

home from his lake expedition
some Salmon trout and I cooked
them, and Horace Patten came in
and took dinner with him, he and
Horace have had a good time together
Miss Keeney is still here but leaves
soon she said last evening she
wanted to get up two parties more
before she leaves, yesterday she with
about thirty others went to old blue
took an early morning start, and
went up to the public house 20 miles
and then climbed the mountain
to its top, and returned at nine
in the evening full of excitement
we shall be quite lone by when
all the company are gone,

Yours affectionately,
Elias Gilman

O. O. Howard,

P.S. Since writing the above this evenings
mail has brought a letter from Charles written
Chicago (all right) 21, Aug have just return'd

Farmington Aug 25th 1867

My dear son,

Guy left us yesterday
for his school & wish he could have some
of the experiences of those that have gone
before him for his benefit, I trust
you will not be forgetful of him, for I
think temptation abounds every where
he is so far from you, that I feel quite disheart-
ened 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 pernicious time, he promised to
write me soon as he gets a boarding house
I hear you are coming to Maine the last
of Sept to speak before an agricultural
Society, or something of the kind, at
Readfield L. Howland and I will try
to meet you there, your new son is
one month old to day, I hope and
trust Lizzie is strong and well by this

time, and all your little flock are in good health give my love to each one, individually. A kiss for babies 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 Whittlesey has been preaching in both Mrs Rogers who is staying with Ella this week was saying that the congregation were delighted with him there have been ^{large} a number of strangers in Farmington this summer and quite a number of picnics and parties, sides and people seem to enjoy this cool pleasant summer = Farmington is a pleasant place and many pleasant people with whom I have met, but I do not think the people are warmly engaged in the cause of the saviour as we could desire a very healthy time I should think Rowlands sermon ^{one} very good, brother Ensign was here last week, had his little boy with him. They both seemed very well to her bed some days is out again hard work is tell ^{ing} upon her, I am afraid fearfully. Mrs M. T. Lothrop that has been with me through the summer went to Leeds this morning to visit her friends her sister Mrs Noyce accompanies her from Livermore falls, my last letter from Charles was written ^{from} Indianapolis was to leave in an hour for Louisville Ky but one from Katie, from Bangor later speaks of his being at Henry Stricklands so I suppose he has returned to Chicago It is a long while since I have heard from Rodolphus' family I fear they are sick Mrs Tatton, Horace, and Mrs Rogers and her little Maria are with Ella, this week yesterday they were riding and climbing high hill for the views, they came home perfectly delighted with their excursion, last evening. Guy brought



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Green Bay Augt 25th 1869
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Dear General

The inclosed letter was sent to me from Washington for whom it was intended is certainly written by grover doubt. But after much study I have suspended the suspicion that corporal hawk is a colored man & that the letter was aimed at the Head of the Freedmen's Bureau. So I send it to you. You have in your day received more damaging shots than this but I doubt if ever one uglier one

Be good enough to present
our faint regards to Mr. ...
and believe me
Very sincerely
Yours

J. D. Howes

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Wesinell Barracks

Wed. Morn.

Aug. 25th /69,

Gen. O. O. Howard

Dear Friend:-

Unfortunately for me, you were not at home when I called to see you last Mon. eve - on my return, in alighting from a carriage, I met with an accident which for the present, renders me a cripple, so I venture this little note to inquire if you can conveniently grant me the privilege of retaining my two little rooms in these barracks free from rent as last year?

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

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No. started.

I commenced teaching
yest week I suppose my
former Col'd. School. I was
very sorry that my late ex-
amination was over, before you
came, but I thank you
sincerely for doing us the
honor of being present during
the exercises.

Most Gratefully yrs.
Laura W. Robbins.

P.S. I wish to say that the pur-
pose of this note, was no part
of my wish in calling upon you
the other eve. but to learn on
what conditions you could
aid in building a Sch. House
on land I have bargained for in
Va. but fear I may lose chufly
through the unhappy spirit that
is now rife there. If you are
able please return ans. by bearer
with regard to rents.

L.W.

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Berea College,

Berea, Ky. Aug 26 1869

H. M. Whetstone
Washington D C

Dear Sir Your
letter of 5 inst was sent to
Lexington instead of Berea
thence sent here - hence delay

In reply to enquiry
let me say all I can say is
Negative. Gen R.
May have been drunk but
of such conduct I have not
heard - at Lexington or else-
where.

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

He was hasty in making

Contract with parties for our
^{Read Aug 31st 67.} new building before return
of queries sent by Genl Howard
& see through them

But the building is up - We
therefore shall probably
be able to pay our part toward
completion of "Howard Hall"

Yours John Q Lee

I have just returned from a
tour of lecturing on the subject of
education (- impartial-Christian)
through the adjoining counties
Jackson & Laurel. I had a
most refreshing tour - kind and
respectful audiences at every
point, with the utmost liberty of
speech in favor of impartial educa-
tion - My heart leaps for joy
at this open door in every direc-
tion - Christ will yet rule _{ya} 984

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 Brodhead, and for no other reason 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 hope they had of that was by lying to make me believe. This has been done, because my friends failed in believing that justice would be done me. But it has not.

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Washington, D.C.

Aug 26, 1869.

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Brother:

Answered by Genl. Aug 27th

Your note of invitation to a meeting at the University tonight, is 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 will

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The 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 construction of our church this

and have 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. Brodhead 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, cost me my dismissal. After I was dismissed, the friend of Brodhead with the tri-

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J. W. THOMPSON, President,
JOHN ABENDROTH, Vice Pres.

S. S. E. C. Knight and John Gibson leave Pier 29 East River every Saturday at 4 o'clock,
and Foot of High street, Georgetown, every Thursday.

{ MOSES KELLY, Treas.
W. K. HINMAN, Secy.



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

Genl. 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 of the

Very Truly
Alfred Wood

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Washington D. C. August 26. 1869

Major General O.O. Howard

General

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

Understanding that the interests of the Congregational Church
which has been built up in this City by your unremitting labors
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 Levi. My father was a Congregational
Minister - my brother a Congregational Missionary who
died in Ceylon. Also - my ancestry for eight generations
on both sides of my house were Congregational Ministers
therefore I cannot but love the Order.

I have served so long with you and know so 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.

Regretting that I can at present show no more substantial evidence I respectfully request that you will cause an eligible few to be apportioned to the use of my family and the bill for its rent to be sent to me

Very respectfully yours
Henry M. Whittlesey



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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 an Orator whose services
have endeared his name to our country.

At the request of our citizens I have the honor
to ask that you will, ^{concur to} 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. Huntington.
A. C. Develcom.
W. A. Hunter

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Howard University:
Aug 27, 1869.

W.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 &c
John D. Bloor.

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See you Ch. has called Dr. Franklin's Convention when, you made inquiries of me at Portland, if he comes,
you will get an able and spiritual man,

Rooms in Barristers' Hall,

Central St., cor. Merrimack.



Lowell, Mass., August 28th. 1869.

My Dear Brother,

Our State Convention of Y. M. C. Associations is to be held in this city Oct. 17th. & 18th; 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,"

We 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 in which to sow the good seed. We do pray that in this "field" you will be able to recognize the voice of the Master, saying: "Go, thou, 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 favorable answer at an early date. I remain

Yours fraternally,

Jas. G. Buttrick,
Chairman of Ex. Comm.

Genl C. C. Howard.

Washington. D. C.



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in my favor, expressing their satisfaction to the Mayor by saying, that no 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 Merchants Exchange and Board of Trade. A future attempt with a different council may prove more successful.

Sincerely regretting the inability to attend the Gettysburg re-

union I remain General,
respectfully & truly yours,
T. H. Keyserburg

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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 party, professional trip of nearly twenty days to Dubuque, Davenport etc into one to the East including a visit to Gettysburg. had I been



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aware 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 &c, although Brigadier and Division General and Staff officers would surely be better able to indicate the precise points.

Your address "City Engineer" I am sorry to be obliged to correct. Although

according 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 years trial. As usual the Council was backed by all contractors, who, with the present system, enjoy a prosperity hardly compatible with any strict and honest ruling. Only the better class men

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Prof. JOS. TABER JOHNSON, M. D., SECRETARY,
Cor. 19th and M streets.

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Howard University Medical College,

Washington, D. C. 18 Aug 1869

My dear Friend

Your kind note
was just handed me, on my
arrival from a visit to my
mother in Mass.

I regret exceedingly my inability
to be present at the meeting
referred to, and still more
that I could not take the
cup of tea with you, at your
house. Many thanks for
your fraternal regards.

While in Boston, I visited
some of the chief medical
men in the City, and was
received by them with great

April 10th 1868 morning -

cordiality and brotherly hospitality - Found that our College was well known and much interest was expressed for its success - I verily believe that no Institution ever met with such universal favor among the people as ours, from all quarters, and I know that we shall succeed.

I am Ever Your Friend
And O.B.S. Servant
Jos. Seber Johnson

~~U. S. Patent Office,~~

382 C. St. Washington, D. C., August 29., 1869.
To Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard.

Dear Brother Howard,

Incl'd I send you the promised check for \$50 (will you be so kind as to allow
the 2^d. stamp I have none at hand) -
I wish it were more, but my means are
quite limited. My monthly pay ment of
my salary was only \$116.70. - and my
rent takes \$50 of it. But as I had by God's
gracious Providence a little on hand
besides, (though I lately lost some \$300
by the sale of books very needlessly
Sacrificed) yet and as I owe all to
my blessed Saviour & can trust Him
who has cared for me in my extreme
needs. I send it to you with my
earnest prayers that He will design
to accept it & so bless it, that it may
be for His glory.

I care not for my name being made

public "One who owes feels he 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 & action - for I
must tell you I love you for your
noble disinterestedness & devotion
to your Savior, as well as for
your heroic daring & Christian
steadfastness in the great battle
stife - in which God so graciously
spared you to be yet more useful
in His 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 sympathies & prayers of the dear
brethren & sisters in the meeting - a
little one at last - which I attended without

spending a single day while in the City &
able to leave my home for 10 years and
half - and no one more rejoiced to give
^{hearts} thanks to God, outside of your kindred, for
the privilege of fellowship & Christian
intimacy with you, than myself.

So I cherish you my friend &
brother in Jesus, & feel the influence
of your example, so far as you follow
our Heavenly Master. I do not often
meet with so congenial spirit -

You will pardon my prolixity,
but I thought it might be for your
encouragement to know the facts, and
I know it will be to you a sweet testimony
for your of the gracious approval
of your loving Saviour.

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

No wait is
necessary as the
check truly is one-
year-old & I have you setting after
Yours,
Ed Goodrich Smith