Hartford Conn. July 9, 1869

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Dearest –

Yesterday after I wrote you – I met Professor Porter of the Wash. Univ. College Washington and he told me where Mrs Fitz T Cousin Lizzie Lee was living – I had failed to find them – Too getting to Mrs Olcott I found her card giving the same information. Lucy & I visited them in the afternoon. They live on the West Side & in the Suburbs of the city on Sunday St. We have promised to take tea with them tomorrow night. Olive making rather slow progress, considerable homesick on your account – ~~has enjoyed himself~~ particularly in riding after driving Mr Olcott's fine horses – We & I are going down to see Colt's factory this morning – Gen. Franklin of the Army is here this afternoon. We took around the exhibition grounds the other night (Wednesday) but too late to go in. I have had letter from Mr Olcott – he spoke of the "home fire warm" after we left – I wish I could have a line from you – but you don't write me such short answers – With much love –

Your own – Otis

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St John. New Brunswick.
July. 9/69.

My dr friend.

A most unexpected proposal has been made to me, viz to go on account of the Press to Spain, Egypt, the Holy Land, Persia China, returning via California. As I think it will both benefit my health and enable me by increased information to wield a greater influence for good I have consented. I think you will say I have done wisely. Doubtless I shall have the pleasure of your grasping your hand in about six months time.

But I have a favor to ask. It will very much assist me in gaining information if I could have an introduction to the American Consuls of the various places through which I might pass. Would it be possible to obtain a letter to them from the honoured President of your Country, and would it be trespassing on your goodness to ask you to procure it?

I leave for England on Tuesday next or that I must ask you if you assent to my request to address to Mrs S. Hastings
57 Tufnell Pk Road
Holloway
London Eng.

I expect to spend about two

weeks in my own Country.

Your last letter was quite a relief to my mind in that it decided my course concerning Europe. I could have been glad to have had the Phantom of slavery with Jeremiah in the Wilderness of Sinai, but we must wait patiently in Christ's Church. I pray all present calamities may be purgent alterations in the Church, the Ministry & from efforts emanating from hearts filled with the Spirit of Christ.

Please give my affectionate regards to Mrs Hastings

Yours truly
Wm. H. Hastings

Wm. H. Seward
Washington. D.C.

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Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir.

I have learned a fact about Mr. Twichell, which seems to render it somewhat unlikely that he would be induced to leave Hartford for Washington. I understand he had last winter an urgent invitation to a church in Albany, with the offer of a large salary, which he declined. I ought perhaps also to have told you that he is such an open-handed, uncalculating sort of person, that in such a place as there to - morrow I thought it best to take this method of communicating to you these suggestions.

Respectfully & patiently yours —

Samuel Porter —

Hartford
July 9. 1869.

Attended

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If I shall not hastily be in the city longer than to - morrow I shall take

Washington, any salary, however large, would probably leave a "deficiency" to be made up in some way. His friends here will not willingly let him go, nor without the most strenuous efforts to retain him. I wish we might get as good a man as he is.

I have heard of a Mr Fiske at Rockville, in this county, who is highly spoken of, as remarkable for a practical organizing efficiency, and is said also to be a good preacher. He is a brother of the famous Dunn Brown, and if like him at all, is of course a man of bright parts.

You may perhaps meet with some one who knows more of him as a preacher than does my informant. As for Mr. Burton, he is no able as a preacher, besides that he is a man whose character is in the rights place, & his character every way so estimable and lovely, that I wish you and others of the Brethren could have some knowledge of him. We have as much need of such men as could be spared.

(Yours)

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Washington D.C. July 9th. 1869.

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir,

I have just recei'd a note from Prof. North requesting hints for an Obituary sketch of Chr. Robinson, thinking you might be able to make some suggestions in regard to his work here & especially in connection with the University which would interest the Professor & all concerned I send you a copy of the note.

Hamilton College,
Department of Greek Language and Literature,
Clinton, Oneida County, N.Y.

attended to

Dear Sir, If you have time for a few words please send directly to Prof. North —

If I have trespassed on proprieties, please find apology in the wish to throw a few more rays of light on a course so much obscured,

and pardon,

a friend,

S. R. A. Robinson.

July 5th, 1869.

"I learn from Rev. Mr. Love, who is with me tonight, that you have recently lost your Husband. If his statement is true — it pains me to believe it — May I ask you to send me facts & hints for a sketch of his life & character, to be read at the Alumni meeting next week Wednesday, July 14th."

"As our Commencement is close at hand, your reply to this should be made without delay, or it will be too late for this year's report."

"I counted your Husband among my most valued friends, and am filled with sorrow at the tidings of his death.

With sincere Sympathy,

Edward North.

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Boston Young Men's Christian Association,

ROOMS, TREMONT TEMPLE,

BOSTON, July 9, 1869.

DEAR BRETHREN:

This Association being en route for so many of the Delegates to the

PORTLAND NATIONAL CONVENTION,

to be held from the 14th to 18th of this present month, we would welcome all Delegates to our Rooms, on Tuesday, and aid you as far as we can in seeing the special points of interest in our City. Many of the Southern Delegations have signified their intention to arrive here Tuesday morning. We invite Delegates to our Daily Morning Prayer Meeting at 8.30, A. M., Tuesday. At close of the meeting we will make such plans for your enjoyment as may be in our power. We hope Associations will send only such men as are full of Christ. Let us go up to a spiritual feast.

Our Delegates will leave for Portland Tuesday, at 7 o'clock, P. M. by Steamer, and invite all other Delegations to join us.

Most of the Railroads will grant return tickets if full fare is paid going.

Hoping to see you soon I am,

Yours with Christian Regard,

L. P. ROWLAND, JR.,

Cor. Sec'y Boston Y. M. C. A

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Washington, D.C.
July 10 th. 1869.

Bvt Maj Genl Oliver O Howard
Washington, D.C.

General:

The enclosed papers have been distributed in the army with a view to presenting the petition to both Houses of Congress upon their approaching session.

This petition was shown to the General of the army, and Secretary of War, and the President, and they were fully cognizant of its intended circulation.

The paper has not been sent to the General Officers of the army personally, but it has been considered that the weight of influence which their suppat will give the measure will be more powerfully exerted if (consistent with their views) they will each address such good words to the Chairman of the Military Committees as shall aid in obtaining this much needed

increase of pay. Your influence is respectfully solicited.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
M. Lincoln Carey

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[PERSONAL.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July* 10*th*, 1869.

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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a Petition, to be signed in duplicate, which it is desired may be circulated for signatures and returned to my address by the middle of November next, in time to have it presented to both houses of Congress at its next session.

There is no question but that the items of small increase in the pay of officers since 1860, viz:

Increase of servant's pay and clothing;

Increase of pay proper for Colonels, Lt. Colonels and Majors of Artillery and Infantry;

are more than counterbalanced by the reductions due to the loss since that date, of

Brevet Pay;

Double Rations for Commanding Posts;

Commutation for Forage;

And by deductions arising from Income Tax.

Moreover, strictly speaking, the increased commutations for servants, ought not to be considered among the items of increase of pay, as they are contingent allowances made to just offset the increased cost of the persons to be employed.

No attempt has been made to give direction to any action of Congress, in case they determine to increase our pay, as whatever method they may select for that end, it is believed, will be agreeable; but it has been suggested that all officers having acquaintance or influence with members of Congress, should write to them early in December next, urging an increase of compensation.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

Thos. Lincoln Casey,

Maj. of Eng'rs & Bvt. Col. U. S. A.

Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS,

Washington, D.C., July 10th, 1869.

To

Bt. Brig. Genl. O. O. Howard

Commissioner &c

Dear General

Yours, from Hartford, came duly. I have just been in with Mr. Ballard & hope that all round you will get deeply into the hearts & pockets of the Hartford men. There is great wealth in that little city, & much of it is in the hands of Christian men.

I will try & arrange the transportation with Genl. W. ——— Permit me to say, respectfully, this Department has not been supplied, as you suppose, the horse assigned (only a loan) in the case Mr. Rimball has

for a long time been driving. & in his frequent tours over his field, he made its entire service sure more than ever. This leaves me with nothing. as I do not ever think of using his horses. My visits to the Schools, the Bank & for other not infrequent purposes are therefore all on foot. or as I can obtain outside conveyance. I do not complain, for as you know I am a modest man. But if the regulations permit other heads of Departments a horse & carriage, I move", as I plate I am unable to use my feet in any protracted walk — Pardon me for troubling you with this matter.

Shall we say that the 30 pupils in Schools /ap. - plying for mutual is to be the "average" attendance? If not, there is temptation to push in pupils for a few days only in order to secure the payment.

Shall the mutual be only for the actual time of teaching & not for vacations? So the Asst Superintendents, the Sixth Assoc, & most of the other Sect. mis-understand it. Allow me to say that the former

please is best – at this full time but we can
Repl – Repairs for the metal will tally with all
other repairs – & there will be a considerable
saving of our funds. All will be satisfied with
this if you so decide – Please instruct me
on both the above points.

Your family are all well – George
– in whole Boat at Church, 10 minutes ago, gave
me the word – She looks fat & fine, as do all
the boys. I with my Children are as healthy.

Wishing you all prosperity

I am
Your s.
Very Respectfully
F. W. Alvord

Good Sept 4c

P.S. Mr Searle says Harvey's contract is
all work $28,477.88. & that he had been paid
$28.132.99. This will allow the balance due you.
I will for our it all yours – Yr F.W.A

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THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, NEW YORK. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, NEW YORK.

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Dated Louisville Ky July 11 1869

Received at Washington July 11

To Maj Gen O O Howard

Be sure & have langston here on wednesday

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New-York, July 17th 1869

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, send to your address by mail a copy of Fairchild's Moral Philosophy at the request of the Author for examination.

We respectfully ask an examination of the book, after which we shall be pleased to know your opinion of it; and if you would like to have it used in classes, we shall be pleased to aid its introduction by furnishing a first supply on liberal terms.

For the other Text Books which we publish, see list herewith, or descriptive catalogue which we furnish gratis, when desired.

Respectfully yours,

Sheldon & Co

W. S.

Boston Mass.
Parker House
Monday July 12 1869

Dearest,

Day & I left Mr Clark's this morning by the 6 a.m. train for Boston. Yesterday I had a pretty hard day. Just after breakfast we went to the "Pearl St" Cong. Ch. to the Sunday School and after a few moments delay I addressed the children for twenty or twenty five minutes. Then Mr Clark took me to Mr Twitchell's Ch. where Mrs Fisk & Siggie Lee attend.. Day after riding over to see Mr Clark's colts on pasture on Saturday (17 miles) we stopped at Siggie's on Imlay St. I called to see Professor Stowe (the husband of Harriet Beecher) and then went to Mrs Fisk's & took tea. They have a charming location. as do all the people of Hartford. Sunday morning Day met me at church (Mr Twitchell's) We had a real good sermon – We stopped at Mr Day's baptist S.S. on the way to Mr Clark's. Here I made my second speech.. It was a really good school. and are to give me a scholarship.. Then we dined & rested till 3 P.M. when I met the Sunday school of the Center Ch. Mr Roland Swift Supt. This is Mr Clark's church. A thunder storm came up & made the people children & all restless & I had hard work to interest them.. After this we took tea & then went to Weathersfield at a distance of three or four miles from Hartford. Here we found Mr Adams & his family. All inquired affectionately for you – & Lottie wanted to know about Gracie.. We had a church full of people at 6½.. Mr Adam's voice was so natural that it called back our times when you & I

stood at the altar together.. I did not know he had gone to Connecticut. He came on with us today. After the Adams service I spoke at the Warburton Mission Chapel closed this Sunday service - Guy & I went through Colt's factory one day here: Franklin was very kind & attentive - afterwards called to see me. Another day we went to a shoe factory (I did Guy was not with me) -- It was rather a "brute" factory -- Guy says have you told Mamma about your shoes? He meant one of his pious gags me a curious pair of sizes that have square toes & fit like a glove .. I think I was successful in the "scholarships" the Clerk handed me a check for a thousand dollars. I thought he would soon be able to forward - amounts to carry 30 young men through one year. He asks for it himself prefers to do so - this takes the laboring oar from me. I am very anxious today - have telegraphed Gen. Whittlesey at Brunswick so that he can tell me before night if anything has occurred - Tonight if I get no word from T I will go to Portland by boat & take morrow morning train for Brunswick -- This gives us today in Boston - Our old friend Mr Willard (the pastor's Mr -) is with us & goes on tonight May God in great mercy strengthen & bless you, My precious darling --

Lovingly Yours
Otis

Headquarters Army of the United States, 197

Washington, D. C., July 12th 1869.

Dear General; (Howard)

A forlorn little outcast of dusky hue, has several times presented himself at the door and the General has now directed me to send him to you, as the only person who can tell him where he may find shelter & put him in the way of living honestly. If after an examination of his case you find that my contribution would aid you in the case of him please call on me by note & I will cheerfully respond. With best regards to Mrs. Howard

I am dear General very truly yours, Ellen B. E. Sherman.

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American Christian Commission,

GEO. H. STUART, President.

WESTERN OFFICE:

4 SOUTH FIFTH STREET,

St. Louis, July 12 1869

OBJECT AND WORK.

The Commission was organized Sept. 28, 1865, to promote practical Home Evangelization, by seeking to stimulate and guide Christians to personal effort for the Salvation of men:

1st. In individual churches, by showing how Pastors and others have successfully organized and employed the membership of their Chnrches in systematic work for Christ.

2nd. In societies, by giving the experience of the many who have been successfully engaged in any branch of organized mission or philanthropic effort to all who desire it; thus demonstrating how practical questions have been solved by practical measures.

3rd. In Christian life, by indicating how individuals have operated in various spheres in Christ's vineyard, with the Master's blessing, in just such fields as lie before each of his disciples.

40 Christian Conventions have been held, 35,000 copies of methods of organizing work in a local church distributed, 50 cities visited and some form of Christian activity much needed set in operation in many of them, and existing agencies stimulated in others. Thousands of people have heard the Gospel who before did not; hund red have been led to Jesus, and christians brought into closer sympathy, and more active co-operation, as a result of this awakened activity.

The funds necessary to carry on this work, are raised by private subscription and public donations.

Maj Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir:

We are expecting an unusually large convention of Christian workers at Jacksonville Ills on the 2. 3 & 4th of November next, I am requested to secure your service for the convention. It is a good time in advance, but the committee intend to make the preparation as thorough as possible.

Will you please consider this matter and let me hear from you at any early date

Yours Truly
F. G. Ensign
Sec'y

Boston July 12. 1869

Rev J. W. Alvord

Dear Sir

Please accept my thanks for documents rec'd. today as well as heretofore — but not acknowledged by letter —

God bless you in your work — and blessed be his name, from the light shines out in the darkness — 'Howard University' — the beginning of a mighty end — It may not come till we are dead — but it is sure, for it is in the Hand of Him who knows the end from the beginning —

Say to President Howard 'when I read his noble words my soul praised God that he had been called to such a work —

Kind regards to family

Your friend
Choate Burnham