

My dear General

I beg to introduce to  
you my friend B. S. Ence of  
Williamstown Virginia and President  
of William & Mary College. You  
and the General are engaged in  
the same great work of Education  
and I am sure a comparison  
of views will be mutually beneficial.

I hope you will put the General  
upon the footing of the most favored  
Nation as Mr. Seward would say  
and whatever attention you show him  
shall be put to the long list of obligations  
under which you have placed your self  
Ever C. C. Adams. Hugh L. Bond.



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My dear General

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I beg to introduce to  
you my friend Mr. James

W. Thompson, a young gentleman of

distinction & many talents. You

and the General are engaged in

the same great work of education

and I am sure a comparison

of merits will be mutually beneficial

I hope you will find the first

of the history of the West found

valuable as the General knows it

is. I have no doubt you will find him

able to give to the history of the West

such value as you have placed on it.  
Yours truly  
C. C. Brown

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Genl Sewall

My dear Sir

I have no complaint  
to make against you, but I know  
you did not understand why  
things were as you found them  
at the Asylum - I did not  
ask an explanation and was  
not informed -

All that was done at that  
time was voluntary service  
Matron and servants were  
not receiving a dollar, and  
had no prospect that they



days - I wish I could know what  
more to expect from the "Bureau" for  
the Asylum - I know they are depend-  
ing very much on me, and on  
my feeble health the responsibility  
is more than I ought to bear.

I should be very glad to hear  
from you on this point.

Very respectfully yours -

W. A. Wallcut

Brooklyn, N.Y.

even would. Your visit was  
made on a very unfortunate  
day, as some Texta work had  
been undertaken and on  
account of the limited  
number of servants, the  
regular morning work had  
been in part omitted.

Had I been there I should  
have explained to you, and  
shown you about the house that  
you might have seen it as  
it was.

I am too much of an eno-  
kid to write you more just  
now, but may do so in a few

Gen. Swasey



Raleigh N.C. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1868

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

As I understand that your recent order is interpreted by the Assistant Commissioner of this State as making him also Chief Superintendent of Schools - I feel compelled to state to you that he is an intemperate man and gets so drunk as to have to be helped home.

I also learn that he has or is to recommend Cal. Johnson the Present Quarter Master as a worthy officer to be retained.

This Cal. Johnson since Gen. Miles went out of office has been drunk nearly all his time. I have seen him myself within the last two weeks staggering upon the streets and I know for successive days he has not been able to attend to his duties greatly discommoding the Superintendent of Schools and doing positive injury to the Cause.

Gen. Miles always sustained a good character and thus exerted a good influence



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Poughkeepsie N.Y. Dec. 14/88

Gen O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

As I understand that your  
last order is interpreted by the President Com-  
missioner of this State as requiring the Chief  
Commissioner of Schools - I feel compelled to state  
you that he is an independent man and the  
Board as to him is the proper body

I also learn that he has or is to receive  
from Col. Johnson the Board of Education  
a written offer to be relieved

This Col. Johnson since his last  
office has been almost constantly  
in the State and has been  
very busy with the State and I know  
the Commission has been out of the  
State to his duties and the Commission  
of Schools and the Board of Education  
to the Board

Very truly yours  
J. M. Johnson



upon the Colored people - Rev. Mr. Fiske.  
was a Model Superintendent and Dr. Dagell  
is efficient and giving general satisfaction

What I am anxious about is that the  
officers who are to be retained in the Bureau shall  
at least be moral men especially the Chief  
Superintendent of Education who comes into direct con-  
tact with the Colored people

I am led to write this much from certain  
knowledge and for the single purpose and only  
desire that the good cause may not receive detri-  
ment. As I have written confidentially. I shall re-  
ly upon you to withhold my name - as plenty  
of affidavits can easily be obtained to confirm my  
statements. I especially refer you to Maj Gen-  
Miles who must understand the facts in the case  
Very truly Yours

H. M. Tupper.

P. S.

Missionary

It has been stated to me on good authority that  
other officers recommended to be retained are  
of the same character of the Assistant Commis-  
sioner and Col. Johnson &c.



upon the colored people - for Mr. Drake  
a General Superintendent and for  
affairs and general satisfaction  
that I am anxious about is that the  
one who are to be retained in the Bureau shall  
be those who are especially the Chief  
of the Bureau who are not only  
the colored people.

I am led to think that from certain  
and large and for the single purpose and only  
is that the great cause may not be sure that  
to do I have written confidentially. I shall be  
upon again to establish my name - as I think  
affairs can easily be obtained to confirm my  
interests. I especially refer you to Mr. Drake -  
this will most understand the facts in the case.

Very truly yours  
Wm. Drake

It has been stated to me on some authority that  
the officers are anxious to be retained in the  
the same character of the character of the  
and are not to be retained.



State of South Carolina.

Executive Department.

Columbia, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1868

Genl O. O. Howard  
Commissioner

Genl

Mr W. B. Butler visits  
Washington on business  
and as he lies on the  
Sea Islands and is well  
acquainted with the con-  
dition of the people  
I have requested him  
to call and give you  
such items of infor-  
-mation as may be of inter-  
-est to you. Mr Butler  
has had much to do  
with the collection of  
claims due the Government

My statement Mr. B...  
may make you can fully  
rely on as correct as  
his means of general in-  
formation has been exten-  
sive. I am very truly  
yours as the Legislature  
is in Session

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully  
R. M. Scott



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"It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive."

*Kansas City, Mo., Dec<sup>1st</sup> 1868.*

SIR:—Having been chosen Superintendent of a Sabbath School in this place, I have with reluctance taken charge of its interests.

I find the school made up of children whose parents are quite limited in their financial circumstances, and hence, the school is to a very great extent, destitute of the necessary cards, papers, books, &c., which are so very essential to the welfare and success of a Sabbath School. I therefore, in the name of God and in behalf of those unable to assist themselves, ask your assistance, such as you may be willing to give. A small donation from any who feel an interest in such an enterprise, will not impoverish them, while it may make many little boys and girls rich in the Kingdom of Heaven! Any response to this appeal may be made to me direct, or through the First National Bank of this place,—which will be promptly acknowledged.

E. F. ROGERS, Superintendent.

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

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Raley L. M.  
Dec 13 1864

May. Gen. O. O. Howard,  
Dear General,

The Ex. Com., thank  
ing you most heartily for your kind offer  
to act as our agent for the land we  
purchased of you in Washington, have  
requested to ask you to do so. Please  
have an eye on the property and keep  
us posted with reference to taxes, &c.  
If there is an opportunity for us  
to realize a handsome advance, be  
so kind as to correspond with us  
on the subject. We would not wish  
you to sell without consultation and  
special authority, but we wish you to  
look after <sup>our</sup> interest in the matter.

Please let me hear from you -

Yours faithfully,  
J. Brewster Smith



Valley, N.H.  
Dec 13 1884

Mr. J. C. Thompson,  
Dear General,

The Boston, Mass.  
your visit here the 1st of Nov. was  
very pleasant. I was glad to  
hear of you in the paper. I  
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Yours faithfully,  
William Brewster



Personal

Medical Director's Office, Department of the East.

Corner of Houston and Greene Streets.

New York City, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1868

My Dr. Genl:

I have received your kind note and I will call on you when I reach Washington which will be some day this week.

I am anxious to run out to the South this winter to try and settle up my private affairs in that Quarter. The taxes &c &c are fast devouring what property I have at the South and if I can't sell or rent I shall be in a bad way.

I think now we shall have peace. Those of us who know our great Genl. feel satis-  
fied he will do

and in his power to make  
The Country prosperous  
& happy - He has a great  
work before him &  
God grant he may  
do it nobly.

Very Truly  
Yrs. M. Cuyler

Major General S. Howard  
U.S.A.  
Washington  
D.C.



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Genl S. S. Howard

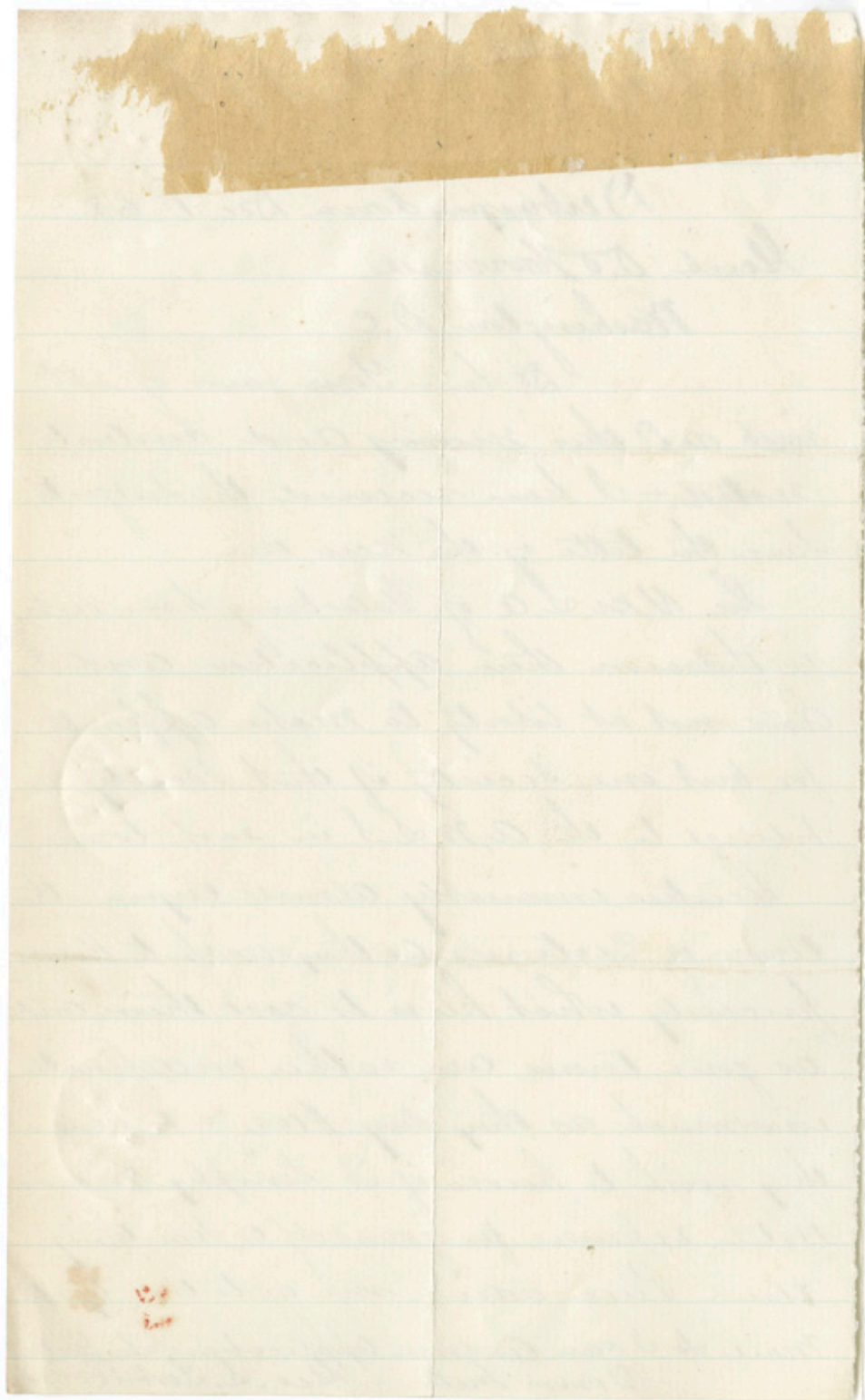
Genl O. O. Howard

Washington D.C

Dr Sir - Your favor of 25<sup>th</sup>  
just rec<sup>d</sup> this morning and contents  
noted - I have received the Subjects  
save the title of the new one

The A. M. S. A of Galveston have not withdrawn their application and I am not at liberty to make appointments for but one society if that society belongs to the A. M. S. A in each town

Scititis invariably almost enquire the  
terms of Lecturers as they wish to know  
precisely what he is to cost them and  
as your terms are rather indefinite  
inasmuch as they say \$100. & expenses  
they wish to know if it simply means  
hotel expenses for yourself or something  
else - Please advise me as to this ~~particular~~  
maile so I can answer Application satisfactorily  
Yours Truly Geo. L. Torbat







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M. Genl. O. Howard

Dear Sir

I have announced  
your lecture for the  
10<sup>th</sup> inst

Please give me  
your subject if you  
think we had better  
announce it

Dr Fairfield  
lectures tonight and  
shall announce your  
lecture before the  
audience

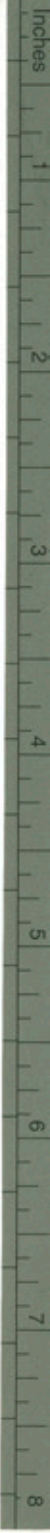
awaiting for your early  
reply

I remain Yours &c  
L B Darnley

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My dear Brother in Christ.

I have felt much for you in the situation in which you are placed in the fulfilment of arduous duties and exposed as you are continually to the attacks (most unrighteous as I feel them to be) of those who ought to uphold your hands and help you onward in the good work in which you are engaged - Not a day passes in which you & yours are not remembered most earnestly at the family & elsewhere by myself and wife as well as by many, many others. - Be not discouraged then my dear brother in the Lord as though some strange thing had happened to you - let ~~not~~ our faith falter - Blessed as you have been as the means of so much good to the down cast and the oppressed while you by the gracious providence of God



are permitted to minister to the  
needs, even such painful disc  
as he sees fit also to appoint to  
in the persecutions by which you  
is tried may all turn for good  
make you still better prepared for the  
glorious work which still lies before  
you. I feel sure He is with you  
and so you need not fear what man  
can do - you may not despond with  
such a voice I must sound in your  
ears & heart "Be strong in the Lord  
and the power of His might"  
I feel that all will yet come  
right too even in the dark aspects  
of our church matters. I can only  
believe that such men as Dr.  
Thompson, Dr. Storrs, Brothers  
Comb & Goodell to say nothing of  
others will be willing to lend their aid  
to those who as I believe are acting  
so contrary to the true Christian spirit.  
I hope I may be permitted when  
they meet to make before a plain  
statement of some matters with which  
I am acquainted - Jesus our blessed  
Master cares more for His church than



P.S. I have added two or three of a little work republished  
lately which you may perhaps read with interest & give also to some friends  
as far as possible can and so let us  
pray that He will sustain this  
our cause - I am sorry that from  
reason of my feeble state of health  
and onerous labors in Office I  
can not meet with you & enjoy  
in company with my wife the so-  
ciety of those whose friendship  
I value so greatly as of yourself & wife.  
I write you see most freely to you  
There are some persons to whom  
from the very first my heart  
goes out & so it has been with  
you from that first moment when  
I became acquainted with you  
7 years ago - You will I doubt  
even appreciate the humble expression  
so made of my feelings - May  
God bless you & your dear family  
& make the opening year to be  
crowned with blessings and an ear-  
nest of many, many years of great  
usefulness & the love of God -  
My wife wishes kind remembrance  
& joins with in these wishes -  
Your friend & brother in Christ  
Goodrich Smith





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Milwaukee. Wis

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868

Gen O. O. Howard

Washington. D. C }

Dear Sir,

I send you a call  
for our State Convention. We  
should be very much gratified  
if you could be Present with-  
us. But if not possible. may  
we not have a word of  
encouragement - from you. by  
letter. Pray for us.

Yours in the Faith  
Henry J. Cowles  
Cm.

for Wisconsin

J. M. Buchanan, D. D., Milwaukee.	W. Alexander,	Beloit,
H. S. White, do	W. W. Case,	do
John Allison, do	Prof. J. J. Blaisdell,	do
Samuel Fallows, do	J. T. Killen,	Green Bay
Hiram Eddy, do	J. W. Olmsted,	do
Geo. A. England, do	D. Butler,	do
Wilder Smith, do	G. C. Haddock,	Ripon,
J. E. Johnson, do	Prof. W. Merriman	do
Wm. DeLoss Love do	P. Work,	do
J. L. Dudley, do	Byron Kingsbury	do
A. H. Walter, do	T. G. Colton,	Whitewater
W. H. Byron, do	A. C. Maxwell,	do
K. A. Burnell, do	C. M. Blackman,	do
Joshua Stark, do	Geo. W. Camp,	Waukesha
W. G. Benedict, do	J. T. Woodhead,	do
C. H. Richards, Madison.	J. Vanvoris,	Hartford
J. C. C. Clarke, do	J. E. Grant,	Horicon.
E. Kirkham, Janesville.	J. Lynn Milligan,	do
F. Norton, do	N. C. Chapin,	La Crosse
W. S. Alexander, Racine,	— Springer,	do
O. J. Cowles, do	J. J. Smith,	do
J. Rowley, do	A. A. Drown,	do
Geo. W. Sargent, do	Prof. Geo. W. Steele,	Appleton
James Kilbourn, do	P. B. Pease,	do
W. G. Miller, Fond du Lac.	A. Robinson	do
H. C. Tilton, do	W. Iatlin,	do
E. Nesbitt, do	— Dickinson,	do
A. K. Hamilton, do	A. Whitman,	Portage.
Arthur Little, do	Luther Clapp,	Wauwatosa
J. Hill, do	E. Underwood,	do
Osmer W. Fay, Burlington.	J. O. M. Hewitt,	Waupun.
J. Collie, Delavan.	J. C. Robbins,	do
G. W. De La Matyr, do	J. M. Williams,	do
A. A. Miner, Monroe.	Geo. Fellows,	Neenah.
Wm. H. Palmer, do	John H. Walker,	do
— Knapp, Oshkosh.	Hiram Shoemaker,	do
W. P. Stowe, do	J. C. Kelly,	do
C. W. Brewer, do	E. J. Montague,	Oconomowoc
A. Loomis, Elkhorn.	E. B. Edmunds,	do
D. Deal, do	W. R. Jones,	do
N. J. Aplin, Geneva.	E. S. Grimley,	Berlin.
H. Coleman, Clinton.	James Brewer,	Clinton.
Norman Miller, Shelbygan.	A. J. Mead,	Kenosha.
B. F. Fulmer, do	James McLean,	Menasha

#### D. W. PERKINS,

President Wis. Sunday School Union.

#### HENRY J. COWLES,

C. M. National Ex. Com. Y. M. C. A.



TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.  
THIRD

Annual State Christian Convention  
Wisconsin.

*To the Pastors and Christian Brethren in Wisconsin:*

The Executive Committee have determined upon holding the THIRD ANNUAL STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION at

**Fond du Lac, December 15, 16 and 17, 1868.**

The experience of the past has been ample to convince all who have from year to year participated in these Conventions of their fitness to supply a felt need in the spiritual frame and heart, a broader and more catholic spirit of labor, for the communicated gifts of the spirit in their own hearts, and for the salvation of perishing souls around.

In these days, this is felt among many, as it has never been felt before, and will be the key note of the coming Convention, and Spiritual Festival.

*Never in the history of our American Zion, has the Spirit of the Living God, been needed in great power, as now; for never before has God rolled such responsibilities upon her; an immigration of Pagans, Papists and Infidels, amounting to the population of a new state is annually thrown in our national midst, of which we, as a state, receive a large number. Also the fact must not be lost sight of, that we have 225,000 children within the borders of our State, receiving no religious instruction, whose parents, it may almost be said, "know not God;" from these little ones comes the pitiful cry "who careth for my soul?" While the Nations of the Earth, from the walled Empire of four millions of Souls, to the Islands of the Sea, are with outstretched hands, pleading for the Bread of Life, well may Christians exclaim, "who is sufficient for these things" and seek the Throne of Divine Grace "with one accord," supplicating the gift of the Holy Ghost, whose power alone is sufficient.*

The chosen of God in the days of old, under the weight of their obligation came up to the "Feast of the Lord," "going from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appearing before God."

So may the Christians of Wisconsin come up to this Annual Festival, "hungering and thirsting," praying in the need of the Spirit, believing that the fullness of the divine blessing shall be realized, and the Truth by the communicated Spirit, "shall be in us a well of Living Water, springing up into Everlasting Life." "He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of Living Water." So may the Spirit be given, that the waters of salvation shall flow over the dark mountains of Sin, for these thirsty multitudes must drink or die.

## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. What are the best methods of organizing and developing the Christian activities of the entire membership of a church?
2. How can the Personal and Social study of God's word be made more general?
3. The right relation between the churches and voluntary Christian associations.
4. Who should engage in Lay Preaching, and how?
5. How can our devotional meetings be made more interesting and profitable?
6. How can Gospel influences be brought to bear on those who habitually neglect the Sanctuary?
7. The value of Family Religion.
8. Sunday School Work. How can our Sunday Schools be rendered practically more efficient?
9. What form of effort by our Young Men's Christian Associations has proved most successful in awakening Christians and winning souls to Christ?
10. By what means can we secure a better observance of the Sabbath?
11. How can the people in the rural districts be reached by Gospel influences?
12. Why do so many churches fail to reach the Poor?

**W** The churches of Fond du Lac, through their Committee of Entertainment, cordially extend hospitality to the Clergy and friends of this great Christian movement. To avoid confusion and delay, it is requested that all who design attending the Convention will communicate with Alfred K. Hamilton, Esq., Chairman Committee of Arrangements, Fond du Lac, Wis., stating the time of their intended arrival, and cards will be sent them designating the place where they will be entertained during the Convention.

**W** Return Certificates will be issued at the Convention, to be given to those delegates who pay full fare to the Convention, over the Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. and its different branches, and the Western Union R. R. and Chicago & Northwestern Railroads.

**W** Editors will confer a favor by inserting notices of this call in their papers. Pastors are requested to read it to their Congregations, and endeavor to secure the appointment of delegates to the Convention.

**W** All Young Men's Christian Associations are earnestly requested to send delegates to this convention.



Lattimer, Carmichel & Co.,

Westerly, R. I., Dec 2 1868

Maj. Gen. W. W. Howard

Dear Sir

We very much regret that we have a lecture on Wednesday 10. & that it is too late for us to try & effect a change of date with the lecturer. Appreciating as we do, the noble work of yourself we want to hear you. But fear the success of both lectures on succeeding evenings, is quite a portion of our audience here from the Country. Can you not engage for Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. In any event give us terms & subject. when we will reply by telegram.

Personally the writer is very sorry it happens so.

Yours with respect.

Will you reply by post/mail?

R. S. Lattimer









OFFICE OF **The Peshtigo Company,**

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Chicago, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Genl.

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Your letter of Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. A  
Genl. Sherman stating that it will  
not be possible for you to be  
present at the reunion of the  
Western Armies in this city Decr. 15<sup>th</sup>  
and 16<sup>th</sup>. Was forwarded to me this  
morning by Genl. S. Genl. S. is very  
sorry you cannot be here with us  
but says he does not like to urge  
you further. We have you down for  
the first regular toast at the  
banquet viz "Our Country". Your  
invitation to the reunion will go  
out to night or in the morning.  
in behalf of our Ex. Com. I wish to  
ask you to be present and respond  
to the first regular toast as above.  
I trust you will reconsider your  
decision as indicated to General S.



I think you ought to postpone  
 engagements, as this summer  
 was cast six months ago. We can  
 make you a magnificent time. I  
 expect you as you will now see  
 I think, you had better come  
 with Genl. Grant. The Littlebury and  
 Payne & Co. will carry off  
 instead of half for so  
 much. I expect the Capt. Wright  
 and these are  
 immediately upon receipt of  
 telegraph saying "I accept"  
 decline as we will have to  
 send you the office for the forest  
 is impossible for you to  
 present Mrs. Mahlon D. Ogden  
 or delighted to entertain you if you  
 honor us by your presence. Ever yours, Affectionately  
 M. E. Strong





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Richmond Dec 2 1868

Maj. Gen. C. C. Howard.

Dear Sir,

Sirie

I was this for Washington, in charge of  
Mr Julian & his party, tomorrow  
Thursday morn, expecting to arrive  
in Washington Saturday morning at  
10 o'clock via Pittsburg, and  
Penn. Central Rail Road. Of  
course we will meet here at the  
L but it will be pleasant for  
her. Have written Charles,  
fearing one of you might be  
absent.

Very truly yrs  
C. F. Stickney

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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*



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My Dear Genl.

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Will you order or cause the  
ordered, a shed near University - under  
which we may deliver the material  
which remains in our hands. We  
must if possible have the money for  
it. Also let the Carpenters at gr.  
houses, use the roofing for a temporary  
shed there, under which we may  
place your brick. Will you communicate  
with Mr Alvord. I was appointed a  
Committee to see you & speak as such  
Dd Eaton

