission in the Regular Army prompts  
me to ask of you.

Gen Dyer of the Ordnance Dept is a friend  
and will aid him where. A recent letter from  
Gen Dyer says that an appointment will  
first be given, and then an Examination  
will be had.

May I remind you that you have the name  
and grade of appreciation of my poor boy -  
May I in an especial manner make your  
interposition. For the reason of your inquiry  
my boy is deprived of nearly all appreciation  
of better boy soul live on top of God Earth. A  
more honorable mind never lived.

One more determined to perform every duty  
cannot be found. One more faithful  
to every obligation cannot present his appli-  
cation. I do have pride in my noble  
boy the new under the banner of bad opinion  
or of those who hold bad opinions. All for his  
devoted loyalty in its very belief.

Now if you could do any thing for my  
boy, you would have the grateful emotion  
of his heart, and never would any act of  
his cause you to regret your aid to his cause.

My own deep thanks would be yours. The  
grateful hearts of your affectionate sister  
~~would~~ whom I have educated would follow  
with blessings of the Christian you carried  
in after life working blessings upon your  
pathways.

And now for myself. I cannot live here.  
It was in Virginia that my father not only  
have lived and died. They loved Virginia  
and that love left us a rich heritage to me.  
I love Virginia. But the soil is fixed. I have  
to part. I have seen that you were opposed



a Chair in a College in the West. In this <sup>31</sup>an  
matter can anything be done for my  
a quib as teachers? They are qualified. It  
Could my situation be advanced in that  
direction. We can't stay in Virginia—

Regard this as private. Then by your open  
generous dealing you have won my confi  
dence and I could not withhold my regards  
where the Christian virtues are blended  
with the highest amenities of the Gentlemen.

Excuse this: and permit me to assure  
you that I am with very great and  
true esteem

Yours very obt<sup>d</sup> & oblig<sup>d</sup> friend  
and

Leopold G. P. Brooke  
St. Geo: of V. C.

Cowper S. P. C.  
Lieut Gov. Va.

Portsmouth Va  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1866

Asks Gen. How-  
ards assistance  
in obtaining for  
his adopted son and  
nephew Lieut. L. O. Parker,  
a Commission in the  
regular Army.

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



~~Private~~

Department  
Headquarters Military Division of the Gulf,

New Orleans, La., Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 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 reverse of those he is accused of entertaining.

General Baird could set you 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

J. H. Lindau

Major Gen. U.S.A.

May Genl O. O. Howard  
Com. Bureau Refugees &c  
Washington D.C.