Home from his lake expedition, some salmon trout, and I cooked them, and Horace Finne came in and took dinner with him, we and Horace have had a good time together. This morning is still here but leaves soon the next last evening, she wanted to get up two parties more before she leaves yesterday. She with about thirty others went to old blue and took an early morning bath, and went up to the public house 20 miles and then climbed the mountains to its top, and returned at nine in the evening. Full of memories we shall be quite alone by when all the company are gone.

Yours affectionately,
Elin. Gilmore

P.S. Since writing the above this evening, one month old to day, I hope all will try to meet you think your new son is Trust Jesse is strong and well by this.

Farmington Aug 25th 1867

My dear Son,

Guy left us yesterday for his school. I wish he could have seen some of the scenery of those that have gone before him for his benefit. I trust you will not be forgetful of him, for think temptation around everywhere, he is so far from you, that I feel quite distressed on his account. I think he has enjoyed his visit here and seemed in good health, until a few days before he left and had not fully recovered his strength. It was a feverish time. He promised to write me soon as he gets a boarding house and I hear you are coming to Maine the last of August to speak before an agricultural society or something of the kind, at least if you can.

C. J. Howard.
time, and all your little flock are in good health. Give my love to each one, individually, with this for hardest. We have speculated somewhat on what the new baby's name would be, don't Grace have any names to present? I hear that General Whitley has been preaching in both Mrs. Keays, who is staying with Ella this week was saying that the congregation were delighted with him there. But a number of strangers in Framingham this summer and quite a number of picnics and parties, rides, and people seem to enjoy this cool pleasant summer. Framingham is a pleasant place and many pleasant people with whom I have met, but I do not think the people are worried by engaged in the cause of the sections as we could desire a very healthy time. I should think Howlands and Lemmon are good. Brother Ensign was here last week, and his little boy with him. They both seemed very well. But Laura has been quite sick confined to her bed some days, is out again hand work is still upon her, I am afraid fearfully. Mrs. A. J. Lofton, that has been with me through the summer, went to Leeds this morning to visit her friends and her sister, Mrs. Joyce accompanies her from Green low, falls, my last letter from Charles from wes in written Indianapolis was to have in an hour for Louisville, and by one from Katie, from Kanger later weeks of his being at Perry = Strickland, so I suppose he has returned to Chicago. It is a long way, while since I have heard from Hodelia, is family. I hear they are sick, Mrs. Parson Rosace, and Mrs. Hogg and her little Maria are with Ella this week yesterday they were riding and climbing high hill for the view, they came home perfectly delighted with their expedition, last evening. Guy brought
Green Bay Aug 20th

Dear General,

The enclosed letter from the Freedmen's Bureau, for whom it was intended, is certainly written by a slave.

But after much study, I have come to the conclusion that the person named as the color of the man I think the letter was directed to the head of the Freedmen's Bureau. So I send it to you. You have in your care an important document, and I am sure you will act in the best interest of the cause.
Be good enough to present our joint regards to Mr. Smith
and to believe me,
Very sincerely,

J. D. Henne
Gen. O. P. Howard

Kind Friend:

Unfortunately for me, you were not at home when I called to see you last Thursday. On my return, in alighting from a carriage, I met with an accident which for the present renders me a cripple, so I send this little note to inquire if you can consent, or by granting me the privilege of retaining my two little rooms in the same barracks free from rent as last year?

As I learn from Mr. Kimball, that he gave you some knowledge of my present pecuniary trouble, you will understand why I would like to be free from rent, which I suppose I cannot by without a special permit from...
Mr. Quarles,

I understand teaching next week I suppose my former Col's., School. That's very sorry that my late examination was over before you came, but I thank you sincerely for doing me the honor of being present during the exercises.

Most gratefully,

Laura M. Robbins.

P.S. I wish you say that the purpose of this note was no part of my wish in calling upon you the other day, but to learn one what conditions you could aid in building a school house or land I had bargain for in Va. but fear I may lose chaff through the unhappy spirit that is now rife there. If you are able please return land by bearer with regard to rents.

S. W.
Berea College,
Berea, Ky. Aug 26 1869

Mr. W. Thornton,
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st. was sent to Lexington instead of Berea—there was sent here—hence delay.

In reply to your query let me say all I can say is Negative.

Gen R. has been absent but of such conduct I have not heard at Lexington or elsewhere.

My interviews with Gen R. have been short. At all times, in my presence, he was sober.

He was last in making
Contract with parties for new building before return.

I Gesture must be send Howard to see through them.

But the building is up - Only 2 rooms done so far - shall probably be able to pay one part toward completion of "Howard House."

Yours John C Lee

I have just returned from a tour of lecturing on the subject of education (in partial - Christianity) through the adjoining counties. I had a most refreshing tour - kind and respectful audiences at every point, with the utmost liberty in speech from an impartial education. My heart leaps for joy at this open door in every direction - Christ will get rule. 9-18-67.
of Dr. Boynton commenced slandering me, and made all manner of charges and misrepresentations to my injury. These men feared me, because they knew my standing was such as to make their prospects for remaining in office uncertain. I was dismissed without the slightest notice upon the recommendation of Brood and several other reasons than that my influence was dangerous to Democrats and Copperheads remaining in the department. This done, the next thing was to prevent my reinstatement and the only way they had of that was by lying to make me believe that justice would be done me. But that was not done.

Washington, D.C.,
Aug 26, 1869

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother:

Your note of invitation to a meeting at the University tonight, it received. Nothing would afford me more pleasure just now than to respond to your invitation in a more substantial manner than simply attending the meeting tonight, but I am obliged, of necessity, to forego such pleasure. I am

[Signature]
off today than I was one year ago. My salary is two hundred dollars less than I have been receiving the past four years. I gave away and lost by a poor man's debt about two hundred and fifty dollars the past year. My expenses for living now take about the whole of the small salary I am now receiving. With no prospects ahead, I cannot incur new obligations. My purpose was to contribute toward the continuation of our church this year, and had I not been so unjustly and treacherously dealt with in the Treasury Department, I should have been in circumstances to carry out my purpose. My letter to you, in relation to Dr. Brothhead last spring, although written with a view to protect you from the charge of using your influence to keep democrats in office, which was being already made by republicans, cast me my dismissal. After I was dismissed the grief of Brothhead with the us...
New York, Alexandria, Washington and Georgetown Steamship Company,

Office: Corner 17th St. and N. Y. Avenue.

Washington, D. C., Aug 26th, 1869.

Gent. O. O. Howard

Dear Genl.

Your invitation of the 24th inst. was received this morning.

It will not be convenient for me to be present at the meeting, not by reason of my knowledge of what may be expected of me, should I attend; but my wife had an opportunity to ride into the Country this morning, with the understanding that I should go after her this evening.

I pray that you may soon be relieved of your present embarrassment, and hope that I may be able to render you a little assistance if it is but equal to the wishes entitled.

Very truly,

Alfred Wood
Washington, D.C. August 26, 1869

Major General O.O. Howard

General,

I regret my inability as account of illness to accept your kind invitation for this evening.

[Inscriptio] understanding that the interest of the Congregational Church which has been built up in this city by your unceasing labor

and in spite of bitter opposition will be a subject of consideration at the business meeting called by you, I desire to say;

I am of the house of Dean. My father was a Congregational Minister—my brother a Congregational Missionary who died in Tappan, N.J.—my ancestry for eight generations on both sides of my home were Congregational Ministers, therefore I cannot but love the Order.

I have served along with you and know as much of your patient sacrifices, of your long sufferings, of your earnest labor in the work which engages your attention this evening, that I desire in some way to identify
myself with you in it.

Respecting that I can at present show no more substantial interest I respectfully request that you will cause an eligible few to be offered to the use of my family and the sum for its rent to be sent to me.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
Soldiers Monument Association
Urbana, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1869.

Major General O. O. Howard.

Sir: A Soldiers Monument of Granite and Bronze is being erected in the Public Square of this City, which will be completed late in the Autumn. It is thought fitting to mark the occasion by proper dedicatory exercises including a Military turn out of veteran soldiers, having arms and equipments, in numbers sufficient to commemorate the day, and to invite our Orator whose services have endeared his name to our country.

At the request of our citizens I have the honor acquaint to ask that you will be present, in that capacity, on a day to be hereafter named, if your official and other duties will permit.

I am General, very respectfully and truly yours,

J. B. Montrouge

J. E. D. Read, Lieut. Col.

W. A. Hume.
Howard University:
Aug. 27, 1869.

H.P. Drew Esq.

Dear Sir:

I was present last evening at a meeting of gentlemen convened for the purpose of raising funds to liquidate certain indebtedness hanging over the Congregational Church of this City; and desiring to do what my humble means will permit in furtherance of said object, I would thank you to hand to Gen. Howard the enclosed subscription, with the request that he retain the same in his own hands, so that I may pay it in installments, as opportunity offers.

Very respectfully,
John D. Bloor.
My Dear Brother,

Our State Convention of Y.M.C.A. Associations is to be held in this city Oct. 14th & 15th, and on behalf of the Executive Committee, as well as of our Association, I send you a most cordial invitation to come over and help us at that time.

I feel very desirous to have you with us, believing that your presence and words will add much to the interest and profit of the occasion. As earnest young men from all parts of the State will be in attendance, it will furnish an unusually inviting field on which to sow the good seed. We do pray that in this call you will be able to recognize the voice of the Master, saying: "So then, in this thy might, have I not sent thee?"

We are encouraged in our hope of having you with us from the expectation that you are to lecture in this vicinity about that time. With your permission we should like to announce you as one of the speakers expected to be present, trusting that we may receive a probable answer at an early date.

I remain

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Chairman of Ex. Coun.
in my favor, expressing their satisfaction to the Mayor by saying, that good work could only be done—Notwithstanding my defeat—I have the consolation that all prominent men now in my favor, including the members of Congress and the Presidents of the Missouri Exchange and Board of Trade. A future attempt with a different Council may prove more successful—Sincerely regretting the inability to attend the Gettysburg Reunion, I remain General, respectfully yours,

St. Louis, Mo. August 28, 1869.

Dear General,

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of Aug. 12 I regret that my absence from the city caused a delay of over two weeks. It would have given me great pleasure to change my part, professional trip of nearly twenty days to Dubuque, Davenport into one to the East including a visit to Gettysburg, had I been...
arose of your desire to have me present. During my absence everything has accumulated in such a manner, that I could not think of leaving the city, besides considering that it would be too late a few days hence. With the assistance of notes and memory I might have given some little information about positions etc, although Brigade and Division Staff and staff officers would mind be better able to indicate the precise points. Your address City Engineer I am sorry to be obliged to correct. Although receiving the appointment of the Mayor, the Council refused to confirm and preferred to retain the present incumbent. Not one prejudicial word was said against me. All remarks of a personal nature being eulogies, yet a reform they (the Council) did not wish saying that the present Engineer should have another year trial. As usual the Council was backed by all contractors, who, with the present system, enjoy a prosperity hardly possible with any strict and honest ruling.
Howard University Medical College,

Washington, D.C., 28th May 1867

my dear friends,

Your letter dated
was just handed me, on my arrival from a visit to my mother in

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present at the meeting referred to, and still more that I could not have this

cup of tea with you, at your house. Many thanks for your

While in Boston, I visited

some of the chief medical men in the City, and was

received by them with great
Cordially and truly hospitable I found that our College was well known and much interest was expressed for its success. I very believe that no institution could with such universal favor among the people as ours from all quarters, and I know that we should succeed.

A. R. Bevan, 7th Indiana

J. S., S. E. Johnson
382 C. S. I. Washington, D. C., August 29, 1869.

To Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Brother Howard,

I send you the promised check for $50 (will you be so kind as to put on the 2nd stamp I have none at hand). I wish it were more, but my means are quite limited. My monthly paymen of my salary was only $167.50 and my rent takes up all of it. But as I had by God's gracious Providence a little on hand besides, though I lately lost some $400 by the sale of books very needed by sacrifice I get and as I owe all to my blessed Savior I can trust Him who has cared for me in my extreme needs. I send it to you with my earnest prayer that He will design to accept it and bless it; that it may be for His glory.

I am not for my name being made

U. S. Patent Office.
public, "One who owes all to his Redeemer" is enough—but act your
pleasure.

My dear brother in the Lord, allow me further to say, that perhaps
I might not have done it by any one's instrumentality but yours. Few
men have ever had the hold you possess on my heart. But for
this I must tell you. I love you for your noble disinterested devotion
to your Saviour, as well as for your heroic daring. Christian
bravery in the great battle of life, to which God so graciously
granted you to be yet more useful in the cause. No man in all our
army did I so follow with my prayers from my first acquaintance—often
often, was your name mentioned for the sympathy & prayers of the dear
brethren & sisters in the meeting—a little one at last—which I attended without
knowing a single day while in the city. Able to leave my house for 10 years and
half—and no one more sincerely to thank to God, outside of your kindness for
the privilege of fellowship. Christian intercourse with you, than myself.

So I cheer you my dear brother in Jesus. I feel the influence of your example, so far as you follow
our Heavenly Master. I do not often
meet with so congenial a spirit. You will pardon my prolixity,
but I thought it might be for you
encouragement to know the fact, and
I know it will be to you a new testimony
for your of the gracious approval
of your loving Saviour.

With kind regards to your wife
and many prayers that God may bless you
all with He's richest favors in this
life & the life to come.

No recipt is Your friend brother in Christ

E. Goodrich Smith

[Signature]