Dear Mr. Bowen:

May I state to you that my family compels me to write you this letter? I have been in the habit of keeping all of my family affairs out of the public eye, especially in the matter of this matter. I have no interest in the matter direct or otherwise and know nothing about it, except what has been published in the papers. Mr. Cole will tell more about the matter as he fully understands it.

Now my fear is that they proceed for an other purpose to build, if so I want to know it, as I must turn my attention...
Mr. Cole went my name with two others to the commissary for collector. The names were submitted to a Mr. Fulton, supervisor, lately dead in the state. Fulton telegraphs that matter are for reasons to fill the petition and one has initiated the law to object to proceedings.

Now, when I was appointed at the request of the collector, Mr. Aiken asked here and the other gaugers, I went into the office to do the writing. This I have always continued to do. In the notice of removal on the evening of the 5th of Nov., but at the request of the collector & the gaugers, I continued to do my work to the end of the month and with their consent I signed for my portion of the work. Work done from the 1st to the 8th hereinafter.

The supervisor declines to sign, so I have told him that no pay ought to receive pay for any work unless done with his own hands. Of course I do not make any pretense of having any actual gauging, for it was constantly employed in the office and by the express with of the collector. The work of the office here was done in common and the fees equally shared among the gaugers, all being alive.

The order was given to the commissioner, the sum of work eight for five four for Nov. 28.200 dollars.
to anyone else.

What I need you to do is to go and see Senator Cole and consult with him and if he think advisable, assist him in obtaining the provision he has been interested to secure for me.

If he refuses to abandon all idea of getting a pension, let me know as soon as possible.

I have had a pretty hard struggle the past two years and I have begun to think I have found one cause about which it is pretty hard to have all of my hopes destroyed.

My family are few and the little boy has been taken to the house soon will work with me.

[Signature]
This is a letter from Warren family to Fenner family. Warren died last summer. He left some land worth in College County in the state and they have sent me some letters, etc., hoping to learn anything about the property. The property was left with Mr. and Mr. Callahan, formerly of Belton. Though I have written repeatedly to them, have not been able to get any satisfactory information. I have written again as soon as I can have shall go there. Though it will take almost a month time to go to Be. I see no way to prevent the children having the
Boston Dec. 23, 1869

Dear Brother O.,

I preached in Lowell last Sat. I came to Boston to have an Episcopalian Prayer-meeting I promised for Sunday's Eve. I find he must have two pairs of spectacles besides like a person of 40 or 45. So he can sympathize with Goya now - I start for home tomorrow. I didn't.I went out to see Guy today. I spent about 2 hours with him. He is getting 'better up a little through'. I asked Mr. Tyler if he had not better go home with me for Christmas and he thought it 'would not be wise'. He gave Guy a good reason for Scholarship I department. Guy's room looks nice with his books & pictures, as he has arranged them since his return. I convinced a prayer with him. He doesn't know if there is any change. Don't know that he is forgiven. The boys had an excellent prayer meeting & themselvesnumeronously attended a very spiritual. Mr. Tyler spoke of it and Guy, was present but took no part, said it was the best one yet. So the term commences well spiritually. Guy thought he would soon be well of his sore-throat. I have been trying to answer him. New year questions -
(1) If the Freedmen's Bureau goes into the educational bureau or vice versa, will you be? Common prone? Probably?

(2) If you have charge of the Bureau, you will not the place be a heavy burden for you to carry and nor will you succeed to mix up with horse-racing or gambling especially as the President is so horse.

Boy are we Lowell though in the highest terms of your minister, Dr. Rankin.

If you want a good man constant for the Bureau, please to give Frank's high call. With love to Effie and children.

Your affection,

[signed]

[Multiple signatures and dates]
Dear General,

I left Washington on Tuesday evening, 14th, arrived here on Monday evening, 20th. In accordance with your suggestion I paid a call on Mr. Stanton on Saturday evening, it was Monday morning he went with me to see the Secretary of War & asked for any appointment as Assistant Adjutant General. The Secretary said he could of course defend altogether on the action of Congress on the bill recommended - if it passed. For the General to write him a private note on the subject; this the General told me he would do, it would also go to see the Secretary again at that time. He was very kind indeed & I think will do all he can in my favor. I think he has a good
deal of influence, but it will take all I can obtain to give me a chance of success. There will be great influence in other quarters, I know. Therefore, General Schuyler, I shall have Governor Morton, whom I have known some time, in my favor. He says he will see the Secretary of War on the subject as soon as the bill passes. Osborne promises to do all he can, & I think I can rely on Secretary Scott & Cameron & Congressman Selvick & Fairfield. I think like very much to get Senator Wilson & Mr. Blair interested in my favor. Would it be too much trouble, if I were to ask you to speak to them on the subject? Do you not think it will be necessary to have some person see the President & ask for the appointment? I suppose it would be well to write to both branches. As you know I am very anxious to succeed. If I shall be under any obligations if you will be kind enough to give me such advice as you may think necessary. I have thought my chance improved since I heard of the change of General W. A. Harriss, 30th Infantry, was appointed Judge Advocate with the rank of Major. I think they will be much impressed if I can be in Washington at the time & some time before the appointment must be made. You very kindly offered to apply for me for a duty which in any case would be very pleasant. I trust the action of Congress this year is not an unfavorable omen of the fate of the bill. On its success I feel greatly depends my own.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience General, and remain

Very Respectfully & Sincerely, Your,

Maj. Genl. O.D. Howard.

Robt. M. Rogers

Washington, D.C.

L. Lewis, Lt. Col,
Custom House, Boston,
SURVEYOR'S OFFICE
Dec 23, 1869

Dear General,

Can you let me see a copy of your report of the Battle of Gettysburg, or tell me where I can get my copy of it? Can you tell me also where I can get a copy of your Annual Report of the same? Also, the rebel general Lee's? I inspected two bad ones among some rebel papers in our

Major Gen. O. Howard
Commissioner.
Libraries here but have not succeeded.

I think I told you I was writing a lecture on the Battle of Gettysburg.

In an hour, of course, I cannot give much detail about the 3rd, or 9th. I want to give an accurate account of the general movement, and give also credit where credit is due.

On the 2d and 3d days I and my Regt. were detached from the division, and so ordered to report to Gen. Ames.

He told me I recollect he wanted me to help keep his headquarters from running down—"I did several with my master, Capt. C. E. Doty, at that time of Ames, Staff Colle."
Washington City
Dec 24th, 1869

Dear Sir:

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Government Asylum for the Insane will be held on Monday the 27th inst., at three O'clock P.M., at the National Metropolitan Bank.

Yours very respectfully,

W. Huntington, Pres.

Genl. O. O. Howard.
Dear Gen. Howard,

I have a Christmas tree for my school which numbered about 30 different names. Will you come at 3 o'clock to day I say some of your eloquent words that will infuse new life into our drinks.

Yrs truly,

Susan Walker
North Bridgewater Dec 20th

Gen Howard,

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a line from Gen Underwood which I intended to have handed to you in person. But I was not very well and left for home sooner than I expected.

The members of the old 33rd R.I. and devious of showing their respects to me sent an recommendation to Gen Sherman wishing his endorsement, which was granted with pleasure, for an appointment in the Proctor & Stimson House (also Gen. Blakeway & Hon. Curtis dewees, Hon. J. Ruggins) endorsed the papers. And still the request has not been granted, not from any fault of mine, The appointment trouble seems to be in the hand asked for a position.
which does not come with in the Collector power to remove. Also most of my Representatives have been in the same position. The man who has held the position has held it from twelve to fifteen years. President Grant has said man who has held an office for a score years must give way for a worthy batches.

Owing my friends feel that there is some urgency on your part yet might advance my claims I hope you will pardon me I have accustomed to each in laying this matter before you.

PS If after with your assistance you wish I will send you my papers at your request.

O. O. Howard

Most Respectfully
A. S. Glover

Washington, D.C.
Monticello, Iowa
Dec. 26th 1869

Dear [Name],

We left Cedar Hills this morning at 9:15 and arrived at Manchester and crossed the river about 9 P.M. We made an inspection of Mrs. Fairall's mill which is now being destroyed by fire. Mrs. Fairall is a young woman from Ohio, who has been a wife for about 10 years. Mr. Fairall is a large, strong man with auburn hair and blue eyes. He has a son, Edward, and a daughter, Eliza. They are both very kind to their mother.

We are sending a box of clothes to your father, as he requested it. I had a letter from your sister, Julia, and she said that you are doing well and that the weather is very pleasant.

I hope you are well and that everything is going on as expected. I am sending you a copy of the newspaper, which contains some good articles about the town.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Please let me know if there is anything you need.

Yours truly,
[Signature]
all. On Sunday evening I think everybody was pleased and the paper that I sent entitled for it an article of a child's
character. I have not seen
William yet. We shall probably
tomorrow. I shall take care
not amount to private communic
formation. As you can have
always time I will have to
do this.
I received a check of $100 from
Huber's (the 6th check) amounting to
$300. I bought 4 and sent you here
on a fine new week of $100.
Tell mother I love two people.
except newspaper people.
ientras más de dos

Mr. William Williams
Otis.
remember you with gratitude
that cannot be expressed.
you are a stranger to me
in one sense of the word but
in another, if we are Christians
and I hope we are) we are brothers
in Christ. What a glorious
Brotherhood this is!
please write me when the
picture. Whether you can aid
me or not. can't you send
me some books & giving
instructions in regard to
Young Men's C.A. I want
something of this kind as
I am President of the Y.M.
C.A. of this place & need
instructions.
Hoping to hear from you soon.
I am very respectfully yours
Mr. H. Self

Gainesville, Tennessee
Dec 27th, 1869

O. O. Howard
President Y.M.C.A.
Washington City.

Dear Sir

Inclosed find
the picture of my little Daughter
which you will see has a deformed
mouth. She has arrived at the
proper age to have an operation
performed. I very much desire
to take her to some city where
I can procure some successful
operator in surgery. That I
may have her mouth fixed so
that it will not impair her
looks when grown up to woman
hood. I prefer taking her
to Philadelphia to have the
Pائقست, as he is said to be the most successful operator in America, and as I think the operation will be a difficult one, I have not the means to take her anywhere. My circumstances in life are such that I cannot secure the hiring of my child's month without aid from some one.

Therefore I write you and send the picture, hoping that you will aid me. I understand by writing to you, a Christian man, as I believe you to be, from the account you give in your report of a revival of Religion in N. to the Christian at work, that you would present my case to your Association and ask them to give me something to aid me in this thing and if you did not succeed there to present it to some influential Member of Congress and ask him to aid me. It will cost me about five hundred ($500) dollars to go to Philadelphia and return including the cost of board and the operation or it will cost me about $800 to go to Nashville, Tennessee. Will you please consider my case if you have children and if you can aid me without injury to your self or interest. You will confer a favor upon one that will never forget it. I will ever...
If you desire any recommendation as to my standing in this community as a Christian and citizen also as to the truth in the case, I respectfully refer you to Rev. J. W. McComb, Capt. Joe Clark, W. B. Rankin, J. D. Hollinger, J. B. Dobson, all of Greenville, Tennessee.
The stated meeting of the American Union Academy of Literature, Science, and Art, for December, will be held on Monday, the 29th, at the Rooms of the Academy in May Building, corner of 4th and Q streets.

Your attendance is respectfully requested with such gentlemen as you may see proper to invite.

A paper on the subject of Art, prepared by Mr. Miner K. Kellogg, will be read and other matters of interest be submitted to the Academy.

J.R. Will
Secretary for ten.
Many forthcoming as from art do still known. To not suffer any discouragement to find place in the mind for a moment. I am still in the faith that the work will go on and prosper. I am glad that wrote me so fully respecting the state of my friends and brothers and things in the University. Then may rest on my contracted friends. The last concern lies for from my heart to forget it entirely in my death. Please send this to the Pupils, that they may know they have warm friends in this life. My friends shall be for your prosperity in every way.

My beloved friend

Rachel of the Townsend

My husband joins me in kind regards to thee, and all the rest of my friends in the Institution with whom we became acquainted.

Philadelphia Dec. 12th 1869

My dear Friend.

They letters of the 14th did not reach us until within the last two hours. Having been in the time before we got to.

I do write sincerely sympathetic with this in the great and multiplied cares together with the difficulties they had to incantuate in procuring funds insufficient to meet expenses, but the work is great and good, and I believe it held by the A. A. E. D. A. Fig. and sufficient approval. It is what I have desired for many years, but more expected to hind to realize for our Country's good.
in some way but in this great work, I more than rejoice, as Thanksgiving and praise it can
impart in my heart, for the wonderful advances of the 400th grate to them, all which expressed
my opinion. I have collected quite a large number of Books, all the encouragement in my
own, in words of sympathy, kind regards, but in preserving funds, books, and clothing for
each of the inmates of the Hospital, as may be required.

I have sent a large amount to Josephine, who seems well fitted to the work. She will do
more about the want for the inmates. I think I shall be able to pay
for them in advance soon after the 1st of the year. I had a long time in the Paper for a donat
letter from her to day. She gave me a lot of books, there would be
War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
State of Georgia,
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION,
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27th, 1869.

Genl. C.P. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dr. General — Allow me to urge your active interest in behalf of the appointment of Judge Erskine of this city to the Supreme Bench, U.S. He is eminently fitted for the position. I need say nothing as to his loyalty. He is borne on every issue of the day. His appointment is being urged by Geo. Bullock, Smith of Ala. and Reed of Fla. Also Gen. Terry & many other Southern Gentlemen — Senators Wilson, Carpenter, Thayer, Cameron & others & many able Gentlemen of the House.
You will do a great favor to the South (its loyal men) and to the country if you will consider the objections to Judge Hoge and render in favor of Judge Moore. At any rate I believe the cause for which we labor the good of the country will be best served by the appointment of Judge Doe. I am rap.

N. C. Lewis
Post: Col. U.S.A.
MAJ. GEN. O.O. Howard

Honored and Dear Sir: Our visit to you was not only agreeable but cheering. We thank you for the Christian and brotherly courtesy with which you received us. We are glad to sympathize with you when we came to understand that you have had 27 associations to deal with in carrying forward your grand work in the South. Mr. Armitage (who by the way is the Author of Christian Union Real and Unreal) a copy of which I send you that you may know him better) said he would rejoice to put himself at your service, disposal, by going with you to see Astor, Vanderbilts, Oersteds &c in the interests of your noble University. Dr. Dayan & I would gladly do the same. We are unanimous in the opinion that you owe it to the cause of Christ's little ones, who have so long been under the heel of the oppressor, to seek large aid towards your endowment from these millionaires.

Now a few things concerning the aid you propose to render us. We thank you for the assurances you have given us for the future. But our chief men feel that it would be right that you should make some consideration in view of the past. Permit me to
Slate a few things as our brethren see them here.

1st. We are told by those who claim to know, and who are not of our denomination, that $25,000 were first given by the Bureau to our organization working at Nashville, Tenn., through strong pressure. $25,000 more to another organization at the same place. Now much of aid our school at that point, (now in the 3rd year of its history), your books will no doubt show.

2nd. At New Orleans, we are told $12,000 have been given to each of two societies making $24,000 in all. To us, you have given a pledge for $7,000, for which we are truly grateful, and of which we hope to avail ourselves at no distant future day.

3rd. At Jackson, Miss., a large and fine property which cost $10,000. To which, after your visit to our rooms last spring, we hoped to receive, went, to our great disappointment, into the possession of another society.

4th. At Raleigh, N. C., if we did not misunderstand you, the Bureau expended $10,000. In the building occupied by Mr. Smith, while Mr. Terhune, our faithful and unwrting teacher, now in the 5th year of his service at that point.
has rec? all told from the Bureau but $25,000. At Charlotte, $6,000. Mr. Dupps has
stands, have been granted, while an order for $2500. For his training school, where as he says
he needs room for 200 pupils, has been sus-
pended. I inquire whether the Smith property can be bought.
5th. Several letters, now in hand from different
places in the South, give us details of large aid
granted by the Bureau to different Societies, which,
if they are to be relied upon, intensify the dis-
proportion above alluded to. These letters have
come to us in every instance as I think unsolicited.

Now, in view of this state of things,
I make to you this private request, without bring-
ing the matter publicly to the attention of our Board
for further action:

1st. That you grant us means to buy a Hotel
or property at Richmond for $14,000. Said to be worth at
least $20,000. A few months hence we shall be left
roofless at Richmond, with a school that is
fully equal to Wayland Seminary, unless you
grant us this aid.

2nd. That you grant us $5,000. Towards buying out
Smith-the Episcopalian at Raleigh, or we
proper, towards building on land which our Board weeks ago voted to buy & are at this moment ready, with money in the Treasury, to pay for.

3° That you increase the pledge for N. Orlean from $7,000 to $12,000.

I am of the opinion that if you grant us these favors, cheerfully, & spontaneously, on the score of the past, leaving us to fulfill, as best we may, the conditions of yours of the 22d inst., our brethren will not only be satisfied, but on the whole, pleased.

Your paper of the 22d inst. given to Dr. Taylor Amintage & myself, is interpreted here, as only putting us on the same footing with all others for the future, making no reference to the past. You see the bearing.

Believe me, my bro.

Yours most truly,

James D. Simmons
My dear Friend,

I forward to this, what Books I have collected, but fear few of them will be valuable to the Institution. Most of them are from my own library—With the exception of the Law and Medical books. Such as may be of no use to this, can be given to the inmates of the Hospital or Asylum. I have the promise of more, which I will forward when received. I send a small quantity of clothing for the Hospital.

With best and kind regards,

Rachel W. M. Townsend.
[Handwritten text not legible]
American Missionary Association,
38 Lombard Block,
Chicago, Dec. 28, 1869

Dear Brother,

We are pleased to hear of pleasant news from you on Christmases. It will be one of our most interesting deserts of views.

Mama has left us, and I must hurry home to find a new girl. Kitty is cooking today. We have an inefficient girl tenant. And I must see if all is well with money and health of our house. Poppies indicate.

The M.A.'s fair is given up. It is a 2 How about union of E. Union of E. and Bureau? Why, Mr. Hobbs? New year still there, Mr. Hobbs?
Starnegroft Dec 28th 69

Dear Brother Oak

Mother was very much pleased with her Christmas letter and the stereoscopic views, as indeed we all were.

Dadie & I got home in season for the Christmas festivities, and we were all kindly received here by our friends.

It seemed a pleasant to help settle "Dr. Ranhee" here. I suppose since the west will prevent my going even if invited. I shall make to talk a correspondence with him if his old people will still insist on my being a "candidate" there.

Her precious to hear of...
Arrival back in Washington! Ella's old enemy theegovia has come back. Otherwise we are all well. Mother wants to join Charles in Nov. Jan 12th I go to Chicago then if the can get ready then much we shall miss her. All the girls back with the birds. Ella, Judie, Olive, Grandma & Uncle Roswell all write to a Happy New Year to Uncle Olin, Aunt Magie Grace, Jamie, Charlie, Mary & the Baby & all will write tomorrow. A friend of mine unknown to you a Senator in Union Hall today. Mr. W. was delighted with your address at the dedication of the G.M.C. As doors-Bene remember us to Geo.