From: Phlada Co., 1868
To: Maj. Gen. Howard

No letter read. Answer waiting. Write this day.

Geo N. Stuart

F P 350
(Private & Confidential)

THE CONGREGATIONALIST,
No. 15 Cornhill, Boston,

15 Dec. 1868.

Rev. O. H. Howard.

My dear Sir,

Your note covering an appeal for funds for the Cen[t]|[f] Club in Wash|ington, has been received; as also one from Miss.
Denis[ter] of Newbur|g[e]n|t asking us to mod|ify its language so as not to join it [o]r [d]irectly as it now does.

But my object in writing you is to say that I feel that we need more light upon the general subject, before publish|ing anything more in regard to the enter|prise. Mr. Cushing, U. S. Secretary of the Arm.
Cup. Union brings very grave charges against somebody connected with the Church and So|c[ie]|t[y] — I suppose he understands it to be Dr.
Greenleaf; and they have influenced many minds here that it would be hel|pful to at|tempt to move another step until they
are cleared up. His general charge is that the Union having purchased the land and holding it in fee. The Society, not long ago applied to the Trustees of the Union to transfer the title to them on the ground that with the title resting in them, they could raise by mortgage all the money that would be needed to finish the house. So as to be able to leave the field of appeal clear to the Union, in whose way they had been for sometime standing. (I will not say that it seems to me this was a very unwise thing to be asked or granted, as a debt of that amount, it seems to me, ought not to be thought of in connection with the enterprise.) Mr. Curdwing represents, however, that the Trustees in that express understanding died. I transfer the land in fee to the Society, on the express condition that no further public appeal be made; that be made by it; but that within a very short time after, in violation
This agreement, Dr. Brynter, sent out a new batch of circulars to which I can bear witness, as I received one, and based on it as good an appeal as I knew how to write — and that, still further, he inserted in this new circular an off-the-cuff recommendation of Mr. Langdon who, he was, Secretary of the Union, as it still is, in fact, and if I were still Secretary, the more effect which was to make the public believe that the Union still endures, better public appeal, and thus in a very special manner, as a highly exceptional case, in the face of the Washington enterprise to the general public, when all this is in direct and absolute violation of the agreement just made, and in which the death of the candles just been received by the society.

You will see at once that it would be unavailing to attempt to move in the matter of raising further funds, until this
Further, there is a very deep feeling here—especially since Dr. Bryant's late published Kwan—that he is not the man to carry on that enterprise, and of distant of his integrity in the matter of the last circulars which make it clearly rise to perhaps for consideration and explanation before he takes any action which ought to be made final and effective.

It is too bad to trouble you with all this; General, but the fact is I have entire confidence in you, and I either know other people too well or not well enough to have the same confidence in them; so I come to you, and ask you to enlighten me. For I know the matter lies near your heart. Your reply will be considered entirely confidential—so my letter to you is—wth the highest respect and admiration, I am faithfully yours. Henry Dear.
76. South Oxford St.
Brooklyn, New York
July 15th, 1868,

Dear Sir,

After I parted with you, I
presented your letter to Senator Monroe
who said that I must have no appre-
cm - that he would look after my interest
in case my name came before the Senate
and that he was glad to have you
letter in case any objection was made to
my confirmation. Senator Dennison also
assured me of his hearty support.

It occurs to me however, that
as my name in case it is sent in, will
go first before Senator Wilson's military committee,
an unfavorable report might be sent into
the Senate before our Senators knew any
thing of my nomination. Will you not
do me the great kindness to speak
to Senator Wilson, in my behalf, if you
have an opportunity. I find that the
notes I received for payment for my
place may not be paid for some time,
in which case you will perform an act
of charity as well as friendship by aiding
me. Encouraged by your past kindness
I believe you will coincide with my
My request, I remain
Yours Very Truly,

O. O. Howard, W.S.A.

Camp
Washington D.C.
P.O. R.S.

Adjutant's Office
Nashville, Tenn.

Dec. 15th, 1868

Dear General:

Your letter regarding my photograph was received today. I feared you were that was taken just after an attack of sickness and represents me as rather than. In other respects I believe it is as correct as they generally are.

If you have one of your men to spare I would be obliged to you for it.

Yours truly,

W.M. Louder

Army Corps

Maj. General Howard,

Command

Washington, D.C.
Washington, D.C.
January 15, 1868.

Dear Brethren:

Having tendered my resignation as Corresponding Secretary, I deem it proper to state that, there is no correspondence, parts of which have been in my possession, which is now pending or unanswered.

The sum of $150, claimed by Brother Geo. R. Hill of Baltimore, from our Association, for copies of the report of the Convention held in Baltimore in 1866, has been appropriated, and, I presume, ere this, paid by the Treasurer.

The only bill of expense incurred by me, has been for stationery purchased of Brother William Ballantyne.

Yours Fraternally,

[Signature]

To the Officers & Members, Y.M.C.A.

Washington, D.C.
Dear General:

I feel that I can hardly forego the privilege of making a few suggestions concerning the affairs of the Association, though I hope to see you and have some conversation with reference to the same matters, before leaving the city. I hope you may be able to improve on them in such a manner that they may be useful to the Association.

1st. If I am not much mistaken, the books of the Treasurer need overhauling. When the subscriptions of annual members expire the members should be promptly notified and a renewal solicited. If the Treasurer has not the time, better have some one to do it than leave it undone. If it was reduced to a system, it would only be necessary to fill up a few
blanks every day. Again, the Treasurer
should be present at our Saturday ev-
ing prayer meetings, (the life blood of the
Association) and let it be understood
that he is there, to receive dues as well
as to pray. I presume that half the
members who attend those meetings
do not even know we are in debt. They only
hear about the finances semi-occa-
sionally and then they are startled.

2nd. Our Committee on Churches nor
the Association have never issued cards
or tracts of any kind whatever. In my
opinion the cards issued by some Asso-
ciations with Scripture promises, and
the question—Why am I not a Christian
with Scripture answers to the objections
which many urge—are calculated to
do much good. They make people think
Brother Moody has some small ones at
Albany which he called their light artillery.

3rd. Let the Association request each
Church to appoint two or three year.
men, one of whom will always be at
the Saturday evening P.M. Let one of this
number from each Church be the Com. on
Churches, and let them all be active in
going members to join from their Churches
let them get their pastors interested if
they are not already so, so that he will
be satisfied that it would be a good
thing for his Church if every member of
it belonged to the Association. It will
then soon be understood that the ipso
and especially our Saturday evening P.M.
are the head-quarters of the religious in-
fluence of the city. Let strangers under-
stands, if possible, that at those meetings
they will find members from all the
Churches, who will be glad to introduce
them wherever they wish to go. Then no-
tices from the S.I. Union and kindred
associations can be sent to the Churches.
4th. Let this prayer-meeting be given every Sabbath in every church in the city until every one knows it; then once a month will answer. Let every Sunday School teacher and Supt. know where he can go on Saturday evening (for it will interfere with no service of his Church) and get his strength renewed and his heart warmed for his Sunday's work.

I have been much longer than I expected and have but one more remark to make. Though last it is not least; it is an earnest request that you will not decline a reflection.

I cannot sufficiently thank the members of the Association for their interest in me and my anxiety for its prosperity and usefulness. must serve as an apology - if is needed - for this long letter.

Yours Fraternally,

J. M. Ludmuit
Cor. Secy.
Treasury of the United States,
Division of National Banks.

Washington, Jan. 15th, 1868.

Dear General:

As I expect to leave the city during the week to be absent until May, I hereby tender my resignation as Corresponding Secretary and as Chairman of the Committee on Mission Schools. With the warmest regard for the members of the Association as well as for yourself, and for the unvarying kindliness and esteem of all, I remain,

Yours Fraternally,

Ja. M. Audubon

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard,
Pres. Y. M. C. A. Association,
Washington, D.C.
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
Washington, D.C., Jan 15, 1868

May Genl P. O. T. H. O. O. N. A. N. O. N. S.

Sir,

I most respectfully submit for your consideration the enclosed letter and order of Genl Low. The order was left for payment of ten thousand dollars bonds money to go to his appointment at the Balanci due on the bond to Mrs. Hanie. I trust you will forward his order in such a way that if as he states it is true he is not paid that the same may be paid as you think best of him. I will not write him. (Im reply.)

S. W. T. W. H. W. H.

283. 2nd
Brooklyn Jun 16 1868

Sir O O Howard
Commissioner
Washington DC

Dear Sir,

A friend who has capital to invest proposes to me to accompany him in a tour through the Southern States, and if practicable to obtain from your Bureau such information as will enable me in seeking desirable property at low prices. Very truly yours,

O O Howard
Brooklyn, N.Y.,
Jan. 16th, 1868

Duncan, C.C.

States that a friend who has been put in need desires him to accompany him on a tour through the South, and if possible to obtain from the Bureau such information and advice as they may need in purchasing desirable property at low prices.
Brooklyn June 16, 1868

My dear friend,

I send you today to express a little box containing some
memorials of our trip which I think you will value for their association.
There are three small
bottles of water one from the Dead Sea, one from the Jordan and one from the
foot of Siloam — One from the Cedars of Lebanon, a common which I plucked
from a tree growing close by the spot on which the
David was born at Bethlehem, and a string
of olive beads also grown
by me at Bethlehem
I brought home
a few of such little
memorabilia for our best
friend's and among
them I have learned
to please you.
I see Mr. and Mrs. Lowe
from time to time and
today learned that
business success it
was deemed best to put
off the entertainment
for the benefit of your Child.
for the present
With kind regards to
Mrs. Howard and the family
I am your friend
O.C. Durand

Mompura O.D. Howard
Washington
Memphis, Tenn.
Jan. 16th 1868

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir: My Brother,

I have had it in mind to write you for some time on such matters as may come to my mind. In view of some recommendations for going to Congress in view of the present condition of affairs in this region—will you allow a “brother-in-arms” to make some suggestions? First, that the Union still reigns largely in the South. This is true—(A) To crop failures, (B) To a ravaged, rebellious, maligned South, (C) To unfaithfulness in the laborers. Having made these facts known, the mistakes made thus far in Reconstruction—(A) In attempting to organize state courts to com. military power is wasted, (B) In jurors, (C) It was a mistake to enfranchise colored ignorance.
(6) - Also to enforce white traitors, for 10 years the
"Eternal Intelligence" and "Crime & Ignorance" to
both white & black, have been injurious to
major confusion. This confusion

And the great suffering in the South,
There are indications of more miseries,
where folly & magnify how much there is
then the land obstructed. This is unjust.

It is apparent for plans that anything
shall cure this mischievous. Be careful
how you interfere with Providence
in this matter! This may become

The doctrine - but I am led to believe
in the old big plantation

system & the blacks friendly to
thrift. Be assured dem Betchamhs

lose hand is in this thing.

"The end may have a better test.
But don't will be the flower.

4. What is to be done?
(a) - Strengthen the military power in the
South & make these people obey. Keep the
place & mind their business & property.
of Senator Mattox' plan - if I understood it only I would go further in.

(4) Do nothing for the planters & landowners,

only make them pay their honest debt - even if they must sell their land to do it - they won't do this except at the point of the bayonet. And this is just what is limited to their unwillingness to do is the cause of much of the suffering & destitution & trouble here.

(5) Do as little as possible for the Blacks.

Since some plan by which they shall have land owners to take care of themselves or else their race will soon be own. In many cases suffering has been no help to their improvement.

financing, etc., etc.,

The State Commissary here two weeks at least 75 years will retire integral to the limit of this region to Tennessee. I fear not accepted! Therefore the military to keep order - enforce law - break them by debt to them like whites & blacks "look out their own calisthenes." K. F. Under! Must try to

F. E. Bell
Memphis, Tennessee.
January 16th, 1868.

Sirs, T. C.

In view of Commissioner's recommendations to Congress, and present condition of affairs in the South, requests permission to suggest, as follows:

1st. Class reiges largely in the South are (a) poor crops, (b) unfaithfulness in laborers, (c) perverse rebellious spirit, (d) smouldering planters.

2d. Mistakes in Reconstruction.
(a) Attempting to organize State votes too color.
(b) In enfranchising colored ignorant.
(c) In enfranchising white traitors.

3d. Present sufferings in South by no means universal. It is the result of God's providence to let the people suffer to cure them of their wickedness.

4th. What is to be done?
Strengthen military power, give blacks and whites fair play and let them work out their own salvation, etc., etc.
Fort Sumner, 1st M. Jan 1868

My dear Colonel:

When I left W.

the last time, your brother Charles made

a request of you in your name, for

a promise that I would not drink

any more. I told him frankly

that I had been in the habit for a

long time of drinking with one friend

until while I admitted the wisdom of

such a prohibition and your kindly

kindness in requesting it, I felt

that because of my declining state and almost

improbability to make up, I have now

been with one friend long enough to begin

to feel at home, and while I am

tendentially in the middle of anxiety

to excess, I have now been so long without

in the inclination to renew the pledge,

I feel willing to make you the promise.
This letter is written to the Command of
H. W. Whitman of the 37th N.Y. Volunteers. I have
been acting commander of the post
brandy ale for the time I have been here.

There is no way that there are
to be gat at the member of settlment
in that town. Ohe. Want it be possible
for one to get one at a time. I have
not been satisfied with any present
position I do in the amount. I would be
able to the more settlment and sooner then
my family with me.

I do gene brother in law I borrowed
the dollor from him which I wanted him
to send me.

With kind regards to you self and
family. I am as way.

Your Respectfully

[Signature]

[Name]

[Name]
United States Internal Revenue,
Assessor's Office, 2d District, Arkansas.

Little Rock January 19, 1865

Dear General,

In your third letter of the 1st of October, explaining how my former letter came to be sent to you Smith, you ask me to write again and to forget and forgive you, as you have done me too many kindness in the past for me to have any feeling which your letter did not accept. Kindly write this and believe that, while before because I have been away for some time, since my return we have had the misfortune to lose the mother of my wife, who was also a dear friend. May this be of some comfort to you. My success in planting has not been good, though I look for better times, now the crisis is reached. I hope it passes. The Constitutional Convention is in session now. I believe this work will be speedily, speedily, and thoroughly done. I really hope to clothe the state. Give my best wishes and respect to your brother and family.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

To Mr. Geo. H. Howard
Washington, D.C.

May 20, 1863

[Signature]
Philadelphia Jan'y 17th 1868

Stuart, Gent.

I state that by telegraph I send Howard of the 15th inst, requesting the fact from you as soon as you receive this letter, forwarded several weeks ago, but as yet not reply has been received. It is anxious to hear from the head before Tuesday next as they have a meeting of the Board on that day.

Philadelphia Jan'y 17th 1868

My Dear General, On the 15th inst.

I received your telegram inquiring whether I had received your letter of 30th Dec't, to which I replied by telegraph that I had not but that I was very anxious to hear from you.

On returning today from New York I am sorry not to have the pleasure and beg you to send me a copy of your letter by return of mail.

We have a meeting of our Board on Tuesday next and I am anxious to hear from you before that time.

In much haste,

Believe me ever,

Yrs in Christian Bonds

Geo. H. Stuart
Springfield, Vermont
Jan. 17, 1868

May. gen. O. O. Howard
Chair. Building Committee
Cong. Ch., Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother

May I take this early means to express the appreciation of the Congregational Society in this place, and to extend to you and others our earnest endeavors to erect a house of worship?

Enclosed you find draft for fifty-three dollars and fifty cents, which please accept with our earnest prayers for the success of the enterprise in which you are engaged for the Master.

Yours cordially,

S. H. Cobb
Pastor
Springfield, Vermont, January 17, 1868
Capt. P. S. H.

Enclosed $850, a donation from the Cong. Society of Springfield to the 1st Cong. Church at Washington O.

J. B. G.

Received Jan 20, 1868
PRIVATE