Lodi, Michigan,
February 12th, 1860.
Gen. O.O. Howard,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Recently we received from you an acknowledgment of $125, which was a small contribution from two of us who are members of the Congregational Church of this place.

In thus contributing, we supposed we were giving countenance to a Church of our order, in which the colored man would find a place and recognition of his equality as a white man.

The recent position taken by the majority of the Church, we deeply regret, as it seems to be, in our judgment, at least an indirect sanction of the old spirit of caste.
which, therefore, has too much influenced the Christian people of this Country.

We desire to add, in the encouragement of the minority among you, that we regard them as having taken a high moral stand upon this question, and in trust the issue is not far distant when the Congregational Church of the Eastern Metropolis, will have freed itself from the suspicion of indulging in personal prejudices. We do not think the act of the majority of your Church will be justified by the general sentiment of American Congregationalists.

Hoping that time, and the progress of true moral sentiment will eventually make your Church a unit for the right, in this important question, and trusting you-as all temper Christian friends
From the subscription.

Wm. E. Coldwell
Pastor.
Lodi, Michigan, Feb. 29th 1868

Caldwell Wm. E.
Pastor etc.

In behalf of certain persons of his church who contributed to Washington, D.C. in behalf of general sentiment of American Congregationalists, protests against the position of a majority of the Washington church.
Salt Lake City, Oct. 29th, 1868

My dear friend,

I thank you for your kind letter of the while, I had never seen it before. I do most earnestly rejoice to know that since your letter, you are better informed than I am that I am mistaken, for I care little with the most earnest meaning. I wish to see that race preserved. I wish to have them educated. I wish they are instrument to do them good.

I do not believe a free doubling in politics leads me to the most advance of the masses of men better than a race. But I do believe a Christian education of all races will be the best. I expect any of presenting them to do them good. Others as long as God gives me health I expect to have some. I intend to devote myself to for all races and all men anywhere everywhere.
If you could see all the inside
I know how I have had to stand
up to brace against you could
understand and appreciate
the point of my address. While
perhaps you might not like
forever I know my heart is
in the right place. If I am at
any time in judgment, God will
bring it all right for our sufferer
is not in vain in the Lord.
I would go see the source if
you thought it wise, but
I would consider it an act of
Christian kindness in you to
let the right, that I have
the true understanding thereof
remain. That is, if you continue
in the hope it has not been that we
your boasting has subsided with
what I don't for a moment believe
very truly. I believe yours in
this fault of our common Lord,
A Former Voter
Baltimore, Md.
February 23rd, 1868.

Porter A. T.

Mentions receipt of commissioner's letter of article, which show that he (Porter) is mistaken in some things. Requests that the Court act him right with. My best etc. etc. etc.
Gen Howard

Dear Sir

Please excuse the delay of not informing you that your signature to my Bond as Treasurer of "The Lincoln Corporation Association" has been carelessly filed.

I am truly grateful for your Kindness, I may add that I shall probably be elected Secretary of said Association when I may again ask you for your favor in a letter Bond.

Unless we had faith in God we should say that "the times are out of joint"!

Your sincerely and truly,

G. F. Reedburn

Washington, Feb 22, 68
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22d 1868

Frederick J. F.

States that the General's signature on his (Freedman's) bond has been canceled.

I am grateful for that favor. May have occasion to ask a smaller favor ere long.

Yours,

[Signature]
Louisville to
Feb'y 22nd 1868

Genl. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear General:

Since leaving you

I have given the greatest

attention to the idea of going to Washington

very thoroughly and it was

not until I received your

favorable consideration

that I have taken counsel of

Rev. Dr. Humphrey, son of old

Rev. Humphrey of Andover

College. He is a wise and

good man and knows me

well. His convictions are

decided that I ought

not to think of remaining

by giving up the work of the

Ministry. I bow to the

will of God.
matter before either of my friends in whose judgment I had the greatest confidence and I join them all unanimously in the opinion that my highest usefulness lies in the ministry. If I should come to Washington I should come with the purpose to give my life to the work of teaching. I do not feel at liberty to go counter to my convictions and to the judgment of my best friends in the ministry. Thanks for your kindness and for this expression of your confidence and friendship. I am now and always your friend.

W. T. Ross
Louisville, Ky
Feb. 22, 1863

Noble, Rev. T. K.

After due consideration, and consultation with his
friends, concludes that he cannot give up the min-
istry, and come to Wash-
ington to give his life to the
work of teaching.
Dalton Ga. July 32 1868

General Howard

My Dear Brother

Christ. I write you a line in order to say before you go my thoughts and ask of you the kind help to assist me in my just Right under the Constitution of our Country General When you came to Dalton Ga. in May 1864 you came to my house on the hill above the Cane I had and found me at my home and I endeavored to satisfy you that I had never been disloyal to my Country and gave as you feel that if I was disloyal that I should not be allowed to be troubled. I remained at my home in peace as long as the 13 Lib of the 20th and Mos in Contra at this place I went in the Sanitary Commission and aided all I could to supply the wants of the sick and wounded. When Capt. Johnson took Command of the 6th Colored Regiment took Command of this place he found me at my home. He took my farm from my home and made his Head Quarters in my house and fortified by building up Earth works all around. Then I went and landed Town homes on the Plain living there as long as I could get No to destroy my farm houses and all my farm furniture all around with what clothes I had I used in

Ruin to see all of my wife and children. When the Hood came to
Dalton you know the time. I almost needed the help because we captured the
place or rather this place was taken to him and after the soldiers all left the place so that it was
safe to go out in town. I went right to my place and put out the
fire for the fortication and
set on fire to destroy the actual
I put out the fire and saved my
house at that time. I think about
to the Colonel Hospitall. Than I found
right on ten color soldiers like
one a little corpses in the floor dead
all I could to release them. I thought
to the white hospitall in search of
I & Hopkins who was the only one
in the plane that I could do too.
To see the condition of the
men in the Col Hospitall. The only one lives with the men to see the
so remarked to me I do not know
what I should do on. The men
said he I have nothing in the road
to eat or to give my men in my
own hospitall. My stores was destroyed
that could not be gotten off.
Mr. Mele said I do something must
Don I will go home and have
your wife. These men ought to...
Prepare for more—she said some soup of some kind. She gave up. I well said I'll show you how to do cows. I will kill one of them for your men in your care and will show you and let you know how to save some kind of some kind until you come home from Oklahomia. The road being worse at present home set my poor wife who is since God to cooking for the men in the Cold Blooded Hollow. I froze up the cow killed her, and most of old Col. Bosky parlaying the meat was ready. She sent his steward and got double the beef. She said to me I have nothing in words to buy you for the meat. She said I do. The men is sick and must be paid. For if I now get one out for the beef. So it is. Old Col. Stevens when he came out the order. Lieutenant Jones to give me a bottle for the meat. In the end, I give it to Oklahomia and it was not hard and I returned to the lot near the Yellin's and the time the took command of...
This house and all my other premises I think at Chatantou I new not have, but since my return to Major Hume Longer. I have taken care of all my property I willSections, this the point I swear which you saw me stand in the kitchen and to the room where my children were taught by my elder master, which left my out soon after that time I had to take my family in other people's pride. I removed here as you now see in the hand of F.W. Bellamy at this the evidence of Col. Smith Maj. D.H. Good as long that I hate this host you can also see to Hopkins and the mile tele your mother. I have the gun which is now General in Can Clag. I want you to have one pair of my pants or my gun, which it is not in my order to it I should not ask it you can have such testimony as to my loyalty as your own friend. 6th June 1863
Lawrence Mass.
Feb 23 1869

My Christian Brother

I don’t wish to trespass on your time or attention but I wish to find out the true status of the National Orphans’ Homestead, Gettysburg, Pa. I enclose this circular and ask if it is what it purports to be. An agent is engaged, and very successfully too, in enlisting the Saffold School children in the cause of raising money for this Homestead. But many in this city are persuaded that this Homestead is, or is connected with some Lottery or Gift Enterprise Swindle and discourage the attempts of the children to raise money. For myself I am convinced that it is an honorable thing but if it should prove to be otherwise I will have
nothing more to do with it.
Can you give me correct information in regard to it.
Is it an honorable, upright, Christian,
and a fair dealing thing?
1. Is it connected with any Lottery or
Beggars Enterprise?
2. Is it conducted by Honorable men?
Will you please answer, if you can,
these three questions?

Your Christian Brother,

A. E. Baker

Superintendent of Unions, A. S.

Lawrence.

Mass.

To Gen. Howard

P.S. I was a private in the 5th N. H. V.
and was wounded at the Battle of
Fair Oaks, Va. and, if I mistake
not, you were wounded at the same time.

A. E. 15.
Lawrence Mass  
Feb. 23rd 1868

Baker N. E.

Requests information concerning the "National Orphan Homestead" at Gettysburg, Pa. It is reported that the enterprise is connected with some swindle.

The enterprise has appealed to the rabatisch school for aid, therefore wishes to know 1. Is it connected with a lottery or gift enterprise? 2. Is it conducted by honorable men? etc., etc.
Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri.

St. Louis, Feb'y 29, 1868.

Dear General,

Some of the 20th is arriving and I now enclose the orders you desired and am glad to be able to do you a favor.

I am with great respect,

John Whitty

WD. Dayton
The above engraving is the plan proposed for the new building of WHEATON COLLEGE.

The front is to be 235 feet in length, facing the south. The wings to contain Laboratories, a Cabinet, Gymnasium, Dormitories, and a Domestic Hall. The center building is to contain a Chapel for religious exercises and rooms for Lectures and Recitations. We want FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for this building. We ask all friends to aid us by their subscriptions, by sending us pupils and by their prayers.

Dear O.O. Howard-

My dear Brother. I send you scrap from the Chicago Tribune of the 27th inst. that you may see that I am endeavoring to act simply on my convictions of truth and right.

When you complain of us for threatening to bolt Genl. Grant’s nomination you do not influence me in his favor. A man who lacks nerve to meet appetites and social drinking urges before and on the eve of his nomination to the Presidency will surely be weaker against those influences after he feels himself seated in the throne.

But when you call me (as you did) that Gen. Grant felt mortified and ashamed of his falls
from manhood— that he does not comply with "Tom Thumb," and, above all, when you assure me that he is a good man in his instincts and propensities (though such are the common victims of intemperance) you do influence me very, very in his favor—I can understand what it is to live under temptations for that I have done myself, though not by strong drink.

I hope God through your prayers will strengthen & keep him— and if he, the soldier, he hopes for, and which I believe he is— we will respect those of us who are resolved not to vote for a drunkard President or for a President who gets drunk, if he keeper it. We will resist voting for a third party as we did for Bix- nay and Force so all first. And as we live within an hour of Chicago we shall of course be with the multitude near the nominating Convention & know the true state of New York. As the case will stand I exult to feel bow for Dei Grant & that he will be elected. For Christ.

Z. Blanchard
Richmond, Va. 30 July 1868

Hon. C. C. Howard

Chairman

The policy in the Security Life Ins. Co. having been five years, as a subscriber, I requested an auditor to examine the books of this company and the dividend of 50% now due. It should be applied whether to the purchase of additional policy or in the reduction of premium.

Respectfully,

Wm. Peery

Bell & Bell's

Box 11
Richmond, Va.
Waynecro, Indiana