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Genl O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir

About the time of your departure from Washington for the South I addressed a letter to you in reference to the intents of some freedmen on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Caroline Co. I should have given my reason if it has had your attention yet as I have not heard from you I fear the letter has not reached you

Yr truly

C B Duncan

324 Walnut St

Washington D.C. Oct 8th 1868.

Gen. O. O. Howard

Sir.

As the temperance cause is dear to every lover of liberty and mankind, and as you are one of its most decided champions, permit me to propose what I deem a new mode of effecting a permanent reform in this respect.

Nearly all efforts heretofore to prevent intemperance have been through moral suasion on adults, and through laws partially or wholy forbidding the sale of intoxicating drinks. While these efforts have produced much good, and their champions have covered themselves with lasting renown, yet as all will admit, the evil of intemperance if not on the increase is at least frightfully prevalent, therefore to effect any general or permanent reform, some other mode not heretofore adopted, must be tried, which may hold out a hope of permanent success. As we have acted almost wholly on adults, I now propose to act on the young, and school them never to taste the accursed thing.

For this purpose I propose to hang up in every public school, a School Temperance Pledge, to be signed by all the scholars, boys and girls, as soon as they shall be able to write a fair hand, say at ten or twelve years of age, and over. This pledge may be engraved on copper say 16 X 24 inches, and may read as follows:

School Temperance Pledge.

We the subscribers, scholars, voluntarily pledge ourselves never to drink anything that will intoxicate, nor to use tobacco in any form; God being our witness.

This pledge may have a neat cut representing a boy and girl signing it, and be framed and hung up in every school house, or school room, to be signed at any time by scholars.

A neat Ticket may also be prepared, with the same Pledge and cut upon it, with the words Reward of Merit across one end, the ticket also to be signed by the scholar, and witnessed by the teacher, to be presented to the scholar, as a constant reminder of the pledge of Temperance.

No scholar is to be compelled to sign the pledge, it is to be done

voluntarily with the consent of parents, who would rarely object, nor is any pledge to be hung up in any school except with the consent of trustees, who would perhaps never object.

Such a pledge voluntarily and solemnly signed by the young, before the habit or taste of these articles was acquired, could not fail of having a general and permanent effect.

If there is anything new and useful in this proposition, please write one, or send it to some society who would assist me to carry it out, and send the pledge to every public school in the United States.

Very Respectfully

Augustus Watson
584-12th St

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Sir. 23. Dec. 1. 1869

ALL MONEY LETTERS, AND LETTERS CONCERNING PACKAGES OF CLOTHING, &C., SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO W. E. WHITING, 53 JOHN STREET, NEW YORK.

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New York, October 9th 1868

Gen O. O. Howard &c
Washington D. C.

Dear General:

Your favor of the 8th came in my absence. I now say in answer to your inquiry "We will cheerfully do it."

Permit me to suggest that we should like to have you make your address turn as exclusively as you can, on the work among the Freedmen: its necessity, arising from the condition of the people, their need of it mentally, morally and spiritually, the inability of the South to do the work, if they would, their unwillingness to do it if they could, the readiness of the colored people to welcome our labors, the bearing of the work, if well done, on the interest and prosperity of the whole country, &c &c, with any remarks you may please to make on the importance of making it Christian, and any commendations you may choose to give of what we have done; with your own ideas of the magnitude and importance of the whole, and especially of crowding it forward the coming year.

Yours very truly,
Geo. Whipple, Sec.

(Private)

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Baltimore
Oct. 9th 1868.

General:

Reports from two different and reliable sources have come to my ear, that some Claim Agents in this city find that by my removal as Disbursing Officer here and by effecting a change to suit them they may make $20,000. or more out of the Colored Soldiers claims yet to be paid.

I have every reason to believe (from these reports) that these Agents have the confidence even of our, heretofore, most trusted friends - Judge B -

I will not now enter into any details. I have taken the liberty to address this letter to you General as I thought you should be informed first, for perhaps you might be first approached, and too by those whom we all have trusted most. (God forgive me if I misjudge any one.) But might it not be possible that the interest of the poor and ignorant is at

(over)

state.

If we do our whole duty we merit nothing. I
many times thought that perhaps I was too rigorous
these Claim Agents, but nearly every day con
me in another belief, that if I have been
in my duty it has been to the injury of the
claimants and not to that of the Agents.

I have addressed nobody but you, General,
this subject.

Whenever my services are no longer needed I
to be out, but I do not want to be dismissed
the primary efforts of any such coalition as I
referred to.

Very truly
Your Obt. servant,
E. A. Monteith
(P.O. Box 599)

Answered
Oct. 10th 1868

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Baltimore 10. Octo. 1868

Mr. Genl Howard

Dear Sir

I delivered your message to my Brother, tho' not able to give him a very precise statement of your object, and he desires me to say that he is sure the Presbyterian Ministers with whom he is associated here will be happy to confer with you at any time that may suit your convenience. They hold a meeting every Monday, unless called from the city by one of the ecclesiastical meetings usually occurring in October. If you will signify your wish to meet them at any time, due notice will be given. My Brother thinks that it may be difficult to

become a general meeting of the clergy of different denominations for your object, owing to the political divisions, some of the ministers on both sides being very excitable, and others unwilling to be mixed up with them. Any proposal from you however would be (he thinks) rec'd & responded to courteously.

I deeply regret that I must return to Schenectady with the conviction that you cannot be induced to take part in the work of education there. But I expect to bear with me a warm sympathy in your noble & good work, and a very pleasant remembrance of my visit to you and your courtesy to me.

Truly yours
J. Trumbull Backus

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Truly yours
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York, Oct. 10th 1868.

Maj. Genl.

Dear Sir

I saw Mr Fullock - in reference to giving some employment to Mr Tibbitts - and he has nothing here, as his Documents are all printed & nearly all ready to deal. And he cannot employ Mr T. as a lecturer for Penn, as he only recommend. to the Chairmen of State Com, and he employs.

This, he said he would do, if you would write him a short note also recommending it, and tell

also give ten dollars towards
making up a purse for him to
start with.

I hope you can give
him this assistance. I think
Mr Riddle (the Lawyer), who has
heard him speak, will endorse
your recommendation.

I could get
no place for the young man (son,
and Soldier) at the Capitol, in the
Mayors Office. He is a very modest
temperate and good young man I
think, seeking energetically for good
employment. Your Obt. Svt. & Friend. [illegible]

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Bowdoin College Oct. 10, 68

Maj. Gen. Howard,

My dear Sir,

I received the Chronicle containing your address on the subject of your recent visit to the South. I read it with great interest & gratification. It gives me rather a more encouraging view of the state of things than I had come to entertain. Still you afford evidence enough of the disloyal spirit that prevails. I fear that the misconduct of our own men, officials both of higher & lower grades, & of those who have gone South to improve their fortunes through the misfortunes of the South, have contributed much to the

ill-will they cherish towards us. I have heard from what I supposed competent authority of the insolent tone of subordinate officers towards men of position in New Orleans – union men too, that was enough to beget a feeling of disgust & even of hatred towards a government administered by northern men. I fear that during the war some of our highest officers in New Orleans did not help the cause of loyalty. In case the election ends well in the success of the Republican party, & the abominable influence, which has been at work to foment disunion & rebellion, shall be checked – as you say, self-interest will work a change. Allow me to say, that I was very much gratified by the tone of

your address & think your visit must have done good.

The papers inform us that you have been invited to the Presidency of Union College. whether there, or wherever you may be. allow me to express the hope that you may be the instrument of ever increasing good.

Very truly & respectfully
Yours,
Alpheus S. Packard

Raleigh, N.C.
Octr 10th 1868

Maj. Gen O. O. Howard.

Dear General,

Thanks for the thousand dollars.

Dr Mason is in New York, so that we could not make out all the papers you desired. The Battle and myself are going in, God willing, on Monday and will attend to them immediately.

With respect to the sale of the lot which you so kindly offer to undertake, the Battle thinks it will be necessary for us to have special authority from the Board, or that we should at least consult the Board at large, as they may conclude to hold the property for awhile. We thank you most sincerely for your very kind and generous offer to act as our agent gratuitously, and will communicate with you on the subject, as soon as we can have a conference.

Now, dear General, I wish to ask a favor. Our school house is

nearly done and I propose to get the most approved furniture to in New York, when I go on. Col Johnston has suggested that you could and would give me transportation for which I purchase for the Normal School. Will you be so kind as to write me immediately to "10 Bible House, New York," instructing me how to make formal application, and enclosing me the necessary blanks?

God willing, I shall hope to see you, as I return from New York.

You must see to it that Gen Grant is elected. There is no doubt about it I trust.

Yours faithfully
J Binton Smith

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Washington Oct 10 1865

Genl O. O. Howard

Dr Sir

We have this day received from our correspondent at Boston returns for that $500 State of Maine Bond left with us by yourself some days since. We place to your credit the net proceeds — $503 98

Yours Truly

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Philad.a Octo 12 1868

My dear Otis

Your invitation to visit you is so cordial that I find it difficult not to accept it on the spot - yet for the present I must say that I do not see my way clear to leave home - Aside from office interests we are rather tied up with sickness at home - Sallie & the baby both being somewhat out of order - the latter teething - beside that we have a friend staying with us, a daughter of Mr Chas Gimed of New York who is suffering from a felon which is not only very painful but very weakening - I should ~~like~~ rather ~~have~~ postpone

the visit for a time - There is nothing I should like better to do - and I know it would be of great benefit to Helen - to get away from the cares of the house -

We hear to day that Mrs Smith has rented her house & will return in about a week when we shall feel freer to leave home. -

I wrote to Chas a few days ago about a man for your building concern - the party wants to know whether you have taken his case into consideration at all -

With many thanks for your kind note & love to Lizzie and the children.

Yr Sincerely

C O H M

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Newark. N.J. Oct 12/68

Genl O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir

The Bearer,

A. O. Flock Esq. has in charge the balance due upon my bill for stone furnished for erection of your 1st Congregational Church. The stone was shipped at special written request of Mr Searle, the Architect of 21st Novr 1867 - and Mr Searle assured me that the Building Committee would not allow any loss to parties furnishing materials used in their church.

As my bill has now waited over ten months, will you not see that provision is made for its payment.

And greatly oblige

yours very truly

Wm. A. Righter

Bloomington Ills
Oct 12/68

Genl Howard

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 7th answering our application for a lecture is at hand.

We hope which you may come. Think if you will but let us know at an early day so we can send word to other Y.M. & A.'s ~~[illegible]~~ could arrange several appointments in this state.

You will remember we had application last winter but failed to secure you. Trusting that we may be more successful this time –

I am with great respect –
Yours truly H. G. Reeves.

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Office of the Auditor of the Treasury
For the Post Office Department,

Washington, Oct 13, 1868.

My dear Sir;

The Young Men's Christian Association of Worcester, Mass, would be happy to hear you lecture before them Tuesday, Oct 27. You can leave New York in the morning and be in Worcester the same afternoon at 3.30 - giving you four hours rest before the lecture. You can be in Springfield the next morning at nine o'clock. I shall hope to have the pleasure of receiving you at my house as I shall then be at home. Please inform me at once.

Yours very truly

Wm R Stewart

Maj Gen Howard.

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Mayor's Office, City Hall. 38

Washington, Oct. 13/68.

Major General O. O. Howard:

Dear Sir:

Fountain Lodge No. 16, I.O. of G.T., proposes to hold a public religious temperance meeting, on Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, in the Church at the Corner of 19th and I streets.

I am desired to extend to you an earnest request to be present and make a brief address. Rev. Mr. Anderson, pastor of the Church, and a member of the Lodge, is expected to speak at some length.

This Lodge is ~~a~~ ~~[illegible]~~ composed mainly of Colored members, and is in a rather languishing condition. It is hoped this meeting may awaken a new interest. All the Lodges in the city have been invited to attend, and the invitation will be extended to the public.

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I trust you may find it convenient to accept this invitation, as your presence and encouragement is felt to be very important.

Please inform me of your decision as early as convenient, and much oblige,

Yours truly

A. E. Newton,

R. Secy. Fountain Lodge

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Please Address G. L. TORBERT,
Cor. Sec. "Associated Western Literary Societies,"
DUBUQUE, IOWA.

See CIRCULAR of objects and aims of this Association on the OTHER SIDE.

Dubuque, Iowa, Oct 13 1868

Genl O. O. Howard
Washington - My dear Sir
I recd your telegram yesterday & hasten to write you - I wrote you some days since in reply to a telegram - I want you to lecture if you can do so & have placed your name on our Lecture Circular - I have ten or twelve applications for you & shall have more - The election absorbs so much attention this year that all our arrangements will necessarily be late - Send me your subjects - & will do what I can for you - I shall be receiving applications for some time yet. Every mail brings them - I don't doubt I can give you a fine list of appointments - Yours truly
G. L. Torbert
Sec

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

"Associated Western Literary Societies,"

DUBUQUE, IOWA, May 15, 1867.

Dear Sir:

The "A. W. L. S." is an association of about one hundred of the leading Literary and Lecture Societies of the West contained in the circle embraced by Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., Lawrence, Kan., DesMoines, Iowa, St. Paul, Minn., Oshkosh, Wis., Saginaw and Detroit, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, formed for the purpose of joint action and mutual benefit (both to themselves and the Lecturers) in the matter of obtaining Lecturers, &c., &c. By this combined action, they trust to become enabled to obtain the *very best talent*, by offering to the Lecturers regular *routes*, of greater or less extent, as the case may be, thereby making it more of an object for them to come "West" than has previously been the case, when only *detached* engagements could be offered to them, and those often very widely apart. This association, it is hoped, will be of especial benefit to the smaller and "weaker" societies among us, by enabling them to obtain Lecturers whom they *otherwise* could not hope to obtain, as many Lecturers will lecture for them in an extended *course*, at somewhat reduced figures, when else they could not afford to do so.

The particular advantages we offer to *Lecturers* consist in the fact that, instead of dealing with *several* persons in making their arrangements, they deal in this case with only *one*, (the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.") who will arrange their *entire routes*, giving the *exact day and date* for *each particular lecture*, laying them out so that they may give the greatest number of lectures with the least possible loss of time. &c., &c., thus saving to Lecturers a very great amount of trouble in the shape of correspondence, or the expense of employing an *Agent*, if they have been in the habit of doing so.

Of course, some Lecturers receive more applications from the Association than others, and the Cor. Sec. is instructed to apply only for those Lecturers receiving *five* applications or upwards; although he will, *by particular request*, apply for any of those receiving a less number.

It is understood, that in applying for Lecturers, they are to come, if at all, some time during the *regular Lecture Season*, or between the first of November and the fifteenth of April. When Lecturers *cannot* come within that period, but *can* come at a *different time*, they will please say so distinctly, in which case their propositions will be submitted to the different constituent Societies.

☞ Lecturers, in their answers or applications, will state their *lowest terms* per lecture, *which terms must cover their traveling and hotel expenses and every other expense connected therewith;* they will also state the *exact time* they can start, how many weeks or months they can devote to the West, how *many* Lectures they can give each week, also give the *titles*, in full, of their different Lectures:—in short, they will please make their answers as concise and definite as possible, to save time and trouble to the Corresponding Secretary.

Each Lecturer will be paid at the close of each Lecture, *by the Society before which he has lectured*, the price previously agreed upon with the Cor. Sec. of the "A. W. L. S.," *which price, as above stated, is to cover* ALL *expenses of whatever nature.*

There is a wide field for improvement, both intellectually and physically, in the Great West, and its people are ready and anxious to hear *first rate* Lecturers, and are willing to *pay* for them; such can do *good* here, and we sincerely hope that *all* of those to whom we apply will consent to come, even at the sacrifice of a little personal ease and comfort.

The expenses of the Association are paid by assessment on the Societies. A resolution was passed at the Convention held at Chicago on the 8th inst. requesting the Secretary to inform Lecturers that he would receive a compensation equal to 5 per cent. on the gross receipts of the Lectures in all cases where this arrangement would be perfectly satisfactory. Several of the leading Lecturers of the country have signified a willingness to assist in defraying the expenses of the Society. It is optional with the Lecturer, however, as to whether he shall pay this amount or not. If convenient for you to visit the West during the coming Autumn or Winter, please write me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

C. L. TORBERT,

Cor. Sec. A. W. L. S., Dubuque, Iowa.