Newark, Dec. 23-1866.

My dear Lemuel,

I have been prevented by various circumstances from acknowledging, before the present time, the receipt of the several brevet appointments. Please allow me to again thank you for the kind interest you evinced towards securing them. They possess an honour which I shall ever appreciate, while, at the same time, it is apparently a matter of sincere congratulation to my friends, that they have been thus bestowed.

I was not fortunate enough to see Mr. Brown

during the several times I
sought him, until within
a few days since. At that
time he informed me
that he intended writing
you in relation to the
Church Subscription. I
regret sincerely that he is
not able to return you a
more favorable answer.
Besides Mr. Brown I have con-
versed with several promi-
nent liberal gentlemen
and have learned from
them that, so many of
our own churches are still
in debt that, they feel that
their contributions must
be made in their aposiony.
If your Brother, whom I un-
derstand has his 16th pr.
somewhere in the Middle

District, has we any occasion to visit Newark, please tell him that, it would give us great pleasure if he would be our guest during his stay. Our Family desire their kind regards to you & hope they will have the pleasure of again having you with us at no distant day.

With very kind regards believe me,

Very truly yours,
Huntington W. Jackson

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Newark N.J.
Dec 25. 1864

Jackson & Co.

Friendly Wm.

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Maj. Gen. Howard

Sir

I want to send ten dollars for the Com. Edwards, will you please appropriate it, and such other

Mrs. S. W. Dole
Fitchburg
Mass.

Fitchburg Mass
Decr. 24th 1866

Dole Mrs. S. W

Wishes to know how to send a contribution for the 1st Congr Church

Answered — December 26. 1866.

Brief

She can send it to Mr C. H Bliss Treas. 1st Congr. Society - address is Room No 3 P.O. Department Washington D.C.

American Freedmans Union Commission,

No. 76 John Street.—P. O. Box 5733.

New-York, Dec 24th 1866
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My dear Lowell

A thousand thanks for your letter of the 20th. It is just the thing I wanted & just document needed in England, where it will be accepted by our friends as a real God-send, which it is.

Wishing you a happy & merry & a happier new-year I am as ever

Yours truly

Mayson O. Williams

Mayson O. Williams

New York -
Dec 24. 1866

McKim - J. W.,

Acknowledges receipt of Genl Howards communication of the 20th.

Received - December 26. 1866.

Galveston Texas
Dec 24th 1866

My Dear General:

On my arrival here I rec'd your Kind letter of the 24th ult. Its Kind tones do not deepen my mortification, nothing could do that, but increases my sorrow and, I trust genuine repentance —

I have no palliation for what occured in Washington — An effort at such would be offensive to God — My Mortification has been & is still so poignant as to almost break me down — This I am glad of as it gives me the satisfaction of knowing that I have some moral sense, if not smothered flames of grace — This is the third time in my life since I

have been a member of the Church
that I have been whipped back
to God by adversity - I am of a
sanguine temperament - dangerous=
ly impulsive - and full of vivacity
all of which are dangerously sus=
ceptible to temptation & sin - let
a restraint to these I have high
self-pride and a thorough religious
training from my childhood -
say nothing of my religious principle
and profession that should have been
my restraint - If I engaged in
profanity, which according to the
testimony of "several gentlemen of
high standing," can scarcely be
doubted, this is the greatest crime
of the two and needs the deepest
repentance - The bad effects
of liquor induced me to indulge
in a habit of my early life which
is so pernicious in its effects as
to only be restrained ~~in~~ by self-
respect and grace both of which

appear to have been overcome in my case –

You are very much mistaken about my having a "diseased appetite" – such I know is not the case; nor am I easily overcome with drink – I have not been drinking long enough for that – I have no appetite for it at all in that sense, but for the last two years it has been a constant prescription and my system, not my stomach, made demand for it at times the gratification of which has resulted badly I, however, was never overcome before – and to be plain with you. the mortification of the tirade of misrepresentations I met with while at Washington ~~had~~ together with a slight chill was what threw me in the way of his evil – I was true when I told you I had not been

drinking for several months, but
I do not remember that you
asked me to promise, or that I
did promise not to drink any
more - I have never yet broken
a promise in this matter and
do not intend to do so - Some
such a misfortune was just ~~[illegible]~~
necessary in order to interrupt
me in a wicked career and I do
look upon it as a <u>gracious</u>
<u>scourge</u> of <u>Christ</u> - I have prayed
and wrestled and sighed and cried today
although my mortification is
still very poignant, yet I have
some assurance that I have
been forgiven, and that I will
~~[illegible]~~ by the grace of God, never
again be guilty of the same
offence - The ~~plug~~ pledge I
gave you is the first I ever
gave to mystify or any one and
I feel assured that I can an

will Keep it - It ~~seems~~ vexes me to have placed myself so nearly on the level with the common inebriate as to be compelled to plead my own cause and give written pledges that I will restrain myself hereafter -

You were very kind in not reviving me under the circumstances - It would have made my misfortune public and I fear I could not have survived the mortification - The vexation and trouble I have given you in this matter I deeply regret, the disgrace I have brought upon myself I trust will result in good. and the offence I have given to my Savior I do sincerely trust I have repented of and been forgiven - The only resort I have is to acknowledge my error, repent of it, ask God and my friends to forgive me, and and religiously eschew the "World

the Flesh & the Devil in the future —
My personal regard for you
~~formall~~ formerly has now become
a strong friendship as the result
profound obligation —

I will make
the request of you that you will
write me a short letter in answer
to this one, and that you will
make me the subject of your
special prayer to God for such
strength as I may need and faith
to put all my reliance & resolu-
tions in Him — You may show
this letter to Rev Mr Alvord if you
think best — I know he is
interested in me —

I am getting
along well in my duties — Rev Gray
Jim is still on the Rio Grande — The
freedmen will not get full justice in
the division of the Crop — but will do the
best I can for them

Your friend — J. B. Kidder

Had a letter to day from Col Geddes from New Orleans — is there with the Congressional Committee

Alfred Centre N.Y.
Dec. 24. 1866

Gen. Howard:
Dear Sir:

I write to inquire if you can deliver the Annual Address, before the Literary Societies of Alfred University, on the eve of July 2. 1867.

If you can do so, will you please send an early reply, stating your terms, &c

Yours &c
Daniel Lewis
Sec. of Com.

Claremont N.H.
December 25th 1866.

General.

If you visit New England this Winter can you come to this place and give us a lecture on Temperance, or some other subject? There are many of the old members of the 5th Regt N.H. Vols in this County who would give you a hearty welcome, besides there is many others who wish you to come here and lecture. I was a soldier in the old "Fifth" and stood near you when you was wounded at Fair Oaks, - at the battle of Chancellorville I also gave one arm to the cause of Freedom. Knowing that you go "Heart and Hand" with the temperance movement, and as we are making the temperance reform a Christian and popular work, and are going to fight intemperance as we fought Rebels and traitors, and we are going to fight until we conquer, and drive the monster from our land.

Cannot you give us a lift, and at the same time visit one of the most pleasant towns in New Hampshire?

Please let me know at an early date if you can come - When you can come, and your price for a lecture.

Hoping soon to receive a favorable answer from you I

I Remain
Your Obt Servant
Jared W. Davis

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

Dec. 25th 1866.

Davis. Jared M.

Desires a lecture from Gen. Seward.

Rec. Dec 25th 1866.

B. R. F. and A. L.
Office Supt Dem. Co.
Nashville, Dec 25th/66

Major Gen. Howard

My Dr Sir

I take the liberty of enclosing to you the "Prest'd Times" report of your address at the Capitol last evening, also, a notice of the address by the "Republican Banner" – our most influential conservative journal.

The colored people who had an opportunity of seeing and hearing you will not soon forget your brief visit. The regard in which the Chief of the Bureau is held in Tenn. is second only to that entertained for the memory of Lincoln.

Yours Very Truly
John Lawrence

Mount Vernon Iowa
Dec 26th 1866

Genl. O. O. Howard.
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir

At the request of the Adelphian Society of Cornell College I take the liberty of addressing you at this time.

It is the desire of that Society if by any means possible that you be secured to do us the great favor of delivering a public address to the assembled Societies friends and patrons of the Institution during our next Commencement week between 26th & 28th of June

You are our first choice,
and if it be possible for you
to speak to us on that occasion
not only ourselves but all will be
greatly pleased.
If you will be so kind as to
inform us please address

Yours Very Respectfully
Ed P. Weatherby
Cor. Sec. Adelphic Socty
Mt Vernon Iowa

J. HENRY STONE,
JOHN P. JACKSON, JR. } OFFICE OF **Stone & Jackson,**

No. 233 BROAD STREET,

Newark, N. J. Dec 26 1866

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,

My dear General

May I ask of you the favor of a brief note of introduction for a gentleman of high respectability, Mr John De Bruyn Kops, to the Head of the Freedsmen Bureau at Galveston?

Mr Kops is a Hollander by birth, and he, and his family have been very favorably received in this country.

A few words from yourself or from one of your staff would be much appreciated by him.

I send here-

with a note from Mr Whitehead, counsellor at law in New York city, residing in Newark, whom you met in the evening company at our house.

My Brother and Sisters desire their kind regards to be conveyed to you, in which my Aunt (now at Boston) unites with them if present.

Yours very truly

John P. Jackson Jr.

No. 6 Wall Street.
New York Dec. 24. 1866,

John P Jackson Esq.
My dear Sir,

Our old friend John De-
-Bruyn Kops is going to
Galveston Texas, on
business for the house of
Clason & Co. of this City.
He wants a letter of
introduction to the head
of the Freedmen's Bureau
at Galveston, and asked
me this afternoon if
I could get him a
note of introduction from
Genl. O. O. Howard.

in a week or 10 days, I suppose
Genl. Howard is at Washington though I
have no knowledge of his movements.

Very Truly Yours
A. P. Whitehead

I have no acquaintance with Genl. Howard, but it occurred to me that the Genl. would willingly give Hopo a letter at your request. He is as we all know a young man of great respectability & merely wants a formal introduction from the Genl.

If you can obtain it, you will confer a favor on Mr Hopo & on me personally.

He leaves for Galveston

Belvidere Boone Co Ill
Dec 26th 1866

Major Genl O O Howard.

Dear Sir

I am informed by Mr Talcott of Rockford that there is some prospect of your coming west to give a few Lectures this Winter. Should you do so it will be very gratifying to the People of this place if you would (which so near us as Rockford) give us one Lecture. I understand that your terms are One Hundred dollars whatever your price is I will guarantee the amount, providing you do inform me a few days in advance of your coming. Myself & Wife shall be most happy to entertain you at my home should your convenience to come.

Your Ry Respectfully Wm W Fuller