Boston, February 1, 1870.

Dear Sir:—

The Boston Lyceum Bureau was established last Spring. During the year, it made engagements for the lecturers on its list with almost every Lyceum in New England, and with the leading Lyceums in the Middle States. We did not intend at first to extend its operations beyond the New-England States, but were forced to do so by the frequency of applications from every part of the country, and by the urgent requests of star Lecturers who desire as this year to manage their entire business. Hereafter, therefore, we shall work in the Middle and Western States as well as in the East and the British North-American Provinces.

We can confidently refer to all the Committees and Secretaries with whom we have made engagements, as witnesses that we have promptly, courteously, and in a satisfactory manner conducted our correspondence with them. Even without the addition of a single new name to our list of Lecturers, or of a single Lyceum to our list of correspondents, we know that our business during the coming year would be largely in excess of our transactions since last Spring.

That we have been equally fortunate in satisfying the Lecturers for whom we have acted, is shown by the fact that no name that was given to us has been voluntarily withdrawn from our list.

Our experience has taught us some lessons which we shall apply in our future business.

First, we shall not retain on our list the names of any Lecturers who, having had favorable opportunities, have failed to satisfy the just expectations of Lyceum audiences.
Second, We shall not insert on our list the name of any Lecturer unless we have the absolute and sole control of his engagements, either (1) for all of New England and the Provinces; or, (2) for all New England, the Provinces, and the Middle States; or, (3) for the entire country. By the Middle States we mean New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

It is impossible to fix engagements and answer correspondence promptly, when we have first to write to lecturers to find out their dates. It does not pay us, it does not pay the Lecturer, and it does neither both. For, during the engagement season, the applications, both by mail and in person, are so numerous and importunate that we are necessarily compelled in most cases to supply the best Lecturer whose whole time we control, because we have neither the leisure nor opportunity, even if we had the inclination, to open negotiations with others whose names would have been equally or even more satisfactory. No lecturer who put his entire time in our hands has any desire now to resume his own business, and we have assurances from large numbers of Lyceums that they will make up their entire courses from our list next year.

Our commission is ten per cent of the fee received by the Lecturer,—neither more nor less. We have refused, and shall refuse, all offers to accept either a larger commission, or bounty, as an inducement to push aspiring candidates, or a smaller commission in order to secure the more desirable names.

Our commission is paid by the Lecturer, and not the Lyceum. The entire business of collecting the fees remains in the hands of the Lecturer.

If you desire to add your name to our list for the coming year, we shall be happy to hear from you at an early date, as we shall begin at once to open correspondence, for the coming season, with all the Lyceums in the country.

Address—

REDPATH & FALL,
Boston Lyceum Bureau,
Boston, Mass.
Washington City, D.C.

Jan 22, 1870

Dear Sir,

As President of the Young Men's CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, I take the liberty of asking of you some information I would like to know with the assurance that I am in debt to you.

Mr. Blinnman of the building at the cost of $2,400.00, which are now over due. I would like to know of you, and hope you can sign any plan by which I can get...
These notes at the rate you purchase these notes at a liberal discount, I have already taken thousands safe of the stock in payment for goods furnished. Hoping that you can accommodate me in this matter.

I am,

Very truly yours,

George H. Hunter
Dear Sir:

The renewal Premium on Policy No. 20485 on the life of Paul D. O'Toole will be due on the 1 day of March 1872, and unless paid, the Policy will expire on that day.

Amount due,

Loan Note... 11.4
Semi-annual Note... 8.27
Premium Cash... 164.70
Interest Cash... 19.12

Total Cash... 183.22

Total Premium... 274.10
Dividend... 36.85

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

General Agent.

Present Policy for Endorsement.
Washington, D.C.,
Tuesday, Feb 1st, 1870.

Gen Q. Q. Howard,
Present.

dear sir:

I am glad that you found my old and new article in the review satisfactory. My conclusions were on the recommendation in your annual report. At that time I wrote I had neither seen nor heard of the letter to the Secretary of War in which, if you will allow me to so say, the ideas advanced are far different from those put forward in the report of a month previous.

Very truly yours,

Sidney Andrews.
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Branch of Claim Division,

Address Box 599, P.O. Baltimore, Md.

OFFICE IN COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING.
Corner of Saratoga and Courtland Streets,

Bst. Major Geil O.O. Howard, U.S.A.,
Washington, D.C.

General,

I have the honor to present you with accompanying autographic portrait of (now) Lieut. Gen. F.H. Sheridan, U.S.A., and hope you will please accept the same as a slight evidence of my great respect for you, and appreciation on my part of the many acts of kindness I have received from you.

If the acceptance thereof will give you as much pleasure as it does me in presenting, I shall feel truly contented.

I have the honor to be, General,
Your obedient servant,

B. H. Collins.
Note brief

[Handwritten text not legible]
Austin, Texas, February 1, 1870.

Dear General,

I am under the necessity of relinquishing the work in Texas and returning North. Family duties that are imperative call for my presence at home, and I recommend that Mr. W. W. Stevenson be appointed my successor. I will be in Washington about 4th March, and call at Headquarters, and request that the acceptance of my resignation be retained until my arrival.

Very truly,

Jno. Welch
Headquarters First Military District,  
STATE OF VIRGINIA.  

Richmond, Va., May 25, 1870  

Maj Gen C. B. Howard  
Washington D.C.  

General. Will you do me a favor in lending your aid in my behalf, at the War Department, in getting me assigned to duty in some position I can not what in where, so that I can be on duty. If the recruiting service is not full I would like a detail there, as I am acquainted with such duties, but would prefer coming with Gen Howard if any place could be found for me in the Bureau of Education.

Yours sincerely,  

[Signature]  

Paul R. Lumbard  
Assistant
Washington D.C.
Feb. 3, 1870

Lyn. O.O. Howard
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir — Mr. Pool,

My colleague has received the enclosed letter. If the case comes within the provisions of your Business please communicate with the writer. If not please return the letter to me.

Very Respectfully,

[Signature]
Boston Feb 3 1870

Gentl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner, Bureau R. F. A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

I was agreeably surprised with your letter of commendation received today. What I did toward capturing and bringing to justice - "Isaac E. Cooper" was in the line of duty, but the thanks of the Commissioner in an autograph letter are none the less welcome. Thank you Sir for your kind remembrance.

With assurance of great regard,

Frank Gray

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Ser't

A. H. Brog
Plutarch's Life of Cleisthenes.

Dear Dr. Heuser,

I am enclosing further information on the aforementioned subject. The information includes:

- Names and titles of relevant works
- References to primary sources
- A description of the methods used in the study

Please let me know if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Office of The Evening Star.

Washington: Feb 3 1870

Gen O. C. Howard

May Dear Sir:

I regret that you corrections of the draft in the morning report your speech did not reach me in time to be used to-day. I endeavored to have them used but found it impracticable without delaying its being beyond its usual time of publication.

Yours very respectfully,

[Signature]

[Sound]
[Handwritten text not legible]
Washington, D.C., July 3rd, 1870

Mr. O. O. Nelson

Sge.

Shure are of the Subscriptions book which we are in obtaining money for our building 

May. From last Evening to gain to you, it contains about what M. Money wants to know, in a printed form. Please see M. T. letter on the fact of your Y.M.C.A. paper which also contains valuable information.

Respectfully,

A. S. Smith
Hasten Feb 11th

Dear General

The subject you bring to me to talk to the young men of the college about is a serious one. If it should be presented in a way that will make a lasting impression, it is impossible for me to present it as it should be.

In so what a notice if it is possible I would prefer the consideration of it be postponed until Nov. 24th.

Yr truly

[Signature]
Baltimore, New York
Feb. 8th, 1870

My Genl. O.O. Howard
Comr. Genl.

I have the honor to inquire if there is an opening in your Dept. you can spare for anything last September. Was supposed your recommendation prompt and the first. Because for his Dept. hands waited daily expectant to hear from him, an error convinced my case has been overlooked. Will you be kind enough to mention it to him, and would the sufficient.

I have this presumed.
Because my last three years service was with you
in Zephal.

I have been driven
to seek new favors, as I have
been unable to find em-
ployment. Since I was dis-
charged Jan. 1st, 1864 at Pottsville
Falls Co. Zephal.

Previous to entering the Army
April 1861, I was in prison, but
at Fair's Hill Jan. 1862 was
disabled by a gun shot causing
reduction of the head
of the humerous and six
inches of the bone of my
right arm, unfitting me
for printing.

Vains are aged another
depending on you, and
is you will grant this favor
Which will cheer the heart of
one who is daily grateful.

[Signature]
Charles M. Ford
Local Bde Capt. 6th Va.
& Adj. Gen.
DeSoto Co. Mississippi

12 M. J. Jul. 5-1870.

Major Gen. P. G. Howard:

Dear Sir,

I appeal to the sincerity of your heart and to your pardon for the fault I take in asking an act of kindness of you.

At the beginning of the war I was worth $200,000. I am by the result of the war reduced to poverty. In 1861 I got together the $10,000 only of what I had left, and went back to the South and to try to alleviate my fortune by raising cotton. It turned out that 1863 was the most disastrous to the Cotton-growing interest that ever was known. Floods in the spring, blizzards in the fall, lasting two years, and for what little cotton I made I got only 12 cents a pound. Not...
Our home at any time of life, with minds for fortune, loses health a
shattered heart. I am thrown on my own resources to take care of a
deserted family. To go back to the
practice of the law presents a gloomy
prospect at any time of life in a
comparatively strange land.

I have concluded to ask
of Gov. J. A. Alcorn the Governor elect
of Mississippi the appointment of Judge
of the Circuit Court. It is useless
stay to my errors, that I should be
strengthened or sustained in any appli-
cation by the recommendation of
some few prominent men of an
enlarged national reputation who
bear something of rank and of my
ancestors. I know of no one
whose kind interposition in my behalf
wont go further than your own.

And therefore it is I lay to you, that
if you can consistently with your
views a feeling, give me a kind letter
to you, Alcorn, such as you may feel
disposed to write. I and mine will ever
regard it as an act of kindness for
which we will be grateful and more
than grateful.

I am the victim of this
fortune, General. I have ever been
a strict rule man, I never smug-
bled or really don't know how to
smuggle. I have always been an
entra vise and away, I have not
wasted my substance in restless liv-
ing. I have tried to conform to
the precepts of that Christian faith
at whose altar I have, for years
received the holy communion. I
love the consideration, consisting
of rolls leaving thoroughly enough
my own to the extent of a dollar
nothing but my faith in the many
promises of Almighty God, sustained me under the heavy
load of affliction that weighed me
down.

As to my political Status and
it is right I should allude to it)
for 20 years I fought the battle
of the Union, against secession


The hopes till it was too late for public opinion, in both sections, to meet in an amicable solution of the difficulties. I feared it predicted the result of a few people perceiving the war. That shame was delivered - a reign of terror prevails - and all I could do was with a sad and heavy heart to await the dread consequences of the folly of mankind of the South - many people. I have taken an active part in politics since the war. I have not concurred in the present and organized resistance of the Southern people to the government in its administrative policy. They should not have expected to be allowed to quietly glide back into their original station in the Union without paying the penalty of their misdeeds. Revolution must now take course to bear their legitimate fruits. Such has been the history of the past - and it will take its place. Most truly
scenic, has our country passed through since that day, when you graduated at Port Royal, where I was called upon to administer you to the public, which awaited you. You were then a youth. I was in the flush of manhood. I then had fortunes & positions, you had your future to make. You have reached fame & honours, I in the decline of life have lost fortune — and all my country, friends with grief and tears. Thanks for my integrity and (my honor) are left me. I ask the kind favor of your endorsement at your hand, as will enable me to obtain subsistence for my wife & children.

I think the prospect of the South is brightening slowly. You alone is an able man of patriotic and national views. The new constitution is not proscriptive, & is in the main unoffensiveable. Such letter as you may feel willing to write to me I, a. already in my behalf, you will please forward to me at New Orleans. Davis to be, Mississippi.

I know you alone, & I know that he

is kindly disposed to me — but in this line, the appointing power prefers to be sustained by the endorsement of those possessing commanding influence & reputation.

Will you be so kind, &

— as to address the enclosed letter to Gen. Schuyler, a hand it forwarded to him. I would not trouble you with it, but I do not know his present location.

I hope you will pardon me for repeating your aid, as I have done in this letter. It is pleasant to me to do so — but necessity draws me to it.

Your most respectfully

H. Rayner

# Probably you desire me to be in Washington, p. le

please keep the letter for delivery to him
Wilkinson, N.C.
3rd Feb'y 1870

Dear Sir,

On the 10th of January
I transmitted vouchers to the Chief Deeb
Office amounting to $675. I wrote upon
the 19th requesting an early payment
as possible for reasons stated. In reply
I was notified that the vouchers refused
to was paid on the 19th. The date of notice
25th January, I immediately notified you
officially of the non-receipt of the check
I misdirected to same other Cpt &
seems as though sufficient time had elapsed to
have the check returned. This money was
for payment of teachers for months of Nov
Dec, last and am in receipt of letters
almost daily muting the inquiry, how soon will payment be made. I presume that many are of the opinion that the fault lies in my office. The teachers have been in charge of the school at Fayetteville who have rendered valuable assistance in organizing schools and to me that some of the schools were suspended near them during the month of January. The metals being in an enviable condition, the order separating the district did not reach the office of the Chief Examiner until the 15th of November. I found it difficult to make the teachers understand the change and cause the reports to be made. Therefor had returned and forwarded vouchers for both months at the same time. Can you not if the check is not found when this is received provide the amount of it (6750) that I may make immediate payment to teachers, when found the funds can be returned. I hope you will do it if possibility. The writing is

S.E.T.