My dear Sir,

Some vigorous efforts are evidently necessary to arouse and sustain the people in respect to the importance of this work of popular education in the South. The adverse elections, the hard times, the slow process of reconstruction, the absence of any clear policy that seems universal, the decadence of the enthusiasm kindled by the war, all combine to produce a feeling of apathy, if not of absolute discouragement, which
seriously impede the progress not only of our work, but of the work of freedom’s cause itself. A vigorous movement to arouse the people is indispensable to enable us to carry on the schools already pledged, to our work is quite as much needed South as North.

In J. H. Lee this is more in his way brave from the rest. He has succeeded in collecting heartily the sympathies of leading angry men. But true Sunday meetings are needed by them as in his pleasant to awaken.
a general public interest. And these must be addressed by 
leading public men, in whose position principles the 
nature has faith.

we are both very anxious to have you go West to ad-
ress two or three such 
meetings to be held at 
principal points in the East.
The time we would endeavor 
to arrange to suit you con-
venience. The importance of the 
movement cannot be over 
stated. And I am sure if your official duties will
permit, you can render the cause no more efficient service, Mr. McClellan will unto you as to details. This is only to add my testimony of his that such a move must is indispensably needed to awaken the public and to secure the general co-operation necessary to complete the prosecution of this work, and to carry it on honorably to the close of the present season.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

O.O. Howard
Rev. C. W. Boynton, D.D.
My dear Brother,

Will you inform me concerning the condition and prospects of Howard University.

By a very special Providence I have been led to accumulate about 16,000 volumes of second hand books, many of them antique and most of them valuable as a nucleus to a college library.

I think that no object has greater claims on us than that of the elevation of our own Freedmen.

I am not able to make a donation of the whole, but a friend, who is able, has under consideration giving me about one half of what I could otherwise obtain for them in the library and donating them in a way to do the most good to the colored race.

To induce him or others to take hold of the matter it is desirable to present some definite plan for approval.

Therefore wish to learn if Howard University is probably to be a great instrument in elevating the colored people. If a reference library would be of great use to it and, if the institution has or is likely soon to have a plan for such a library.

Topics: Divinity, Law, Medicine, History, Biography.
general theme Literature Miscellaneous subjects. There is little light literature except a few of the works of the great modern writers of fiction as for instance.

They have been chiefly collected from old garrets and from paper mill stock. Of course some of them are in a deteriorated condition. There are some very rare and valuable works, as Januus Stradaeus containing the title nearly 400 years old. Books of printed concordance and many of the works of the Puritans of the 17th century. Others were secured but just went wrong out from paper stock.

I have also a few Pamphlets, Tracts, Portraits, in several cases instances embracing full sets:

Nov. 25 to different editions of School and Classical Books being I suppose the largest collection ever made in the country.

Please accept this little work of mine which will accompany this.

If you wish to learn more concerning me you may enquire of Mr. Bigelow of your church whom I have since met and who will probably have open this, or of Hon. R. Baldwin of the H. R. and Theodore H. Davis a clerk in the Treasury Department.

Should you deem it an object worthy of his notice please show this to Gen. Howard.

With a favorable notice from him and yours I think that I could succeed in disposing of
These books, as shall seem best fitted to benefit the Freedmen and at the same time not to detract from other contributions for their good. Examine this freedom of a personal stranger for the sake of a good cause. Yours, paternally,

Breston Cummings.
Mr. Pleasant, Fla.
Dec. 11, 1867

Dear General,

I see by the papers that many volunteer officers are to be "mustered out" on the first of January. I have written you on this occasion, with reference to Capt. E. Hamilton and amt. crow for this (Jackson) County as an officer in every respect deserving of promotion by brevet to the rank of Major Ret. It also to secure his retention and your favor. Will you not use your influence to have him retained as an officer, it is the earnest wish and entirety of many loyal men, white or black, in this district that he be retained.

The instincts of the colored people imperatively demand his further retention, and it would be considered a rebel victory if he were to be discharged just at this time. The rebels are very hostile and unconceal their hostile to white colored loyalists and...
The letter is not legible. It appears to contain handwritten text, but the content is not clear due to the quality of the image. The text seems to be in English, but it is difficult to transcribe accurately.
without the protection of a flag and a
true American office we should have
no rights that they would enforce.
All loyal citizens unite in this appeal
that he remain with us officially
until the first of April next.
and we earnestly ask you to
do all you can to prevent his
removal from the position he now holds
since the adoption of our new state
and it is essential to our success
as members of the Republican Party
that he should have his aid
until after the Ratification of our
new Constitution.

Please give my kind regards to-
Mr. B. B. Henson and all the old staff.
Mr. B. also desires to be remembered
To yourself & lady,

Chattanooga
Fla.

[Signature]

Ricky [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible] [illegible]
Shamokin Decem. 9 1867

Genl. O. C. Howard.

Dear Brother:

A young freedman, some time a resident of our town, has repeatedly written letters to his mother—Phebe Chapman—Mrs. Carrie Nelson's farm, Hanover C. H., King Williams County, Va.,—but never yet received an answer. He is very anxious about her, and be pleased to once hear of her if possible.

Could you by any means obtain any information of her, and let him know? He would be under many obligations to you if you could make any inquiry of her.

Please address
Your in S. H. C.
W. Howard Harper M.D.
Shamokin
Pa.
Shamokin Dec 11th 1867

Harpel Wm. Braddock
M. L.D.

A young freedman has frequently written letters to his mother Phoebe Chanlery, Mrs. Carrie Nelson's Farm, Hanover Tp.,
Says William Lee Voo, but has never heard from her.

Could the General get word from her by any means?
Trenton Dec. 14th 1869

Maj. Gen. Howard

At a regular meeting

of Mercer County Council, No. 8 Lodge

League of Trenton New Jersey, held

Dec. 10th 1869, the enclosed preamble

and resolutions were unanimously

adopted,

Very respectfully,

Joseph Rycroft, Pres.

Jas. H. Gunning, 1st Sec.
Trenton N.J.
Dec. 11th 1867

Rycoft Joseph

States that at a regular meeting of Mercer Co. Council No. 8, Royal Legion of Trenton N.J., the enclosed preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

united by Geo. W. H. Dec. 12th 1867

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PRIVATE
Whereas, the President of the United States, has ordered Major Gen. Sickles & Howard, to be mustered out of the Service Jan. 1, 1868, as Volunteers, and thus reduced to inferior rank in the Army, mainly as a rebuke for their fidelity and devotion to what they and we believe to be the truest & best interests of the Country, and whereas the Loyal League of New York has petitioned Congress, that these faithful & gallant Officers be still further retained as Volunteers.

Therefore,

1. Resolved, That we the Loyal League of Trenton representing as we believe the feelings of the League throughout New Jersey, do most heartily Concur in the above action of the Loyal League of New York, and would respectfully urge Congress to adopt the same by every consideration of patriotism and good policy.

2. Resolved, That copies hereof be presented immediately to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and also to Maj. Gen. Sickles & Howard.

Joseph Ryecraft, Pres.

James M. Cummings, Asst. Sec.
OFFICE OF
National Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company,
Corner 19th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D.C., Dec 12, 1867

Dear [Name]:

I have Harvey's note in the Church for $500, for which I shall need the cash on Saturday.

Saturday next, I had to go to Harpers Ferry for $500. He gave me this order to I bought him $700 on it. That is the way I came by it. I definite upon it for paying the man.

Yours ever,
Robert L. Smith
Washington, D.C.
Dec. 12 1867

Eaton, D.C.

Has Hawey's order on the church for which he will reposit the cash on Saturday. He also loaned the money on the order of Mr. Hawey, who was hard pressed for money.
Po'opo'opoeia
Dec 12th 67

Dear Sir Howard,

I will not say I fear you are weary of me, but I know you are — and yet I greatly admire such a letter from my poor friend about her Millie — who has been very ill, and with whom the western climate never agreed, and for whom it is in great trouble lest her or her be taken from her — and having some experience in losing idols, I hope they may my ownperhaps, and not fulfill her request.

She thanks your influence in loving her son, and desires that he may be near you as possible.

The sweet gentleman's voice is touched for time — but she will bless you where she is — if you do, what you can for one near to her.

With a heart overflowing with love and gratitude to you for your great consideration I comfort to her, thank that my own soul.

Some years since in Christ

Asa H. Ely
P.O. Place near 31 Ho'opono St

Po'opo'opoeia
Poughkeepsie, Dec. 12th, 1869

Dear Sir, K (Mrs.

I write in regard to her sister's illness, who is very ill. Wish to be near the General, etc., etc., etc.
Dear Young,

As you and your correspondent lady have been having a merry time, let us do our best to make the most of our time.

You have a new friend, Miss Wilson, who will surely make your life more pleasant.

We have had a lovely evening, and hope to have many more like it.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

End Home, December 12th, 1868

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and with characteristic energy he got out the first number of the very latest week.

He had asked me so much about Harlow, taking he came a year ago, and I just forty, that I was telling him of old John Randall's farm, which lies out on the island of New York and is known as the 'Monroe' farm. Sometimes, and of my attempt at keeping hisEsteeby as

I witnessed a gentleman of taking hisEsteeby as

a witness in 1857 which I had carefully preserved. He begged me for something else and something about it and something about other things I let him off. Accordingly I sat them down and he printed them, with

some abstract of the minutes, and some, more than usual.

How time flies! It seems but yesterday when I used to see and

the old patriarch Jonathan Randall, whose farm was Randall's Island, which is close to the shore of the city and where the old men's and women's homes are. Many fine children of the same race and a

home at night. I went over the Park and up the High Bridge, and also to that cold pressed Irish church on Morningside. You have heard of it and gave good report of all and particularly it.

I am glad that you had all rest and have

to Washington before this heavy storm. I beg a

loving remembrance to little Charley as well as to the other children — if they can remember me, and

my kind regards to Mr. Howard.

Very faithfully yours,

Ezra Hitchcock
New Orleans, Va.
Dec. 12th, 1869

Dear General:

I am preparing a paper for you showing why the Bureau should not be discontinued, and I am having a petition to Congress signed on the same subject.

I have received a letter from Hon. J. E. Elliott on the subject and will share no pains to have an institution continue for the same reasons which prompt me to aid in giving it birth.

However, seems bent on crushing Armstrong if possible. I saw a letter from him to Armstrong in which he threatened to court martial him if he did not resign. The question arises—If guilty, why should a mere resignation child Can't Armstrong? I firmly believe that the letter is now, as ever, as true and just as any man in the Govt. service.

Most truly yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Chandler
382 C. St., Washington
Thursday, Dec. 12, 1867.

My dear Sir,

As I promised, supposing you have returned I enclose a check for $25 for the purpose of the
Goth. Ch. to which you may see most expedient to apply it.
I trust it may reach you safely.
I wish it had been in my
power to do more, but Our help
and accepteth us and our offerings
according to what one hath and
not what he hath not.
May it be that he may open
many hearts to contribute what is
needed for this enterprise, but
above all that He may richly en-
dow and fill with this generous
Holy Spirit all the members of
this band of His church and thank
ful that He has enabled you in
such a career of honor and service
devote. may the long shore
Share your life to make you in your self-sacrificing and self.
Enunciated labor a blest to unnumbered thousands.
With the most sincere esteem
and in Christian regard
Your brother in the sad
Frederick Smith

Gen. C. P. Howard

P.S. But that I may not seem to be wanting in interest in the Church, I should prefer to have my small donation go in without my name.
New York, Dec. 12, 1867

Major Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Mr. Whipple requests me to write to you that he did not receive the telegram sent to him from his office in Philadelphia until this morning. The weather is so stormy that he cannot start today for Washington, but hopes to meet you there on Saturday at 7th A.M., 11th inst.

Very respectfully,

A. Dodge
for Geo. Whipple
New York Dec. 12th 1864

Lodges

State that Mr. Whipple did not receive the telegram sent to him from their office until this morning. Hoping Mr. Whipple hopes to meet Genl. Howard Sat. morning 7th inst.