San Francisco Dec 23d
[1869]

Dear Cousin

My duty to my family compels me to write you to do me a favor. I have been in the habit of keeping all of my troubles to myself, when, perhaps, if I had asked the help of others my path would have been much smoother.

About one year ago Senator Cole had me appointed Ass't Gauger. When Senator Cole was here in the fall he expressed a wish to have me put in a better position, which was very agreeable to me. November 8 was removed as Gauger. On the first of this month J. D. Rawlins Collector of Internal Rev died, and

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I have not drawn, nor do I intend to do so without the approval of the Comr.

There is a quarrel going about some whisky seized here belonging to Ohio & Kentucky Distillers, and I am afraid I think, in some way ~~the made~~ the victim of that quarrel. 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 my prospect for an other position is ruined, if so I want to know it, as I need turn my attention

Mr Cole sent my name with two others to the Commissioner for Collector - The names were submitted to a Mr Fulton, Supervisor, lately sent to this State - Fulton telegraphs that neither are fit persons to fill the position and one has violated the Law & is subject to prosecution -

Now when I was appointed, at the request of the Collector and aforesaid Deputy here and the other Gauger I went into the office to do the writing - This I have always continued to do - I rec^d notice of removal on the evening of the 8th of Nov, but at the request of the Collector & the Gauger I continued to do my work to the end of the month and with their consent I sent for my proportion of the work - work done from the 1st to the 8th inclusive -

The Supervisor decides, so I am told, that no Gauger ought to receive pay for any work unless done with his own hands -

Of course I do not make any pretense of having done actual Gauging, for I was constantly employed in the office and by the express wish of the Collector -

The work of the office here was done in common and the fees equally divided among the Gangers - all sharing alike -

The aforesaid has returned to the Commissioner, the amount of work sent for by me for Nov 282.00 dollars -

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to something else –

What I wish you to do is to go and see Senator Cole and Russell Smith him, and if he thinks advisable, assist him in obtaining the position he has been intending to secure for me –

If he advises to abandon all idea of getting a position, let me know as soon as possible –

I have had a pretty hard struggle the past two years, and I had begun to think I had found an easier road and it is pretty hard to have all my hopes destroyed so soon.

My family are pretty well – the little boy has been confined to the house some two weeks with chill etc –

This [illegible] a letter [illegible] Who is with Cousin Warren's family in Vernon Miss.

When Warren died he left some Land & Stock in Colusa County, in this State and they have sent me some letters etc, hoping to learn something about the property.

The property was left with A & M E Cullen, formerly of Milton. 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 leave shall go there. Though it will take almost as much time as to go to Va.

I see no way to prevent the Children obtaining the [illegible] nothing is done go Gear about it.

Hoping you will be so kind as to see me note for me,

I remain

Yours very affectly

Jon Coiner

Address Martin.

Boston Dec. 23, 1869

Dear Brother Otis

I preached in Lowell last Sab. & came to Boston to have an Oculist examine & prescribe for sadies Eyes. I find he must have two pair of Spectacles precisely like a person of 40. or 45. So he can sympathize with Grace now. I start for home tomorrow. Sadie & I went out to see Guy today & spent about 2. hours with him. He is getting better of a sore throat. I asked Mr Taylor if he had not better go home with me for Christmas and he thought it "would not be wise". He gave Guy a good name for Scholarship & deportment. Guys room looks nicely with his books & pictures, as he has arranged them since his return. I conversed & prayed with him. He dont know or there is "any change" "dont know that he is forgiven". He boys had an excellent prayer meeting by themselves. numerously attended & very spiritual. Mr Tabor spoke of it. and Guy, who went 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 pray for him. now two questions.

(1) If the Freedmen's Bureau goes into the Educational Bureau a nice sense, will you be Commissioner probably?

(2) If you have charge of the Negro's Hair will not the place (out of the way) be a heavy burden for you to carry? and how will you succeed & not mix up with horse-racing & gambling especially as the President is so "horsey"?

Every one in Lowell spoke in the highest terms of your ministry. Dr. Rankin:
If you want a good accountant for the Bureau (new) & Negro's hair, please to give Frank Gilman a high "call". With love to Lizzie & children

Your aff. brother
Rowland

To/
Gen. O. O. Howard

Fort Riley, Kansas.
Dec. 23, 1869.

Dear General-

I left Washington on Tuesday evening - 14th. & arrived here on Monday evening - 20th. In accordance with your suggestion I saw Genl. Schurz on Saturday evening, & on Monday morning he went with me to see the Secretary of War & asked for my appointment as Assistant Adjutant General. The Secretary said it would of course depend 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 & 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 great

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. Besides General Schurz, I shall have Governor Morton, whom I have known some time, in my favor. He says he will see the Secy. of War on the subject as soon as the bill passes. Osborne promises to do all he can, & I think I can rely on having Senators Scott & Cameron & Congressmen Schenck & Garfield. I should like very much to get Senator Wilson & Mr. Blaine interested in my favor. Would it be too much, General, if I were to ask you to speak to them on the subject? Do you not think it will be necessary to have some persons see the President & ask for the appointment? I suppose it would be well to work in both directions. As you know – I am very anxious to succeed, & I shall be under many obligations if you will be kind enough to give me such advice as you may think necessary. I have thought my chances improved since 2d Lieut. D. G. Swaim, 34th Infantry, was appointed Judge Advocate with the rank of Major. I think they will be much improved if I can be in Washington at the time – & some time before – the appointments are to 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 thus far 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 Yours –

Robt. M. Rogers,

2d Lieut. 2d Arty.

Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard,

Washington, D.C.

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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 put my finger on it? Can you tell me also where I can also get hold of Gen Ames Report of the same? also the rebel General Lee's? I expected to find Lee's among some rebel papers in our Major Genl O. O. Howard's

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Commissioner &c

U. S. O. O. H. Vol. S. by.

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. But as far as I go I
want to give an accurate account
of the several movements - and give
also credit where credit is due.
On the 2d & 3d days I and my Regt.
were detached from Steinwehr's Div.
& ordered to report to Gen Ames.
He told me I recollect he wanted
me to "help" "help his Dutchmen
from running" — I did several, with
my revolver. Capt C. E. Doty at
that time of Ames Staff called

me yesterday & reminded me that he served
with me those days. Says I was in Carman and
Ames Brigade (Ames Commanding Div.) that I was
ordered over for the purpose and Ames told him to
& Command it till Col. Noble (Doty's Regt)
came on. 3d day - Col Nugent being relieved the
day before - I do not remember any thing about the
I recollect that I frightened my men back & rallied them
directly & Ames & Hall drove them to do with the Brig.
Therefore Col. To you remember what I was
ordered to Ames for, and whether I therefore
had Command and Company but my Regt. & I do
know Capt 2 I see Battlefield in his maps calls the
"Hans" he was Noble Col after Chancellorville.
Brig. I am mr. Trowbridge you too much. Did Gen Steinwehr
I hope have any battle about Cemetery Hill in the morning
of 4th July 1863. Truly your Obt. Servant
Lt. Colonel Steinwehr's Report? A. Schlauderaff

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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

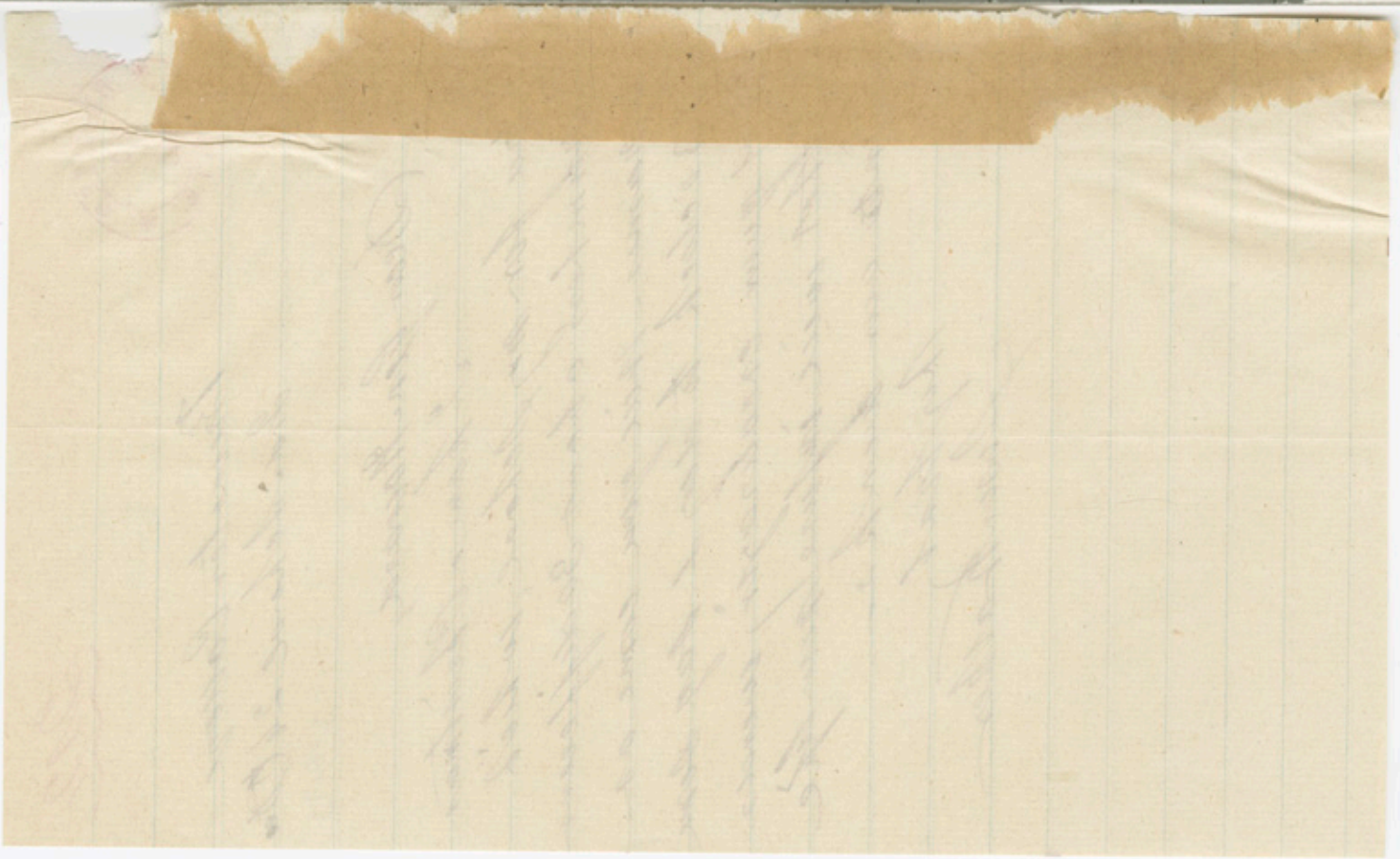
Yours very respectfully.
W. Gunton Pres.

Genl. O. O Howard.

Brewster Cottage
Indian School 24th Dec
[1869]

Dear Gen. Howard,
I have a Christmas tree for my school, which numbers about 30 different names. Will you come at 3 o'clock to day & say some of your encouraging words that will infuse new life into our work?

Yours truly
Susan Walker



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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 Band desirous 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 Boston Custom House—

also Gov Claflin, & Hon Oakes Ames, Hon J Buffington, endorsed the papers,

And still the request has not been granted, not from any fault of mine however. The apparent trouble seems to be, is the Band asked for a position

which does not come with in the Collector power to remove.

Also ~~most~~ of my Representative Hon Oakes Ames The man who holds the position. has held it from twelve to fifteen years.

President Grant has said man who has held an office for eight years must give way for a worthy soldier.

Gen. my friends feel that if some urging on your part. you might advance my claims

I hope you will pardon me I have assumed to much, in laying this matter before you.

P.S. If you ~~with~~ your assistance you with I will send you my papers at your request.

Gen O. O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Most Respectfully Yours
A. S. Glover

Monticello, Iowa
Dec. 26th 1869

Dearest

We left Cedar Falls this morning at 8.15 - dined at Manchester and arrived here about 3 P.M. We are stopping at Mr Faircall's the methodist minister - a young man formerly from Maryland - he has a young wife & one little boy his age of Johnny, a bright rosy chubby little fellow - I hope Johnny has got his roses back again - and Charley too - Charley did look a little pale. I am in hopes you were not very unwell when Mr Trowell called. The Dubuque papers gave me some hard hits & the people are quite vexed about it. I think it was designed for Saturday night, for I was really too tired to speak as

all. On Sunday evening I think everybody was pleased - and the paper that seriously criticized put in an article of a different character - I have not seen it yet - but shall probably tomorrow. I shall ride across the country by private conveyance tomorrow - As this can have changed time I will have to do this -

I enclosed a check of $100 from Scribner - (the 6th check) amounting to $560 - Complete & send from here on a firm in New York of $100 ..

Tell mother & Lina I own paper except newspaper men -

Hopeless this darling

Your loving husband

Otis -

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Greeneville 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 aired at the proper age to have an operation performed. I very much desire to take her to some city where I can procure some successfull operator in Surgery. that I may have her mouth fixed So that it will not Injure her looks when grown up to Womanhood I prefer taking her to Philladelphia to have the

remember you with Gratitude that cannot be expressed.
you are a Stranger to me in one Sence of the word but ~~in another~~ if we are christians (& I hope we are) we are Brothers in christ & what a glorious Brotherhood this is,
please write me & return the picture whether you can aid me or not. cant you send me some Books ~~on~~ giving instructions in regard to Young Mens C. A. I want Some thing of this kind as I am President of the Y. M. C. A. of this place & need instruction.
Hoping to hear from you soon I am very Respectfully Yours &c
Wm. F. Self

Speca[illegible] your
Pancost. as he is said to
be the most sucessfull opera-
tor. in America and as I think
the operation will be a difficult
one. I havent the means to
take her any where. My circumst-
tances in life are such that I
cannot secure the fixing of
my childs mouth without
aid from some one.

Therefore I write you & send
the picture hopeing that you
will aid me in this great
desire of my heart. I thought
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
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 Philladelphia & return
including the cost of board
& the operation or it will cost
me about ($300) to go to Nashville
Tennessee. Will you please
consider my case apply it to
your self 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 & 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 S. V. McCorkle, Pas. of Pres. Church
" W. B. Rankin " " " "
" J. P. Hollsinger " " " "
" J. B. Dobson " " " "
all of Greeneville Tennessee

"J." 119. O.O.H. Ult 5. 1869.

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[CS-December 27, 1869]

Sir:

The stated meeting of the American Union Academy of Literature, Science, and Art, for December, will be held on Monday the 27th inst, at the Rooms of the Academy in May Building corner 9th and E 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 Minor K. Kellogg will be read and other matter of interest be submitted to the Academy.

J. B. Will
Secretary pro tem.

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My dear Friend.—

Thy letter of the 14th did not reach me until within the last two hours, having been Advertised before we got it.

I do most sincerely sympathize with thee, in thy great and multiplied cares, together with the difficulties thou hast to encounter in procuring funds, sufficient to meet expenses, but the work is great and good, and I believe is beheld by the All seeing Eye, with the most divine and benificent approval. It is what I have desired for many years, but never expected to live to realize. In our Country's good I rejoice

many forthcoming, as thou art so well known. Do not suffer any discouragement to find place in thy mind for a moment. I am full in the faith, that the work will go on and prosper. I am glad thou wrote me so fully respecting the state of thy mind, and matters and things in the University. Thou may rely on my continued friendship, as this concern lies too near my heart to forget it in life or in death. Please read this to the Pupils, that they may know they have warm friends in this City. My prayers shall be for your prosperity in every way.—

Thy Assured Friend

Rachel W. M. Townsend

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

Remember the same to the lady in charge, in thy room.—

in any way but in this great work, I shall more than rejoice, as thanksgiving and praise is continually in my heart, for the wonderful deliverance of the 4,000,000 in whom we are both so deeply interested. My efforts shall be unceasing — not only in giving the all the encouragement in my power, in words of sympathy & kind regards, but in procuring funds, books, and clothing for such 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 see the about the tent for the teachers. I think I shall be able to pay for them in advance, soon after the 1st of the year. I had a long letter from her to day. She gave me a very full account of the happy day you had with the colored people on Christmas Day, and of the excellent words of comfort thou spoke to them, all which rejoiced my spirit. I have collected quite a large number of Books, but thought I would not send them, untill I had enough to fill a sizable Box. I have some very valuable Law, as well as Medical Works — all of recent Publication. Last evening, our friend Judge Pierce called on us — he sympathises very fully with us in the concern, but says, those of a later date than his would be much better. He says if thou will send me a short notice relative to the wants of the University, and I will insert it, in the Papers, for a donation of books, there would be

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War Department,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
State of Georgia,
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION,
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27th, 1869.

Genl. O. O. Howard
Washington, D.C.

Dr. General - Allow me to urge your active interest in behalf of the Appt. 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 sound on every issue of the day. His appointment is being urged by Govs. Bullock, Smith of Ala. and Reed of Fla. Also Genl. 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

I know the Judge well and feel it my duty to urge his appointment.

There seems to be objection to Judge Hoar - 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 Erskine

This must be my apology for this letter I am &c.

M. R. Lewis
Bvt: Col. U.S.A

GO YE THEREFORE AND **TEACH**; *** **TEACHING** THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.—MAT. 28: 19 & 20.

One person in every eight in the United States is of African descent. No denomination has so much at stake in these people as we have. Already since their emancipation they begin to vote and hold office; already they are selecting untaught preachers and teachers from their own ranks, and the results are alarming.

Above all things they need truly pious and educated Pastors, Deacons, Superintendants, and Teachers trained up from their own Churches.

The Baptists have had under instruction during the past year, about 2000 of them, who give promise of becoming wise leaders. But what are these among four millions?

This Society and the Theological Institute are now one; and the united voice of the denomination is, that this work is urgent *beyond all others.*.

Rev. Dr. J. W. Parker, speaking in Tremont Temple, Boston, of the present opportunitity at the South, said: "Within five months, there should be $50,000 in our Home Mission Treasury for the establishment and support of schools, and," he exclaimed with thrilling emphasis, "*I know*, I KNOW *there never was, since Christ hung on the cross of Calvary, such an opportunity.* THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH DAY."

For Freedmen's Education, and Southern Work, Address,
Rev. JAMES B. SIMMONS, Cor. Sec'y.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION ROOMS,
ROOM 12, No. 39 PARK ROW,

Confidential

New York, Dec. 28" 1869

Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard

Honored & Dear Sir: Our visit to you was not only agreeable but cheering. We thank you for the Christian & brotherly courtesy with which you received us. We all felt to sympathize with you when we came to understand that you have had 27 associations to deal with in carrying forward your grand but perplexing work in the South. Dr. Armitage (who by the way is the author of "Christian Union Real & 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, Vanderbilt, Stewart &c in the interests of your noble University. Dr. Taylor & 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

Ans'd by Genl. Dec. 31/69

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State a few things as our brethren see them here.

1st We are told by those who claim to know, & who are not of our denomination, that $25.000 were first given by the Bureau to one organization working at Nashville Tenn., & then, through strong pressure $25.000 more to another organization at the same place. How much aid our School at that point, (now in the 5th or 6th year of its history) has received, your books will no doubt show.

2d 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 $7000. for which we are truly grateful, & of which we hope to avail ourselves at no distant future day.

3d At or near Jackson Miss. a large & fine property which cost $15.000. & which, after your visits 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. for the ~~[illegible]~~ building occupied by a Mr. Smith, while Mr. Tupper, our faithful & untiring teacher, now in the 5th year of his service at that point

has rec? all told from the Bureau but $25,00. At Charlotte, $6000. Mr. Tupper understands, have been granted, while an order for $2500. for his thriving school, where as he says he needs room for 200 pupils, has been suspended. { This you explained in part, & I have written to 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 disproportion above alluded to. These letters have come to us in every instance I think unsolicited.

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

1st That you grant us means to buy a Hotel property at Richmond Va. for $14000. 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.

2d That you grant us $5000. towards buying out Smith the Episcopalian at Raleigh, or if we

prefer, 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.

3d That you increase the pledge for N. Orleans from $7000. to $12000.

I am of the opinion that if you grant us these favors, cheerfully, & spontaneously, on the score of the past, leaving us to fulfil, 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 Drs. Taylor Armitage & 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 B. Simmons

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Dec 28th 1869

My dear Friend.-

I forward to thee, 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 Works. Such as may be of no use to thee, 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

thy friend,

Rachel W. M. Townsend.

American Missionary Association,

38 Lombard Block,

Secretaries:

GEORGE WHIPPLE, MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, } *New York.*

CHARLES H. HOWARD, *Dist. Sec'y, Chicago.*

Chicago, Dec. 28 1869

Dear Brother

We are glad to get so pleasant a reminder of you on Christmas — It will be one of our most interesting stereoscopic views —

Maria has left us and I must hurry home to find a new girl — Kitt is cooking today — We have an inefficient girl temporarily — Aside from this disturbance all is harmony and happiness at our home — Papers indicate the World's Fair is given up. Is it so? How about union of Education Dept. & Bureau? Write. Happy New Year to all & love to Mrs Stowe

C. H. Howard

P.S. My money matters are all right — Yours C. H. H.

Farmington Dec 28/69

Dear Brother Otis

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

Sadie & I got home in season for the Christmas festival and we were all kindly remembered by our friends. It would be pleasant to help "settle" Dr Rankin but I suppose time & expense will prevent my going even if invited. I shall want to talk a correspond with him if his old people in Lowell insist on my being a "candidate" there.

How precious to hear of

Revival work in Washington!
Ella's old enemy dispepsia has come back - otherwise we are all well. Mother wants to join Charles in N.Y. Jan 12th & go to Chicago then if she can get ready. How much we shall miss her - till she comes back with the birds. Ella, Dadie, Olie Grandma & Uncle Rowland, all unite in a Happy New Year to Uncle Otis, Aunt Lizzie Grace, Jamie, Chauncey, Johnny & the baby. I will write Guy tomorrow - a friend of mine unknown to you - a student in Union Theol Semy. N.Y. was delighted with your address at the Dedication of the Y.M.C.A's rooms - Please remember us to Guy"

& Mrs Rutherford & Dr. Pentkin - I wish you have some pleasant hour with us since Love is dead - thanks be to God for this unspeakable gift!" When the peace rose around, "been some rude rude we" The Kiss in his heart & behind the dance while it after off "
Your affy
Tom
P.S.
Frank Pelham Charlie Jeeks the new Jean with Overhead girls & a quiet smile - he is a darling!